

STATE OF MAINE
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS

**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILLS AND
SUMMARIES OF ENACTED LAWS**



Disposition of All Bills and Summaries of All Laws Enacted or
Finally Passed During the First Regular and First Special Session
of the 131st Maine Legislature

First Regular Session convened Wednesday, December 7, 2022
First Regular Session adjourned sine die Thursday, March 30, 2023
First Special Session convened Wednesday April 5, 2023
First Special Session adjourned sine die Wednesday, July 26, 2023

	First Regular	First Special
Senate Legislative Days	21	36
House Legislative Days	21	36
Number of Bills	2019	

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This *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* provides the disposition of all LDs and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Maine Legislature. Please note that all LDs and proposed amendments may be found through the Legislature's webpage, and each includes a summary of what the bill or amendment proposed.

The *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* is arranged alphabetically by committee. Within each committee section is a subject index of all LDs considered by that committee as well as a digest of the LDs, arranged by LD number. Also included are enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed. Brief analyst notes on certain LDs are also included: a committee digest will indicate if additional notes are provided for an LD. These notes add information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this *Digest*; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance. A separate section of the *Digest* provides a digest of the relatively few LDs that were not referred to a committee or reported from a committee as a committee bill; enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed are provided. Finally, an appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

The final disposition of each LD is noted in the relevant summary digest and index. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER..... carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT..... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X..... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature is Thursday, June 29, 2023 and Wednesday, October 25, 2023, respectively. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

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Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

SUBJECT INDEX

Agricultural Development

Enacted	LD 315	An Act to Provide Funding for Programs Benefiting Maine Farmers	PUBLIC 427
	LD 901	Resolve, to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Inform the Development of a Farm Apprenticeship Pilot Program	RESOLVE 110
	LD 1670	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Agriculture, Food and Forest Economy by Funding the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund and Amending Related Provisions of Law	PUBLIC 470
	LD 1767	An Act to Require the University of Maine to Provide Education Regarding Meat and Poultry Processing	PUBLIC 473
Not Enacted	LD 220	An Act to Support Maine's Farmers in the Development of Sustainable Irrigation	CARRIED OVER
	LD 579	An Act to Support Farmland Conservation and Transition Planning for Farmers	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1511	An Act to Update the Laws Governing the University of Maine System's Board of Agriculture and to Rename the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station	CARRIED OVER

Animal Welfare

Enacted	LD 595	An Act to Establish the Companion Animal Sterilization Program in the Maine Revised Statutes	PUBLIC 484
Not Enacted	LD 1121	An Act to Change Responsibility for Animal Control Officer Training to the Department of Public Safety	ONTP
	LD 1216	An Act to Create the Animal Cruelty Task Force	ONTP

Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Enacted	LD 289	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Advisory Committee on the Fund to Address PFAS Contamination	PUBLIC 212
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	LD 782	An Act to Support Statewide Economic Opportunities Through Strategic Investments of Property and Funds, Including Emergency Relief Funds	PUBLIC 120
	LD 1678	Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Study and Report on Soil Carbon Sequestration Incentive Programs	RESOLVE 43
Not Enacted	LD 606	An Act Regarding Development of a Program to Assist Farmers Affected by Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination	ONTP
	LD 1150	Resolve, Requiring the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Document, Disclose and Publish All Best Management Practices Regarding the Use of Noise Devices to Control Birds at Orchards	ONTP
	LD 1916	An Act to Classify Meat and Poultry Products Inspections as Essential Services	CARRIED OVER

Food Policy

Enacted	LD 1947	An Act to Amend the Maine Food Sovereignty Act	PUBLIC 420
Not Enacted	LD 568	An Act to Provide Funding for the Fund to Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives	CARRIED OVER
	LD 650	An Act to Improve Maine Agriculture and Food Systems	CARRIED OVER
	LD 682	An Act Regarding Labeling of Packaged Foods for Genetically Modified Organisms	ONTP
	LD 1612	An Act to Address Food Insecurity and Support Local Agriculture	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1812	An Act to Provide a Source of Funding for the Construction and Implementation of a Food Security Hub	ONTP
	LD 1823	An Act to Respect and Protect the Right to Food	CARRIED OVER

Harness Racing

Not Enacted	LD 403	An Act to Improve Harness Racing in Maine by Repealing the Law Governing Standardbred Horses Eligible for Registration	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Maine Forest Service

Enacted	LD 24	An Act to Prohibit Certain Open Burning Under a Red Flag Warning and Regulate Recreational Campfires	PUBLIC 56
Not Enacted	LD 993	An Act to Facilitate Stakeholder Input Regarding Forest Policy in Maine	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1886	Resolve, to Construct a New District Headquarters Building for the Bureau of Forestry in Fort Kent	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1985	An Act to Authorize Removal of Requirements of Forest Certification Systems from the State's Forest Management Plans	CARRIED OVER

Miscellaneous

Enacted	LD 574	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Working Waterfront Covenants	PUBLIC 70
	LD 1881	An Act Regarding Compensation Fees and Related Conservation Efforts to Protect Soils and Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat from Solar and Wind Energy Development and High-impact Electric Transmission Lines Under the Site Location of Development Laws	PUBLIC 448
Not Enacted	LD 1068	An Act to Ban the Hunting of Animals in Enclosed Areas	ONTP
	LD 1110	An Act Regarding Calibration Requirements for Certain Testing and Measurement Equipment	ONTP
	LD 1201	Resolve, Requiring the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Convey Interest in a Parcel of Land at the Newfield Wildlife Management Area to a Private Landowner	ONTP
	LD 1227	An Act to Balance Renewable Energy Development with Natural and Working Lands Conservation	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1274	An Act to Increase Land Access for Historically Disadvantaged Populations	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1441	An Act to Enhance State Oversight of Water Use and Water Resources	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1682	An Act to Create the Maine Experiential Education Program	CARRIED OVER

LD 1700	An Act to Protect Agricultural Lands by Creating a Permitting Process for Solar Development on Those Lands	ONTP
LD 1817	An Act to Support Outdoor Education by Establishing the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program	CARRIED OVER

Parks and Public Lands

Enacted

LD 797	Resolve, to Authorize the Conveyance of Real Property to the Capitol Area Recreation Association	RESOLVE 109
LD 1346	Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands Within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Lease Certain Land Within Somerset County	RESOLVE 18
LD 1659	Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to Enter into Certain Leases	RESOLVE 46
LD 1930	Resolve, to Authorize the Exchange of Interest in Certain Lands Owned by the State in Piscataquis County	RESOLVE 50
LD 1969	An Act to Expand the Use of Funds to Support Land Conservation	PUBLIC 284

Not Enacted

LD 25	An Act to Provide Indigenous Peoples Free Access to State Parks	CARRIED OVER
LD 56	An Act to Provide Free Admission to State Parks and Historic Sites for the Immediate Family Members of Veterans and Active Military Personnel	CARRIED OVER
LD 294	An Act to Include a Tribal Member in the Baxter State Park Authority	CARRIED OVER
LD 791	An Act to Support the Maintenance, Preservation and Promotion of Historic Sites	CARRIED OVER
LD 806	Resolve, to Study the Issue of Persons Who Go Missing in State Parks	ONTP
LD 988	Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Conduct an Accessibility Study of All Maine State Parks and Historic Sites and to Develop a Plan to Remove Access Barriers	CARRIED OVER
LD 1218	An Act Establishing a System to Appeal Administrative Actions or Management Plans of the Bureau of Parks and Lands	Minority (ONTP) Report
LD 1219	An Act to Establish Rights for Holders of Certain Leases and Easements on Land Managed by the Bureau of Parks and Lands	Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 1285	An Act to Extend Funding for the Land for Maine's Future Program	CARRIED OVER
LD 1349	An Act to Review State Lands and Waterways That Have Sacred, Traditional or Other Significance to the Wabanaki People	CARRIED OVER
LD 1989	Resolve, to Modify the Deed for a Parcel of Property in the Town of Carrabassett Valley to Allow for Workforce Housing	CARRIED OVER

Pest Management

**Not
Enacted**

LD 1021	An Act to Support Research, Education and Outreach Efforts at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory	CARRIED OVER
LD 1162	An Act to Increase Support for the Community Forestry Fund	CARRIED OVER

Pesticides

Enacted

LD 8	An Act to Increase Support for the Modernization of the Board of Pesticides Control by Increasing the Annual Pesticide Registration Fee	PUBLIC 22
LD 1770	Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control to Transition to Electronic Submission of Pesticides Sales and Use Data	RESOLVE 71

Regulated Products

Enacted

LD 285	An Act to Remove the Requirement for Wild Blueberry Transportation Permits	PUBLIC 18
LD 384	An Act to Provide Emergency Aid to Dairy Farmers Affected by the Crisis in Production Costs	PUBLIC 429
LD 415	An Act to Allow Nonalcoholic Sparkling Cider to Be Sold in Maine	PUBLIC 175
LD 834	An Act to Ensure Transparency in the Labeling of Meat as Grass-fed	PUBLIC 74

**Not
Enacted**

LD 1996	An Act to Regulate Synthetic Hemp-derived Cannabinoids	CARRIED OVER
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Timber Harvesting

Enacted	LD 390	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 25: Standards for Placing Wood into Stream Channels to Enhance Cold Water Fisheries Habitat, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry	RESOLVE 6
	LD 1849	An Act to Ensure Fair and Timely Payment in the Harvesting of Forest Products	PUBLIC 357
	LD 1874	An Act to Support Maine Forest Workers' Right to Work in Maine by Improving Labor Standards	PUBLIC 380
Not Enacted	LD 1048	An Act Regarding the Authority of Municipalities to Regulate Timber Harvesting	Died On Adjournment

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								Law	Ch		
ACF	8	An Act to Increase Support for the Modernization of the Board of Pesticides Control by Increasing the Annual Pesticide Registration Fee	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/20/23	Enacted	PL	22		S1
ACF	24	An Act to Prohibit Certain Open Burning Under a Red Flag Warning and Regulate Recreational Campfires	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM		4/20/23	Enacted	PL	56		S1
ACF	25	An Act to Provide Indigenous Peoples Free Access to State Parks	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
ACF	56	An Act to Provide Free Admission to State Parks and Historic Sites for the Immediate Family Members of Veterans and Active Military Personnel	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	3/23/23					S1
ACF	77	An Act to Require the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Maintain Public Restrooms at State Parks	Reported Out	ONTP		2/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
ACF	108	An Act to Establish a Logger Relations Advocate Within the Maine Forest Service	Reported Out	ONTP		2/27/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
ACF	157	Resolve, to Improve Standards for Animal Rescue Entities	Reported Out	ONTP		2/27/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
ACF	159	An Act to Facilitate the Construction of a Firehouse by Sinclair Township	Reported Out	ONTP		2/27/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1

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								Law	Ch		
ACF	180	An Act to Allow a Person to File a Paper Copy of a Timber Harvest Notification Form	Reported Out	ONTP		3/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
ACF	220	An Act to Support Maine's Farmers in the Development of Sustainable Irrigation	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/24/23					S1
ACF	285	An Act to Remove the Requirement for Wild Blueberry Transportation Permits	Reported Out	OTP		3/8/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	18		R1
ACF	289	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Advisory Committee on the Fund to Address PFAS Contamination	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/5/23	Enacted	PL	212		S1
ACF	294	An Act to Include a Tribal Member in the Baxter State Park Authority	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
ACF	315	An Act to Provide Funding for Programs Benefiting Maine Farmers	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/13/23	Enacted	PL	427		S1
ACF	384	An Act to Provide Emergency Aid to Dairy Farmers Affected by the Crisis in Production Costs	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/20/23	Enacted	PL	429		S1
ACF	390	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 25: Standards for Placing Wood into Stream Channels to Enhance Cold Water Fisheries Habitat, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/22/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	6		S1
ACF	403	An Act to Improve Harness Racing in Maine by Repealing the Law Governing Standardbred Horses Eligible for Registration	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		4/4/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
ACF	415	An Act to Allow Nonalcoholic Sparkling Cider to Be Sold in Maine	Reported Out	OTP		3/30/23	Enacted	PL	175		S1

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ACF	562	An Act to Ensure Maine Residents Have Priority Access to State Park Campsites	Reported Out	ONTP		3/8/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
ACF	568	An Act to Provide Funding for the Fund to Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	3/28/23					S1
ACF	574	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Working Waterfront Covenants	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/13/23	Enacted	PL	70		S1
ACF	579	An Act to Support Farmland Conservation and Transition Planning for Farmers	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
ACF	595	An Act to Establish the Companion Animal Sterilization Program in the Maine Revised Statutes	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/5/23	Enacted	PL	484		S1
ACF	606	An Act Regarding Development of a Program to Assist Farmers Affected by Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ACF	634	An Act to Allow Open Burning in the Snow Without a Permit	Reported Out	ONTP		3/8/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
ACF	644	An Act to Include Cats in the Laws Governing Animal Trespass	Reported Out	ONTP		3/8/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
ACF	650	An Act to Improve Maine Agriculture and Food Systems	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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ACF	682	An Act Regarding Labeling of Packaged Foods for Genetically Modified Organisms	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ACF	782	An Act to Support Statewide Economic Opportunities Through Strategic Investments of Property and Funds, Including Emergency Relief Funds	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/11/23	Enacted	PL	120		S1
ACF	791	An Act to Support the Maintenance, Preservation and Promotion of Historic Sites	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	4/13/23					S1
ACF	797	Resolve, to Authorize the Conveyance of Real Property to the Capitol Area Recreation Association	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/15/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	109		S1
ACF	806	Resolve, to Study the Issue of Persons Who Go Missing in State Parks	Reported Out	ONTP		3/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ACF	834	An Act to Ensure Transparency in the Labeling of Meat as Grass-fed	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/19/23	Enacted	PL	74		S1
ACF	901	Resolve, to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Inform the Development of a Farm Apprenticeship Pilot Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/24/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	110		S1
ACF	970	An Act to Provide for the Humane Treatment of Chickens	Reported Out	ONTP		3/22/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
ACF	988	Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Conduct an Accessibility Study of All Maine State Parks and Historic Sites and to Develop a Plan to Remove Access Barriers	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/2/23					S1

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ACF	993	An Act to Facilitate Stakeholder Input Regarding Forest Policy in Maine	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	5/15/23				S1
ACF	1021	An Act to Support Research, Education and Outreach Efforts at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	4/26/23				S1
ACF	1048	An Act Regarding the Authority of Municipalities to Regulate Timber Harvesting	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/13/23	Died On Adjournment			S1
ACF	1068	An Act to Ban the Hunting of Animals in Enclosed Areas	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
ACF	1110	An Act Regarding Calibration Requirements for Certain Testing and Measurement Equipment	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
ACF	1121	An Act to Change Responsibility for Animal Control Officer Training to the Department of Public Safety	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
ACF	1150	Resolve, Requiring the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Document, Disclose and Publish All Best Management Practices Regarding the Use of Noise Devices to Control Birds at Orchards	Reported Out	ONTP		4/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
ACF	1162	An Act to Increase Support for the Community Forestry Fund	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	4/26/23				S1

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ACF	1201	Resolve, Requiring the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Convey Interest in a Parcel of Land at the Newfield Wildlife Management Area to a Private Landowner	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
ACF	1216	An Act to Create the Animal Cruelty Task Force	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
ACF	1218	An Act Establishing a System to Appeal Administrative Actions or Management Plans of the Bureau of Parks and Lands	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		5/22/23	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report			S1
ACF	1219	An Act to Establish Rights for Holders of Certain Leases and Easements on Land Managed by the Bureau of Parks and Lands	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/22/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			S1
ACF	1227	An Act to Balance Renewable Energy Development with Natural and Working Lands Conservation	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/9/23				S1
ACF	1274	An Act to Increase Land Access for Historically Disadvantaged Populations	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23				S1
ACF	1285	An Act to Extend Funding for the Land for Maine's Future Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/26/23				S1
ACF	1346	Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands Within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Lease Certain Land Within Somerset County	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/2/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	18	S1
ACF	1349	An Act to Review State Lands and Waterways That Have Sacred, Traditional or Other Significance to the Wabanaki People	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23				S1

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ACF	1441	An Act to Enhance State Oversight of Water Use and Water Resources	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	5/17/23				S1
ACF	1511	An Act to Update the Laws Governing the University of Maine System's Board of Agriculture and to Rename the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23				S1
ACF	1612	An Act to Address Food Insecurity and Support Local Agriculture	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/11/23	Died On Adjournment			S1
ACF	1659	Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to Enter into Certain Leases	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/22/23	Finally Passed	RESLV 46		S1
ACF	1670	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Agriculture, Food and Forest Economy by Funding the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund and Amending Related Provisions of Law	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/15/23	Enacted	PL 470		S1
ACF	1678	Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Study and Report on Soil Carbon Sequestration Incentive Programs	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/23/23	Finally Passed	RESLV 43		S1
ACF	1682	An Act to Create the Maine Experiential Education Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/2/23				S1
ACF	1700	An Act to Protect Agricultural Lands by Creating a Permitting Process for Solar Development on Those Lands	Reported Out	ONTP		5/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
ACF	1767	An Act to Require the University of Maine to Provide Education Regarding Meat and Poultry Processing	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/13/23	Enacted	PL 473		S1
ACF	1770	Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control to Transition to Electronic Submission of Pesticides Sales and Use Data	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/13/23	Finally Passed	RESLV 71		S1

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ACF	1812	An Act to Provide a Source of Funding for the Construction and Implementation of a Food Security Hub	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ACF	1817	An Act to Support Outdoor Education by Establishing the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/6/23					S1
ACF	1823	An Act to Respect and Protect the Right to Food	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
ACF	1849	An Act to Ensure Fair and Timely Payment in the Harvesting of Forest Products	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/6/23	Enacted	PL	357		S1
ACF	1874	An Act to Support Maine Forest Workers' Right to Work in Maine by Improving Labor Standards	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/8/23	Enacted	PL	380		S1
ACF	1881	An Act Regarding Compensation Fees and Related Conservation Efforts to Protect Soils and Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat from Solar and Wind Energy Development and High-impact Electric Transmission Lines Under the Site Location of Development Laws	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	448		S1
ACF	1886	Resolve, to Construct a New District Headquarters Building for the Bureau of Forestry in Fort Kent	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
ACF	1916	An Act to Classify Meat and Poultry Products Inspections as Essential Services	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
ACF	1930	Resolve, to Authorize the Exchange of Interest in Certain Lands Owned by the State in Piscataquis County	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/2/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	50		S1
ACF	1947	An Act to Amend the Maine Food Sovereignty Act	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/9/23	Enacted	PL	420		S1
ACF	1969	An Act to Expand the Use of Funds to Support Land Conservation	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	284		S1
ACF	1985	An Act to Authorize Removal of Requirements of Forest Certification Systems from the State's Forest Management Plans	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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ACF	1989	Resolve, to Modify the Deed for a Parcel of Property in the Town of Carrabassett Valley to Allow for Workforce Housing	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23				S1
ACF	1996	An Act to Regulate Synthetic Hemp-derived Cannabinoids	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23				S1

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LD 8 An Act to Increase Support for the Modernization of the Board of Pesticides Control by Increasing the Annual Pesticide Registration Fee

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 22 increases the annual fee to register a pesticide within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control from \$160 to \$215.

LD 24 An Act to Prohibit Certain Open Burning Under a Red Flag Warning and Regulate Recreational Campfires

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 56 prohibits the director of the Bureau of Forestry, within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, from issuing a permit or other permission for open burning to take place in a geographic area subject to a red flag warning. The law provides an exception for wild blueberry growers by allowing the director or director's delegate to issue a permit for a controlled burn on a commercially managed wild blueberry field in a geographic area subject to a red flag warning as long as the application for the permit includes a prescribed burn plan approved by the issuing authority.

The law requires the director or the director's delegate to revoke a permit for open burning in a geographic area in which a red flag warning is in effect, except that the director or the director's delegate is not required to revoke a permit for a controlled burn on a commercially managed wild blueberry field during the period in which a red flag warning is in effect if the permit includes an approved prescribed burn plan.

The law clarifies that a red flag warning is a forecast warning issued by the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Weather Service in consultation with the Bureau of Forestry.

The law prohibits a person who kindles or uses a recreational campfire from allowing the recreational campfire to exceed 3 feet in diameter on the ground at the base of the fire or 3 feet in height; the law exempts a licensed camp facility from this prohibition.

The law prohibits open burning, both permissible open burning with a permit and permissible open burning without a permit, during the period in which a red flag warning is in effect; the law exempts from this prohibition open burning without a permit at a licensed camping facility and at campsites under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the Baxter State Park Authority, as long as the campsite and the use of out-of-door fires and charcoal and gas grills at the campsite comply with department rules.

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LD 285 An Act to Remove the Requirement for Wild Blueberry Transportation Permits

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 18 removes the requirement that persons transporting wild blueberries have a transportation permit.

LD 289 Amend the Laws Governing the Advisory Committee on the Fund to Address PFAS Contamination

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 212 provides legislative per diem for public members of the Advisory Committee on the Fund To Address PFAS Contamination. The law provides that members who are Legislators continue to serve until a successor is appointed. The law also removes the requirement that the advisory committee report annually to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters and environmental matters on activities of the advisory committee and issues relating to the purposes and the use of the Fund To Address PFAS Contamination. Under current law, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry is required to report annually to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry; environment and natural resources; and health and human services matter on the status of carrying out the purposes of the fund.

LD 315 An Act to Provide Funding For Programs Benefiting Maine Farmers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 427 implements some of the recommendations of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry’s January 2023 report, “Findings and Recommendations for Streamlining Permitting New Sources of Water for Irrigation in Maine.”

The law provides a one-time appropriation of \$35,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 in order for the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in Public Law 2023, chapter 17, Part G to be used for contracted services to review and overhaul the current water withdrawal permitting process.

The law establishes one limited-period Environmental Specialist II position, which ends June 7, 2025, within the Maine Land Use Planning Commission.

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LD 384 An Act to Provide Emergency Aid to Dairy Farmers Affected by the Crisis in Production Costs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 429 requires the transfer of \$500,000 on or before July 30, 2024 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Milk Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide one-time volatility payments to Maine milk producers who produced milk and reported production information to the Maine Milk Commission in calendar year 2022 and are currently participating in the dairy stabilization program.

LD 390 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 25: Standards for Placing Wood into Stream Channels to Enhance Cold Water Fisheries Habitat, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 6 authorizes final adoption of Chapter 25: Standards for Placing Wood into Stream Channels to Enhance Cold Water Fisheries Habitat, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry, contingent on clarification of the effective date of the rule.

Resolve 2023, chapter 6 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 10, 2023.

LD 415 An Act to Allow Nonalcoholic Sparkling Cider to Be Sold in Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 175 exempts nonalcoholic carbonated cider labeled as “sparkling cider” from the labeling requirements for cider.

LD 574 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Working Waterfront Covenants

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 70 allows certain nonprofit organizations whose purposes or powers include retaining or protecting coastal community values, culture or heritage, coastal habitat or real property that provides coastal water access to hold working waterfront covenants.

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LD 595 An Act to Establish the Companion Animal Sterilization Program in the Maine Revised Statutes

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 484 establishes the Companion Animal Sterilization Program, previously in Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry rules, in statute. The law allows the department to be the administrator of the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund in the event that the department is unable to contract with a suitable animal welfare organization.

LD 782 An Act to Support Statewide Economic Opportunities Through Strategic Investments of Property and Funds, Including Emergency Relief Funds

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 120 allows the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, subject to the approval of the Governor, to apply for and accept on behalf of the State emergency relief funds. The law specifies that funds and other personal or real property accepted by the commissioner on behalf of the State be for the purpose of economic opportunity, business growth and other strategic investments. The law requires the commissioner to adopt rules to implement and administer grant or other fund disbursement programs of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and authorizes the commissioner to adjudicate appeals of grant or other disbursement decisions made under the programs.

LD 797 Resolve, to Authorize the Conveyance of Real Property to the Capitol Area Recreation Association

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 109 directs the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convey by quitclaim deed with servitudes to the Capitol Area Recreation Association for \$1 on or before July 1, 2024 all of the State's interest in a parcel of land in Augusta, Maine comprising playing fields and other community recreation areas along Piggery Road, which is currently the subject of a lease dated January 1, 1992 between the Bureau of Parks and Lands and the Capitol Area Recreation Association.

LD 834 An Act to Ensure Transparency in the Labeling of Meat as Grass-fed

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 74 prohibits a person from selling, offering for sale or distributing within the State or selling, offering for sale or serving in any retail food establishment or eating establishment any meat or meat product labeled or advertised as "grass-fed" or by similar

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designation unless the ruminant animal was grass-fed. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may waive the determination that meat or a meat product is misbranded if the commissioner finds a waiver is warranted due to inadvertent exposure of the animal to nonforage feedstuffs or because incidental supplementation with nonforage feedstuffs was necessary to ensure the well-being of the animal during adverse environmental or physical conditions.

LD 901 Resolve, to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Inform the Development of a Farm Apprenticeship Pilot Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 110 requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convene a stakeholder group to develop recommendations for a potential farm apprenticeship pilot program. The law directs the commissioner to report the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters by March 1, 2025. The joint standing committee has the authority to submit a bill relating to the subject matter of the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

LD 1346 Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands Within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Lease Certain Land Within Somerset County

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 18 authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to lease to Central Maine Power Company, on such terms and conditions as the director may require, certain property of approximately 0.4 acres on the Coburn Mountain public reserved lands within Upper Enchanted Township, Somerset County originally subject to a lease signed by the bureau in 1999 and on which are located radio telecommunication facilities.

LD 1659 Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to Enter into Certain Leases

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 46 authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to lease certain state park land and public reserved lands and to enter into a boundary line adjustment agreement with Ms. Elizabeth Franco and Ms. Lynne Cleary to correct an inaccurate boundary line at Lamoine State Park.

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LD 1670 An Act to Strengthen Maine’s Agriculture, Food and Forest Economy by Funding the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund and Amending Related Provisions of Law

LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 470 requires the Maine Agriculture, Food System and Forest Products Infrastructure Investment Advisory Board within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to collaborate with the Department of Economic and Community Development and other appropriate agencies and organizational partners to ensure that investment objectives are appropriately targeted and not duplicative and to establish various grant and loan instruments as part of the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund.

The law provides one-time funding of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 to support public-private partnerships to facilitate strategic investments in the State’s agricultural, food and forest products processing and manufacturing industries.

LD 1678 Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Study and Report on Soil Carbon Sequestration Incentive Programs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 43 directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to study and report on soil carbon sequestration incentive programs that can be applied to land in this State, including but not limited to forest land, agricultural land, conservation land, wetlands, and urban and suburban areas and determine possible funding sources that may be used to fund the programs. The department must submit its report, including any recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than February 1, 2024. The committee may report out legislation regarding the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 1767 An Act to Require the University of Maine to Provide Education Regarding Meat and Poultry Processing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 473 requires the University of Maine within available funding to provide a cooperative extension education program regarding meat and poultry processing. The law provides one-time funding in fiscal year 2024-25 for that purpose.

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LD 1770 Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control to Transition to Electronic Submission of Pesticide Sales and Use Data

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 71 directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control to adopt any rules necessary to implement the transition from paper to electronic format of reports required to be submitted to the board pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1471-G. The board is required to implement a system of electronic data collection that is efficient for those required to submit reports to the board, namely pesticide dealers, commercial applicators and spray contracting firms, and useful to the board and members of the public.

LD 1849 An Act to Ensure Fair and Timely Payment in the Harvesting of Forest Products

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 357 requires an entity that contracts with a person to harvest wood and place the wood roadside so that the entity is able to have the wood hauled away for use or processing to pay the person within 30 days of the person's fulfilling the contract and placing the wood roadside. The law also requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or a wood scaler under contract with the department to conduct random inspections to ensure that entities are complying with this requirement.

LD 1874 An Act to Support Maine Loggers' and Truckers' Right to Work in Maine by Improving Labor Standards

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 380 provides that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may obtain certification from a forest certification program for state land only if the program contains certain performance-based indicators that protect forest workers and the program does not require payment to a trade association that is registered with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

LD 1881 An Act Regarding Compensation Fees and Related Conservation Efforts to Protect Soils and Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat from Solar and Wind Energy Development and High-impact Electric Transmission Lines Under the Site Location of Development Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 448 directs the Department of Environmental Protection to establish a solar energy compensation program. The program requires a person who obtains approval under

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the Site Location of Development law in Title 38, also known as Site Law, to construct or cause to be constructed a solar energy development located on high-value agricultural land to pay a compensation fee or other form of compensation for any portion of the development, including associated facilities, that is located on high value agricultural land. The law requires the Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, to calculate the compensation fee for solar energy development that is located on high-value agricultural land.

The law also requires the Department of Environmental Protection to establish a compensation fee program to fund a compensation project as an alternative means of satisfying requirements related to off-site habitat improvement or preservation that the department determines necessary to mitigate the adverse effects of renewal energy development on wildlife and fisheries habitat to comply with Site Law.

The law directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to initiate major substantive rulemaking to define terms such as “high-value agricultural land” and “dual-use agricultural and solar production” and the Department Environmental Protection to initiate major substantive rulemaking to establish a compensation fee program to accept and administer compensation fees under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, sections 484-C and 484-D and to define "wildlife and fisheries habitats" under Title 38, section 484-D, subsection 1, which must include but not be limited to large undeveloped habitat blocks, important wildlife corridors and other habitat types identified in consultation with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

The law also provides that a person may not construct, cause to be constructed or operate a solar energy development without a permit from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The law defines “solar energy development” as a development that uses ground-mounted solar arrays and installations to convert solar energy to electrical energy; occupies 5 acres or more; and is wholly or partially located on high-value agricultural land. This requirement applies to solar energy developments on which construction begins after September 1, 2024.

LD 1930 Resolve, to Authorize the Exchange of Interest in Certain Lands Owned by the State in Piscataquis County

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 50 authorizes the exchange of interest in certain state-owned land in Piscataquis County. The law provides that the cost of a survey of the property boundaries and recording costs may not be paid by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

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LD 1947 An Act to Amend the Food Sovereignty Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 420 amends the definition of “direct producer-to-consumer transaction” in the Maine Food Sovereignty Act. The law also provides that a farmers' market may impose more stringent requirements on its sellers than those imposed by municipal, plantation or county ordinances regarding traditional foodways or direct producer-to-consumer transactions.

LD 1969 An Act to Expand the Use of Funds to Support Land Conservation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 284 eliminates the Land for Maine's Future Fund, replaces it with the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund and transfers the balance in the Land for Maine's Future Fund. The law requires that the funds transferred be used for the purposes identified in Public Law 2021, chapter 398, Part FFFF, section 8. The Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund may be used for the purposes of the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund, the Maine Working Waterfront Access Protection Fund, the Maine Working Farmland Access and Protection Fund and the new funds established specifically by the law.

The law amends provisions of law affecting the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund, the Maine Working Waterfront Access Protection Fund and the Maine Working Farmland Access and Protection Fund. The law establishes the Conservation and Recreation Fund to achieve the purposes of the former Land for Maine's Future Fund. The law establishes the Conservation Land Management Fund to make capital improvements to and enhance wildlife habitat protection on permanently conserved state, municipal and private conservation lands.

The law clarifies that upon repeal the of the Land for Maine's Future Fund any funds within the Land for Maine's Future Fund, both the Community Conservation Projects Other Special Revenue Funds account and the Land for Maine's Future Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account, are required to be transferred to the Land For Maine's Future Trust Fund.

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AFA	367	An Act to Authorize General Fund Bond Issues to Improve Highways, Bridges and Nonhighway Modes of Transportation	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23	Carried in Comm				S1
AFA	416	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Research and Development and Commercialization	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23	Carried in Comm				S1

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AFA	645	An Act to Continue Certain Limited-period Positions Until Full Funding Is Provided	Reported Out	OTP-AM		7/20/23	Died On Adjournment		S1
AFA	646	An Act to Provide Appropriations and Allocations for the Operations of State Government	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23			S1
AFA	734	An Act to Authorize the Treasurer of State and Municipalities to Invest in Gold, Silver and Other Precious Metals	Reported Out	ONTP		5/11/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310		S1
AFA	749	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Provide a New Dormitory Facility at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23			S1

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Comm	LD	Title	Comm Action	Carried over?	Date of last Comm Action	Final Disposition	Enacted Law	Laws Ch	Analyst Note?	Session
AFA	760	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Signature Requirements on Issuance of General Obligation Bonds	Reported Out		5/18/23	Enacted	PL	223		S1
AFA	912	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Restore Historic Community Buildings	Carry Over Approved		7/25/23					S1
AFA	1023	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Financial Future in Perpetuity by Establishing the Irrevocable Budget Trust Fund	Reported Out	ONTP	5/11/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
AFA	1074	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund New Affordable Housing for Low-income Households	Carry Over Approved		7/25/23					S1
AFA	1156	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Promote the Design, Development and Maintenance of Trails for Outdoor Recreation and Active Transportation	Carry Over Approved		7/25/23					S1
AFA	1163	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Capital Improvements for Arts and Cultural Facilities	Carry Over Approved		7/25/23					S1
AFA	1185	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund	Carry Over Approved		7/25/23					S1
AFA	1457	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for a Jail in Caribou	Carry Over Approved		7/25/23					S1
AFA	1480	An Act to Protect Union Wharf and Sustain Maine's Maritime Industries	Carry Over Approved		7/25/23					S1
AFA	1607	An Act to Stabilize the Pension Funds of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System	Reported Out	ONTP	6/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
AFA	1733	An Act to Require the Revenue Forecasting Committee to Prepare Economic Impact Statements for Certain Legislation	Carry Over Approved		7/25/23					S1

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Comm	LD	Title	Comm Action	Carried over?	Date of last Comm Action	Final Disposition	Enacted Laws Law	Ch	Analyst Note?	Session
AFA	1871	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Invest in a Green Energy Materials Building at the University of Maine	Carry Over Approved		7/25/23					S1
AFA	1920	An Act to Authorize a Supplemental Benefit Relief Payment	Carry Over Approved		7/25/23					S1
AFA	1957	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Invest in Maine's Railroad Infrastructure	Carry Over Approved		7/25/23					S1
AFA	1982	An Act Regarding Appropriations and Allocations to Support the State of Maine	Carry Over Approved		7/25/23					S1

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LD 3 An Act to Establish the Winter Energy Relief Payment Program to Aid Residents with High Heating Costs and to Finalize the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program

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Public Law 2023, chapter 1 provides relief to certain Maine households to assist them with high costs for home heating.

Part A transfers \$71,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority no later than June 30, 2023. Of this amount, \$40,000,000 is allocated for heating assistance to households in the State eligible for the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program; \$10,000,000 is allocated as emergency funds to households to avert an energy crisis; and \$21,000,000 is allocated for emergency housing to prevent people from experiencing homelessness during the 2022-2023 winter months.

Part B does the following.

1. It transfers \$398,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the newly created Winter Energy Relief Payment Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account no later than December 31, 2022.
2. It specifies that relief payments of \$450 are made to certain qualified individuals and establishes those qualifications.
3. It requires the State Tax Assessor to identify eligible recipients and make relief payments to those individuals no later than March 15, 2023.
4. It specifies a process to allow individuals who are eligible but who have not received a relief payment to document eligibility to the State Tax Assessor.
5. It provides that the relief payment is not considered income for Maine income tax purposes.

Part C does the following.

1. It transfers \$4,433,437 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program no later than June 30, 2023.
2. It transfers \$385,754 from the COVID Disaster Relief Payment Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account and \$6,674,993 from the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program.
3. Provides the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program with an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$11,494,184 in fiscal year 2022-23 to complete the \$850 pandemic relief payment to each eligible resident of the State as authorized in Public Law 2021, chapter 635, Part L.

Part D deappropriates \$156,752,586 in the Department of Health and Human Services and deallocates \$4,154,555 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine in fiscal year 2022-23 to adjust funding

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for the 6.2% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage based on the extension of the national public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic for the first, 2nd and 3rd quarter of fiscal year 2022-23. The offsets for these deappropriations and deallocations are Federal Expenditures Fund allocations of \$158,965,759 and Federal Block Grant Fund allocations of \$1,941,382 in fiscal year 2022-23.

Part E allows the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to suspend the sulfur content requirements for liquid and solid fossil fuels if the commissioner finds that the expected availability of fuel that complies with those requirements is inadequate to meet the needs of residential, commercial or industrial users in this State and that such expected unavailability constitutes an immediate threat to public health, safety or the general welfare. The commissioner is required to specify in writing the period during which the suspension is in effect.

Part F requires the temporary suspension of the provision of law that requires certain General Fund revenue and resources that exceed the General Fund appropriation limit to be transferred to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund.

Public Law 2023, chapter 1 was enacted as an emergency measure effective January 4, 2023.

LD 206 An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 3 does the following.

Part A makes supplemental appropriations and allocations of funds for fiscal year 2022-23.

Part B makes appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C amends Public Law 2021, chapter 483, "An Act To Provide Allocations for the Distribution of State Fiscal Recovery Funds," to repeal the following provisions.

1. Part DD, which required the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a pilot program for in-home personal care services to minors and allocated funding for that purpose.
2. The allocation in Part EE for one-time funding for the Department of Health and Human Services to provide equal supplemental payments during 2022 to certain providers of services.
3. It repeals the allocation in Part KK for one-time funds to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for contracted facilitation services.

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Part C also provides that the funds allocated but not used in Parts DD, EE and KK are instead allocated to extend the temporary Small Business Health Insurance Premium Support Program through December 2023.

Part C also does the following.

1. It authorizes the transfer of unspent funds within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to the Finance Authority of Maine, Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Fund.
2. It authorizes limited-period positions funded with the Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery to be extended via financial order and authorizes the encumbered balances within the Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery to be carried forward through fiscal year 2025-26 to align with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Government.
3. It clarifies that funds approved in Public Law 2021, chapter 483 for state parks may be used for the Allagash Wilderness Waterway.

Part D removes the borrowing authority of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing agreements in fiscal year 2021-22 and increases the borrowing authority of the department to enter into financing agreements in fiscal year 2022-23 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Fleet Management Division and adjusts the interest rate.

Part E clarifies that the winter energy relief payment authorized in Public Law 2023, chapter 1 will not be included as income, may not be considered to reduce need and may not be considered a potential resource when determining an application for the municipal general assistance program.

Part F authorizes an extension of the expiration date to August 1, 2023 for limited-period positions that are set to expire in June 2023 but are funded through fiscal year 2022-23 and are proposed to continue into the next biennium.

Part G directs the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to transfer \$149,955 from the balance in the authority's operating account to the State as undedicated revenue no later than June 30, 2023.

Part H authorizes the State Controller to carry forward to fiscal year 2023-24 any unexpended balance appropriated in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Information Services program, General Fund account, All Other line category in fiscal year 2022-23.

Part I authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to transfer by financial order available Personal Services balances in the Information Services program, General Fund account, for fiscal year 2022-23 only, to fund statewide cybersecurity costs.

Part J authorizes the State Controller to transfer up to \$6,600,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Retirement Allowance Fund within the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to fund one-time 1.0% cost-of-living increase for retirement benefit payments.

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Part K resolves a conflict regarding the deposit of revenue into the Animal Welfare Fund from the surcharge on the registration of pet food by specifying that the maximum revenue the Animal Welfare Fund may receive from the surcharge is \$57,000.

Part L authorizes the State Controller to carry forward to fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25 any unexpended balance of the \$2,756,126 appropriated in the Housing Opportunity Program, General Fund account, All Other line category in Public Law 2021, chapter 635, Part A, section 8 to be expended for the same purposes.

Part M lapses \$10,777,679 of the unencumbered balance forward in the Department of Health and Human Services, Medical Care Services - Payments to Providers program, General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2022-23.

Part N lapses \$6,161,154 of the unencumbered balance forward of the Department of Health and Human Services, Nursing Facilities program, General Fund carrying account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2022-23.

Part O directs the State Controller to carry forward up to \$259,000 of unexpended balance in the Department of Secretary of State, Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations program, General Fund account, All Other line category at the end of fiscal years 2022-23 and 2023-24 for the next fiscal year to be used for contracted programming costs to implement online voter registration.

Part P directs that remaining balances in the Office of Treasurer of State, Debt Service - Treasury program carry forward from fiscal year 2022-23 to 2023-24.

Part Q authorizes the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services to adopt major substantive rules on an emergency basis to amend the billing rate for assigned legal counsel effective March 1, 2023 to a maximum of \$150 per hour without the necessity of demonstrating that immediate adoption is necessary to avoid an immediate threat to public health, safety or general welfare. This Part also suspends, between March 1, 2023 and June 30, 2023, the requirement that the hourly rate of compensation for an appointed guardian ad litem may not be less than the rate of compensation for assigned legal counsel established by the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

Part R requires the Maine Milk Commission to contract for a study to assess the cost of milk production in Maine based on costs and other financial factors in calendar year 2022 to be completed by December 31, 2023. This Part also transfers \$50,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Milk Commission Other Special Revenue Funds account to fund the study.

Part S requires the Department of Health and Human Services, once it completes the MaineCare reimbursement rate setting process, to provide reimbursement for patients discharged from psychiatric inpatient units and inpatient substance use disorder units at an initial rate that provides 100% aggregate cost reimbursement for providers based on 2022 data.

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Part T requires the Department of Health and Human Services to distribute funds to long-term care providers pursuant to Part A of this legislation based on a methodology that takes facility needs into account. The funds provided are meant to serve as interim support to assist long-term care providers adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and higher than expected inflation until the department implements rate-setting system reform for services provided by long-term care providers.

Part U extends by one year the deadline for expenditure of the one-time supplemental payments distributed to nursing and residential care facilities.

Public Law 2023, chapter 3 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 21, 2023.

LD 258 An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025

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Public Law 2023, chapter 412 does the following.

Part A makes changes to appropriations and allocations of funds for the 2024-2025 biennium.

Part B makes appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C transfers \$4,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Judicial Department, Courts – Supreme, Superior and District program, Other Special Revenue Funds account on or before June 30, 2024 for distribution by the Civil Legal Services Fund Commission to providers of civil legal services.

Part D updates the title of the Director of Human Resources to State Human Resources Officer within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. It also directs the Revisor of Statutes to update this title when updating, publishing or republishing the statutes and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to update this title when adopting or amending rules and developing or publishing forms, policies and publications.

Part E authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities up to an amount of \$39,500,000 to pay for the costs associated with the planning, design, renovation, abatement, construction, financing, furnishing and equipping of new and existing facilities to serve as a headquarters for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Part F authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities up to an amount of \$71,050,000 to pay for the costs of capital repairs and improvements to and construction of state-owned facilities and hazardous waste cleanup on state-owned properties.

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Part G requires the Department of Corrections to study the sewage system at the Mountain View Correctional Facility and to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by February 15, 2024.

Part H adjusts the annual rates of pay used to determine the State's contribution toward an employee's health insurance premium beginning on November 1, 2023. This Part also authorizes the transfer of funds from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Salary Plan program in the Personal Services line category and between programs and departments within the General Fund and Highway Fund to implement the adjustments to the annual rates of pay.

Part I resets the base for the appropriation limitation calculation at 98% of the baseline General Fund revenue projected by the Revenue Forecasting Committee as of December 1, 2022. Additionally, changes are made to clarify how transfers to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund are to be handled when baseline General Fund revenue exceeds the appropriation limitation. This Part also repeals a defined term that is no longer used.

Part J does the following.

1. It creates the Dirigo business incentives program to provide a tax credit to qualified businesses.
2. It provides an exemption from the requirement for confidentiality of tax records for information disclosed as part of certain reports to the Department of Economic and Community Development and legislative committees regarding the program.
3. It extends the end date of the Pine Tree Development Zone program by one year, eliminates the Pine Tree Recreation Zone program and eliminates the Maine capital investment credit as of January 1, 2025.
4. It allows a business participating in the Dirigo business incentives program to qualify for certain benefits currently available to businesses participating in the Pine Tree Development Zone program, including electricity discount rates and exemption from certain requirements for the sale of electricity.
5. It Prohibits issuing a certificate of approval for employment tax increment financing after December 31, 2024 and eliminates the employment tax increment financing benefits as of December 31, 2034.

Part K transfers \$5,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority, Shelter Operating Subsidy program, Other Special Revenue Funds account on or before June 30, 2024 to meet projected obligations.

Part L clarifies the law regarding the training program implemented by the State Tax Assessor to develop the expertise of revenue agents to provide that, upon successful completion of the program and demonstration of prescribed competencies, employees in the revenue agent classification may progress immediately to the senior revenue agent classification and employees in the senior

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revenue agent classification may progress immediately to the principal revenue agent classification.

Part M limits the jurisdiction of the Maine Board of Tax Appeals within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to matters when the amount in controversy is at least \$1,000 but no more than \$500,000.

Part N carries forward to the next fiscal year any remaining balances in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Debt Service – Government Facilities Authority program, General Fund account in each year of the 2024-2025 biennium.

Part O authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward any remaining balance in the Central Administrative Applications program for fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25.

Part P authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing agreements in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Fleet Management Division.

Part Q authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing agreements in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for improvements to the State's technology infrastructure and data centers; purchase of enterprise software; modernization of databases, storage and other components; and improved security of personally identifiable information and other confidential data.

Part R authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing agreements in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the acquisition of hardware, software and systems to support the operations of the Statewide Radio Network System Reserve Fund.

Part S eliminates the property tax stabilization program. It also increases the maximum benefit for persons who are 65 years of age or older under the property tax fairness credit and the benefit allowed under the senior property tax deferral program and permits otherwise eligible persons with no more than 2 years of delinquent property taxes to receive a deferral of taxes if the amount of delinquent taxes is added to the amount of taxes deferred and subject to certain conditions.

Part T requires any All Other or Capital Expenditures balance remaining in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Forest Protection program to be carried forward each fiscal year.

Part U clarifies that response activities undertaken by the State of Maine Animal Response Team may include providing adequate care for animals in state custody.

Part V changes the position of Deputy Director in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands from serving at the pleasure of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to a classified, confidential position.

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Part W clarifies that the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, with the Governor's approval, has the authority to accept gifts identified as services or other intangible assets.

Part X authorizes the use of unrestricted contributions from private sources in the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund for administrative costs and consulting services.

Part Y changes the meal allowance for appointed members of the Land for Maine's Future Board to not exceed the United States General Services Administration rates.

Part Z makes a technical change to be consistent with changes made to the organization of the Maine Geological Survey in Public Law 2021, chapter 398, which removed the requirement that the Director of the Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry be the director of the survey.

Part AA authorizes a one-time transfer at the close of fiscal year 2022-23 of all funds in excess of \$500,000 from total unencumbered balance forward in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Forest Protection program, General Fund account to the Capital Expenditures line category in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Forest Protection program, General Fund account.

Part BB directs the University of Maine System to study and analyze the potential effects on public health and the State's economy of the State's adopting permanent Eastern Standard Time or permanent Eastern Daylight Time and determine if each adoption will serve the convenience of commerce as required by the United States Department of Transportation and submit a report with suggested legislation by February 1, 2024 to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government which may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Part CC makes part-time nursing faculty eligible for the nursing education loan repayment program, with repayment of loans of up to \$10,000 for a master's degree and up to \$20,000 for a doctoral degree.

Part DD changes the rate of the penalty for those state employees who retired between July 1, 2011 and January 1, 2012 and for teachers who retired between July 1, 2011 and July 1, 2012 who had at least 25 years of service on July 1, 2011 but had not attained 62 years of age to 2.25% for each year the person was below 62 years of age upon retirement from service. The changes take effect beginning October 1, 2023.

Part EE adds probation officers and other employees identified by the Commissioner of Corrections to those employees who may be assigned a state vehicle. It also updates the list of those employees who are authorized to use state vehicles for commuting between home and work to add employees designated by the Commissioner of Corrections and law enforcement officials in the Office of Cannabis Policy and to remove law enforcement officials in the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

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Part FF requires that the Attorney General approve the compensation set for the Chief Medical Examiner's office administrator.

Part GG doubles the mandatory assessment on a person convicted of a crime. Revenue from the assessment goes to the Victims' Compensation Fund.

Part HH requires the Commissioner of Corrections to review the current organizational structure of the Department of Corrections to improve organizational efficiency and cost-effectiveness and requires the State Budget Officer to transfer positions and available balances by financial order during the 2024-2025 biennium. Position adjustments made after December 1st and before July 1st of each fiscal year may be considered an adjustment to position count or appropriations. Any transfers resulting in a program or mission change or facility closure must have legislative review.

Part II maintains the rate of reimbursement to municipalities under the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement program at 76% for property tax years beginning on or after April 1, 2023 instead of increasing the rate by three percentage points each year.

Part JJ authorizes the Department of Corrections to transfer, by financial order, the unobligated balance from Personal Services to the All Other line category in the Long Creek Youth Development program for fiscal year 2023-24 and 2024-25 to fund juvenile community programs and services.

Part KK transfers a total of \$3,100,000 on or before June 30, 2024 from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account and the Winter Energy Relief Payment Program Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Part LL lapses \$1,057,313 of unencumbered balance forward from the Department of Corrections, Admin Corrections – Carrying account to the General Fund no later than June 30, 2024.

Part MM authorizes the Department of Corrections to transfer, by financial order, available balances designated for fuel expenditures from all facility accounts within the department into the new consolidated Corrections Fuel program, General Fund account.

Part NN lapses \$134,125 of unencumbered balance forward from the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council, State of Maine Bicentennial Celebration, General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2023-24.

Part OO designates the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System Care Fund as an interest-bearing account.

Part PP reduces the transfer from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Healthy Soils Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account authorized in Public Law 2023, chapter 17, Part F from \$3,000,000 to \$1,500,000 and reduces the transfer from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program

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Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account authorized in Public Law 2023, chapter 17, Part G from \$2,000,000 to \$1,000,000.

Part QQ transfers \$2,000,000 at the close of fiscal year 2023-24 from the Other Special Revenue Funds accounts within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Part RR transfers \$300,000 from available Bureau of Insurance, Other Special Revenue Funds balances in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 from the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the Department of the Attorney General, Other Special Revenue Funds account for the purpose of contracting with a designated nonprofit and independent health insurance consumer assistance entity to continue to operate the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 4326.

Part SS does the following.

1. It transfers \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Finance Authority of Maine, Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account.
2. It transfers \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program within the Finance Authority of Maine to support the program.
3. It transfers \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Doctors For Maine's Future Scholarship Fund program within the Finance Authority of Maine to support the program.

Part TT does the following.

1. It transfers \$5,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority, Housing Authority - State program, Other Special Revenue Funds account.
2. It requires the State Controller, as the 5th priority transfer at the close of fiscal year 2022-23 only, after all transfers are made pursuant to statute, to transfer from the available balance of the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund up to \$65,000,000 to the Maine State Housing Authority, Housing Authority - State program, Other Special Revenue Funds account.
3. It requires that up to \$35,000,000 of the funds transferred from the available balance of the unappropriated surplus must be used to fund the Rural Affordable Rental Housing Program and the remainder must be used to fund the Low-income Housing Tax Credit Program.

Part UU repeals the requirement that the Department of Health and Human Services establish, operate and maintain a statewide occupational disease reporting system.

Part VV directs the Department of Health and Human Services to electronically provide income records and program enrollment information of recipients of the department's income

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supplementation and assistance programs when requested by entities, under certain conditions for purposes of facilitating administration of the low-income home energy assistance program; the low-income assistance program; a local, state or federal subsidized housing program; and an energy efficiency program administered by an entity approved by the department or any other entity or program that, in the judgment of the department, provides services or resources that promote the health and well-being of recipients of department services.

Part WW provides that the director of the division of licensing and certification within the Department of Health and Human Services is appointed by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and serves at the pleasure of the commissioner.

Part XX provides that the executive director of the Maine Health Insurance Marketplace is appointed by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and serves at the pleasure of the commissioner.

Part YY updates the base year for the hospital tax.

Part ZZ increases the attrition rate for the 2024-2025 biennium to 8% in fiscal year 2023-24 and 6% in fiscal year 2024-25 for judicial branch and executive branch departments and agencies. The attrition rate was increased from 1.6% to 5% for judicial branch and executive branch departments and agencies in PL 2023 c. 17 Part D.

Part AAA implements a paid family and medical leave benefits program based on the recommendations of the Commission to Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program established by the 130th Legislature with the following provisions.

1. The program provides up to 12 weeks of family leave and up to 12 weeks of medical leave to eligible covered individuals.
2. No more than 12 weeks of family leave and medical leave in the aggregate may be taken in a 12-month period.
3. An individual is eligible for leave under the program after earning at least six times the state average weekly wage in the preceding four calendar quarters prior to the application submission or if the individual is self-employed and has elected to be part of the program.
4. The maximum weekly benefit amount is capped at 100% of the state average weekly wage. The weekly benefit amount is 90% for the portion of the covered individual's average weekly wage that is equal to or less than 50% of the state average weekly wage and is 66% for that portion of the covered individual's average weekly wage that is more than 50% of the state average weekly wage up to the maximum weekly benefit.
5. Covered individuals are required to file claims for benefits in accordance with rules adopted by the department administering the program and to provide certification that they qualify for family leave or medical leave.

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6. Except for an employee who has not been employed for at least 120 days, an employee is entitled to the same position or an equivalent position upon return to work from family leave or medical leave.
7. Absent an emergency, illness or other sudden necessity for taking leave, an employee is required to give reasonable notice to the employee's supervisor of the employee's intent to use leave and specifies that use of leave must be scheduled to prevent undue hardship on the employer.

This Part also does the following.

1. It establishes the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund to support the program.
2. It funds the administrative costs and payment of benefits through payroll contributions of no more than 1% of wages shared by employers and employees, except that employers with fewer than 15 employees are not required to make employer contributions to the program.
3. It authorizes employers to provide these benefits through a private plan if the benefits for family and medical leave provided to their employees are the same as provided in the program.
4. It establishes the Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Authority to advise the administrator on the implementation and administration of the program.
5. It requires payroll contributions to begin January 1, 2025 and benefit claims to be processed beginning January 1, 2026.
6. It requires the program to be reviewed under the State Government Evaluation Act in 2029.
7. It requires the State Budget Officer to calculate the amount of the premium contributions for paid family and medical leave benefits in Part A that applies against each General Fund account for all departments and agencies and transfer those amounts by financial order upon the approval of the Governor and submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs a report of the transferred amounts.
8. It authorizes a tribal government to elect to participate in the program.

Part BBB authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer by financial order available All Other and Personal Services balances in the Developmental Services - Community program account to the Personal Services line category in the Crisis Outreach Program account.

Part CCC authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer unencumbered All Other balances of appropriations from any account within the Department of Health and Human Services, excluding balances in the IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance and State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance programs, for the information system modernization project in the office of aging and disability services.

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Part DDD authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer available balances between the State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program and the IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program in the All Other line category.

Part EEE authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer by financial order available Personal Services balances in the Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center program, the Disproportionate Share – Riverview Psychiatric Center program, the Riverview Psychiatric Center program and the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center program to the All Other line category of those programs.

Part FFF lapses unencumbered balance forward from several specified General Fund accounts of the Department of Health and Human Services to the General Fund unappropriated surplus no later than June 30, 2024.

Part GGG requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a state plan amendment to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to request approval to reimburse parents of minor children who are eligible for home health aide services under the MaineCare program for providing those services under the Medicaid home health benefit. Upon approval, the department must amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 40, Home Health Services, to implement the requirement no later than 12 months after receiving federal approval. The department must consult with home health agencies when developing the rule. This Part also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a progress report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than February 1, 2024.

Part HHH transfers \$5,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, General Assistance program, Other Special Revenue Funds account, no later than June 30, 2024.

Part III transfers funds from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances – General Fund account to the Enforcement Operations – Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund account to purchase one replacement aircraft engine in fiscal year 2023-24 and one replacement aircraft engine in fiscal year 2024-25.

Part JJJ provides for a raise of 4.5% for judges and justices of the state courts beginning on July 1, 2023.

Part KKK increases the maximum per fiscal year fee revenue that may be credited to the judicial branch Other Special Revenue Funds account for capital expenses.

Part LLL directs the Maine State Housing authority to make funds available for the acquisition of land or real property to support the creation of recovery residences that provide services to parents or guardians recovering from substance use disorder and their minor children; specifies certain parameters for the location of the acquired land or real property; specifies services provided in the residences; and specifies that staff employed at a rural recovery residence must be paid a livable wage.

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Part MMM requires the Governor, in consultation with the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives, to convene a working group to evaluate the State's unemployment laws and how those laws relate to the unemployment compensation system, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, the MaineCare program, general assistance programs, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and acquiring welfare benefits. The working group is required to provide a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs no later than January 15, 2024.

Part NNN lapses \$106,970 of unencumbered balance forward from the Legislature, General Fund carrying account, Personal Services line category to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2024 and lapses \$111,033 of unencumbered balance forward from the Legislature, General Fund carrying account, Personal Services line category to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2025.

Part OOO authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Department of Public Safety to enter into financing agreements in fiscal year 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the State Police.

Part PPP directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of the Budget to rename The Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations program to the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions program and rename The Elections and Commissions program to the Federal Elections Grant program.

Part QQQ transfers \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Community College System Free Community College - 2 Enrollment Years program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Maine Community College System to provide two years of free community college for all eligible students who meet certain conditions. This Part also repeals the eligibility requirements for two free years of community college as established in Public Law 2021, chapter 635, Part OO and replaces them with requirements that specifies that funds provided must be used to provide two free years of community college for all eligible students.

Part RRR requires the Department of Education's office of adult education to notify the Governor's office and the Legislature if the state allocation for expenditures on adult education programs falls below 95% of the allocation established for the prior year and include information on the amount necessary to fulfill the state obligation to reimburse adult education costs and the total amount that is available. It also directs the department to establish a working group, or as an alternative hire and fund an outside agency, to analyze the State's adult education system and reimbursement formula.

Part SSS authorizes the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to deposit penalties paid for registration or reporting violations into its lobbyist registration fee account to be spent exclusively on information technology costs.

Part TTT requires the State Controller to carry forward a balance in the Office of Treasurer of State, Debt Service - Treasury program.

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Part UUU requires that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services do the following.

1. It requires a review every five years of the state compensation plan for each class or position in the classified service.
2. It requires a study every four years comparing the salaries of state employees with salaries of employees performing comparable work and a submittal of a report by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and state and local government matters and the bargaining agents that represent a bargaining unit of state employees.
3. It requires a comprehensive review of the classification plan every 10 years to make modifications and improvements as determined necessary.
4. It requires the submission of a report by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and state and local government matters and the bargaining agents that represent a bargaining unit of state employees on the comprehensive review of the classification and compensation system for employees of the executive branch of the State performed pursuant to a memorandum of agreement executed with the Maine Service Employees Association, SEIU Local 1989 on June 25, 2019, including a recalculation of the market salary report using current salary data.
5. It requires that good faith negotiations with the bargaining agents that represent a bargaining unit of state employees take place no later than January 31, 2024 to implement closing pay gaps between employees of this State and public and private employees performing comparable work in this State, other New England states and other states as appropriate.

This part also authorizes reimbursement of up to \$1,200,000 to the department to conduct the market pay study and to finalize the comprehensive review of the classification and compensation system by September 30, 2024.

Part VVV establishes the Maine Child Care Affordability Program within the Department of Health and Human Services to encompass the former child care subsidy program and establishes new eligibility for child care providers. It requires the department to submit reports to the Legislature regarding the distribution of child care subsidies and the development and implementation of an early childhood integrated data system. The department is also directed to amend its procedures regarding eligibility, promote the Maine Child Care Affordability Program, streamline and simplify the online invoicing and billing systems for child care providers and, by 2030, implement a program to achieve affordable child care.

Part WWW requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a treatment center for substance use disorder treatment in either Kennebec County or Washington County.

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Part XXX repeals the health care-related provisions of the service provider tax beginning January 1, 2025 and makes technical changes necessitated by this repeal to the revenue-sharing provisions in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A as well as the revenue-sharing provisions and tax records confidentiality provisions in Title 36.

Part YYY does the following.

1. It requires the Child Development Services System to collaborate with special purpose private preschools to establish appropriate daily tuition rates for the educational services provided by each special purpose private preschool through a funding formula before the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year.
2. It requires the Department of Education and the Child Development Services System provide payments for specially designed instruction provided by each special purpose private preschool at a rate of \$125 per day, per child, for scheduled school days in accordance with a child's individualized education program no later than the start of the 2023-2024 school year and prior to the provision of the daily tuition rate.
3. It transfers \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Child Development Services System for the estimated cost of the payments.
4. It directs the Department of Education to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, no later than December 15, 2023, on the development of the funding formula for the daily tuition rates, including recommendations and suggested legislation and authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs to report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Part ZZZ does the following.

1. It updates references to the United States Internal Revenue United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 contained in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36.
2. It changes the Maine standard deduction, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026 to maintain the Maine standard deduction at current levels.
3. It makes changes to current law governing the Maine dependent exemption tax credit to maintain the Maine dependent exemption tax credit at current levels for tax years 2026 and later.
4. It changes the pension deduction amount for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024 to the maximum annual benefit that may be received by a taxpayer at the eligible retirement age as of January 1st of the tax year under the federal Social Security Act.

Part AAAA establishes the Housing First Program within the Department of Health and Human Services to facilitate the delivery of stabilization and support services to residents of properties established or developed to provide permanent housing to persons who have been experiencing

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chronic homelessness and to fund technical assistance, administered by the Maine State Housing Authority, for the development of housing consistent with the program.

Part BBBB transfers \$3,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Risk Management – Claims program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to pay attorney's fees or other costs awarded by a court against the State and its departments, agencies, officers or employees and settlements of attorney's fees or other costs without court award in these cases, which are not otherwise insured against under a deductible or self-insured retention program.

Part CCCC continues the voluntary employee incentive program through the 2024-2025 biennium.

Part DDDD authorizes the State Controller to carry forward, to be used for the same purposes, any unexpended balance of the \$550,000 appropriated in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 for the development and implementation of a new database for the Bureau of Agriculture's feed, seed and fertilizer program.

Part EEEE transfers \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Statewide Hunger Relief Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide funds for a grant for capital support to a Portland-based food security hub with partnerships or capacity for statewide distribution to enable increased production of hot meals each day for homeless, sheltered or food insecure persons.

Part FFFF transfers \$1,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Milk Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide one-time pandemic volatility payments to Maine milk producers who produced milk and reported production information to the Maine Milk Commission in calendar year 2022 and are currently participating in the dairy stabilization program.

Part GGGG authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer savings from the increased 10% Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for MaineCare home and community-based services per the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, Section 9817 from various General Fund MaineCare Program accounts to the Home and Community Based Services – ARP Savings Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Medical Care – Payments to Providers program and the Office of MaineCare Services program, Home and Community Based Services Admin – ARP Savings.

Part HHHH changes the definition of "memorandum of understanding" in the Maine Recovery Council laws to incorporate the agreement regarding the use of settlement funds from 2023.

Part IIII establishes a new special retirement plan for certain civilian employees in the Department of Public Safety, Maine State Police Crime Laboratory and computer crimes unit that allows those employees to retire after 25 years of service regardless of age. Provisions of Part IIII are also contained in LD 197 as engrossed.

Part JJJJ provides that the Commissioner of Education may apply unexpended balances from another program's appropriated amounts toward the adjustment for English learner budgetary

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hardships and removes the requirement that a school administrative unit petition the commissioner and demonstrate the budgetary hardship. It also allows the commissioner to determine that a school administrative unit is eligible for a hardship adjustment if the school administrative unit's unexpected enrollment increase results in an increase of 3% or more, instead of 5% or more as in current law, in English learner weighted allocation.

Part KKKK directs the Department of Education to develop a two-year pilot program to provide McKinney-Vento liaisons with access to emergency financial assistance funds for students at risk of homelessness. Provisions of Part KKKK are also contained in LD 1609 as engrossed.

Part LLLL This Part makes a technical change to the definition of “Active Duty” in MRSA 20-A, chapter 901: Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

Part MMMM transfers \$9,600,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection and \$6,900,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund the Department of Health and Human Services for federal matching funds under federal water programs to be used for revolving loan funds for drinking water systems and wastewater treatment with any remaining funds to be used consistent with the respective programs. This part also authorizes unspent General Fund appropriations in the Department of Environmental Protection, Water Quality program and the Department of Health and Human Services Drinking Water Enforcement program to be carried forward.

Part NNNN allows the Efficiency Maine Trust to administer, rather than requiring the trust to oversee and administer, energy activities within the State that may be overseen by entities other than the trust. This Part also repeals an outdated effective date and makes a technical change.

Part OOOO creates the Community Resilience Partnership Program within the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to provide technical and financial assistance for local and regional planning and implementation projects consistent with the State's emissions reduction targets and the state climate action plan.

Part PPPP authorizes the transfer by the Maine Health Data Organization of the uncommitted Personal Services line category balance to the All Other line category in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25.

Part QQQQ requires that \$2,800,000 in unobligated balances from funds transferred to the Maine State Housing Authority, Housing Authority - State, Other Special Revenue Funds account to supplement the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program funding in Public Law 2023, chapter 1, Part A be transferred to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than October 31, 2023.

Part RRRR transfers \$12,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority, Emergency Housing Relief Fund Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide funds for short-term emergency housing, legal services and other wraparound settlement supports.

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Part SSSS transfers \$15,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority, Low-income Home Energy Assistance – MSHA, Other Special Revenue Funds account for the Low-Income Assistance Program to help low-income homeowners and renters pay for electricity costs by providing a credit on their electric bills. This funding will temporarily expand ratepayer eligibility for the Low-Income Assistance Program beyond the current 75% of the federal poverty limit, pursuant to the Public Utilities Commission formal solicitation of public input.

Part TTTT codifies the Baxter Counseling Services Program to facilitate the delivery of therapeutic counseling services for eligible former students of the Maine School for the Deaf or the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

Part UUUU increases the payment limit for the Family Caregiver Grant Pilot Program from \$2,000 annually to \$5,171 annually. Provisions of Part UUUU are also contained in LD 346 as engrossed.

Part VVVV authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer available balances of Personal Services appropriations to All Other in the Office for Family Independence program and the Office for Family Independence – District program for technology and related services.

Part WWWW does the following.

1. It transfers \$6,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the MaineCare Stabilization Fund prior to the closing of fiscal year 2022-23.
2. It lapses \$20,000,000 of unencumbered balance forward from the Department of Health and Human Services, MaineCare General Fund carrying accounts, All Other line category to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund prior to the closing of fiscal year 2022-23.
3. It transfers the first \$28,500,000 from the MaineCare General Fund carrying accounts to the MaineCare Stabilization Fund at the close of fiscal year 2023-24.

Part XXXX eliminates budgeted transfers from the General Fund that were included in Public Law 2023, chapter 17 as a funding source for the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services program, Other Special Revenue Funds account. The funding for 6 positions, associated All Other and reimbursements to attorneys is transitioned to a General Fund appropriation in Part A of this Act beginning in fiscal year 2024-25 to reflect the ongoing nature of the General Fund support for these costs in the commission's baseline budget.

Part YYYY transfers funds from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances – General Fund account to the Resource Management Services – Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund account within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to provide matching funds for the construction of the Fryeburg shooting range.

Part ZZZZ increases the number of District Court judges by three headcount and Superior Court justices by one headcount and increases the number of District Court judges by an additional two headcount beginning July 1, 2024.

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Part AAAAA returns the position of Director, Bureau of Unemployment Compensation to the classified service when the position next becomes vacant.

Part BBBBB adds the position of Associate Commissioner to those positions that are appointed by the Commissioner of Labor.

Part CCCCC transfers \$2,750,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Labor, Employment Services Activity, Other Special Revenue Funds account for career exploration services targeted to high school students and recruitment and job-related supports targeted to groups that are underrepresented in the State's workforce.

Part DDDDD does the following.

1. It establishes the existing statewide Imagination Library of Maine Program in the Maine Revised Statutes.
2. It revises the role of the State Librarian in administering the Imagination Library of Maine Fund to more accurately reflect the role of the Maine State Library in administering and coordinating the Imagination Library of Maine Fund with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program.
3. It requires the Maine State Library to provide an annual report to the Legislature regarding the Imagination Library of Maine Program and the number of books mailed to enrolled children.
4. It better aligns the Maine Revised Statutes with language included in the Memorandum of Agreement with The Dollywood Foundation, Inc.

Part EEEEE removes the asset test for eligibility for the elderly low-cost drug program and the Medicare savings program and establishes income eligibility for qualified Medicare beneficiaries at no more than 185% of the federal poverty level and for qualified individuals at more than 185% and no more than 250% of the federal poverty level.

Part FFFFF lapses \$40,000,000 of the unencumbered balance forward in the Department of Education, General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program, General Fund account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund and transfers \$20,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the School Revolving Renovation Fund under the Maine Municipal Bond Bank.

Part GGGGG establishes the Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program within the Department of Public Safety, to be administered by Maine Emergency Medical Services in consultation with the Emergency Medical Services' Board and the Department of Health and Human Services, and transfers \$31,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account. Public Law 2023, chapter 438 broadened eligibility for grants under the program to all entities providing ambulance service or non-transporting emergency medical service or licensed emergency medical services training centers.

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Part HHHHH transfers \$19,800,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Retirement Allowance Fund within the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to fund an additional one-time 3.0% retirement benefit payment.

Part IIIII authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services on behalf of the Department of the Secretary of State to enter into financing agreements in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for improvements to the Department of the Secretary of State's customer service system, technology infrastructure and data centers; updating of Department of the Secretary of State software and hardware; ongoing modernization of databases, storage and other components; and improved security of personally identifiable information and other confidential data.

Part JJJJJ transfers \$7,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Transportation, Infrastructure Adaptation Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account for culverts, resilience and adaptation investments through municipal grants and matching funds.

Part KKKKK transfers \$12,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Multimodal Ports and Marine program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Transportation to support the infrastructure necessary to deploy and connect floating offshore wind turbines in the Gulf of Maine.

Part LLLLL requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to implement a MaineCare home and community-based lifespan program with initial enrollment targeted toward individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities or autism and a second phase allowing enrollment of individuals with other related conditions.

Part MMMMM authorizes the State Controller to keep open the official system of general accounts of State Government for fiscal year 2022-23 to make post-closing entries and adjustments to carry out the provisions of this legislation.

Part NNNNN authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to provide financial assistance under an extraordinary circumstance allowance to a nursing facility that meets certain requirements until the effective date of provider reimbursement rates for nursing facilities established in accordance with the department's rate-setting system and requires a summary report to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 30, 2024.

Part OOOOO increases the State's contribution toward the retired teachers' share of health insurance premiums from 55% to 60% effective July 1, 2023.

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LD 424 An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 17 does the following.

Part A makes baseline appropriations and allocations and changes to the baseline for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25.

Part B makes appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C establishes the total cost of education from kindergarten to grade 12, the state contribution, the annual target state share percentage and the mill expectation for the local contribution for fiscal year 2023-24 and makes permanent a career and technical education middle school grant program.

Part D increases the attrition rate for the 2024-2025 biennium from 1.6% to 5% for judicial branch and executive branch departments and agencies. The attrition rate was further increased in Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Part ZZ.

Part E authorizes a one-time transfer at the close of fiscal year 2022-23 of all fund balances in excess of \$500,000 from total unencumbered balance forward in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Forest Protection program, General Fund account to the Capital Expenditures line category in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Forest Protection program, General Fund account.

Part F transfers \$3,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Healthy Soils Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account on or before June 30, 2024 to the the Maine Healthy Soils Program.

Part G transfers of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account on or before June 30, 2024.

Part H carries forward the remaining portion of one-time funding for the environmental closure activities at the former Maine Military Authority site in Limestone.

Part I allows the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to issue securities for building infrastructure necessary to support new or updated equipment to career and technical education centers and career and technical education regions and extends the date by which securities may be issued to June 30, 2025.

Part J continues authorization for each individual tax expenditure provided by statute.

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Part K authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer available balances of appropriations between the MaineCare General Fund accounts until June 30, 2025.

Part L authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt emergency rules to implement any provisions of this legislation over which it has specific authority that has not been addressed by some other Part of this legislation without the necessity of demonstrating that immediate adoption is necessary to avoid a threat to public health, safety or welfare.

Part M requires the Department of Health and Human Services to identify savings each fiscal year from MaineCare and MaineCare-related General Fund accounts to transfer to the Departmentwide program to offset deappropriations in that program made in this legislation.

Part N delays the beginning of the Fiscal Stability Program within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the 2026-2027 biennium.

Part O adds to the allowed purposes for issuing Maine Governmental Facilities Authority securities for the judicial branch to include acquiring and improving properties in Lewiston, Skowhegan and Augusta.

Part P moves the Board of Dental Practice, identified in statute as an affiliated board, into a licensure program within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

Part Q transfers \$30,894,693 to the TransCap Trust Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 6006-G to pay the remaining debt service of the series 2015A and series 2021A bonds; and transfers \$14,910,476 from the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Part R increases the Workers' Compensation Board's assessment cap to \$14,700,000 starting in fiscal year 2023-24.

Part S states that undeposited COVID Disaster Relief Payment Program checks are to be treated as unclaimed property not subject to the notice and receipt provisions established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 33, section 2101.

Part T transfers from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services, Other Special Revenue account \$9,246,702 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$9,279,076 in fiscal year 2024-25 to support the baseline allocation and \$12,506,910 in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 to fund the cost of increasing billing rates for assigned legal counsel to \$150 per hour. These transfers were rescinded in Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Part XXXX.

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LD 760 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Signature Requirements on Issuance of General Fund Bonds

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 223 removes the requirement that registered bonds, unregistered bonds and minibonds issued by the Treasurer of State bear the signature or facsimile signature of the Governor.

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LD 1311	An Act Regarding the Legal Use or Possession of Cannabis or Marijuana Under Conditions of Bail, Pretrial Release or Probation	PUBLIC 299
LD 1625	An Act to Update Criminal Indictment Procedures and Expand the Provision of Counsel to Certain Indigent Defendants	PUBLIC 485
LD 1632	An Act to Require Proper Storage of Forensic Exam Evidence	PUBLIC 236

Not Enacted

LD 178	An Act to Support Reentry and Reintegration into the Community	Report A (ONTP)
LD 288	An Act Concerning Housing and Support Services for At-risk Youth and Youth Who Have Committed Juvenile Crimes	CARRIED OVER
LD 1087	An Act to Remove Restrictions in the Provisions of Law Relating to No-knock Warrants	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1189	An Act to Amend the Burden of Proof for Defendants Who Cannot Pay Criminal Restitution	ONTP
LD 1359	An Act to Provide an Opportunity for Resentencing for Individuals Who Were Sentenced for Crimes Committed as Juveniles	CARRIED OVER

Department of Corrections

Enacted

LD 4	An Act to Update Provisions of the Department of Corrections Laws Regarding Operation and Administration of Jails, Women's Services and Juvenile Detention	PUBLIC 135
LD 439	An Act to Allow Death by Suicide to Be Considered a Death While in the Line of Duty	PUBLIC 433

Not Enacted	LD 823	An Act to Reimburse the Town of Charleston for Expenses Related to the Mountain View Correctional Facility	ONTP
	LD 895	An Act to Establish Culturally Informed Reentry or Reintegration Halfway Houses	ONTP
	LD 1086	An Act to Define the Term "Solitary Confinement" for the Laws Governing a Jail or Correctional Facility	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1514	An Act to Provide Safe, Short-term Housing to Individuals Recently Released from Correctional Facilities	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1583	An Act to Provide a Pathway to Sobriety for Formerly or Currently Incarcerated Individuals	Report A (ONTP)
	LD 1633	An Act to Establish a Community-based Reentry Program in All Department of Corrections Facilities	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1715	An Act to Replace Certain Stigmatizing Language in the Maine Revised Statutes, Titles 22, 25 and 34-A with Respectful Language	Died Between Houses
	LD 1863	An Act to Facilitate the Provision of Medically Appropriate Levels of Care for Clients of Correctional Facilities	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1978	An Act to Enact the Reentry Success and Earned Time Act	CARRIED OVER

Department of Public Safety

Enacted	LD 244	Resolve, Directing Maine Emergency Medical Services to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Explore Emergency Medical Services Career Pathways and Educational Opportunities in the State	RESOLVE 15
	LD 1484	Resolve, Regarding the Status of Federal Grant Applications or Money Secured for the Funding of a Sexual Assault Kit Tracking Pilot Program	RESOLVE 70
Not Enacted	LD 215	Resolve, to Require the Commissioner of Public Safety to Conduct a Study Regarding Cadet Law Enforcement Officers Who Are Injured and Law Enforcement Officers Who Leave the Sponsoring Agency	ONTP
	LD 963	An Act to Require Reporting and Training About Domestic Terrorism Threats	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1290	An Act to End the Maine Information and Analysis Center Program	Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 1492	An Act to Increase the Transparency and Accountability of the Maine Information and Analysis Center	CARRIED OVER
LD 1715	An Act to Replace Certain Stigmatizing Language in the Maine Revised Statutes, Titles 22, 25 and 34-A with Respectful Language	Died Between Houses
LD 1859	An Act to Reimburse Training Costs for Emergency Medical and Public Safety Dispatchers	Majority (ONTP) Report

Drug Crimes

**Not
Enacted**

LD 828	An Act to Ban the Drug Tianeptine	Died Between Houses
LD 968	An Act Regarding Restitution by Persons Convicted of Trafficking in Illegal Drugs	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 986	An Act to Ensure Safer Communities by Increasing the Punishment for Crimes Involving Fentanyl	Died Between Houses
LD 994	An Act to Include Possession of Compounds, Mixtures or Substances Containing a Detectable Amount of Certain Scheduled Drugs to Prove the Offense of Unlawful Trafficking of Scheduled Drugs	Died Between Houses
LD 1295	An Act Regarding Penalties for Maintaining Drug-involved Premises	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1509	An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of Maine's Drug Laws	ONTP
LD 1545	An Act to Reduce Drug Overdoses and Death by Expanding the Crime of Aggravated Trafficking of Scheduled Drugs by Including Compounds, Mixtures or Substances	ONTP

Emergency Medical Services

Enacted

LD 47	An Act to Amend the Law Governing Licensing Actions of the Emergency Medical Services' Board	PUBLIC 111
LD 244	Resolve, Directing Maine Emergency Medical Services to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Explore Emergency Medical Services Career Pathways and Educational Opportunities in the State	RESOLVE 15
LD 526	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program	PUBLIC 438
LD 919	An Act Regarding Licensure in the Field of Emergency Medical Services	PUBLIC 166

	LD 981	An Act to Require All Emergency Medical Services Persons to Be Trained to Administer and Dispense Naloxone Hydrochloride	PUBLIC 92
	LD 1119	An Act to Clarify the Criminal Statutes with Regard to Assaults on Emergency Medical Services Persons	PUBLIC 455
	LD 1701	Resolve, to Reestablish and Continue the Work of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State	RESOLVE 99
Not Enacted	LD 326	An Act to Improve Recruitment and Retention of First Responders	ONTP
	LD 913	An Act to Support First Responders	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1515	An Act to Fund Delivery of Emergency Medical Services	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1859	An Act to Reimburse Training Costs for Emergency Medical and Public Safety Dispatchers	Majority (ONTP) Report

Firearms/Concealed Firearms

Enacted	LD 22	An Act to Impede the Transfer of Firearms to Prohibited Persons	PUBLIC 305
	LD 1103	An Act to Allow Persons Who Lawfully Use or Possess Cannabis to Own or Possess Firearms or Ammunition	PUBLIC 381
Not Enacted	LD 60	An Act to Require a 72-hour Waiting Period After the Sale of a Firearm	Minority (ONTP) Report
	LD 168	An Act Regarding Criminal Background Checks for the Sale, Transfer or Exchange of Firearms	Died Between Houses
	LD 493	An Act to Establish a Statewide Relinquished Firearms Inventory	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 551	An Act to Strengthen Maine Citizens' Second Amendment Rights by Allowing the Discharge of Firearms on Private Property That Is Within 500 Feet of School Property in Certain Circumstances	Died Between Houses
	LD 582	An Act to Enhance Certain Penalties for Possession of Firearms by Prohibited Persons	HELD BY GOVERNOR
	LD 624	An Act to Prohibit Government Officials from Maintaining Records Related to Firearms Owners	Died Between Houses

LD 674	An Act to Allow Bail Commissioners to Carry Firearms in Correctional Facilities and Jails	Minority (ONTP) Report
LD 943	An Act to Enhance Privacy and Prohibit Shipping Companies from Maintaining Records of Firearm and Ammunition Shipments	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1011	An Act Requiring the Reporting of Stolen Firearms	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1340	An Act to Prohibit the Sale or Possession of Rapid-fire Modification Devices	Died Between Houses
LD 1451	An Act to Prohibit State and Local Enforcement of Federal Firearms Laws	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1561	An Act to Restore Firearm Rights and Hunting Privileges to Persons Previously Convicted of Certain Nonviolent Felony Crimes	CARRIED OVER

Firefighters

Enacted

LD 516	An Act to Reduce Cancer Among Firefighters by Providing Grants for Safety Equipment	PUBLIC 437
LD 588	An Act to Promote Public Safety and Retain Essential First Responders by Funding the Maine Length of Service Award Program	PUBLIC 439
LD 1280	An Act to Invest in Maine's Fire Service Training Facilities	PUBLIC 459
LD 1802	An Act to Include Certain Volunteer Firefighters in the Tax Credit for Employers of Individuals Who Are Volunteer Firefighters or Volunteer Municipal Emergency Medical Services Persons	PUBLIC 478

Not Enacted

LD 913	An Act to Support First Responders	CARRIED OVER
LD 1742	An Act to Enhance the Use of Critical Incident Stress Management Teams and to Require Peer Team Support	CARRIED OVER

Fireworks

Not Enacted

LD 745	An Act to Prohibit the Use of Toy Cannon Fireworks Devices That Exceed 150 Decibels Without Permission from Affected Property Owners	ONTP
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Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Crimes and Civil Violations

Enacted	LD 428	An Act to Reclassify Certain Offenses Under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws	PUBLIC 431
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Juveniles

Enacted	LD 39	An Act to Amend the Maine Juvenile Code	PUBLIC 136
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	LD 42	An Act Regarding Training for Corrections Officers	PUBLIC 341
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	LD 155	An Act Regarding Community-based Services for Youth Involved in the Juvenile Justice System	PUBLIC 425
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Not Enacted	LD 148	An Act to Allow Detention of Juveniles for Certain Acts	Majority (ONTP) Report
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	LD 179	An Act to Provide Support for Restorative Justice Practices in Maine	CARRIED OVER
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	LD 288	An Act Concerning Housing and Support Services for At-risk Youth and Youth Who Have Committed Juvenile Crimes	CARRIED OVER
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	LD 433	Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Corrections and the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to Establish a Working Group on the Relocation of the Division of Juvenile Services	ONTP
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	LD 702	An Act Regarding the Detention, Supervision and Transportation of Arrested Juveniles	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
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	LD 895	An Act to Establish Culturally Informed Reentry or Reintegration Halfway Houses	ONTP
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	LD 1359	An Act to Provide an Opportunity for Resentencing for Individuals Who Were Sentenced for Crimes Committed as Juveniles	CARRIED OVER
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	LD 1779	An Act to Develop a Continuum of Care for Youth Involved in the Justice System and to Develop Alternatives for Juveniles Incarcerated in Long Creek Youth Development Center	CARRIED OVER
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	LD 1878	Resolve, to Create the Council to Transition Long Creek Youth Development Center	ONTP
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Law Enforcement

Enacted	LD 42	An Act Regarding Training for Corrections Officers	PUBLIC 341
	LD 96	An Act to Ensure Release of Relevant Background Investigation Material to Current Employers of Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers	PUBLIC 84
	LD 229	An Act to Compensate Tribal Governments for Basic Training for a Law Enforcement Officer Hired by Another Government Agency	PUBLIC 242
	LD 847	Resolve, to Study Implementation of a Program to Provide Trauma-informed Training for Law Enforcement Officers at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy	RESOLVE 37
	LD 1036	An Act to Require All Uniformed Patrol Officers to Carry Naloxone Hydrochloride When on Duty	PUBLIC 153
Not Enacted	LD 215	Resolve, to Require the Commissioner of Public Safety to Conduct a Study Regarding Cadet Law Enforcement Officers Who Are Injured and Law Enforcement Officers Who Leave the Sponsoring Agency	ONTP
	LD 630	An Act to Ensure Rural Law Enforcement Services in Maine	CARRIED OVER
	LD 673	An Act to Direct the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to Develop a Nonresidential Law Enforcement Training Program	Died Between Houses
	LD 799	An Act to Fund Patrol Positions for the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office	ONTP
	LD 1234	An Act to Provide Reimbursement for the Health Care Expenses of All Retired Law Enforcement, Corrections and Search and Rescue Dogs	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1247	Resolve, to Study Training in Racial Issues, Racial Justice and Social Issues at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and Study Additional Requirements for Law Enforcement Officers and Candidates	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1290	An Act to End the Maine Information and Analysis Center Program	Majority (ONTP) Report

Maine Criminal Justice Academy

Enacted	LD 42	An Act Regarding Training for Corrections Officers	PUBLIC 341
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	LD 229	An Act to Compensate Tribal Governments for Basic Training for a Law Enforcement Officer Hired by Another Government Agency	PUBLIC 242
	LD 847	Resolve, to Study Implementation of a Program to Provide Trauma-informed Training for Law Enforcement Officers at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy	RESOLVE 37
Not Enacted	LD 673	An Act to Direct the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to Develop a Nonresidential Law Enforcement Training Program	Died Between Houses
	LD 1247	Resolve, to Study Training in Racial Issues, Racial Justice and Social Issues at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and Study Additional Requirements for Law Enforcement Officers and Candidates	Died On Adjournment

Maine Emergency Management Agency

Enacted	LD 95	An Act Concerning the Membership of the State Emergency Response Commission and Fees for Registering Facilities Required to Report to That Commission	PUBLIC 62
Not Enacted	LD 1133	An Act Regarding Emergency Management Funding for Municipal Shelters	ONTP
	LD 1742	An Act to Enhance the Use of Critical Incident Stress Management Teams and to Require Peer Team Support	CARRIED OVER

OUI/OAS/Other MV Violations

Enacted	LD 429	An Act to Reclassify Certain Offenses Under the Motor Vehicle Laws and Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System	PUBLIC 362
Not Enacted	LD 1519	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Operating Under the Influence	Majority (ONTP) Report

Prison/Jail/Inmate

Enacted	LD 692	An Act Regarding Eligibility of County Jail Inmates for a Community Confinement Monitoring Program	PUBLIC 250
	LD 1626	An Act to Standardize Requirements Between Boards of Visitors for County Jails and Department of Corrections Correctional Facilities	PUBLIC 383
Not Enacted	LD 178	An Act to Support Reentry and Reintegration into the Community	Report A (ONTP)
	LD 674	An Act to Allow Bail Commissioners to Carry Firearms in Correctional Facilities and Jails	Minority (ONTP) Report

LD 823	An Act to Reimburse the Town of Charleston for Expenses Related to the Mountain View Correctional Facility	ONTP
LD 931	An Act to Expand the State's Workforce by Supporting the Transition from Incarceration to Employment	CARRIED OVER
LD 1086	An Act to Define the Term "Solitary Confinement" for the Laws Governing a Jail or Correctional Facility	CARRIED OVER
LD 1514	An Act to Provide Safe, Short-term Housing to Individuals Recently Released from Correctional Facilities	CARRIED OVER
LD 1543	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Recommend Cost-effective, Safe, Administrable and Healthful Programs to Reduce Violence in Prisons and Jails	Died On Adjournment
LD 1583	An Act to Provide a Pathway to Sobriety for Formerly or Currently Incarcerated Individuals	Report A (ONTP)
LD 1863	An Act to Facilitate the Provision of Medically Appropriate Levels of Care for Clients of Correctional Facilities	CARRIED OVER
LD 1875	Resolve, to Create a Pilot Program for Apprenticeships for Inmates	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1978	An Act to Enact the Reentry Success and Earned Time Act	CARRIED OVER

Public Safety/Emergency Medical Services

Enacted	LD 244	Resolve, Directing Maine Emergency Medical Services to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Explore Emergency Medical Services Career Pathways and Educational Opportunities in the State	RESOLVE 15
Not Enacted	LD 647	An Act to Amend the Life Safety Code Regarding When Sprinkler Systems May Be Shut Off	ONTP

Sex Offender Registration

Enacted	LD 115	An Act to Protect Minors from Exploitation by Adults for Violation of Privacy	PUBLIC 227
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Sex Offenses -- Criminal

Enacted	LD 115	An Act to Protect Minors from Exploitation by Adults for Violation of Privacy	PUBLIC 227
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LD 1657 An Act to Define "Consent" and Amend the Law Governing Certain Sexual Offenses PUBLIC 280

Substance Use Disorder

Enacted

LD 981 An Act to Require All Emergency Medical Services Persons to Be Trained to Administer and Dispense Naloxone Hydrochloride PUBLIC 92

LD 1036 An Act to Require All Uniformed Patrol Officers to Carry Naloxone Hydrochloride When on Duty PUBLIC 153

LD 1052 An Act to Expand Good Samaritan Protections for Naloxone Hydrochloride Administration PUBLIC 154

LD 1364 Resolve, to Study Methods of Preventing Opioid Overdose Deaths by Authorizing Harm Reduction Health Centers RESOLVE 120

Not Enacted

LD 109 Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Measures to Improve Safety for Residents of Recovery Residences Died On Adjournment

LD 714 An Act to Expand the List of Crimes That Do Not Qualify for Immunity Under Maine's Good Samaritan Laws Concerning Drug-related Medical Assistance Majority (ONTP) Report

Theft/Bad Checks

Not Enacted

LD 1039 An Act to Provide Restitution for Victims of Shoplifting for Time Spent Dealing with the Offense ONTP

Victim Rights

Enacted

LD 1014 An Act Regarding Payments to Recipients of Restitution PUBLIC 196

LD 1438 An Act to Require Standard Procedures to Protect Stalking Victims and Access to Certain Criminal Complaints PUBLIC 235

Not Enacted

LD 1039 An Act to Provide Restitution for Victims of Shoplifting for Time Spent Dealing with the Offense ONTP

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CJPS	4	An Act to Update Provisions of the Department of Corrections Laws Regarding Operation and Administration of Jails, Women's Services and Juvenile Detention	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/15/23	Enacted	PL	135		S1
CJPS	22	An Act to Impede the Transfer of Firearms to Prohibited Persons	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM		6/9/23	Enacted	PL	305		S1
CJPS	39	An Act to Amend the Maine Juvenile Code	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/18/23	Enacted	PL	136		S1
CJPS	42	An Act Regarding Training for Corrections Officers	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	341		S1
CJPS	47	An Act to Amend the Law Governing Licensing Actions of the Emergency Medical Services' Board	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/11/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	111		S1
CJPS	60	An Act to Require a 72-hour Waiting Period After the Sale of a Firearm	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/9/23	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
CJPS	95	An Act Concerning the Membership of the State Emergency Response Commission and Fees for Registering Facilities Required to Report to That Commission	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/20/23	Enacted	PL	62		S1
CJPS	96	An Act to Ensure Release of Relevant Background Investigation Material to Current Employers of Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/28/23	Enacted	PL	84		S1
CJPS	104	An Act to Make It a Crime Not to Report a Death	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/15/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
CJPS	109	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Measures to Improve Safety for Residents of Recovery Residences	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/24/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
CJPS	115	An Act to Protect Minors from Exploitation by Adults for Violation of Privacy	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM		6/8/23	Enacted	PL	227		S1

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CJPS	148	An Act to Allow Detention of Juveniles for Certain Acts	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/8/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
CJPS	155	An Act Regarding Community-based Services for Youth Involved in the Juvenile Justice System	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	425		S1
CJPS	168	An Act Regarding Criminal Background Checks for the Sale, Transfer or Exchange of Firearms	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Died Between Houses				S1
CJPS	178	An Act to Support Reentry and Reintegration into the Community	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/21/23	Accepted Report A (ONTP)				S1
CJPS	179	An Act to Provide Support for Restorative Justice Practices in Maine	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23	Carried in Comm				S1
CJPS	207	Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Public Safety to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Examine the Responsibilities, Fees and Duties of the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/16/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	29		S1
CJPS	215	Resolve, to Require the Commissioner of Public Safety to Conduct a Study Regarding Cadet Law Enforcement Officers Who Are Injured and Law Enforcement Officers Who Leave the Sponsoring Agency	Reported Out	ONTP		3/2/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
CJPS	229	An Act to Compensate Tribal Governments for Basic Training for a Law Enforcement Officer Hired by Another Government Agency	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/25/23	Enacted	PL	242		S1
CJPS	244	Resolve, Directing Maine Emergency Medical Services to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Explore Emergency Medical Services Career Pathways and Educational Opportunities in the State	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		4/19/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	15		S1
CJPS	288	An Act Concerning Housing and Support Services for At-risk Youth and Youth Who Have Committed Juvenile Crimes	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23	Carried in Comm				S1

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CJPS	326	An Act to Improve Recruitment and Retention of First Responders	Reported Out	ONTP		5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
CJPS	405	An Act Regarding False Public Alarms or Reports and Aggravated False Public Alarms or Reports	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/8/23	Enacted	PL	430		S1
CJPS	428	An Act to Reclassify Certain Offenses Under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		5/11/23	Enacted	PL	431		S1
CJPS	429	An Act to Reclassify Certain Offenses Under the Motor Vehicle Laws and Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/5/23	Enacted	PL	362		S1
CJPS	433	Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Corrections and the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to Establish a Working Group on the Relocation of the Division of Juvenile Services	Reported Out	ONTP		5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
CJPS	439	An Act to Allow Death by Suicide to Be Considered a Death While in the Line of Duty	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	433		S1
CJPS	493	An Act to Establish a Statewide Relinquished Firearms Inventory	Reported Out	LTW		3/31/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
CJPS	516	An Act to Reduce Cancer Among Firefighters by Providing Grants for Safety Equipment	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/2/23	Enacted	PL	437		S1
CJPS	526	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/14/23	Enacted	PL	438		S1
CJPS	551	An Act to Strengthen Maine Citizens' Second Amendment Rights by Allowing the Discharge of Firearms on Private Property That Is Within 500 Feet of School Property in Certain Circumstances	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/12/23	Died Between Houses				S1

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CJPS	582	An Act to Enhance Certain Penalties for Possession of Firearms by Prohibited Persons	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/14/23	Held by Governor			✓	S1
CJPS	588	An Act to Promote Public Safety and Retain Essential First Responders by Funding the Maine Length of Service Award Program	Reported Out	OTP		4/10/23	Enacted	PL	439		S1
CJPS	624	An Act to Prohibit Government Officials from Maintaining Records Related to Firearms Owners	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/13/23	Died Between Houses				S1
CJPS	630	An Act to Ensure Rural Law Enforcement Services in Maine	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
CJPS	647	An Act to Amend the Life Safety Code Regarding When Sprinkler Systems May Be Shut Off	Reported Out	ONTP		4/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
CJPS	673	An Act to Direct the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to Develop a Nonresidential Law Enforcement Training Program	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/23/23	Died Between Houses				S1
CJPS	674	An Act to Allow Bail Commissioners to Carry Firearms in Correctional Facilities and Jails	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/25/23	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
CJPS	692	An Act Regarding Eligibility of County Jail Inmates for a Community Confinement Monitoring Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/2/23	Enacted	PL	250		S1
CJPS	702	An Act Regarding the Detention, Supervision and Transportation of Arrested Juveniles	Reported Out	LTW		3/23/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
CJPS	714	An Act to Expand the List of Crimes That Do Not Qualify for Immunity Under Maine's Good Samaritan Laws Concerning Drug-related Medical Assistance	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/8/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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CJPS	745	An Act to Prohibit the Use of Toy Cannon Fireworks Devices That Exceed 150 Decibels Without Permission from Affected Property Owners	Reported Out	ONTP		3/28/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
CJPS	756	An Act to Limit Changes to the Resource Coordination Agreement Between the Bureau of State Police and the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department and Require Annual Reporting Regarding Resource Coordination Agreements	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP/ OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	443		S1
CJPS	761	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Crime of Endangering the Welfare of a Child and to Create the Crime of Aggravated Endangering the Welfare of a Child	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/8/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
CJPS	799	An Act to Fund Patrol Positions for the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office	Reported Out	ONTP		5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
CJPS	823	An Act to Reimburse the Town of Charleston for Expenses Related to the Mountain View Correctional Facility	Reported Out	ONTP		5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
CJPS	828	An Act to Ban the Drug Tianeptine	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP/ OTP-AM		6/8/23	Died Between Houses				S1
CJPS	847	Resolve, to Study Implementation of a Program to Provide Trauma-informed Training for Law Enforcement Officers at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/24/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	37		S1
CJPS	864	An Act to Clarify Provisions of the Maine Good Samaritan Law	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/30/23	Enacted	PL	178		S1

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CJPS	895	An Act to Establish Culturally Informed Reentry or Reintegration Halfway Houses	Reported Out	ONTP		4/21/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
CJPS	911	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Law Enforcement Interactions and Tools for Determining Residency During Conflict Resolution	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
CJPS	913	An Act to Support First Responders	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
CJPS	919	An Act Regarding Licensure in the Field of Emergency Medical Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/24/23	Enacted	PL	166		S1
CJPS	931	An Act to Expand the State's Workforce by Supporting the Transition from Incarceration to Employment	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
CJPS	943	An Act to Enhance Privacy and Prohibit Shipping Companies from Maintaining Records of Firearm and Ammunition Shipments	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM/OTP		6/13/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
CJPS	963	An Act to Require Reporting and Training About Domestic Terrorism Threats	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/13/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
CJPS	968	An Act Regarding Restitution by Persons Convicted of Trafficking in Illegal Drugs	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
CJPS	981	An Act to Require All Emergency Medical Services Persons to Be Trained to Administer and Dispense Naloxone Hydrochloride	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		4/10/23	Enacted	PL	92		S1
CJPS	986	An Act to Ensure Safer Communities by Increasing the Punishment for Crimes Involving Fentanyl	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/14/23	Died Between Houses				S1
CJPS	994	An Act to Include Possession of Compounds, Mixtures or Substances Containing a Detectable Amount of Certain Scheduled Drugs to Prove the Offense of Unlawful Trafficking of Scheduled Drugs	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/9/23	Died Between Houses				S1

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CJPS	1011	An Act Requiring the Reporting of Stolen Firearms	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/15/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
CJPS	1014	An Act Regarding Payments to Recipients of Restitution	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/2/23	Enacted	PL	196		S1
CJPS	1036	An Act to Require All Uniformed Patrol Officers to Carry Naloxone Hydrochloride When on Duty	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		5/18/23	Enacted	PL	153		S1
CJPS	1039	An Act to Provide Restitution for Victims of Shoplifting for Time Spent Dealing with the Offense	Reported Out	ONTP		4/21/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
CJPS	1046	An Act to Decriminalize Public Drinking	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/30/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
CJPS	1052	An Act to Expand Good Samaritan Protections for Naloxone Hydrochloride Administration	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/16/23	Enacted	PL	154		S1
CJPS	1057	An Act to Promote Consumer Protections in the Residential Building Sector by Requiring Contractors and Subcontractors to Supply Evidence of Insurance	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
CJPS	1086	An Act to Define the Term "Solitary Confinement" for the Laws Governing a Jail or Correctional Facility	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP/O TP-AM	Carried on floor	6/13/23					S1
CJPS	1087	An Act to Remove Restrictions in the Provisions of Law Relating to No-knock Warrants	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/13/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
CJPS	1103	An Act to Allow Persons Who Lawfully Use or Possess Cannabis to Own or Possess Firearms or Ammunition	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/15/23	Enacted	PL	381		S1

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CJPS	1119	An Act to Clarify the Criminal Statutes with Regard to Assaults on Emergency Medical Services Persons	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	455		S1
CJPS	1124	An Act Regarding Certification Credentials for the Office of Sheriff	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
CJPS	1133	An Act Regarding Emergency Management Funding for Municipal Shelters	Reported Out	ONTP		5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
CJPS	1189	An Act to Amend the Burden of Proof for Defendants Who Cannot Pay Criminal Restitution	Reported Out	ONTP		4/21/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
CJPS	1234	An Act to Provide Reimbursement for the Health Care Expenses of All Retired Law Enforcement, Corrections and Search and Rescue Dogs	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/12/23					S1
CJPS	1235	An Act to Provide Compensation to and to Limit Work Hours of Jail Employees	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
CJPS	1247	Resolve, to Study Training in Racial Issues, Racial Justice and Social Issues at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and Study Additional Requirements for Law Enforcement Officers and Candidates	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/24/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
CJPS	1280	An Act to Invest in Maine's Fire Service Training Facilities	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/1/23	Enacted	PL	459		S1

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CJPS	1290	An Act to End the Maine Information and Analysis Center Program	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
CJPS	1295	An Act Regarding Penalties for Maintaining Drug-involved Premises	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/8/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
CJPS	1301	An Act to Examine the Need for Intensive Case Managers and Improve Consistency Among County Jails Regarding Prisoner Attendance at Funerals, Furloughs, Visitation, Education and Discretionary Accounts	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/15/23					S1
CJPS	1311	An Act Regarding the Legal Use or Possession of Cannabis or Marijuana Under Conditions of Bail, Pretrial Release or Probation	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/2/23	Enacted	PL	299		S1
CJPS	1340	An Act to Prohibit the Sale or Possession of Rapid-fire Modification Devices	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/13/23	Died Between Houses				S1
CJPS	1353	An Act to Require the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board to Adopt the Canadian Standards Association Standard for Residential Mechanical Ventilation Systems as an Alternative Standard Under the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/6/23	Enacted	PL	292		S1
CJPS	1359	An Act to Provide an Opportunity for Resentencing for Individuals Who Were Sentenced for Crimes Committed as Juveniles	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
CJPS	1364	Resolve, to Study Methods of Preventing Opioid Overdose Deaths by Authorizing Harm Reduction Health Centers	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/14/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	120		S1
CJPS	1401	An Act to Protect Officials and Participants at Sporting Events	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/16/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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CJPS	1438	An Act to Require Standard Procedures to Protect Stalking Victims and Access to Certain Criminal Complaints	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/14/23	Enacted	PL	235		S1
CJPS	1451	An Act to Prohibit State and Local Enforcement of Federal Firearms Laws	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
CJPS	1484	Resolve, Regarding the Status of Federal Grant Applications or Money Secured for the Funding of a Sexual Assault Kit Tracking Pilot Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	70		S1
CJPS	1492	An Act to Increase the Transparency and Accountability of the Maine Information and Analysis Center	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/16/23					S1
CJPS	1509	An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of Maine's Drug Laws	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
CJPS	1514	An Act to Provide Safe, Short-term Housing to Individuals Recently Released from Correctional Facilities	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
CJPS	1515	An Act to Fund Delivery of Emergency Medical Services	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
CJPS	1519	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Operating Under the Influence	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/24/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
CJPS	1543	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Recommend Cost-effective, Safe, Administrable and Healthful Programs to Reduce Violence in Prisons and Jails	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/13/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
CJPS	1545	An Act to Reduce Drug Overdoses and Death by Expanding the Crime of Aggravated Trafficking of Scheduled Drugs by Including Compounds, Mixtures or Substances	Reported Out	ONTP		5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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CJPS	1560	An Act to Remove the Duty of an Individual Exercising Self-defense to Safely Retreat or Abstain from Performing Certain Acts upon Demand	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/31/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
CJPS	1561	An Act to Restore Firearm Rights and Hunting Privileges to Persons Previously Convicted of Certain Nonviolent Felony Crimes	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
CJPS	1583	An Act to Provide a Pathway to Sobriety for Formerly or Currently Incarcerated Individuals	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Accepted Report A (ONTP)				S1
CJPS	1625	An Act to Update Criminal Indictment Procedures and Expand the Provision of Counsel to Certain Indigent Defendants	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/8/23	Enacted	PL	485		S1
CJPS	1626	An Act to Standardize Requirements Between Boards of Visitors for County Jails and Department of Corrections Correctional Facilities	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/16/23	Enacted	PL	383		S1
CJPS	1632	An Act to Require Proper Storage of Forensic Exam Evidence	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Enacted	PL	236		S1
CJPS	1633	An Act to Establish a Community-based Reentry Program in All Department of Corrections Facilities	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
CJPS	1657	An Act to Define "Consent" and Amend the Law Governing Certain Sexual Offenses	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/9/23	Enacted	PL	280		S1
CJPS	1701	Resolve, to Reestablish and Continue the Work of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/24/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	99		S1
CJPS	1715	An Act to Replace Certain Stigmatizing Language in the Maine Revised Statutes, Titles 22, 25 and 34-A with Respectful Language	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/8/23	Died Between Houses				S1
CJPS	1742	An Act to Enhance the Use of Critical Incident Stress Management Teams and to Require Peer Team Support	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
CJPS	1779	An Act to Develop a Continuum of Care for Youth Involved in the Justice System and to Develop Alternatives for Juveniles Incarcerated in Long Creek Youth Development Center	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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CJPS	1789	An Act to Remove All Marijuana-related Provisions from the Maine Criminal Code and Expunge All Convictions Involving Marijuana	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
CJPS	1796	An Act to Protect Maine's Transit Employees	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	476		S1
CJPS	1802	An Act to Include Certain Volunteer Firefighters in the Tax Credit for Employers of Individuals Who Are Volunteer Firefighters or Volunteer Municipal Emergency Medical Services Persons	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	478		S1
CJPS	1859	An Act to Reimburse Training Costs for Emergency Medical and Public Safety Dispatchers	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/8/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
CJPS	1863	An Act to Facilitate the Provision of Medically Appropriate Levels of Care for Clients of Correctional Facilities	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/20/23					S1
CJPS	1875	Resolve, to Create a Pilot Program for Apprenticeships for Inmates	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/5/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
CJPS	1878	Resolve, to Create the Council to Transition Long Creek Youth Development Center	Reported Out	ONTP		5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
CJPS	1903	Resolve, to Create an Advisory Council to Oversee the Review and Revision of the Maine Criminal Code and Other Statutes Establishing Criminal Offenses	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
CJPS	1949	An Act to Establish an Affirmative Defense to the Crime of Criminal Trespass and Aggravated Criminal Trespass That the Person Was Unhoused and Seeking Shelter	Reported Out	LTW		5/23/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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CJPS	1978	An Act to Enact the Reentry Success and Earned Time Act	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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LD 4 An Act to Update Provisions of the Department of Corrections Laws Regarding Operation and Administration of Jails, Women's Services and Juvenile Detention

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 135 amends laws involving the Department of Corrections and the payment of restitution in the following ways.

1. It repeals provisions of law relating to the county and municipal detention facility advisory committee and transfers the function of advising the Commissioner of Corrections with respect to jail standards to the County Corrections Professional Standards Council.
2. It provides that lottery winnings are offset against victim restitution owed pursuant to the requirements in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, chapter 69.
3. It allows the Commissioner of Corrections to appoint a director of women's services to act as the chief administrative officer of any adult correctional facility female housing unit.
4. It changes the title given to the chief administrative officer of the Mountain View Correctional Facility and the chief administrative officer of the Downeast Correctional Facility from "Superintendent" to "Warden," which is the name of the chief administrative officers of the other adult correctional facilities with medium or higher security housing units.
5. It repeals provisions of law that refer to the Mountain View Correctional Facility as a juvenile facility.
6. It repeals provisions of law concerning the accreditation of correctional and detention facilities, instead requiring the Department of Corrections to operate correctional and detention facilities according to best practices and to have those facilities reviewed by a nationally recognized accrediting body.

LD 22 An Act to Impede the Transfer of Firearms to Prohibited Persons

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 305 establishes a new crime of prohibited sale or transfer of a firearm to a prohibited person. This law makes it a Class D crime to knowingly or intentionally sell or transfer a firearm, other than an "antique firearm," to a person who is prohibited from owning, possessing or having under their control a firearm pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 15, section 393.

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LD 39 An Act to Amend the Maine Juvenile Code

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 136 makes the following changes to the Maine Juvenile Code.

1. It changes the definition of juvenile in the Maine Juvenile Code to mean “a person who had not attained 18 years of age at the time the person allegedly committed a juvenile crime.”
2. It requires a juvenile court to provide notice of a detention hearing to the juvenile’s parent or parents, guardian or legal custodian if the juvenile is not emancipated, and allows the court to conduct a detention hearing in the absence of the juvenile’s parent or parents, guardian or legal custodian if the court is unable to provide them notice or if they fail to appear after receiving notice.
3. It changes provisions of law concerning how to calculate the period of time when a juvenile is ordered to serve a 30-day or less period of confinement in a juvenile facility, counting the day the juvenile is received into the facility as the first full day of the period of confinement, regardless of when the juvenile arrived at the facility, and allowing a juvenile to be released at any time on the last day of the period of confinement.
4. It corrects a cross reference with respect to juvenile probation conditions.
5. It adds cross-references with respect to the payment and collection of juvenile restitution.
6. It requires a juvenile court to provide a copy of the report of the State Forensic Service examiner to the Department of Health and Human Services if the department will be involved with the juvenile following a competency hearing.
7. It requires that a juvenile who is a runaway, absconder, escapee or accused offender from another state be referred by a law enforcement officer to a juvenile community corrections officer for processing according to the provisions of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles.

LD 42 An Act Regarding Training for Corrections Officers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 341 provides the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy with the power and duty to approve a separate basic training course and certification standards for juvenile corrections officers, and requires a corrections officer who is certified and an employee of a county or regional jail or state adult correctional facility on the date the board adopts a separate basic training course and certifications standards for juvenile corrections officers to be certified as an adult corrections officer.

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Provisions of the original bill that pertained to the Commissioner of Corrections' role in death benefit determinations were removed from by committee amendment and incorporated into the final enacted version of LD 439. See Criminal Justice and Public Safety, LD 439.

LD 47 An Act to Amend the Law Governing Licensing Actions of the Emergency Medical Services' Board

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 111 removes an outdated reference to the revocation of a license in the laws governing the licensing actions of the Emergency Medical Services' Board.

Public Law 2023, chapter 111 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 1, 2023.

LD 95 An Act Concerning the Membership of the State Emergency Response Commission and Fees for Registering Facilities Required to Report to That Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 62 authorizes a designee of the Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to serve as chair of the State Emergency Response Commission. It also increases the maximum fee for registering a facility that is required by federal law to report to the commission from \$50 to \$100.

LD 96 An Act to Ensure Release of Relevant Background Investigation Material to Current Employers of Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 84 makes the following changes to laws concerning when a law enforcement officer or corrections officer applies for new employment.

1. It requires when a law enforcement officer or corrections officer who is employed by a law enforcement agency, correctional facility or county or regional jail, or who was employed within 90 days prior to making an application for employment, applies for a new position with a law enforcement agency, correctional facility or county or regional jail, the applicant is required to sign a release waiving the applicant's rights to privacy in the exchange of information resulting from a background investigation or polygraph examination conducted for the purposes of an employment application.
2. It adds the results of a background investigation, in addition to those of a polygraph examination, to the requirement that when an examination performed on a law enforcement

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officer or corrections officer applying for new employment indicates probable cause to believe the applicant is or has been involved in criminal activity, those results must be released to the head of the law enforcement agency, correctional facility or county or regional jail that employs the applicant.

3. It provides immunity from civil or criminal liability to the head of law enforcement agency, correctional facility or county or regional jail that conducted a background investigation or polygraph examination, or for whom the investigation or examination was conducted, for sharing the information gathered from the investigation or examination with the head of the law enforcement agency, correctional facility or county or regional jail that employs the applicant.

LD 115 An Act to Protect Minors from Exploitation by Adults for Violation of Privacy

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 227 adds an additional instance of the crime of violation of privacy when the offender violates one of the existing instances of the crime of violation of privacy and the person subject to the violation has not in fact attained 16 years of age. It also requires a person convicted of violation of privacy to register as a Tier 1 sex offender when the violation is done for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of that person or another person and the person subject to the violation has not in fact attained 16 years of age.

LD 155 An Act Regarding Community-based Services for Youth Involved in the Juvenile Justice System

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 425 does the following.

1. It establishes a working group in the Children's Cabinet consisting of the Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Human Services to promote coordination in the provision of services to juveniles involved in the juvenile justice system and to examine other states in regard to best practices and organizational structures for juvenile justice services.
2. It requires the Department of Corrections to develop and publish data regarding the number of juveniles involved in the juvenile justice system.
3. It requires the Department of Corrections to submit an annual report in person to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters regarding the diversion of youths out of the juvenile justice system and expanding access to community-based therapeutic services for juveniles.

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4. It requires the Department of Corrections to submit an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters on the status of the identification and development of 2 small, secure, therapeutic residences for youths for the purpose of providing detention and confinement.

LD 207 Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Public Safety to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Examine the Responsibilities, Fees and Duties of the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 29 directs the Commissioner of Public Safety to convene a stakeholder group to examine the responsibilities, fees and duties of the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board. The commissioner is required to invite the participation of several commissioners of relevant departments and agencies or their designees, as well as representatives from several trade associations and others. On or before February 15, 2024, the commissioner must submit a report that includes the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, which is authorized to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature on the subject matter of the report.

LD 229 An Act to Compensate Tribal Governments for Basic Training for a Law Enforcement Officer Hired by Another Government Agency

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 242 adds tribal governments and full-time law enforcement officers trained at the Indian police academy at the federal law enforcement training center to the formula and reimbursement rates that provide that whenever a full time law enforcement officer trained at a police academy at the expense of a particular government entity, which is defined to include tribal governments, is subsequently hired by another governmental entity as a full-time law enforcement officer within 5 years after graduation from the police academy, the hiring governmental entity must reimburse the paying governmental entity.

LD 244 Resolve, Directing Maine Emergency Medical Services to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Explore Emergency Medical Services Career Pathways and Educational Opportunities in the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 15 directs the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services to convene a stakeholder group to explore career pathways and educational opportunities for emergency medical services providers in the State. Maine Emergency Medical Services must

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submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by January 15, 2024 that outlines the activities of the stakeholder group and includes any recommendations or proposed legislation. The committee may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 405 An Act Regarding False Public Alarms or Reports and Aggravated False Public Alarms or Reports

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 430 establishes the new Class C crime of aggravated false public alarm or report, which occurs when the elements of the existing crime of false public alarm or report are met and the violation causes the evacuation, shutdown or lockdown of a building, school, public square or park, place of assembly or public transportation facility. It also amends the crime of false public alarm or report by adding emergency communications centers, enhanced 9-1-1 services or any other emergency services personnel to the list of organizations and persons to which providing false information may constitute that crime.

LD 428 An Act to Reclassify Certain Offenses Under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 431 makes the following changes to penalties for violating inland fisheries and wildlife laws.

1. It limits the potential penalty for committing the following Class E crimes to only a fine.
 - A. Hunting without a license.
 - B. Most instances of unlawful use or possession of implement or aids.
 - C. Hunting, trapping, molesting or harassing a bear or releasing a dog or dogs for the purpose of hunting bears or training dogs to hunt bear.
 - D. Certain violations made by the holder of a live bait retailer's license.
 - E. Certain violations made by the holder of a baitfish wholesaler's license.
 - F. Certain violations made by the holder of a smelt wholesale dealer's license.
2. It changes the following violations from Class E crimes to civil violations.
 - G. A resident or nonresident under 16 years of age hunting without a junior hunting license.

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- H. Engaging in the practice of falconry without a permit.
- I. Hunting migratory game birds with a shotgun capable of holding more than 3 shells.
- J. Allowing duck decoys to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay in unpermitted times.
- K. Leaving or allowing to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay an artificial cover or “stationary blind” during unpermitted hours.
- L. Failing to follow certain requirements when placing bait to entice, hunt or trap black bears.
- M. Using more than 6 dogs at any one time to hunt bear.
- N. Engaging in the training of dogs on wild birds and wild animals in an unlawful manner.
- O. Holding field trials for beagles and other rabbit hounds during unpermitted times of the year.
- P. Holding field trials for sporting dogs without a license.
- Q. Charging others for the opportunity to hunt mallard ducks, pheasants, quail, Chukar partridge and Hungarian partridge in an area or establishing a commercial shooting area for such purpose without a license.
- R. Charging the opportunity for others to fish in a private pond without a valid private fee pond license.
- S. Failure of the holder of a bait retailer’s license to present a receipted invoice, bill of lading, bill of sale or other satisfactory evidence of the lawful possession of live baitfish or smelts for retail sale upon request.

LD 429 An Act to Reclassify Certain Offenses Under the Motor Vehicle Laws and Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Effective January 1, 2024, Public Law 2023, chapter 362 updates provisions of the State’s motor vehicle laws as follows.

1. It updates the provision regarding failing or refusing to return every license, registration certificate and registration plate after notice of a license suspension by changing this violation from a Class E crime to a traffic infraction.
2. It updates the provision making it unlawful to remove a vehicle that has been towed, left at a business after being repaired, left on a residential property for more than six months or left at

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a storage facility with unpaid fees or any part or accessory of a vehicle without the written consent of the person in charge or the owner of the premises or property where the vehicle is located by changing this violation from a Class E crime to a traffic infraction.

3. It adds unregistered vehicles and vehicles having improper plates to the list of permissible reasons a vehicle may be removed when illegally parked or when used in the commission of a crime.

LD 439 An Act to Allow Death by Suicide to Be Considered a Death While in the Line of Duty

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 433 requires the applicable authority, when determining whether a law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical services person, Department of Corrections law enforcement officer or corrections officer has died while in the line of duty, to evaluate whether an individual who died by suicide has died as a result of events or actions experienced by the individual while in the line of duty. It also gives the Commissioner of Corrections rather than the Chief of the State Police the authority to make that determination for Department of Corrections law enforcement officers.

Public Law 2023, chapter 433 incorporates several provisions that were originally contained in LD 42 but were added to LD 439 by committee amendment due to their relevance and application to other provisions in that bill. See also Criminal Justice and Public Safety, LD 42.

LD 516 An Act to Reduce Cancer Among Firefighters by Providing Grants for Safety Equipment

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 437 establishes the Firefighter Safety Equipment Fund to allow fire departments to purchase and install diesel vehicle exhaust systems and heavy-duty extractor washing machines, and allows fire departments to apply to the Fire Protection Services Commission for grants from this fund. It also directs the Fire Protection Services Commission to establish criteria award grants to fire departments from the fund and to adopt rules to implement this law and it provides a one-time \$250,000 appropriation to support grants from the fund.

LD 526 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program

Public Law 2023, chapter 438 amends the definition of “emergency medical services entity” in the Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program laws to include all

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ambulance services, nontransporting emergency medical services, and emergency medical services training centers licensed under the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982.

Public Law 2023, chapter 438 should be considered in conjunction with the relevant portions of the biennial budget for fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25, codified at Public Law 2023, chapter 412, part A, section A-38. LD 526, as amended by Committee Amendment “A,” included a \$31,000,000 appropriation to fund an Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program, which the amendment also established. The substance of that amendment was incorporated into the biennial budget, Public Law 2023, chapter 412. The final enacted version of LD 526 includes a change to a definition to clarify those provisions enacted in the biennial budget. See also Appropriations and Financial Affairs, LD 258.

LD 588 An Act to Promote Public Safety and Retain Essential First Responders by Funding the Maine Length of Service Award Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 439 provides one-time funding in the amount of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 for the Maine Length of Service Award Program, which provides length of service awards to eligible volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel.

LD 692 An Act Regarding Eligibility of County Jail Inmates for a Community Confinement Monitoring Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 250 sets limitations on when a sheriff may assign an inmate in a county jail who is serving a sentence for a crime against a family or household member to participate in the community confinement monitoring program. It requires the jail administrator to determine that the inmate is not reasonably likely to pose a risk to the safety of others in the community. In making the determination, the jail administrator is required to, among other things, review and consider the results of an evidence-based risk assessment and the inmate’s criminal history record. The law also requires, when an inmate is assigned to a community confinement monitoring program, that the county jail to make a good faith attempt to notify the victim of the underlying crime at least 10 days prior to the inmates release on the program, and to do so by mail and by phone or in person.

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LD 756 An Act Limit Changes to the Resource Coordination Agreement Between the Bureau of State Police and the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department and Require Annual Reporting Regarding Resource Coordination Agreements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 443 prohibits any changes before December 1, 2024 to a resource coordination agreement between the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police and the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office that was in effect on May 1, 2023 unless mutually agreed upon by the parties. Any agreed upon change must be in writing and must be provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs as soon as practicable after it has been mutually agreed upon.

The law also requires the Bureau of State Police to report annually to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters, transportation matters and appropriations and financial affairs regarding resource coordination agreements between the bureau and county sheriff's departments, including where those agreements are in place, a summary of the agreements and any changes to those agreements in the prior calendar year.

LD 847 Resolve, to Study Implementation of a Program to Provide Trauma-informed Training for Law Enforcement Officers at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 37 directs the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to conduct a study and develop recommendations based on findings from the study regarding the implementation at the academy of a program to provide trauma-informed training for law enforcement officers. The board must submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by February 15, 2024 containing the findings and recommendations of the study, including proposed legislation. The committee may report out legislation relating to the report.

LD 864 An Act to Clarify Provisions of the Maine Good Samaritan Law

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 178 amends the laws governing immunity from arrest, prosecution and revocation and termination proceedings when assistance has been requested for a suspected drug-related overdose to make a change to a cross-reference regarding which crimes qualify for that immunity.

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LD 919 An Act Regarding Licensure in the Field of Emergency Medical Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 166 amends the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982 to provide that the Emergency Medical Services' Board may by rule establish appropriate licensure levels and qualifications for emergency medical services persons, emergency medical dispatchers, emergency medical services educators, emergency medical dispatch centers, emergency medical services training centers, ambulance services and nontransporting emergency medical services.

LD 981 An Act to Require All Emergency Medical Services Persons to Be Trained to Administer and Dispense Naloxone Hydrochloride

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Effective July 1, 2024, Public Law 2023, chapter 92 requires an emergency medical services person to administer and dispense naloxone hydrochloride in compliance with protocols and training.

LD 1014 An Act Regarding Payments to Recipients of Restitution

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 196 amends provisions of law regarding the payment of restitution to victims of crimes in the following ways.

1. It provides that upon a final order of disposition of property in a criminal forfeiture proceeding, prior to the deposit of proceeds from that disposition and any cash seized or forfeited, any outstanding restitution must be removed and must be sent to the office of the attorney for the State who prosecuted the case.
2. It requires that after release or discharge from institutional confinement or at the expiration of a period of probation, an offender who is required to pay restitution must make any outstanding restitution payments to the office of the attorney for the State who prosecuted the case.
3. It requires the Department of Corrections provide an offender, prior to the offender's unconditional release and discharge from institutional confinement or completion of a period of probation, written notice that any outstanding restitution must be paid to the office of the attorney for the State that prosecuted the case.
4. It requires the Department of Corrections to notify the office of the attorney for the State who prosecuted the case of the amount of restitution outstanding at least 30 days prior to an

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offender's unconditional release and discharge from institutional confinement or completion of a period of probation.

5. It requires that if an offender who is required to make restitution payments to the office of the attorney for the State who prosecuted the case instead makes payment to the Department of Corrections or the department otherwise receives money that is owed as restitution by an offender who is no longer in the custody or under the supervision of the department, the department must forward the money to the victim and must inform the office of the attorney for the State who prosecuted the case of that action.
6. It clarifies language, changing references to "monetary compensation" to "restitution".

LD 1036 An Act to Require All Uniformed Patrol Officers to Carry Naloxone Hydrochloride When on Duty

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 153, requires that all law enforcement officers who perform duties as uniformed patrol officers carry naloxone hydrochloride while on duty, obtain medical training in accordance with protocols adopted by the Medical Direction and Practices Board and administer or dispense intranasal naloxone hydrochloride as clinically indicated.

LD 1052 An Act to Expand Good Samaritan Protections for Naloxone Hydrochloride Administration

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 154 amends provisions of law that provide immunity from civil penalty, criminal penalty or professional disciplinary action for providing or administering naloxone hydrochloride to an individual by extending this immunity to apply to all persons and entities.

LD 1103 An Act to Allow Persons Who Lawfully Use or Possess Cannabis to Own or Possess Firearms or Ammunition

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 381 removes the use, possession or transport of cannabis pursuant to the Cannabis Legalization Act or the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act from serving as a basis by which a person can be prohibited from owning, possessing or having under the person's control a firearm under Maine law.

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LD 1119 An Act to Clarify the Criminal Statutes with Regard to Assaults on Emergency Medical Services Persons

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 455 amends the crime of assault on an emergency medical care provider by specifying that it is a Class C crime if a person causes bodily injury to a person licensed pursuant to the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982 regardless of the location where the emergency medical care is being provided and by changing the name of the crime to reflect this amendment.

The law also creates the new crime of assault in an emergency room, which a person commits if that person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes bodily injury to a person employed or contracted by a licensed hospital and the injury occurs in the hospital's designated emergency room.

LD 1280 An Act to Invest in Maine's Fire Service Training Facilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 459 provides one-time funding of \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 to the Fire Protection Services Commission for fire service training facilities.

LD 1311 An Act Regarding the Legal Use or Possession of Cannabis or Marijuana Under Conditions of Bail, Pretrial Release or Probation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 299 amends laws regarding conditions placed on persons as part of preconviction bail or conditional release by making the excessive use of cannabis or marijuana consistent with existing provisions governing alcohol.

LD 1353 An Act to Require the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board to Adopt the Canadian Standards Association Standard for Residential Mechanical Ventilation Systems as an Alternative Standard Under the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 292 requires the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal, Technical Building Codes and Standards Board to adopt the standard for indoor ventilation set forth in the Canadian Standards Association Standard for Residential Mechanical Ventilation Systems, CAN/CSA-F326-M91, as an alternative path to comply with the ASHRAE

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Standard 62.2 Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Low-Rise Residential Buildings under the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.

LD 1364 Resolve, to Study Methods of Preventing Opioid Overdose Deaths by Authorizing Harm Reduction Health Centers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 120 directs the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to convene a working group to evaluate options for, identify barriers to and develop findings and recommendations regarding the prevention of opioid overdose deaths by authorizing harm reduction health centers in the State. On or before February 15, 2025, the office is required to submit a report that includes the findings and recommendations of the working group, as well as any proposed legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters. The committee may report out legislation to the 132nd Legislature in 2025 after reviewing the report.

LD 1438 An Act to Require Standard Procedures to Protect Stalking Victims and Access to Certain Criminal Complaints

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 235 does the following.

1. It entitles a person who files a complaint with a Maine criminal justice agency under the Freedom of Access Act to receive one copy of a complaint made by that person, and to do so without being charged a fee.
2. It prohibits a Maine criminal justice agency from charging a fee to provide a copy of intelligence and investigative record information to a crime victim or a victim's agency or attorney.
3. It requires all law enforcement agencies to adopt a written policy establishing a process to ensure that, when a person files multiple, separate complaints regarding the behavior of another person that may indicate a course of conduct constitution stalking, those complaints are reviewed together to determine if the other person has engaged in stalking.

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LD 1484 Resolve, Regarding the Status of Federal Grant Applications or Money Secured for the Funding of a Sexual Assault Kit Tracking Pilot Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 70 directs the Department of Public Safety to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by February 1, 2024 on the status of any federal grant applications or money secured by the department for the purpose of funding a sexual assault kit tracking pilot program, and authorizes the committee to report out a related bill during the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 1625 An Act to Update Criminal Indictment Procedures and Expand the Provision of Counsel to Certain Indigent Defendants

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 485 makes the following changes to provisions of law concerning criminal procedure.

1. It requires the court clerk to, without charge, furnish to any person indicted for a crime a copy of the indictment if it is not sealed.
2. It requires the assignment of competent counsel before arraignment for indigent defendants charged with murder or a Class A, B or C crime, unless waived by the defendant.
3. It requires the assignment of competent defense counsel, unless waived, if the court determines that the accused is indigent and that there is a risk upon conviction that the accused: may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment upon conviction; has a physical, mental or emotional disability preventing the accused from fairly participating in the criminal proceeding without counsel; or is a noncitizen for whom the criminal proceeding poses a risk of adverse immigration consequences.

LD 1626 An Act to Standardize Requirements Between Boards of Visitors for County Jails and Department of Corrections Correctional Facilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 383 standardizes and provides greater consistency in the requirements and duties of the boards of visitors of county jails and those of Department of Corrections correctional facilities and adds additional requirements for both jails and correctional facilities as follows.

1. It increases county jail board of visitors members' terms from 1 to 3 years.

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2. It requires at least one board of visitors member for both county jails and correctional facilities to have experience in mental or behavioral health.
3. It requires that at least one member of each board of visitors of a correctional facility have been previously incarcerated in a correctional facility.
4. It prohibits an employee of a sheriff's office from serving on a board of visitors.
5. It provides additional duties for the boards of visitors of county jails regarding inspection of the jail, making recommendations for services for inmates with mental health challenges, reviewing management of the jail and its philosophy and mission and reporting requirements to the Legislature.
6. It establishes additional orientation and training requirements for county jails and correctional facilities.

LD 1632 An Act to Require Proper Storage of Forensic Exam Evidence

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 236 directs law enforcement agencies to collect and transport anonymously collected forensic evidence from strangulation exams. It also increases the required amount of time law enforcement agencies must store sexual assault forensic examination kits from 8 years to 20 years. It also requires law enforcement agencies store forensic examination kits for strangulations for 6 years.

LD 1657 An Act to Define “Consent” and Amend the Law Governing Certain Sexual Offenses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 280 amends the Maine Criminal Code's provisions concerning sexual assault crimes in the following ways.

1. It defines the term “consent” in the Maine Criminal Code's provisions concerning sexual assault crimes to mean “a word or action by a person that indicates a freely given agreement”.
2. It changes the language “expressly or impliedly acquiesced” and “acquiesced” as used as an element in the crimes of gross sexual assault, unlawful sexual contact and unlawful sexual touching to “consented”.

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LD 1701 Resolve, to Reestablish and Continue the Work of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 99 reestablishes the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State for the purpose of examining and making recommendations on the structure, support and delivery of emergency medical services in the State.

Resolve 2023, chapter 99 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 19, 2023.

LD 1796 An Act to Protect Maine’s Transit Employees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 476 requires that transit districts post signs in conspicuous places in all transit district facilities accessible to the public informing the public of the penalties for assaulting transit employees. It also requires employees of transit districts to receive de-escalation training upon commencement of employment and once annually thereafter.

LD 1802 An Act to Include Certain Volunteer Firefighters in the Tax Credit for Employers of Individuals Who Are Volunteer Firefighters or Volunteer Municipal Emergency Medical Services Persons

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 478 extends a tax credit for employers who employ an individual who is a volunteer firefighter to include “volunteer municipal firefighters,” who are defined as part-time or on-call municipal firefighters who receive up to 20% of the compensation of a full-time municipal firefighter and who may receive injury or death benefits.

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ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this Digest; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 582 An Act to Enhance Certain Penalties for Possession of Firearms by Prohibited Persons

This bill was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of this bill will be determined during the next legislative session.

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LD 1369	An Act to Amend the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula to Include All Costs for the Transportation of Students	ONTP
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LD 1402	An Act to Provide an Additional Allocation in the School Funding Formula to Cover Tax-exempt Property or a Large Economically Disadvantaged Student Population	CARRIED OVER
LD 1532	An Act to Require the Timely Reimbursement by the State of Costs Incurred by a School Administrative Unit for Special Education Programs	ONTP
LD 1942	An Act to Ensure Equity in Career and Technical Education Staffing Support Ratios Across Varied Regions of the State	CARRIED OVER

Extracurricular Programs and Activities

Enacted	LD 1315	An Act to Require Public Schools to Offer Training for Secondary Students on the Administration of Naloxone Hydrochloride	PUBLIC 460
Not Enacted	LD 871	An Act to Provide Support for the Maine Discovery Museum's Informal Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education Programs Throughout the State	CARRIED OVER

Health, Nutrition and Safety

Enacted	LD 867	An Act Regarding Undesignated Ready-to-use Glucagon Rescue Therapies in Schools	PUBLIC 253
	LD 921	An Act to Allow the Local Foods Fund for Public Schools to Be Used for Processed and Value-added Maine Food Products	PUBLIC 101
	LD 947	An Act to Support the Distribution of Free Summer Lunches for Children	PUBLIC 181
	LD 1183	An Act to Establish the School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund	PUBLIC 457
	LD 1315	An Act to Require Public Schools to Offer Training for Secondary Students on the Administration of Naloxone Hydrochloride	PUBLIC 460
Not Enacted	LD 156	An Act to Require Outdoor Recess Time for Students from Grade 6 to Grade 8	ONTP
	LD 253	An Act to Add Health and Physical Education Requirements to High School Diploma Standards	ONTP
	LD 348	An Act to Make Menstrual Products Available in Certain Schools	CARRIED OVER
	LD 829	An Act to Improve Behavioral Health Support for Students in Public Schools	CARRIED OVER

LD 1042	An Act to Update Youth Sports Concussion and Injury Prevention Protocols	ONTP
LD 1128	An Act to Address Student Hunger and Nutrition Through Expanded Access to Free Milk in Schools	CARRIED OVER
LD 1263	An Act to Require Certain School Identification Cards to Include the Telephone Number of a Suicide and Crisis Hotline	CARRIED OVER
LD 2002	An Act to Provide Incentives to Schools That Contract for Certain Social Work and Family Therapy Services	CARRIED OVER

Immunization

**Not
Enacted**

LD 51	An Act to Restore Religious and Philosophical Exemptions to Immunization Requirements	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 869	An Act to Protect Education Access by Prohibiting a Mandate for Schoolchildren for a COVID-19 Vaccine or a Vaccine Under an Emergency Use Authorization	Report A (ONTP)
LD 1098	An Act to Restore Religious and Philosophical Exemptions Regarding Immunization Requirements	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1148	An Act to Prohibit COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates for Students Enrolled in Public Institutions of Learning	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1209	An Act to Reinstate the Religious and Philosophical Vaccine Exemptions for Private Schools and Virtual Public Charter Schools	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1228	An Act to Prohibit Certain Higher Education Institutions from Requiring Vaccines Approved Under Emergency Use Authorization for Admission or Attendance	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1741	An Act to Promote Educational Opportunity Through the Educational Choice Tax Credit Program, Eliminating Certain Restrictions on Charter Schools and Virtual Public Charter Schools, Allowing More Entities to Authorize Charter Schools and Clarifying Educational Policy on Immunization Requirements	Majority (ONTP) Report

Magnet Schools

Enacted

LD 1458	An Act to Increase Funding for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics	PUBLIC 464
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**Not
Enacted**

LD 213	An Act to Maintain the Authority of the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering	ONTP
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Postsecondary Education - General

Enacted	LD 129	Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Public Allopathic Medical School in Penobscot County	RESOLVE 114
	LD 830	Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System to Study Providing On-campus Housing on All Campuses	RESOLVE 17
	LD 881	Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Barriers to Use of Cross-laminated Timber	RESOLVE 27
	LD 1026	Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Dental Therapy Degree Program at the University of Maine at Augusta	RESOLVE 56
	LD 1264	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education	RESOLVE 102
Not Enacted	LD 19	An Act to Authorize the National Institute of Funeral Service to Grant Associate Degrees	CARRIED OVER
	LD 174	An Act to Return the Name of the Maine Community College System to the Maine Technical College System	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 271	An Act Requiring the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System to Offer a For-credit Course on Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting and Trapping	ONTP
	LD 309	An Act to Ensure Equitable Access to All Higher Education Institutions	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310

Postsecondary Education Finance and Student Aid

Enacted	LD 1988	An Act to Provide Critical Matching Funds for Child Care Services on the Northern Maine Community College Campus	PUBLIC 486
Not Enacted	LD 18	An Act to Provide Ongoing Funding for up to 2 Years of Community College for Certain Maine Students	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 64	An Act to Ensure In-state Tuition for Postsecondary Students Who Are Registered to Vote in the State	ONTP
	LD 173	An Act Regarding the Responsibility for Technology Instruction Marketing Costs by the Maine Community College System	ONTP

LD 447	An Act to Support Higher Education in Maine by Providing Funds to Maine's Community Colleges	CARRIED OVER
LD 512	An Act to Promote Student Enrollment and Degree Completion in the University of Maine System by Providing Tuition Waivers to Eligible Students	CARRIED OVER
LD 944	An Act to Allow Refugees, Asylees and Asylum Seekers to Qualify for In-state Tuition	ONTP
LD 1028	An Act to Expand the Higher Education Tuition Waiver for Persons Who Have Resided in Foster Care	CARRIED OVER
LD 1139	An Act to Improve Ferry Service Reliability by Providing Scholarships at the Maine Maritime Academy	CARRIED OVER

Postsecondary Education Governance and Coordination

Enacted	LD 1556	An Act to Provide a Private Support Organization for the Maine Maritime Academy	PUBLIC 278
	LD 1656	An Act to Allow Student Representation Within the Governance of the University of Maine System	P & S 14

Not Enacted	LD 897	An Act Regarding the University of Maine System Hiring Practices	ONTP
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Private Schools

Enacted	LD 100	An Act to Require Annual Financial Audits of Certain Private Schools Approved for Tuition Purposes	PUBLIC 112
	LD 1420	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Elementary and Secondary Education System by Clarifying Purposes and Procedures for Reviews of Schools	PUBLIC 397

Not Enacted	LD 808	An Act to Amend Laws Affecting Tuition at State-approved Schools	CARRIED OVER
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Public Charter Schools and School Choice

Enacted	LD 1089	An Act to Require Presentation of the Maine Charter School Commission's Annual Report	PUBLIC 183
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Not Enacted	LD 338	An Act to Allow Education Funding to Follow the Student	ONTP
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LD 809	An Act to Allow Regional School Units with School Choice to Opt Out of School Choice	ONTP
LD 1741	An Act to Promote Educational Opportunity Through the Educational Choice Tax Credit Program, Eliminating Certain Restrictions on Charter Schools and Virtual Public Charter Schools, Allowing More Entities to Authorize Charter Schools and Clarifying Educational Policy on Immunization Requirements	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1798	An Act to Support School Choice by Establishing Empowerment Scholarship Accounts	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1838	An Act to Create the Empowerment Scholarship Account Program	ONTP
LD 1841	An Act to Establish the Hope and Inclusion Scholarship Program	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1860	An Act to Create the Educational Opportunity Account Program	Majority (ONTP) Report

Safe Schools and Student Conduct

Enacted

LD 204	An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Schools by Implementing Interlocking Door Controller Technology	PUBLIC 452
LD 892	An Act to Improve School Safety and Preparedness Through Comprehensive Health and Safety and Emergency Management Planning	PUBLIC 254

Not Enacted

LD 52	An Act to Allow Certain School Employees to Carry Firearms on School Property	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 317	An Act Regarding Safe Schools	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 518	An Act to Allow Armed Security in Schools	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1326	An Act to Increase School Security Through Design and Protocol	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1557	An Act to Increase and Enhance School Safety by Allowing Individuals with Concealed Carry Permits to Possess Handguns on School Property	Majority (ONTP) Report

School Boards and School Budgets

Not Enacted	LD 515	An Act to Require School Board Approval of Superintendent Rules and Administrative Procedures	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1300	An Act to Give the Governing Board of a Municipality Input into the Budget Developed by a School Board	ONTP
	LD 1370	An Act to Simplify the School Budget Validation Process	ONTP
	LD 1567	An Act to Create a Training Program for School Board Members and Establish School Board Meeting Standards	ONTP
	LD 1571	An Act to Provide Meaningful Public Participation at Local School Board Meetings	ONTP
	LD 1697	An Act to Implement Background Checks for School Board Members	ONTP
	LD 1748	An Act to Reform the School Budget Referendum Process by Limiting the Circumstances in Which Referenda Occur	Died Between Houses

School Construction, Facilities and Transportation

Enacted	LD 232	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Bonding Restrictions for School Administrative Units	PUBLIC 210
	LD 1415	An Act to Expand Access to School Construction Funding	PUBLIC 462
	LD 1472	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to Amend Their Rules Regarding the Maine School Facilities Finance Program and the School Revolving Renovation Fund	RESOLVE 44
Not Enacted	LD 280	An Act to Make Maine Schools Safer and Healthier by Increasing the Maximum Debt Service Limit	CARRIED OVER
	LD 386	An Act to Assist Schools with Heating and Transportation Fuel Costs During the School Year	ONTP
	LD 570	Resolve, to Provide Information to Maine's School Administrators and Maine Communities About the Financial Advantages of Modern Wood Heating	ONTP

LD 612	An Act to Create a Green Schools Coordinator in the Department of Education	Died On Adjournment
LD 957	An Act Requiring Water Bottle Filling Stations in New and Renovated Public Schools	HELD BY GOVERNOR
LD 992	An Act to Create a Fund for the Abatement and Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls in School Construction Projects	ONTP
LD 1053	An Act to Allow School Activity Buses for Public Schools	Minority (ONTP) Report
LD 1113	An Act to Require Transparency Regarding School Construction Spending	ONTP
LD 1369	An Act to Amend the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula to Include All Costs for the Transportation of Students	ONTP
LD 1842	Resolve, to Support Energy Upgrades at Maine Public Schools and Ensure That New School Construction Meets Current Energy Efficiency Standards	ONTP

School Support Staff

Enacted

LD 343	An Act to Invest in an Educational Technician Training Program to Address Shortages in Public Schools	PUBLIC 453
LD 1366	An Act to Address Educational Technician Shortages in Public Schools by Establishing an Alternative Certification Pathway	PUBLIC 200
LD 1861	An Act to Reduce Chronic Student Absenteeism	PUBLIC 480

Not Enacted

LD 955	An Act to Address Shortages of School Support Staff by Increasing the Minimum Hourly Wage for Those Staff	ONTP
LD 974	An Act to Establish Minimum Pay for Educational Technicians and Other School Support Staff	CARRIED OVER
LD 1237	An Act to Establish a Minimum Hourly Wage for School Support Staff	ONTP
LD 1314	An Act to Establish a Minimum Salary for Educational Specialists, Educational Technicians and School Teaching Professionals	ONTP
LD 1769	An Act Concerning Students Who Experience Educational Disruption Due to Temporary or Permanent Changes Where They Live	CARRIED OVER

Special Education

Enacted	LD 79	An Act to Ensure a High-quality Education for Students with Disabilities by Clarifying the Definition of "State Agency Client" and Who Provides Special Education Programs and Services	PUBLIC 449
	LD 98	An Act to Update the Special Education Laws	PUBLIC 450
Not Enacted	LD 154	An Act Regarding Special Education Funding for So-called Minimum Receiver School Administration Units	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1532	An Act to Require the Timely Reimbursement by the State of Costs Incurred by a School Administrative Unit for Special Education Programs	ONTP

Student Privacy

Not Enacted	LD 1144	An Act to Ban Monitoring Software Targeting Maine Students	ONTP
	LD 1333	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Report on School Internet and Student Data Collection Best Practices	CARRIED OVER

Teacher Certification and Professional Development

Enacted	LD 485	Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Study Educator Credential Requirements	RESOLVE 54
	LD 753	An Act to Allow Retired Teachers and Educational Technicians to Be Recertified	PUBLIC 442
	LD 1608	An Act to Address Teacher Shortages Through Financial Assistance and Career Advancement Opportunities	PUBLIC 469
Not Enacted	LD 67	An Act to Increase the Number of Educational Professionals by Accepting Out-of-state Certification	ONTP
	LD 335	An Act to Improve Educator Certification Response Times	CARRIED OVER
	LD 617	An Act to Foster Career and Technical Education in Maine Schools by Creating an Additional Pathway to Certify Industrial Arts Teachers	ONTP
	LD 703	An Act to Clarify the Requirements Regarding Fingerprinting Law Enforcement Officers in Schools	Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 712	An Act to Extend or Waive Requirements for Certain Teaching Certificates	ONTP
LD 1020	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Update Course Requirements for Certification of Industrial Arts Teachers and to Finally Adopt Major Substantive Rules	ONTP
LD 1217	Resolve, to Create a Pilot Program for Alternative Teacher Certification	CARRIED OVER

Teachers and Administrators

Enacted	LD 1608	An Act to Address Teacher Shortages Through Financial Assistance and Career Advancement Opportunities	PUBLIC 469
Not Enacted	LD 1064	An Act to Increase the Minimum Teacher Salary	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1398	An Act to Increase Teacher Salaries	ONTP
	LD 1491	An Act to Establish a Teacher Shortage Coordinator	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1773	An Act to Increase the State's Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1892	An Act to Make Student Transfer Agreements Renew Automatically Except in Certain Circumstances	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1898	An Act to Ensure That a Teacher Who Participates in the Prevention of Dangerous Behavior Is Protected Under a Collective Bargaining Agreement	HELD BY GOVERNOR

Workforce Development and Career Options

Not Enacted	LD 142	An Act to Fund Climate-related Service Work	CARRIED OVER
	LD 143	An Act to Support Rural Service Programming and Promote Volunteerism	CARRIED OVER
	LD 310	An Act to Increase the Workforce in the State	ONTP

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EDU	15	An Act to Amend the Law Governing the State Grant Program Administered by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission	Reported Out	OTP		3/2/23	Enacted	PL	9		R1
EDU	18	An Act to Provide Ongoing Funding for up to 2 Years of Community College for Certain Maine Students	Reported Out	LTW		5/3/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			✓	S1
EDU	19	An Act to Authorize the National Institute of Funeral Service to Grant Associate Degrees	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EDU	33	An Act to Expand Access to Career and Technical Education Opportunities for Middle School Students	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	51	An Act to Restore Religious and Philosophical Exemptions to Immunization Requirements	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/1/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	52	An Act to Allow Certain School Employees to Carry Firearms on School Property	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	64	An Act to Ensure In-state Tuition for Postsecondary Students Who Are Registered to Vote in the State	Reported Out	ONTP		3/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
EDU	67	An Act to Increase the Number of Educational Professionals by Accepting Out-of-state Certification	Reported Out	ONTP		5/4/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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EDU	79	An Act to Ensure a High-quality Education for Students with Disabilities by Clarifying the Definition of "State Agency Client" and Who Provides Special Education Programs and Services	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/5/23	Enacted	PL	449		S1
EDU	98	An Act to Update the Special Education Laws	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/5/23	Enacted	PL	450		S1
EDU	100	An Act to Require Annual Financial Audits of Certain Private Schools Approved for Tuition Purposes	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/10/23	Enacted	PL	112		S1
EDU	123	An Act to Eliminate the Educational Purposes Exception to the Prohibition on the Dissemination of Obscene Matter to Minors	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	129	Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Public Allopathic Medical School in Penobscot County	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/5/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	114		S1
EDU	142	An Act to Fund Climate-related Service Work	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	4/19/23					S1
EDU	143	An Act to Support Rural Service Programming and Promote Volunteerism	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	3/10/23					S1
EDU	154	An Act Regarding Special Education Funding for So-called Minimum Receiver School Administration Units	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	5/17/23					S1
EDU	156	An Act to Require Outdoor Recess Time for Students from Grade 6 to Grade 8	Reported Out	ONTP		3/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	173	An Act Regarding the Responsibility for Technology Instruction Marketing Costs by the Maine Community College System	Reported Out	ONTP		3/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1

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EDU	174	An Act to Return the Name of the Maine Community College System to the Maine Technical College System	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		4/26/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	204	An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Schools by Implementing Interlocking Door Controller Technology	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/17/23	Enacted	PL	452		S1
EDU	213	An Act to Maintain the Authority of the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering	Reported Out	ONTP		3/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	222	An Act to Require Students to Demonstrate Knowledge of the Constitution of Maine and the United States Constitution	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		4/18/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	232	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Bonding Restrictions for School Administrative Units	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/6/23	Enacted	PL	210		S1
EDU	241	An Act to Reform Education	Reported Out	ONTP		5/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	253	An Act to Add Health and Physical Education Requirements to High School Diploma Standards	Reported Out	ONTP		3/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	254	An Act to Update the Sex Education and Consent Curriculum	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EDU	257	An Act to Provide for a Later Starting Time for High Schools	Reported Out	ONTP		3/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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EDU	271	An Act Requiring the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System to Offer a For-credit Course on Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting and Trapping	Reported Out	ONTP		4/7/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	273	An Act to Provide Funds to the Malaga 1912 Scholarship Fund	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/5/23					S1
EDU	280	An Act to Make Maine Schools Safer and Healthier by Increasing the Maximum Debt Service Limit	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/5/23					S1
EDU	293	An Act to Revise the School Funding Formula	Reported Out	ONTP		4/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	309	An Act to Ensure Equitable Access to All Higher Education Institutions	Reported Out	LTW		5/3/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	310	An Act to Increase the Workforce in the State	Reported Out	ONTP		5/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	317	An Act Regarding Safe Schools	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/8/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	320	An Act to Support the Maine Multicultural Center	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/2/23	Enacted	PL	428		S1
EDU	335	An Act to Improve Educator Certification Response Times	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	5/16/23					S1

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EDU	338	An Act to Allow Education Funding to Follow the Student	Reported Out	ONTP		5/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	343	An Act to Invest in an Educational Technician Training Program to Address Shortages in Public Schools	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/24/23	Enacted	PL	453		S1
EDU	345	An Act Regarding Educational Policies and Programs	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EDU	348	An Act to Make Menstrual Products Available in Certain Schools	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/12/23					S1
EDU	385	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Examine Alternative Metrics for Determining the Disadvantaged Student Factor in the School Funding Formula	Reported Out	ONTP		4/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	386	An Act to Assist Schools with Heating and Transportation Fuel Costs During the School Year	Reported Out	ONTP		3/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
EDU	393	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 33: Rules Governing Physical Restraint and Seclusion, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/7/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	49		S1
EDU	394	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 117: Rule Regarding the Duties of School Counselors and School Social Workers, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education	Reported Out	OTP/OTP- AM		5/9/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	31		S1
EDU	436	An Act to Provide Career and Technical Education Students with Credit Toward High School Graduation for Work Completed in Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	247		S1

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EDU	447	An Act to Support Higher Education in Maine by Providing Funds to Maine's Community Colleges	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	4/28/23					S1
EDU	477	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education, Maine School Safety Center to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Develop Best Practices for Lockdown Drills and Active Shooter Drills and Allowing Parents to Opt Out of Active Shooter Drills for Their Children	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		4/24/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	115		S1
EDU	485	Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Study Educator Credential Requirements	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/2/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	54		S1
EDU	489	An Act to Provide Equal Educational Opportunity by Adopting Rules Ensuring Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Protected Class Status in Educational Institutions	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		5/8/23	Enacted	PL	105		S1
EDU	512	An Act to Promote Student Enrollment and Degree Completion in the University of Maine System by Providing Tuition Waivers to Eligible Students	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/2/23					S1
EDU	515	An Act to Require School Board Approval of Superintendent Rules and Administrative Procedures	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/6/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	518	An Act to Allow Armed Security in Schools	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/8/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	570	Resolve, to Provide Information to Maine's School Administrators and Maine Communities About the Financial Advantages of Modern Wood Heating	Reported Out	ONTP		3/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
EDU	612	An Act to Create a Green Schools Coordinator in the Department of Education	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/17/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1

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EDU	617	An Act to Foster Career and Technical Education in Maine Schools by Creating an Additional Pathway to Certify Industrial Arts Teachers	Reported Out	ONTP		5/4/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	618	An Act to Eliminate Critical Race Theory, Social and Emotional Learning and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion from School Curricula	Reported Out	ONTP		5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	631	An Act to Change the Notification Law for School Truancy	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/1/23	Enacted	PL	99		S1
EDU	669	An Act to Create the Public Art Fund	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	5/26/23					S1
EDU	684	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Study the Educare Model	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		5/17/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	116		S1
EDU	703	An Act to Clarify the Requirements Regarding Fingerprinting Law Enforcement Officers in Schools	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		4/24/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	712	An Act to Extend or Waive Requirements for Certain Teaching Certificates	Reported Out	ONTP		5/4/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	725	An Act to Add an Adult Education Pathway to a High School Diploma	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	730	An Act to Provide Traffic Safety Education in Schools	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/2/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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EDU	753	An Act to Allow Retired Teachers and Educational Technicians to Be Recertified	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/31/23	Enacted	PL	442		S1
EDU	808	An Act to Amend Laws Affecting Tuition at State-approved Schools	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EDU	809	An Act to Allow Regional School Units with School Choice to Opt Out of School Choice	Reported Out	ONTP		5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	829	An Act to Improve Behavioral Health Support for Students in Public Schools	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/2/23					S1
EDU	830	Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System to Study Providing On-campus Housing on All Campuses	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		5/1/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	17		S1
EDU	837	An Act to Ensure College Credit Classes Taken in Secondary School Are Credited at the University Level	Reported Out	ONTP		4/7/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	867	An Act Regarding Undesignated Ready-to-use Glucagon Rescue Therapies in Schools	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	253		S1
EDU	869	An Act to Protect Education Access by Prohibiting a Mandate for Schoolchildren for a COVID-19 Vaccine or a Vaccine Under an Emergency Use Authorization	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP/ OTP-AM		5/1/23	Accepted Report A (ONTP)				S1
EDU	871	An Act to Provide Support for the Maine Discovery Museum's Informal Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education Programs Throughout the State	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/5/23					S1
EDU	873	An Act to Continue the Department of Education Diploma Program Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/26/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	171		S1
EDU	881	Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Barriers to Use of Cross-laminated Timber	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/19/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	27		S1

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EDU	889	An Act to Better Support the Educational Attainment of Low and Moderate-income Communities by Providing Additional Funding to Certain School Administrative Units	Reported Out	ONTP		4/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	892	An Act to Improve School Safety and Preparedness Through Comprehensive Health and Safety and Emergency Management Planning	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/2/23	Enacted	PL	254		S1
EDU	897	An Act Regarding the University of Maine System Hiring Practices	Reported Out	ONTP		5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	921	An Act to Allow the Local Foods Fund for Public Schools to Be Used for Processed and Value-added Maine Food Products	Reported Out	OTP		5/1/23	Enacted	PL	101		S1
EDU	944	An Act to Allow Refugees, Asylees and Asylum Seekers to Qualify for In-state Tuition	Reported Out	ONTP		4/7/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	947	An Act to Support the Distribution of Free Summer Lunches for Children	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/26/23	Enacted	PL	181		S1
EDU	948	An Act to Create a Liaison Position Between the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services on Early Childhood Education Matters	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM	Carried on floor	6/2/23					S1
EDU	951	An Act to Amend the State Education Funding Formula to Create Equity Between Municipalities by Adding Median Income to the Formula	Reported Out	ONTP		4/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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EDU	955	An Act to Address Shortages of School Support Staff by Increasing the Minimum Hourly Wage for Those Staff	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	957	An Act Requiring Water Bottle Filling Stations in New and Renovated Public Schools	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Held by Governor			✓	S1
EDU	974	An Act to Establish Minimum Pay for Educational Technicians and Other School Support Staff	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Carried on floor	6/21/23					S1
EDU	992	An Act to Create a Fund for the Abatement and Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls in School Construction Projects	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1002	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Study the School Day	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/13/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	124		S1
EDU	1008	An Act to Establish a Rating System for Books in School Libraries	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/8/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1018	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Establish a Working Group to Review the State Board of Education's Membership, Responsibilities, Functions and Staffing	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/2/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	125		S1
EDU	1020	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Update Course Requirements for Certification of Industrial Arts Teachers and to Finally Adopt Major Substantive Rules	Reported Out	ONTP		5/4/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1026	Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Dental Therapy Degree Program at the University of Maine at Augusta	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/31/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	56		S1

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EDU	1028	An Act to Expand the Higher Education Tuition Waiver for Persons Who Have Resided in Foster Care	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/31/23					S1
EDU	1033	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Develop and Distribute Guidance for Diploma Options at the Arthur R. Gould School	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/26/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	41		S1
EDU	1042	An Act to Update Youth Sports Concussion and Injury Prevention Protocols	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1053	An Act to Allow School Activity Buses for Public Schools	Reported Out	REF TO TRA/ONTP		6/8/23	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1064	An Act to Increase the Minimum Teacher Salary	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/5/23					S1
EDU	1084	An Act to Enhance Wildlife Conservation Efforts and Preserve Sporting Heritage by Making the Elements of a Hunter Safety Course a Part of Public School Curriculum	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/8/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1089	An Act to Require Presentation of the Maine Charter School Commission's Annual Report	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/31/23	Enacted	PL	183		S1
EDU	1098	An Act to Restore Religious and Philosophical Exemptions Regarding Immunization Requirements	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/1/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1113	An Act to Require Transparency Regarding School Construction Spending	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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EDU	1128	An Act to Address Student Hunger and Nutrition Through Expanded Access to Free Milk in Schools	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/8/23					S1
EDU	1129	An Act to Enact the Curriculum Transparency Act	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1139	An Act to Improve Ferry Service Reliability by Providing Scholarships at the Maine Maritime Academy	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/21/23					S1
EDU	1144	An Act to Ban Monitoring Software Targeting Maine Students	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1148	An Act to Prohibit COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates for Students Enrolled in Public Institutions of Learning	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/2/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1158	An Act to Recognize the Critical Nature of Workforce Development Through Career and Technical Education by Establishing an Adjustment for Career and Technical Education Centers in the School Funding Formula	Reported Out	ONTP		4/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1160	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Analyze Data on the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula and Allocation Methodology	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/6/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	118		S1
EDU	1164	An Act to Continue the Department of Education Diploma Program Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1183	An Act to Establish the School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/31/23	Enacted	PL	457		S1

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EDU	1196	An Act to Require Public Schools to Allow Parents and Guardians to Opt Out Their Children with Respect to Portions of the Curriculum	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/5/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1199	An Act to Provide Transparency in Public School Curricula	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/2/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1209	An Act to Reinstate the Religious and Philosophical Vaccine Exemptions for Private Schools and Virtual Public Charter Schools	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/1/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1217	Resolve, to Create a Pilot Program for Alternative Teacher Certification	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EDU	1228	An Act to Prohibit Certain Higher Education Institutions from Requiring Vaccines Approved Under Emergency Use Authorization for Admission or Attendance	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/1/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1237	An Act to Establish a Minimum Hourly Wage for School Support Staff	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1263	An Act to Require Certain School Identification Cards to Include the Telephone Number of a Suicide and Crisis Hotline	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/20/23					S1
EDU	1264	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/26/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	102		S1
EDU	1283	Resolve, to Reestablish the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/31/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	92		S1
EDU	1284	An Act to Require Personal Finance to be Taught as a Separate Course to Obtain a High School Diploma	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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EDU	1300	An Act to Give the Governing Board of a Municipality Input into the Budget Developed by a School Board	Reported Out	ONTP		5/4/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1309	An Act to Clarify Requirements for Payment of Tuition for Children with Disabilities by the Department of Education's Child Development Services System	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1
EDU	1314	An Act to Establish a Minimum Salary for Educational Specialists, Educational Technicians and School Teaching Professionals	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1315	An Act to Require Public Schools to Offer Training for Secondary Students on the Administration of Naloxone Hydrochloride	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/5/23	Enacted	PL	460		S1
EDU	1326	An Act to Increase School Security Through Design and Protocol	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/2/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1333	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Report on School Internet and Student Data Collection Best Practices	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/5/23					S1
EDU	1366	An Act to Address Educational Technician Shortages in Public Schools by Establishing an Alternative Certification Pathway	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/7/23	Enacted	PL	200		S1
EDU	1367	An Act Regarding the Funding Formula for Adult Education	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/31/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1
EDU	1369	An Act to Amend the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula to Include All Costs for the Transportation of Students	Reported Out	ONTP		4/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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EDU	1370	An Act to Simplify the School Budget Validation Process	Reported Out	ONTP		5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1389	An Act to Establish a Mobile Learning Lab	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/12/23	Enacted	PL	461		S1
EDU	1398	An Act to Increase Teacher Salaries	Reported Out	ONTP		5/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1402	An Act to Provide an Additional Allocation in the School Funding Formula to Cover Tax-exempt Property or a Large Economically Disadvantaged Student Population	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EDU	1415	An Act to Expand Access to School Construction Funding	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	462		S1
EDU	1420	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Elementary and Secondary Education System by Clarifying Purposes and Procedures for Reviews of Schools	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/16/23	Enacted	PL	397		S1
EDU	1421	An Act to Provide Funds to the Maine Indian Education School District	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EDU	1458	An Act to Increase Funding for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM/ONTP		6/6/23	Enacted	PL	464		S1
EDU	1472	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to Amend Their Rules Regarding the Maine School Facilities Finance Program and the School Revolving Renovation Fund	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	44		S1
EDU	1491	An Act to Establish a Teacher Shortage Coordinator	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/6/23					S1

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EDU	1510	Resolve, to Provide Grants to Promote Innovative Learning Strategies	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/8/23					S1
EDU	1518	An Act Regarding the Rights of Parents to Withdraw Their Children from Public School Classes or Activities That Include Certain Controversial Viewpoints	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/5/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1520	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services to Study Placing Child Care Facilities in Schools	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/5/23					S1
EDU	1526	Resolve, to Provide Grants to Support Reading Proficiency Programming in Schools	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	122		S1
EDU	1527	An Act to Promote the Community School Program	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	5/31/23					S1
EDU	1528	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Submit a Report on Services Provided By the Child Development Services System and by School Administrative Units	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	82		S1
EDU	1532	An Act to Require the Timely Reimbursement by the State of Costs Incurred by a School Administrative Unit for Special Education Programs	Reported Out	ONTP		5/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1556	An Act to Provide a Private Support Organization for the Maine Maritime Academy	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	278		S1
EDU	1557	An Act to Increase and Enhance School Safety by Allowing Individuals with Concealed Carry Permits to Possess Handguns on School Property	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/5/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1565	Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Program to Provide Grants to Expand Age Eligibility for Life Skills and Vocational Programs in Public Schools	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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EDU	1567	An Act to Create a Training Program for School Board Members and Establish School Board Meeting Standards	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1571	An Act to Provide Meaningful Public Participation at Local School Board Meetings	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1589	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Adopt Rules Prohibiting Teachers in Public Schools from Engaging in Political, Ideological and Religious Advocacy in the Classroom	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1608	An Act to Address Teacher Shortages Through Financial Assistance and Career Advancement Opportunities	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		5/24/23	Enacted	PL	469		S1
EDU	1642	An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EDU	1643	An Act Regarding Instructional Materials, Surveys, Analyses, Evaluations and Events at Public Schools	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/5/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1656	An Act to Allow Student Representation Within the Governance of the University of Maine System	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Enacted	P&S	14		S1
EDU	1697	An Act to Implement Background Checks for School Board Members	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1702	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Improve the Educational Experience of People Who Are Resettling in Maine	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/6/23	Died On Adjournment				S1

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EDU	1741	An Act to Promote Educational Opportunity Through the Educational Choice Tax Credit Program, Eliminating Certain Restrictions on Charter Schools and Virtual Public Charter Schools, Allowing More Entities to Authorize Charter Schools and Clarifying Educational Policy on Immunization Requirements	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1748	An Act to Reform the School Budget Referendum Process by Limiting the Circumstances in Which Referenda Occur	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Died Between Houses				S1
EDU	1769	An Act Concerning Students Who Experience Educational Disruption Due to Temporary or Permanent Changes Where They Live	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/5/23					S1
EDU	1773	An Act to Increase the State's Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23				✓	S1
EDU	1786	An Act to Repeal and Replace the Charter of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/7/23	Enacted	P&S	12		S1
EDU	1798	An Act to Support School Choice by Establishing Empowerment Scholarship Accounts	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/13/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1799	An Act to Expand Maine's High-quality Early Learning and Care for Children by Increasing Public Preschool Opportunities in Communities	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	477		S1
EDU	1800	An Act Regarding Parental Rights in Education	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/13/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1820	An Act to Expand Access to Good Jobs with Better Career and Technical Education	Reported Out	ONTP		5/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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EDU	1838	An Act to Create the Empowerment Scholarship Account Program	Reported Out	ONTP		5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1841	An Act to Establish the Hope and Inclusion Scholarship Program	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/8/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1842	Resolve, to Support Energy Upgrades at Maine Public Schools and Ensure That New School Construction Meets Current Energy Efficiency Standards	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1860	An Act to Create the Educational Opportunity Account Program	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1861	An Act to Reduce Chronic Student Absenteeism	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/5/23	Enacted	PL	480		S1
EDU	1892	An Act to Make Student Transfer Agreements Renew Automatically Except in Certain Circumstances	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/23/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1898	An Act to Ensure That a Teacher Who Participates in the Prevention of Dangerous Behavior Is Protected Under a Collective Bargaining Agreement	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/14/23	Held by Governor			✓	S1
EDU	1942	An Act to Ensure Equity in Career and Technical Education Staffing Support Ratios Across Varied Regions of the State	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/21/23					S1
EDU	1988	An Act to Provide Critical Matching Funds for Child Care Services on the Northern Maine Community College Campus	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Enacted	PL	486		S1

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EDU	2001	An Act to Establish the African American Studies Advisory Council and Require Funding for African American Studies	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EDU	2002	An Act to Provide Incentives to Schools That Contract for Certain Social Work and Family Therapy Services	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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LD 15 An Act to Amend the Law Governing the State Grant Program Administered by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 9 amends certain provisions of the law governing the state grant program administered by the director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. The changes include changing the term "historic structure" to "historic property."

LD 79 An Act to Ensure a High-quality Education for Students with Disabilities by Clarifying the Definition of "State Agency Client" and Who Provides Special Education Programs and Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 449, clarifies the definition of "state agency client" for the purposes of special education and clarifies who is entitled to establish or obligated to provide special education programs and related services.

LD 98 An Act to Update the Special Education Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 450, changes the age of eligibility for special education and for participation in career and technical education courses by adults who are enrolled in special education from under 20 years of age to under 22 years of age, replaces the term "pupil evaluation team" with "individualized education program team," replaces the term "serious emotional disturbance" to "emotional disability" and replaces the term "hearing impairment, including deafness" to "deafness, including hearing loss."

LD 100 An Act to Require Annual Financial Audits of Certain Private Schools Approved for Tuition Purposes

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 112, requires a private school approved for tuition purposes that enrolls 60% or more publicly funded students to submit to the State Auditor and the Commissioner of Education within six months after the end of the school's audit period satisfactory proof that the books, accounts, financial documents and reports of the school for the preceding fiscal year have been examined and found to be in satisfactory and accurate condition with proper vouchers on file. The audit must be conducted by the Office of the State Auditor, a public accountant licensed to practice in the State or an individual or firm the department has determined is a competent auditor

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by training and experience and the department is directed to adopt routine technical rules implement the requirement.

LD 129 Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Public Allopathic Medical School in Penobscot County

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 114 directs the University of Maine System to study the feasibility of establishing a public allopathic medical school in Penobscot County and make specific recommendations in its report. It also directs the University of Maine System to coordinate with a tertiary care hospital medical education program in Penobscot County and solicit the advice, participation or testimony of other organizations. Resolve 2023, chapter 114 also requires the University of Maine System to report its findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by November 6, 2025. The joint standing committee may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

LD 204 An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Schools by Implementing Interlocking Door Controller Technology

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 452, requires a school administrative unit to install interlocking door control technology in newly-constructed elementary and secondary schools or elementary and secondary schools that are undergoing renovation and provides one-time funding in fiscal year 2024-25 for that purpose.

LD 232 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Bonding Restrictions for School Administrative Units

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 210 extends the allowed term of bonds issued by school administrative districts and regional school units from 25 to 30 years.

LD 320 An Act to Support the Maine Multicultural Center

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 428 provides one-time funds of \$190,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 to the Maine Multicultural Center in Bangor for one or more positions to establish a comprehensive program for foreign-trained workers through the Maine Multicultural Center.

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LD 343 An Act to Invest in an Educational Technician Training Program to Address Shortages in Public Schools

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 453 provides one-time funds of \$200,000 to support the Learning Facilitator Credential Program at Eastern Maine Community College.

LD 393 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 33: Rules Governing Physical Restraint and Seclusion, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 49 authorizes final adoption of the Department of Education's major substantive rule Chapter 33: Rules Governing Physical Restraint and Seclusion only if the rule is amended to require meetings after every 3 incidents of physical restraint or seclusion except that provides that schools are not required to hold more than one meeting within any 30-school-day period.

Resolve 2023, chapter 49 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 16, 2023.

LD 394 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 117: Rule Regarding the Duties of School Counselors and School Social Workers, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 31 authorizes final adoption of the Department of Education's major substantive rule chapter 117: Rule Regarding the Duties of School Counselors and School Social Workers.

LD 436 An Act to Provide Career and Technical Education Students with Credit Toward High School Graduation for Work Completed in Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 247 requires that, before the school year beginning after June 30, 2025, cooperative agreements between school administrative units and career and technical education centers and regions must include an equivalency agreement for credit gained through a career and technical education program to be accepted as core credit toward a high school diploma and

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provides that career and technical education students may satisfy local diploma requirements in accordance with the equivalency agreements included in the cooperative agreements.

Public Law 2023, chapter 247 requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact Public Law 2023, chapter 247.

LD 477 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education, Maine School Safety Center to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Develop Best Practices for Lockdown Drills and Active Shooter Drills and Allowing Parents to Opt Out of Active Shooter Drills for Their Children

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 115 directs the Department of Education, Maine School Safety Center to convene a stakeholder group to develop best practices for lockdown and active shooter drills implemented by school administrative units to minimize traumatic impact on students and school staff and report back to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs by January 1, 2025 on the work of the stakeholder group. The report must include information regarding the best practices for lockdown drills and active shooter drills and a plan for all school staff to be trained in their school administrative unit's emergency plan prior to January 1, 2026, an evaluation of the effectiveness of the range of lockdown drills and active shooter drills as implemented by public schools at increasing safety, the traumatic impact of lockdown drills and active shooter drills on students and school staff, the number of school administrative units using best practices for lockdown drills and active shooter drills and other strategies to ensure students and school staff are prepared to respond to emergencies, including school shootings.

Resolve 2023, chapter 115 also requires the Department of Education to amend the rule to allow parents to opt out of active shooter drills for their children.

LD 485 Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Study Educator Credential Requirements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 54 requires the State Board of Education to study potential changes to the State Board of Education rule Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel. The study must include, but is not limited to, review of athletic director qualifications, the industrial arts endorsement, waivers for educators holding certificates from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, reciprocity for educators holding out-of-state certification and any other revisions the State Board of Education identifies.

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The State Board of Education is directed to submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than January 2, 2024 and the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 489 An Act to Provide Equal Educational Opportunity by Adopting Rules Ensuring Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Protected Class Status in Educational Institutions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 105 amends the Maine Human Rights Act to direct the Commissioner of Education and the Maine Human Rights Commission to review the rules made under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 337, subchapter 5-B on or before January 15, 2024 and at least once every 10 years thereafter to reflect changes in statute and best practices to ensure an individual's right to freedom from discrimination in education. Resolve 2023, chapter 105 also requires the department and the commission to initiate rulemaking as soon as practicable if the review determines that amendments to the rules are necessary.

LD 631 An Act to Change the Notification Law for School Truancy

Public Law 2023, chapter 99 provides that a superintendent may make 2 documented attempts to serve or cause to be served on a parent the written notice that attendance of the parent's child at school is required by law and provides that that notice may be served by registered or certified mail. This law is repealed September 1, 2025.

LD 684 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Study the Educare Model

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 116 directs the Department of Education to identify the critical components for success of the Educare model for publicly-funded statewide early childhood education programs and identify the public and private resources and implementation strategies necessary for those critical components. The Department of Education is directed to submit a report by January 29, 2025 to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the committee may report out a bill related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

LD 753 An Act to Allow Retired Teachers and Educational Technicians to Be Recertified

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 442 provides that a professional teacher certificate or educational technician certificate may be reissued to a teacher or educational technician who has been retired

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for no more than five years and whose certificate was in good standing and has lapsed. The professional teacher certificate must be issued with the same grades and subject area endorsements as were issued with the active professional teacher certificate that was held by the teacher at the time of the teacher's retirement. Both certificates must be issued for the same period and subject to the same renewal standards as regular certificates. The State Board of Education is authorized to further govern qualifications of both certificates through rulemaking.

LD 830 Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System to Study Providing On-Campus Housing on All Campuses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 17 directs the Maine Community College System to study providing on-campus housing for students, focusing in particular on campuses that do not offer housing currently. The system must consider the cost of constructing housing, available space on campuses, the cost to students, other infrastructure and staff that would be necessary to support housing, alternate housing options and any other issues the system feels are appropriate. The system must report its findings and any suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than December 6, 2023.

LD 867 An Act Regarding Undesignated Ready-to-Use Glucagon Rescue Therapies in Schools

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 253 allows a public school, public charter school or approved private school to obtain a standing order for undesignated ready-to-use glucagon rescue therapy. It provides that only a school nurse or unlicensed school personnel who have completed the training required by rule to administer medication may administer glucagon to a student. Public Law 2023, chapter 253 also provides procedures for the storage and administration of undesignated glucagon in a public school, public charter school or approved private school.

LD 873 An Act to Continue the Department of Education Diploma Program Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 171 changes the date of the repeal of student eligibility for a Department of Education diploma due to interruption as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic to September 1, 2026.

Public Law 2023, chapter 171 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 15, 2023.

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LD 881 Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Barriers to Use of Cross-Laminated Timber

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 27 directs the University of Maine System to study the barriers to more widespread use of cross-laminated timber and make recommendations for any professional training or other measures that would promote its use in construction. It also provides that the University of Maine System may accept funds for the purpose of carrying out this study and requires the University of Maine System to submit a report based on the study to certain joint standing committees of the Legislature by December 6, 2023. Those committees may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Resolve 2023, chapter 27 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 8, 2023.

LD 892 An Act to Improve School Safety and Preparedness Through Comprehensive Health and Safety and Emergency Management Planning

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 254 requires that a school comprehensive health and safety and emergency management plan approved by a school board meet nationally recognized practices and be developed collaboratively with appropriate stakeholders. It also requires that any steering committee formed by the school board as part of the plan update and approval process include a school employee designated by that employee's school as having oversight regarding school safety.

LD 921 An Act to Allow the Local Foods Fund for Public Schools to Be Used for Processed and Value-added Maine Food Products

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 101 removes the reference to and definition of “minimally processed foods” from current law governing which products may be purchased with the Local Foods Fund. Public Law 2023, chapter 101 allows the fund to be used to purchase processed and value-added food products produced in the State, which must meet standards set by the Department of Education. The department is directed to create standards for allowable processed and value-added Maine foods and provide guidance to school administrative units regarding which of those products are allowable for reimbursement.

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LD 947 An Act to Support the Distribution of Free Summer Lunches for Children

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 181 requires that rules adopted to implement school food service programs allow the greatest flexibility allowed under federal law with respect to meal times and packaging of meals to send home with students.

LD 1002 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Study the School Day

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 124 directs the Department of Education to convene a working group to study the school day. The study must be informed by any relevant research conducted by the Maine Education Policy Research Institute. The working group is required to consider, at a minimum: statewide, national and international approaches to the school day; instructional requirements for graduation, including but not limited to instruction in health and physical education, traffic safety education, elements of a firearm hunter safety course and a stand-alone course in personal finance; educator planning and preparation time; lunch periods, including but not limited to transit time and time required to eat; recess periods, including the timing of recess before or after lunch periods, frequency of recess periods and differences in recess periods at each grade level; electives and allied arts courses; to the extent offered, after-school and extended day programs; and school day start times.

The department is required to submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than February 1, 2024 and the joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 1018 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Establish a Working Group to Review the State Board of Education's Membership, Responsibilities, Functions and Staffing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 125 directs the Department of Education to establish a working group of stakeholders and other interested parties to review the responsibilities, functions and staffing of the State Board of Education. The department is directed to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on the findings of the working group by January 15, 2025.

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LD 1026 Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Dental Therapy Degree Program at the University of Maine at Augusta

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 56 directs the University of Maine System to study the feasibility of establishing a dental therapy degree program at the University of Maine at Augusta. The system must consider costs associated with establishing the program, demand for such a program and any other issues the system considers appropriate. By November 6, 2024, the University of Maine System must submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The committee may report out legislation to the 132nd Legislature in 2025 based on the report.

LD 1033 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Develop and Distribute Guidance for Diploma Options at the Arthur R. Gould School

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 41 directs the Department of Education to create and distribute guidance for superintendents, principals, school counselors and the principal of the Arthur R. Gould School to inform them of diploma options for residents of the Long Creek Youth Development Center who are attending the Arthur R. Gould School pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 3815 and who are preparing to graduate.

LD 1089 An Act to Require Presentation of the Maine Charter School Commission's Annual Report

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 183 requires the Maine Charter School Commission or a representative of the commission to appear before the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters to present its annual report. The commission's appearance before the committee must be in person unless otherwise authorized.

LD 1160 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Analyze Data on the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula and Allocation Methodology

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 118 directs the Department of Education, in conjunction with the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, to identify and analyze all school funding data and reports available through or compiled by the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, the so-called Picus report and any other relevant data and reports available to the department in order to make

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recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The analysis must include, but is not limited to, components of the school funding formula such as transportation costs, a municipality's ability to contribute to school funding, allocations for career and technical education, metrics for calculating the economically disadvantaged student factor, and any other components or issues identified.

Resolve 2023, chapter 118 requires the department to provide the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs monthly updates and submit a final report to the committee no later than January 15, 2024. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs is authorized to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 1183 An Act to Establish the School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 457 establishes the School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund in the Department of Education to issue grants to eligible school administrative units to purchase school kitchen and cafeteria equipment needed to serve healthy meals, to improve food safety in school kitchens and cafeterias, to support the maintenance and expansion of the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program and to reimburse food costs related to medically necessary dietary restrictions of students. It also requires the department to apply for federal grants available to support these purposes and requires the State Controller to lapse \$343,781 in unencumbered balances from the Department of Education, Alternative Breakfast Delivery Service Program, General Fund carrying account, All Other line category to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2024.

LD 1264 Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 102 establishes the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education to review all laws and rules pertaining to higher education in the State and addressing related public policy.

LD 1283 Resolve, to Reestablish the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 92 reestablishes the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System. The Task Force's duties include examining the feasibility of establishing a comprehensive four-year high school career and technical education

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program to provide a technical high school setting for middle school students to attend at the completion of the 8th grade and increasing crosswalks and intersections between technical and occupational knowledge and curricula and academic standards in order to promote multiple pathways for awarding content area credit to students enrolled in career and technical education programs. The Task Force is required to report its findings and recommendations no later than January 15, 2024.

Resolve 2023, chapter 92 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 7, 2023.

LD 1315 An Act to Require Public Schools to Offer Training for Secondary Students on the Administration of Naloxone Hydrochloride

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 460 requires a public school to offer training to secondary students on how to administer naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray. It also directs the Department of Education to adopt rules that must provide that the training is an extracurricular instruction, that instruction is delivered by a qualified individual and that the standards for instruction are based on those of a nationally recognized program, organization or agency.

LD 1366 An Act to Address Educational Technician Shortages in Public Schools by Establishing an Alternative Certification Pathway

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 200 creates an alternative pathway to an educational technician III certification that does not require the minimum 90 credits of approved study in an educationally related field as required by State Board of Education rule Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel. Public Law 2023, chapter 200 provides that the Commissioner of Education may approve training programs for certification as an educational technician III offered by accredited postsecondary institutions in this State, including but not limited to learning facilitator programs offered through the Maine Community College System. An applicant who successfully completes an approved program and meets all certification requirements other than the minimum 90 credits of approved study in an educationally related field may be certified as an educational technician III. The certified applicant is eligible for certificate renewal in the same manner as other education technician III certifications but is not eligible for an emergency teacher certificate.

LD 1389 An Act to Establish a Mobile Learning Lab

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 461 requires the Department of Education to establish a mobile learning lab for science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

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LD 1415 An Act to Expand Access to School Construction Funding

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 462 does the following.

1. It requires the State Board of Education, in administering funding for integrated, consolidated 9-16 educational facilities, to allow the governing body of one high school or a regional high school to apply for funding for a proposed school. Current state board rules require 2 high schools or a regional high school to apply. It directs the board to amend its rules to be consistent with this change.
2. It allows for one school administrative unit with multiple high schools, instead of one high school or a regional high school, to apply for funding for an integrated, consolidated grade 9-16 educational facility under State Board of Education rules.
3. It allows a school administrative unit, in fiscal year 2024-25, to apply for funding for both a major capital school construction project under State Board of Education rules.
4. It requires the Commissioner of Education to conduct a study for the purpose of making recommendations on researching and identifying alternative pathways or revenue sources to finance school construction needs in the State.

LD 1420 An Act to Strengthen Maine's Elementary and Secondary Education System by Clarifying Purposes and Procedures for Reviews of Schools

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, Chapter 397 provides that the Commissioner of Education shall inspect private schools approved for tuition purposes that enroll 60% or more publicly funded students in the same manner as a school or schools in a school administrative unit upon the petition of 60% of the parents of the children of one school, if requested by the school board of a qualified sending school administrative unit or upon the petition of 20% of the voters of a qualified sending school administrative unit. A “qualified sending school administrative unit” is defined as a school administrative unit that contracts for school privileges for at least 20% of its resident students to attend the private school approved for tuition purposes that is the subject of the request or petition.

Public Law 2023, chapter 397 also provides that in addition to the commissioner periodically reviewing all public schools and all private schools that receive public funds to determine their compliance with the applicable provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, the commissioner shall also review for compliance with the Maine Human Rights Act.

Public Law 2023, chapter 397 also provides for a comprehensive review of schools, school administrative units and private schools approved for tuition purposes. The commissioner is

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required to select 5 schools, school administrative units or private schools approved for tuition purposes at random every two years, with exceptions for schools going through New England Association of Schools or Colleges (NEASC) accreditation or who have gone through a comprehensive review within the past 10 years. Selected schools are required to ensure the physical site is available for review and make available to the commissioner documents related to basic school approval, compliance with the Maine Human Rights Act, the statewide assessment program, implementation of the system of learning results and health and safety requirements. If the commissioner finds that a school or schools are not in compliance with basic school approval standards or other requirements of Title 20-A, the commissioner is required to provide the school or schools with a corrective action plan. If the commissioner finds that a school or schools are not in compliance with the Maine Human Rights Act, the commissioner is required to refer the finding to the Maine Human Rights Commission.

LD 1458 An Act to Increase Funding for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 464 appropriates funding to support the Maine School of Science and Mathematics and provides that students from the State may attend the school without paying the cost of room and board. It also requires the Board of Trustees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics to annually submit a sustainability report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters.

LD 1472 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to Amend Their Rules Regarding the Maine School Facilities Finance Program and the School Revolving Renovation Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 44 directs the Department of Education and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to amend their rules governing the Maine School Facilities Finance Program and the School Revolving Renovation Fund to increase the maximum total loans from the fund for repair, renovation and improvement projects for Priority One, Priority Two, Priority Three, Priority Four and Priority Five projects for a school building from \$4,000,000 to \$8,000,000 and to increase the maximum loan amount from the fund to address each priority level in a school building from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 within any 5-year period.

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LD 1526 Resolve, to Provide Grants to Support Reading Proficiency Programming in Schools

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 112 directs the Department of Education to provide grants to school administrative units to support reading proficiency programming. The criteria for awarding grants must include a requirement that school administrative units develop programming consistent with high-quality, evidence-based literacy tenets developed by the department. The department is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than January 15, 2025 and authorizes the committee to report out a bill to the 132nd Legislature in 2025. Resolve 2023, chapter 112 provides one-time funding to support the grants.

LD 1528 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Submit a Report on Services Provided By the Child Development Services System and by School Administrative Units

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 82 requires the Department of Education to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, no later than February 15, 2024, regarding the provision of services by the Child Development Services System for eligible children from 3 years of age to under six years of age in school administrative units and authorizes the committee to report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 1556 An Act to Provide a Private Support Organization for the Maine Maritime Academy

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 278 allows the President of the Maine Maritime Academy to designate a nonprofit organization as the private support organization for the Maine Maritime Academy.

LD 1608 An Act to Address Teacher Shortages Through Financial Assistance and Career Advancement Opportunities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 469 requires the University of Maine System to annually submit a report to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over education matters on the status of the Maine teacher residency program administered by the university and provides one-time funds in fiscal year 2024-25 to support the program.

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Public Law 2023, chapter 469 also directs the Maine Education Policy Research Institute (MEPRI) to study the development of career ladders for educators and requires MEPRI to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than December 6, 2023.

LD 1656 An Act to Allow Student Representation Within the Governance of the University of Maine System

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private & Special Law 2023, chapter 14 adds one additional member to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System. It requires the Governor to appoint one undergraduate student and one graduate student that have been jointly recommended by the student government associations of each campus to the Board of Trustees. It provides that the student members are full voting members of the board of trustees and serve two-year terms and requires the board of trustees to adopt a policy on student membership with input from the student members and to report this policy to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by November 6, 2024.

LD 1786 An Act to Repeal and Replace the Charter of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 12 replaces the original 1953 charter of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District, as amended. It eliminates numerous outdated charter provisions and aligns governance and operations with state law. It follows the budget validation referendum process in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 105 and requires voter approval of capital bonds. It retains the district's current cost-sharing formula.

LD 1799 An Act to Expand Maine's High-quality Early Learning and Care for Children by Increasing Public Preschool Opportunities in Communities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 477 establishes an annual reporting requirement for the Department of Education to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters on the expansion of public preschool programs and adds that it is the goal of the State to establish an equitable, mixed-delivery public preschool system that provides universal access for preschool-aged children and their families in accordance with the following timeline: 60% by the 2024-2025 school year; 80% by the 2025-2026 school year; and 100% by the 2026-2027 school year.

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Public Law 2023, chapter 477 also establishes the Commission to Study Expansion of Public Preschool and Early Care and Education and requires the commission to explore options to provide full-day preschool and pathways for publicly funded early care and education programs, develop a plan and make recommendations on aligning programs and blending and braiding funding.

Public Law 2023, chapter 477 requires the Department of Education to develop a plan to align the credentials and training earned through the Maine Roads to Quality Professional Development Network with those earned through the Department of Education early childhood education certification. The Department is also required to report, no later than November 15, 2023, to the commission and the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on progress relating to public preschool expansion, including establishment of state and community partnerships for a mixed delivery of child care and early childhood education programs and services through community and school-based providers.

Public Law 2023, chapter 477 requires the commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than December 6, 2023. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may report out a bill based on the recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 1861 An Act to Reduce Chronic Student Absenteeism

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 480 requires school administrative units to establish attendance review teams or committees to address chronic absenteeism if chronic absenteeism rates exceed certain levels. An attendance review team may consist of school administrators, guidance counselors, school counselors, school social workers or teachers.

LD 1988 An Act to Provide Critical Matching Funds for Child Care Services on the Northern Maine Community College Campus

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 486 provides one-time funding in fiscal year 2024-25 to match funds provided for child care services on the Northern Maine Community College Campus.

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ANALYST NOTES

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LD 18 An Act to Provide Ongoing Funding for up to 2 Years of Community College for Certain Maine Students

Although this bill was not enacted, funding and eligibility and conditions for the Maine Community College System 2-year free community college tuition program was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part QQQ.

LD 612 An Act to Create a Green Schools Coordinator in the Department of Education

Although this bill was not enacted, funding for contracted services to support school districts in the State seeking to implement energy efficiency, clean energy, clean transportation and other general sustainability programs was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part A.

LD 957 An Act Requiring Water Bottle Filling Stations in New and Renovated Public Schools

This bill was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of this bill will be determined during the next legislative session.

LD 1309 An Act to Clarify Requirements for Payment of Tuition for Children with Disabilities by the Department of Education's Child Development Services System

Although this bill was not enacted, a majority of the substance of the bill was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part YYY.

LD 1367 An Act Regarding the Funding Formula for Adult Education

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of the bill was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part RRR.

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LD 1773 An Act to Increase the State’s Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers

Although this bill was carried over in committee, an almost identical bill, LD 112, An Act to Increase the State’s Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance, was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part OOOOO.

LD 1898 An Act to Ensure that a Teacher Who Participates in the Prevention of Dangerous Behavior is Protected Under a Collective Bargaining Agreement

This bill was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of this bill will be determined during the next legislative session.

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EUT	1223	An Act to Clarify Insurance in the Joint Use of Public Utility Equipment	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	313		S1
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EUT	1489	Resolve, to Capitalize on Opportunities from Newly Revised Federal Renewable Fuels Standards by Studying the Environmental and Economic Benefits of Electric and Steam Generation Facilities Powered by Biomass	Reported Out	ONTP		4/28/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EUT	1531	Resolve, to Implement a 4-year Moratorium on Solar Energy Subsidies and Direct the Department of Environmental Protection to Study the Economic Impact of Industrial Solar Energy Projects	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/6/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EUT	1549	An Act to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Seek Informational Bids Regarding Small Modular Nuclear Reactors in the State	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried on floor	6/6/23					S1
EUT	1591	An Act to Promote Economic Reuse of Contaminated Land Through Clean Energy Development	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	321		S1
EUT	1606	An Act to Finance Clean Energy and Infrastructure in Maine	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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EUT	1611	An Act to Create the Pine Tree Power Company, a Nonprofit, Customer-owned Utility	Reported Out	ONTP		6/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EUT	1623	An Act to Prohibit All State Subsidies for Electric Vehicles	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/15/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EUT	1654	An Act to Extend the Time for Certain Public Utilities Commission Proceedings	Reported Out	OTP		5/24/23	Enacted	PL	168		S1
EUT	1655	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Consumer-owned Water Utilities	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	325		S1
EUT	1692	An Act to Create the Guilford-Sangerville Utilities District	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Emergency Enacted	P&S	15		S1
EUT	1693	An Act to Amend the Kennebunk Sewer District Charter	Reported Out	OTP		5/24/23	Enacted	P&S	7		S1
EUT	1724	An Act to Enact the Beneficial Electrification Policy Act	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	328		S1
EUT	1727	An Act to Protect Northern Maine Standard-offer Ratepayers	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EUT	1775	An Act to Establish a Clean Hydrogen Pilot Program	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EUT	1778	An Act to Ensure a Sustainable Electric Grid	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EUT	1791	An Act to Make the ConnectMaine Authority Responsible for Attachments to and Joint Use of Utility Poles and to Establish Procedures for Broadband Service Infrastructure Crossing Railroad Tracks	Reported Out	ONTP		6/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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EUT	1828	An Act Regarding Enhanced 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/2/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	186		S1
EUT	1830	An Act to Advance Maine's Clean Energy Goals	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EUT	1850	An Act Relating to Energy Storage and the State's Energy Goals	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	374		S1
EUT	1884	An Act to Prohibit Offshore Wind Energy Development	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/16/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EUT	1887	An Act to Clarify the Review and Procurement Process for Nonwires Alternatives	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	355		S1
EUT	1888	An Act to Reduce Electricity Costs for Maine's Consumers and Businesses by Amending the Laws Governing Renewable Resources	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EUT	1889	An Act to Provide Authorization to Aroostook County to Use the Statewide Radio and Network System	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EUT	1895	An Act Regarding the Procurement of Energy from Offshore Wind Resources	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/22/23	Enacted	PL	481		S1
EUT	1932	An Act to Require Broadband Internet Access Service Providers to Prorate Customer Bills	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EUT	1933	An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the Limerick Water District	Reported Out	OTP		6/6/23	Emergency Enacted	P&S	11		S1
EUT	1943	An Act Regarding Future Energy Procurements for Renewable Energy Development in Northern Maine	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	371		S1
EUT	1950	An Act to Raise the Debt Limit of the Stonington Water Company	Reported Out	OTP		6/6/23	Emergency Enacted	P&S	8		S1
EUT	1962	An Act to Limit Utility Shut-offs	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EUT	1963	An Act Regarding the Future of Renewable Energy Transmission in Northern Maine	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EUT	1967	An Act to Support Municipal Franchise Agreements	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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EUT	1971	Resolve, to Ensure that Eligible Customers Receive Payments from the Energy Rate Relief Fund	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/6/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	104		S1
EUT	1986	An Act Relating to Net Energy Billing and Distributed Solar and Energy Storage Systems	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/22/23	Enacted	PL	411		S1
EUT	2016	An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Distributed Generation Stakeholder Group	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EUT	2012	An Act to Prohibit Early Termination Fees for Residential Electric Generation Service Contracts	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		6/22/23	Enacted	PL	375		S1
EUT	2013	An Act to Address Abandoned Capital Credits Held by Rural Electrification Cooperatives	Reported Out	OTP		6/23/23	Enacted	PL	483		S1

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LD 69 Resolve, to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Consider Methods to Educate Customers About Electricity Supply

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 12 requires the Public Utilities Commission to issue a request to competitive electricity providers and standard-offer service providers for information regarding the feasibility of providing the cost in cents per kilowatt-hour to transmission and distribution utilities for each power source used by the provider to serve its load. It also directs the commission to consider methods it could undertake to better educate electric consumers on their electric energy supply and the reasons for fluctuations in the price for that supply. By February 10, 2024, the commission must submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology that includes the information it receives from competitive electricity providers and standard-offer service providers and the consumer education methods it considered. The committee may report out a bill to the 131st Legislature in 2024.

LD 177 An Act to Amend the Authority of the Public Utilities Commission Regarding Access to Information in Proceedings Involving Special Rate Contracts

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 64 allows the Public Utilities Commission to deny or limit access to information by an attorney in a proceeding involving one or more special contracts if the information is customarily regarded as confidential business information, the information relates to the reasons or justification for the parties' entering into the special contract and the party represented by the attorney is not a party to the special contract with the utility. The commission may deny or limit access to information by any attorney in a proceeding involving one or more special contracts after providing the attorney with an opportunity to be heard and upon finding that the potential for harm from disclosure of the information outweighs the need for disclosure.

LD 187 An Act to Eliminate the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund and to Provide Needs-based Low-income Assistance

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 306 repeals the law establishing the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund. It requires alternative compliance payments made by competitive electricity providers to the Public Utilities Commission, instead of being deposited into the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund, to be used by the commission to provide financial assistance for low-income households.

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LD 194 An Act to Update and Clarify the Public Utilities Commission's Reporting Requirements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 77 updates the Public Utilities Commission's annual reporting requirements to remove outdated provisions and establish cross-references to certain specific reporting requirements for clarity.

LD 211 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Water Supply Protection Funds

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 137 amends the law governing the use of a water supply protection fund by a consumer-owned water utility. It provides that a consumer-owned water utility may use water supply protection funds to assist a holder to acquire interests in real property if that acquisition is reasonably likely to result in or contribute to the protection of a public water supply. If a consumer-owned water utility assists a holder in acquiring a conservation easement and the utility does not acquire through the transaction a fee interest in the property, the law requires the utility to obtain a third-party right of enforcement with respect to that easement. If a consumer-owned water utility assists a holder in acquiring a fee interest in real property, the utility must acquire a conservation easement unless the holder conveys a conservation easement to another holder, in which case the utility must obtain a third-party right of enforcement with respect to that conservation easement.

LD 256 An Act to Add Electric Bicycles to the Electric Vehicle Rebate Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 140 permits the Efficiency Maine Trust to extend eligibility under the electric vehicle rebate program to electric bicycles. If the trust extends eligibility to electric bicycles, the trust must limit the rebates for electric bicycles under the program to recipients who are low-income and moderate-income individuals and to entities that serve low-income and moderate-income individuals, as determined by the trust. For a recipient to receive a rebate for the purchase of an electric bicycle under the program, the electric bicycle must serve as the recipient's principal means of commuting, as determined by the trust.

LD 325 An Act to Require Transparency in Public Utility Advertising Expenditures

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 286 repeals the section of existing law governing the expenses a public utility may not include in its operating expenses and replaces it with a law that does the following.

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1. It prohibits a public utility from including in operating expenses to be recovered from rates certain expenses incurred by the public utility or an affiliated interest.
2. It permits certain public utilities to include in operating expenses those expenses related to educational expenditures and contributions to a trade association, chamber of commerce, or public charity.
3. It requires a public utility to file expense reports with the commission and make those reports available to the public for inspection.
4. It specifies that commission rules related to political activities, promotional advertising, charitable contributions, educational expenditures and institutional advertising are routine technical rules.
5. It requires the commission, by November 1, 2023, to initiate rulemaking to amend its rules to implement the requirements of the law.

LD 327 An Act to Provide Maine Ratepayers with Equitable Access to Interconnection of Distributed Generation Resources

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 307 makes several changes to the Maine Solar Energy Act and directs the Public Utilities Commission to engage in activities related to interconnection.

1. It creates a position within the commission for an interconnection ombudsman and establishes the duties of this position. It requires the commission to make a good faith effort to appoint an interconnection ombudsman within 12 months of the effective date of the law.
2. It directs the commission to monitor the level of solar energy development in the State, basic trends in solar energy markets and the relative costs and benefits of solar energy development. It requires the commission to provide, by January 1st of each year a summary report regarding its monitoring activities to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters.
3. It directs the commission to adopt interconnection rules applicable to solar resources and to energy storage systems within six months of the effective date of the law. The rules must prioritize interconnection of solar resources and energy storage systems owned by customers of investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to offset on-site load.
4. It requires the commission to contract with an expert to conduct an evaluation of and issue a report addressing whether treating distributed generation resources that use the tariff rate program as load-reducing resources will provide greater value to all ratepayers than treating those resources as wholesale generation resources and whether the tariff rate established by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35 A, section 3209-B, subsection 5 has been implemented in a

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way that maximizes the value of the portfolio of the resources to all ratepayers. The commission must provide a copy of the expert's report and a description of any actions the commission recommends with respect to the findings in the report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters by September 1, 2024.

5. It requires the commission to establish an interconnection working group to collaborate to prevent and resolve disputes relating to the implementation of the State's small generator interconnection procedures for Level 1 and Level 2 facilities. The working group must meet monthly for its first year and at least quarterly thereafter until the working group submits its final report. The working group's final report must be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters by December 6, 2025.

LD 395 An Act to Expand Funding Sources Within the Public Utilities Commission for Intervenor and Participant Funding

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 143 amends the law governing intervenor funding in the following ways.

1. It expands the law's applicability to include participants in nonadjudicatory proceedings before the Public Utilities Commission.
2. It includes administrative penalties collected by the commission in the allowable sources of funding for intervenor or participant participation in commission proceedings.
3. It limits funding for an intervenor or participant in a commission proceeding involving a water utility to only administrative penalties deposited in the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fund.

LD 396 An Act to Preserve the 207 Area Code and Impede So-called Robocalling

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 144 establishes various requirements related to voice network service providers that acquire and place into service numbering resources for the State's numbering plan area from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator or its successor.

1. It requires voice network service providers to pay into the State's universal service fund and telecommunications education access fund.
2. It provides the Public Utilities Commission with the authority to investigate voice network service providers for compliance with the requirements to contribute to the State's universal service fund and telecommunications education access fund.

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3. It requires the commission, by January 12, 2024, to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology that includes information on compliance with the State's universal service fund and telecommunications education access fund requirements, an update on the commission's efforts to preserve the 207 area code and an analysis of whether additional efforts are needed to ensure numbering resources are used efficiently.

The law also creates a registration process for a provider of interconnected voice over Internet protocol service obtaining numbering resources in the State. It allows the commission to adopt routine technical rules relating to the registration process.

LD 399 An Act to Amend the Portfolio Requirements for Class II Resources and Require Money Collected from Alternative Compliance Payments to Be Used for Financial Assistance

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 361 extends the repeal date to 2027 for the law that adds a 300% multiplier to the output of licensed power generators fueled by municipal solid waste in conjunction with recycling for the purposes of meeting portfolio requirements for Class II resources. It directs the Public Utilities Commission to establish by rule an alternative compliance payment rate for Class II resources of not greater than \$10. Funds received by the commission for alternative compliance payments must be used to provide financial assistance for low-income households in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3214, subsection 2.

LD 414 An Act to Clarify the Provision of Notice of Proposed Rate Increases to Public Utility Customers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 145 requires a public utility seeking a change in rates, tolls and charges that increases the annual operating revenues of the utility by more than 1% to send a notice of the increase to its customers. The Public Utilities Commission must prepare the notice in consultation with the utility. If the utility seeks a rate increase greater than what was stated in the notice after the notice was sent, the utility must notify the commission. If the utility demonstrates good cause, the commission may allow the utility to seek the increase greater than what was stated in the notice subject to reasonable conditions established by the commission, which may include requiring the utility to send a new notice to its customers describing the revised proposed increase.

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LD 496 An Act to Address Battery Storage System Decommissioning and Clarify Solar Energy Development Decommissioning

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 215 prohibits a person from constructing, causing to be constructed, or operating a battery storage system development with a capacity of two megawatts or more without first obtaining approval of a decommissioning plan from an environmental permitting entity. It establishes the requirements for a decommissioning plan, including the removal of the battery storage system development components, recycling of the waste components that are recyclable and regrading and revegetation of all earth disturbed during construction and decommissioning. The plan must include demonstration of current and future financial capacity to fully fund decommissioning under the plan.

The law clarifies the existing solar energy development decommissioning law by providing that the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Planning Commission are authorized, but not required, to adopt rules to implement the solar decommissioning requirements. It also adds language to clarify the applicability of the solar energy development decommissioning requirements.

LD 509 An Act to Amend the Net Energy Billing Laws to Direct Expiring Net Energy Billing Credits to Provide Low-income Assistance

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 230 directs the Public Utilities Commission to require transmission and distribution utilities with net energy billing arrangements to remit the value of unused and expired net energy billing credits to the commission to be used for the benefit of individuals receiving low income assistance.

LD 519 Resolve, to Evaluate a Vehicle-to-grid Pilot Project Using Electric School Buses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 32 requires the Efficiency Maine Trust to assess the feasibility of establishing a vehicle-to-grid pilot project operated at the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District demonstrating the use of electric school buses to store energy from the electric grid during times of low demand and discharge the stored energy to the grid during times of high demand. The trust is required to submit an assessment of the pilot project to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, including a recommendation as to whether or not a pilot project would be feasible and, if the trust recommends implementing a pilot project, a proposed project design and budget.

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LD 542 Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission to Investigate Time-of-use Rates

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 79 directs the Public Utilities Commission to investigate the feasibility of requiring standard-offer service to include a time-of-use rate option, including whether the commission recommends the use of a pilot program to assess this option and requiring all investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to offer a time-of-use rate for the delivery of electricity for all customer classes that would complement a time-of-use supply rate. The commission is required to submit a report, by January 15, 2024, to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology that includes a summary of the commission's investigation along with any findings and recommendations related to the report. The committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 640 An Act to Update the Charter of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 3 amends the charter of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority to reflect position changes, remove obsolete language, clarify language regarding board members, update a statutory reference and make other changes to reflect the current operations of the authority.

LD 698 An Act to Reduce the Cost of Energy in Maine and Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions Through the Effective Use of Renewably Sourced Gas

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 222 requires the Public Utilities Commission to monitor proceedings at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and intervene and participate in those proceedings related to interstate natural gas transmission capacity in New England and the Northeast that could affect natural gas prices in the State if the commission believes that intervention and participation will best represent the interests of the State's electric and gas ratepayers. If the commission has intervened and participated in a proceeding, the commission must by December 31st of that year, submit a report summarizing its participation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utility matters.

The law defines "renewably sourced gas" and provides that a gas utility may petition the commission to utilize renewably sourced gas. The commission may authorize the use of such gas upon a finding that the utility's proposed use is safe and reliable, that its use can be provided to customers at a just and reasonable rate and that it may reduce greenhouse gas emissions to meet the greenhouse gas emissions reduction levels set forth in statute.

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The law repeals the section of law that prohibits the commission from executing a contract for physical energy storage after June 1, 2017 and a contract for energy cost reduction after December 31, 2020. It requires the commission to issue a request for information after consultation with the Office of the Public Advocate, the Governor's Energy Office and the Efficiency Maine Trust regarding reasonable opportunities for the commission to explore and consider engaging in the execution of an energy cost reduction contract or a physical energy storage contract. The commission's request for information must also seek identification of existing and near-term replacement energy sources for natural gas in commercial and industrial uses, including when the replacement energy sources are expected to be available, the cost of those replacement energy sources and the steps needed to develop a cost-effective and reliable supply of such replacement energy sources. The commission must submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by February 1, 2024 that includes a summary of the responses the commission received from its request for information, any actions taken by the commission as a result of the information received and any recommendations.

LD 923 An Act to Improve Disclosure of Present and Future Costs to Maine Electricity Consumers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 121 requires the Public Utilities Commission to annually publish on its publicly accessible website current residential transmission and distribution utility rates and the standard-offer supply rates.

The law also requires the commission to determine the method necessary to convey to residential ratepayers of a transmission and distribution utility the anticipated effects of all deferred costs approved by the commission on residential transmission and distribution utility rates and to publish this information on the commission's publicly accessible website by November 1, 2023. The commission must provide this information along with any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, which may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 924 Resolve, to Provide Legislative Approval of the Transmission Project Selected by the Public Utilities Commission Pursuant to the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 66 provides that the Legislature approves the construction of a 1,200-megawatt capacity, 345-kilovolt transmission line and associated interconnection facilities pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3132, subsection 6-C. The resolve specifies that the Legislature does not, through the passage of the resolve, provide approval for the transmission line to cross or utilize designated public lands.

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LD 925 An Act to Allow the Baileyville Utilities District to Disconnect Water Service for a Customer's Failure to Pay for Sewer Service Provided by the Town of Baileyville

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 6 amends the charter for the Baileyville Utilities District to allow the district to disconnect water service for a customer if that same customer fails to pay for sewer service that is provided by the Town of Baileyville if the disconnection is in accordance with procedures established by applicable laws or rules and terms and conditions approved by the Public Utilities Commission. The disconnection is allowed only if the customer whose water service is subject to a disconnection is the same customer who has not paid for sewer service and the water and sewer services are provided to the same location.

LD 952 Resolve, to Create a 21st-Century Electric Grid

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 67 directs the Governor's Energy Office to issue a request for proposals to hire a third-party consultant to conduct a two-part study for the design of a distribution system operator in the State. The distribution system operator must be designed to oversee integrated system planning for all electric grids in the State, including coordinating energy planning efforts across state agencies; operate all electric grids in the State to ensure optimum operations, efficiency, equity, reliability and customer service; administer an open and transparent market for distributed energy resources; and facilitate the achievement of the State's greenhouse gas reduction obligations and climate policies. In the consultant's initial study, the consultant must evaluate whether a distribution system operator could be designed to achieve a demonstrable reduction in electricity costs for customers, improved electric system reliability and performance in the State, accelerated achievement of the State's climate goals and growth of distributed energy resources. If the consultant's initial study finds that a distribution system operator could be designed to achieve the required objectives and the office agrees with the consultant's conclusion, the office must authorize the consultant to conduct the second part of the study to create a design proposal.

If the office does not authorize the consultant to conduct the second part of the study, the office must present the initial study to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters within 60 days of the completion of the consultant's initial study.

If the office authorizes the second part of the study to create a design proposal, upon its completion, the office is required to prepare an analysis based on the consultant's design proposal and provide it to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters by January 1, 2025.

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LD 987 Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission to Initiate a Proceeding to Explore Strategies to Procure Standard-offer Service in a Manner that Promotes the Stability of Residential Standard-offer Rates

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 39 directs the Public Utilities Commission to initiate a proceeding to develop a procurement strategy and consider other measures that could be used to increase rate stability for residential customers that receive standard-offer service. In the proceeding, the commission must consider the use of varied contract lengths and terms to reduce price volatility from year to year.

LD 1065 An Act to Improve the Telecommunications Relay Services Council by Reducing Its Membership and Allowing for the Hiring of an Executive Director

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 182 amends the law governing the Telecommunications Relay Services Council to reduce the number of members appointed by the Governor from 8 to 6 by removing the member of a telephone association and the member representing a company that provides telecommunications relay services. It adds a member from the Maine Connectivity Authority appointed by the president of the authority. It also directs the council to hire a part-time executive director and establishes the duties of the executive director.

LD 1101 An Act to Support Lower Home Energy Costs by Establishing a Home Energy Scoring System

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 259 directs the Efficiency Maine Trust to establish a home energy scoring system for residential buildings for the purposes of evaluating a building's energy efficiency. The trust must establish a process by which a recipient of a home energy score may voluntarily report the score to the trust and establish and maintain a database of home energy scores.

LD 1223 An Act to Clarify Insurance in the Joint Use of Public Utility Equipment

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 313 provides that a shared-use pole owner may not require a municipality, as a condition of the municipality's attachment to the pole, to purchase and maintain a general liability insurance policy with a limit in excess of \$5,000,000 per occurrence. It clarifies that the provision of the Maine Tort Claims Act relating to insurance coverage applies to the

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municipality's liability limits and areas of liability if the municipality purchases such coverage. The law includes a repeal date of October 1, 2028.

LD 1408 An Act to Reduce Maine's Dependence on Fossil Fuels and Carbon Footprint for Energy Production Using Waste Wood Fuel

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 353 does the following.

1. It requires the Bureau of Forestry to submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters a copy of any report related to wood processing that the bureau submits to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over forestry management matters.
2. It amends the definition of net generating capacity for the purposes of the combined heat and power program to exclude energy provided behind the meter to facilities adjacent to an electric generating facility.
3. It increases the allowable net generating capacity of a combined heat and power program participant to no more than 15 megawatts and increases the total net generating capacity for all combined heat and power program participants to no more than 30 megawatts.
4. It requires the Public Utilities Commission to evaluate combined heat and power projects on a technology-specific basis when determining whether a project is highly efficient.
5. It limits the combined heat and power program to contracts for only energy instead of energy, capacity resources and renewable energy credits.
6. It establishes criteria to allow a combined heat and power program participant located in the service territory of a consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility to provide energy to an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility pursuant to a long-term contract under the program.

LD 1427 An Act to Allow the Public Utilities Commission to Provide Financial Assistance to Low-income Households in Emergency Situations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 201 allows the Public Utilities Commission, as part of a low-income assistance program, to provide financial assistance to low-income households in emergency situations as determined by the commission in a proceeding or by rule. It also requires the commission to identify the sources of low-income assistance program funds in its annual report to

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the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public utilities regarding low-income assistance programs.

LD 1456 Resolve, to Study the Effect of Current Laws and Rules on the Expansion of Broadband

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 81 directs the Public Utilities Commission to study current pole attachment laws and rules and the effect of those laws and rules on municipal broadband expansion. The study must include a review of each stage of the pole make-ready process, an estimate of the number of utility poles statewide that could accommodate municipal facility attachments without the need to replace the pole, an assessment of the commission's enforcement practices and related laws applicable to utility poles and a review of the commission's current educational resources related to pole attachments and the effectiveness of those resources. The law requires the commission to submit an initial report of the study by February 15, 2024 and a final report by December 1, 2024 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utility matters.

LD 1479 Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission to Convene a Stakeholder Group Regarding Liquefied Propane Gas Systems and the So-called Dig Safe Law

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 47 directs the Public Utilities Commission to convene a stakeholder group to discuss matters related to the underground facility damage prevention system, including options that may be available to the commission to ensure the safety measures established by the system are maintained while reducing administrative requirements for membership and participation in the system that are applicable to liquefied propane gas distribution systems that have an underground tank or pipe. The resolve specifies the membership of the stakeholder group and requires the commission to submit a report, by December 6, 2023, to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology summarizing the stakeholder discussions including any recommended legislation.

LD 1591 An Act to Promote Economic Reuse of Contaminated Land Through Clean Energy Development

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 321 directs the Public Utilities Commission to initiate a competitive solicitation for energy and renewable energy credits equal to 5% of the retail electricity sales in the State for the period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 plus any amount contracted for under previous procurements that the commission determines are unfulfilled. Projects eligible to be selected for contracts are Class IA resources that begin commercial operation on or after

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September 19, 2023 and for which a system impact study has been filed. A project pairing eligible Class IA resources with an energy storage system is also eligible to be selected for a contract. In conducting a solicitation and selecting projects for contracts, the commission must consider the expected effect of eligible Class IA resources on other renewable resources due to congestion and curtailment, select only those eligible Class IA resources or combined projects for contracts that will benefit ratepayers and give a primary preference to those eligible Class IA resources or combined projects that are located on contaminated lands and secondary preference to eligible Class IA resources or combined projects that minimize use of farmland that is not contaminated land and minimize use of forested land. The commission must use procured renewable energy credits to offset a standard-offer service provider's renewable resource portfolio requirements.

The law also requires the Governor's Energy Office, in consultation with the commission, to review the status and impacts of the implementation of the State's renewable resources portfolio requirements and submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters. The first report must be submitted by March 31, 2024 and subsequent reports every three years thereafter.

LD 1654 An Act to Extend the Time for Certain Public Utilities Commission Proceedings

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 168 extends the time period during which the Public Utilities Commission may make determinations on rate increases, affiliate transactions, reorganizations and certificates of public convenience and necessity. It allows for an extension of a period of suspension of the operation of a schedule of a public utility under certain circumstances. It extends the period of approval for a petition for a proposed transmission line from nine to 12 months.

LD 1655 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Consumer-owned Water Utilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 325 does the following.

1. It increases the gross annual revenues thresholds that trigger audits for qualified small water utilities and permits the Public Utilities Commission, for good cause shown, to waive the requirements for an annual review or audit for qualified small water utilities.
2. It exempts consumer-owned water utilities from certain requirements, including authorization by the commission for the issuance of stocks, bonds and notes.
3. It removes the requirement that consumer-owned water utilities publish notices of public hearings and rate changes in a newspaper and instead provides the commission with the authority to prescribe the manner in which notice is provided to customers of these utilities.

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4. It increases the total annual revenues thresholds that classify what qualifies as a small, medium and large consumer-owned water utility.
5. It creates an expedited rate adjustment mechanism for consumer-owned water utilities to allow for up to a 1.5% increase in the current total annual revenue as long as proper notice is provided.
6. It creates a process for two or more consumer-owned water utilities to petition the commission to consolidate into a single utility. The commission must report annually on consolidation activities to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities matters and include in that report draft charter language that the committee may report out to create the new consolidated utility.

LD 1692 An Act to Create the Guilford-Sangerville Utilities District

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 15 establishes the Guilford-Sangerville Utilities District, pending voter referendum.

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 15 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 26, 2023.

LD 1693 An Act to Amend the Kennebunk Sewer District Charter

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 7 amends the charter of the Kennebunk Sewer District to update the description of the district's territorial limits.

LD 1724 An Act to Enact the Beneficial Electrification Policy Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 328 does the following.

1. It enacts the Beneficial Electrification Policy Act which includes provisions that do the following.
 - A. It allows the Governor's Energy Office to petition the Public Utilities Commission to procure energy from renewable resources and allows the commission to initiate a competitive solicitation to approve one or more contracts for energy from renewable resources.

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- B. It directs the Efficiency Maine Trust to develop a 3-year beneficial electrification plan as a part of its triennial plan.
 - C. It requires, to the extent possible through readily available information, the office, the commission and the trust to monitor beneficial electrification activities, trends and costs and benefits to ratepayers.
 - D. It requires the commission, the office and the trust to include information on beneficial electrification activities in each entity's annual report to the Legislature.
2. It amends the definition of "beneficial electrification" in existing law to include a process.
 3. It directs the trust to plan and implement programs to advance the policy of beneficial electrification.
 4. It directs the commission to conduct a study of how to cost-effectively provide consumer financing of beneficial electrification products including products for energy efficiency, home or business energy storage, electric vehicle charging equipment and other distributed energy products. The commission must submit a report on the study to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by January 5, 2024.

LD 1828 An Act Regarding Enhanced 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 186 requires a public safety answering point to provide notice to the Emergency Services Communication Bureau prior to discontinuing service to a municipality. It specifies that the bureau must find reasonable grounds to authorize a public safety answering point to provide less than one year's notice of its discontinuation of service and provides that a violation of the notice requirement is a civil violation for which a fine of up to \$50 per day may be adjudged. The law specifies that the bureau may establish additional public safety answering points regardless of the limitation on the number of public safety answering points in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2926, subsection 2-A if the bureau determines that a public safety answering point is necessary to ensure public safety and access to E-9-1-1 services. The law also requires the bureau to conduct a study assessing whether public safety answering points can be more efficiently managed to ensure stability of the system. The Public Utilities Commission must provide a report on the results of the study by February 1, 2024 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy, utilities and technology matters.

Public Law 2023, chapter 186 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 15, 2023.

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LD 1850 An Act Relating to Energy Storage and the State's Energy Goals

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 374 does the following.

1. It modifies the state goal for energy storage system development to at least 300 megawatts of installed capacity by December 31, 2025 and at least 400 megawatts by December 31, 2030. It provides that, beginning January 1, 2024 and every 2 years thereafter, the Governor's Energy Office may reevaluate and increase the state goal.
2. It directs the office, in consultation with the Public Utilities Commission, to evaluate designs for and recommend a program to procure commercially available utility-scale energy storage systems connected to the transmission and distribution systems, including but not limited to through the use of an index storage credit mechanism. It directs the commission to evaluate whether the program recommended by the office is reasonably likely to achieve the certain objectives. Upon finding the proposed program reasonably likely to achieve those objectives, the commission must take steps to implement the program in accordance with any applicable authority the commission may have and the commission may submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters recommendations for any changes to law needed to allow the commission to fully implement the program. The joint standing committee may report out legislation related to energy storage to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.
3. It requires the office to study long-duration energy storage and submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology no later than February 1, 2024. The report must include a discussion of technology options for long-duration energy storage, an overview of known cost and performance characteristics, a discussion of scenarios for the use of long-duration energy storage and consideration of whether and under what conditions the use of long-duration energy storage would be cost-effective for ratepayers in the state.
4. It directs the commission to solicit stakeholder input on whether an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility may own, have a financial interest in or otherwise control energy storage systems in order to perform its obligations as a transmission and distribution utility in an effective, prudent and efficient manner. The commission is required to submit a report containing any recommendations based on its activities to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology no later than February 15, 2024.

LD 1887 An Act to Clarify the Review and Procurement Process for Nonwires Alternatives

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 355 makes the following changes to the laws governing electric transmission lines and projects and nonwires alternatives.

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1. It repeals the definition of "nontransmission alternative" and incorporates aspects of the definition of "nontransmission alternative" into the definition of "nonwires alternative." It includes energy storage as a nonwires alternative in the definition of "nonwires alternative."
2. It amends the existing definition of "transmission project" and adds a definition of "subtransmission project."
3. It prohibits a person from constructing a subtransmission project without approval from the Public Utilities Commission.
4. It allows an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility or the Office of the Public Advocate to petition commission to resolve a dispute between the nonwires alternative coordinator and the utility regarding nonwires alternatives to proposed small transmission projects and distribution projects.
5. It provides that an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility may request a protective order if necessary to protect the confidentiality of customer data or critical energy infrastructure information provided to the Public Advocate or the Efficiency Maine Trust to allow the nonwires alternative coordinator to carry out certain investigation and analysis.
6. It provides that when the commission determines a nonwires alternative is appropriate in certain cases involving the review of transmission and distribution projects, the nonwires alternative must be prudently procured.
7. It removes language that provides that when an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility voluntarily agrees to a nonwires alternative on the grid side of the meter regarding certain small transmission and distribution projects, the utility must determine the entity to deliver the nonwires alternative.

LD 1895 An Act Regarding the Procurement of Energy from Offshore Wind Resources

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 481 does the following.

1. It requires an agreement for construction work in connection with the construction or alteration of an offshore wind terminal that is a public work to support an offshore wind power project to comply with the requirements applicable to either a project labor agreement or community and workforce enhancement standards. It provides that if an offshore wind power project involves a public-private partnership that includes the lease of an offshore wind terminal owned or operated by the State, the department, authority or other agency responsible for granting the lease must require agreements that comply with the requirements applicable to either a project labor agreement or community and workforce enhancement standards as a condition of the lease for all on-site construction and fabrication of materials for the offshore wind power project.

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2. It makes the following changes to the Maine Wind Energy Act.
 - A. It updates the State's goal for wind energy development in proximate federal waters.
 - B. It makes changes to the Offshore Wind Research Consortium, including expanding the membership of the advisory board, and to the Offshore Wind Research Consortium Fund, including adding payments from offshore wind power projects to the sources of money that come into the fund.
 - C. It establishes the Maine Offshore Wind Renewable Energy and Economic Development Program to further the development and use of offshore wind power projects in the Gulf of Maine. The program is administered by the Governor's Energy Office in collaboration with the Public Utilities Commission.
 - D. It directs the Governor's Energy Office to establish a schedule for competitive solicitations and prepare requests for proposals for the development and construction of offshore wind power projects to meet the goals of the Maine Offshore Wind Renewable Energy and Economic Development Program. Each solicitation must seek proposals for not less than approximately 600 megawatts of nameplate capacity or projects of sufficient size to enable cost-competitive commercial-scale development. A solicitation must specify bidder criteria, including the submission of plans addressing stakeholder engagement; economic and community benefits; diversity, equity and inclusion in employment and contracting for the project; fisheries research, monitoring and mitigation; and environmental and wildlife research, monitoring, mitigation and conservation. The criteria must also require the submission of a fishing communities investment plan and an agreement by the responsible entity, if it is approved for a contract, to pay an amount per megawatt of capacity to the Offshore Wind Research Consortium Fund and an agreement to provide financial and technical assistance necessary to implement the required plans. It also establishes community and workforce enhancement standards as requirements and standards that contractors, subcontractors and individuals performing construction work on offshore wind power projects must meet.
 - E. It requires the commission to review the office's request for proposals and, upon finding that the request for proposals is reasonably likely to attract competitive bids, issue the request for proposals. The commission is required to select projects that result in contracts that are cost-effective for electric ratepayers over the term of the contract, taking into consideration potential quantitative and qualitative economic, environmental and other benefits to ratepayers. The commission must give priority to projects that meet certain criteria.
 - F. It authorizes the commission to conduct one or more competitive solicitations for proposals for the development and construction of offshore wind energy transmission projects or other electric infrastructure projects to facilitate offshore wind energy development.

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3. It establishes a visual impact standard to evaluate the effect of the development of an offshore wind terminal.
4. It requires the Office of Tax Policy in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services, in consultation with the Department of Marine Resources and the Governor's Energy Office, to develop the Fishing Community Tax Incentive Program to provide tax credits to applicants for qualified investments in offshore wind power projects. The Office of Tax Policy is required to publicize and seek public comment on the proposed program before submitting it, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation and the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by February 1, 2024.

LD 1933 An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the Limerick Water District

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 11 increases the debt limit of the Limerick Water District from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 11 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 16, 2023.

LD 1943 An Act Regarding Future Energy Procurements for Renewable Energy Development in Northern Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 371 directs the Public Utilities Commission to issue a request for proposals for the development and construction of renewable energy generation projects in northern Maine to maximize the use of the transmission line proposal selected in accordance with the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program. The law provides that the commission must conduct the request for proposals and approval of contracts, if practicable, on a schedule to allow selected projects to seek inclusion in the Third Maine Resource Integration Study and the subsequent cluster system impact study.

LD 1950 An Act to Raise the Debt Limit of the Stonington Water Company

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 8 increases the total amount of debt the Stonington Water Company may incur from \$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

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Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 8 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 13, 2023.

LD 1971 Resolve, to Ensure that Eligible Customers Receive Payments from the Energy Rate Relief Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 104 ensures that an eligible customer of an electric utility receives a payment from the Energy Rate Relief Fund under Resolve 2021, chapter 168 even if that customer did not receive a February 2022 invoice from that electric utility.

Resolve 2023, chapter 104 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 26, 2023.

LD 1986 An Act Relating to Net Energy Billing and Distributed Solar and Energy Storage Systems

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 411 does the following.

1. It establishes the Distributed Solar and Energy Storage Program to obtain and provide federal funding to foster the continued growth of cost-effective distributed solar facilities and energy storage systems in the State.
2. It limits participation in the kilowatt hour credit and tariff rate net energy billing programs for distributed generation resources with a nameplate capacity greater than or equal to one megawatt and less than or equal to two megawatts to those resources that, on or before December 31, 2024, reach commercial operation by the date specified in the net energy billing agreement or by the date specified with an allowable modification to that agreement.
3. After December 31, 2023, it limits participation in the tariff rate net energy billing program to distributed generation resources that are collocated with all of the distributed generation resource's net energy billing customers and those customers are subscribed to 100% of the facility's output. The limitation does not apply to a distributed generation resource with a net energy billing agreement that was executed on or before December 31, 2023.
4. It requires the Public Utilities Commission to annually determine the net energy billing costs and the benefits of distributed generation under net energy billing programs for the previous year and to allocate to each investor-owned transmission and distribution utility its pro rata share of net energy billing costs. The allocation must be based on each utility's total retail kilowatt-hour energy sales to ratepayers that pay net energy billing costs.

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5. It establishes parameters for a competitive solicitation and procurement by the commission that may procure energy or renewable energy credits from distributed generation resources that have met or are reasonably likely to meet certain net energy billing eligibility criteria as determined by the commission or, for distributed generation resources that have a nameplate capacity of at least one megawatt and not more than two megawatts, are a member of a cluster study conducted by a transmission and distribution utility or are likely to receive required transmission approval from the New England independent system operator on or before April 30, 2024. If the commission determines that a procurement of energy or renewable energy credits is in the public interest, the commission must select distributed generation resources for contracts. Distributed generation resources that are awarded contracts as a result of the competitive solicitation may not participate in net energy billing and must terminate any net energy billing arrangements or agreements.
6. It directs the commission to conduct one or more proceedings to examine and evaluate designs for programs to reduce net energy billing costs in which a distributed generation resource may elect to participate, including, but not limited to, designs that include long-term financial mechanisms and buy-down arrangements. If the commission finds the implementation of a program to be in the public interest, the commission must establish and implement the program. By March 31, 2024, the commission must provide a report of its activities regarding these programs to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

LD 2012 An Act to Prohibit Early Termination Fees for Residential Electric Generation Service Contracts

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2023, chapter 375 prohibits a competitive electricity provider from entering into or renewing a contract for generation service that imposes an early termination fee.

LD 2013 An Act to Address Abandoned Capital Credits Held by Rural Electrification Cooperatives

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2023, chapter 483 provides that a deposit or refund owed to a member of a rural electrification cooperative that is unclaimed by the member one year after the deposit or refund becomes payable must be used to provide assistance to low income households.

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Solar Energy

Enacted	LD 466	Resolve, to Evaluate Options for the Recycling of Solar Panels and Wind Turbine Blades	RESOLVE 52
	LD 826	An Act to Provide for the Management of the Waste Components of a Solar Energy Development upon Decommissioning	PUBLIC 300

Storm Water

Enacted	LD 216	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Storm Water Management to Provide an Exemption for Trails for Hiking and Other Similar Activities	PUBLIC 8
	LD 276	An Act to Assist Municipalities in Preventing Damage from Storm Water	PUBLIC 65
Not Enacted	LD 1570	An Act to Create the Storm Water Infrastructure Repair and Replacement Fund	ONTP

Subdivisions

Enacted	LD 596	An Act to Exempt Certain Conservation Lots from Municipal Subdivision Review	PUBLIC 79
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Waste Discharges

Enacted	LD 508	Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Review Regulation of Waste Discharge from Finfish Aquaculture Facilities	RESOLVE 59
Not Enacted	LD 188	An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Pay for Certain Water Tests for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	ONTP

Waste Facilities

Enacted	LD 718	An Act to Facilitate the Management of Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge at the State-owned Juniper Ridge Landfill	PUBLIC 283
Not Enacted	LD 1330	Resolve, to Ensure Compliance by the State with an Agreement Regarding the Operation of the Landfill in Old Town	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1660	An Act to Provide That Advanced Recycling Facilities Are Subject to Solid Waste Regulation and That Advanced Recycling Does Not Constitute Recycling	CARRIED OVER

Waste Management

Enacted	LD 28	An Act to Streamline Rulemaking for Revisions to Screening Levels for the Solid Waste Beneficial Use Program	PUBLIC 57
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	LD 826	An Act to Provide for the Management of the Waste Components of a Solar Energy Development upon Decommissioning	PUBLIC 300
	LD 1172	An Act to Reestablish Annual Reporting on Solid Waste in Maine	PUBLIC 331
Not Enacted	LD 295	An Act Regarding Plastic Pollution	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1009	An Act Regarding the Reduction and Recycling of Food Waste	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1171	An Act to Raise Funding to Support Waste Reduction, Reuse, Recycling and Composting in Maine	ONTP
	LD 1660	An Act to Provide That Advanced Recycling Facilities Are Subject to Solid Waste Regulation and That Advanced Recycling Does Not Constitute Recycling	CARRIED OVER

Water

Not Enacted	LD 306	An Act Related to Water	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1081	An Act to Impose a Fee on Commercial Water Withdrawn from Lakes and Ponds to Fund Conservation Efforts and Prohibit a Fee on the Sale of Water Withdrawn from a Lake or Pond	ONTP
	LD 1641	Resolve, to Further Study the Role of Water as a Resource	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1723	An Act to Prevent the Automatic Transfer of Permits and Contracts in a Sale of Assets of a Water Export Company Without Review and to Amend the Membership of the Water Resources Planning Committee and the Maine Public Drinking Water Commission	ONTP

Water Quality

Enacted	LD 164	An Act Regarding the Funding of Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection Projects	PUBLIC 426
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LD 276	An Act to Assist Municipalities in Preventing Damage from Storm Water	PUBLIC 65
LD 1926	An Act to Impose a Moratorium on New Point Source Waste Discharge Licenses on the Lower Presumpscot River	PUBLIC 295

Waterbodies

Enacted	LD 1926 An Act to Impose a Moratorium on New Point Source Waste Discharge Licenses on the Lower Presumpscot River	PUBLIC 295
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Wind Power

Not Enacted	LD 1847 An Act to Modify the Visual Impact Standards for Offshore Wind Port Development and Establish Labor Standards for Wind Power Projects	Veto Sustained
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ENR	9	An Act to Establish Processing Time Limits for Permit by Rule Applications Under the Site Location of Development Laws	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/11/23	Enacted	PL	45		S1
ENR	10	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Invasive Aquatic Plants	Reported Out	OTP		2/13/23	Enacted	PL	5		R1
ENR	27	An Act to Align Maine's Lead Abatement Law with Federal Definitions and to Clarify Lead Abatement Licensing and Certification Requirements	Reported Out	OTP		3/28/23	Enacted	PL	28		S1
ENR	28	An Act to Streamline Rulemaking for Revisions to Screening Levels for the Solid Waste Beneficial Use Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM		4/18/23	Enacted	PL	57		S1
ENR	29	An Act to Reduce Air Emissions at Petroleum Storage Facilities	Reported Out	LTW		5/19/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	54	An Act to Require Compliance with Natural or Agricultural Resource Protection Ordinances	Reported Out	ONTP		5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	71	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 171: Control of Petroleum Storage Facilities, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection	Reported Out	OTP/OTP-AM		4/18/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	10		S1
ENR	74	An Act to Update the Responsibilities of the Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/18/23	Enacted	PL	61		S1
ENR	127	An Act to Eliminate Television Recycling Fees for Charitable Entities	Reported Out	ONTP		2/9/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1

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ENR	134	An Act to Increase the Handling Fee for Beverage Containers Reimbursed to Dealers and Redemption Centers	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/18/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	48		S1
ENR	164	An Act Regarding the Funding of Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection Projects	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/18/23	Enacted	PL	426		S1
ENR	169	An Act to Amend and Clarify the Laws Governing Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances and Other Harmful Chemicals	Reported Out	LTW		4/20/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	171	An Act to Provide That All Rules Regarding Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Are Major Substantive Rules	Reported Out	LTW		4/20/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	188	An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Pay for Certain Water Tests for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Reported Out	ONTP		3/15/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
ENR	216	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Storm Water Management to Provide an Exemption for Trails for Hiking and Other Similar Activities	Reported Out	OTP		2/16/23	Enacted	PL	8		R1
ENR	217	An Act to Support Manufacturers Whose Products Contain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/22/23	Enacted	PL	138		S1
ENR	219	An Act Regarding Appeals of License or Permit Decisions of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/22/23	Enacted	PL	139		S1
ENR	242	An Act to Clarify That Animal Health Products Are Exempt from the Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Reporting Law	Reported Out	ONTP		5/15/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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ENR	276	An Act to Assist Municipalities in Preventing Damage from Storm Water	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/19/23	Enacted	PL	65		S1
ENR	277	An Act Regarding Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
ENR	295	An Act Regarding Plastic Pollution	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
ENR	304	An Act to Establish Statewide Standards for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	306	An Act Related to Water	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
ENR	319	An Act to Amend Maine's Underground Oil Storage Tank Laws	Reported Out	OTP		3/2/23	Enacted	PL	16		R1
ENR	392	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection	Reported Out	OTP		3/15/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	8		S1
ENR	400	Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Examine Regulatory Requirements for Outdoor Wood Boilers	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/24/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	13		S1
ENR	425	An Act to Lower the Environmental Impact of Consumers, Increase Food Safety and Strengthen Consumer Choice by Ending the Ban on Single-use Plastic Shopping Bags	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		3/28/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
ENR	466	Resolve, to Evaluate Options for the Recycling of Solar Panels and Wind Turbine Blades	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/1/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	52		S1
ENR	478	An Act to Improve Coastal Sand Dune Restoration Projects	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/1/23	Enacted	PL	97		S1
ENR	508	Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Review Regulation of Waste Discharge from Finfish Aquaculture Facilities	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		5/22/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	59		S1

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ENR	572	An Act to Remove the 5 Cent Fee for Bags in Retail Stores	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP/ OTP-AM		4/19/23	Accepted Report A (ONTP)				S1
ENR	596	An Act to Exempt Certain Conservation Lots from Municipal Subdivision Review	Reported Out	OTP		4/25/23	Enacted	PL	79		S1
ENR	627	An Act to Promote Clean and Affordable Maine-sourced Bioenergy by Amending the Law Regarding Outdoor Wood Boilers and Outdoor Pellet Boilers	Reported Out	ONTP		3/9/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
ENR	718	An Act to Facilitate the Management of Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge at the State-owned Juniper Ridge Landfill	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/14/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	283		S1
ENR	826	An Act to Provide for the Management of the Waste Components of a Solar Energy Development upon Decommissioning	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/1/23	Enacted	PL	300		S1
ENR	865	An Act to Clarify the Roles and Responsibilities of the Board of Environmental Protection by Adjusting the Requirements for Certain Hearings and for Certain Agencies by Adjusting the Requirements for Cost-Benefit Analysis	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
ENR	928	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to a Clean and Healthy Environment	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried on floor	4/11/23					S1
ENR	959	An Act to Prohibit Food Waste by Grocery Stores	Reported Out	ONTP		3/28/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	964	An Act to Eliminate the Paint Stewardship Assessment Paid by Consumers	Reported Out	LTW		3/15/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1

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ENR	972	Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Evaluate Strategies for Improving the Returnable Beverage Container Laws	Reported Out	ONTP		6/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	1009	An Act Regarding the Reduction and Recycling of Food Waste	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
ENR	1058	An Act to Advance Greenhouse Gas Removal as an Economic Development Strategy in Maine	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	1081	An Act to Impose a Fee on Commercial Water Withdrawn from Lakes and Ponds to Fund Conservation Efforts and Prohibit a Fee on the Sale of Water Withdrawn from a Lake or Pond	Reported Out	ONTP		5/15/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	1126	Resolve, to Increase Community Action Grants	Reported Out	ONTP		4/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	1171	An Act to Raise Funding to Support Waste Reduction, Reuse, Recycling and Composting in Maine	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	1172	An Act to Reestablish Annual Reporting on Solid Waste in Maine	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/22/23	Enacted	PL	331		S1
ENR	1214	An Act to Clarify the Laws to Combat Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination	Reported Out	ONTP		5/15/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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ENR	1246	An Act to Include Endangered and Threatened Species Habitat in the Definition of "Significant Wildlife Habitat" Under the Natural Resources Protection Act	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/22/23	Enacted	PL	156		S1
ENR	1273	An Act to Exempt Some Businesses from Certain Laws Relating to Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Accordance with the Size of the Business	Reported Out	ONTP		5/15/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	1330	Resolve, to Ensure Compliance by the State with an Agreement Regarding the Operation of the Landfill in Old Town	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/14/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
ENR	1363	An Act to Support Extraction of Common Minerals by Amending the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/7/23	Enacted	PL	398		S1
ENR	1393	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Examine Programs and Policies Regarding Natural Resources and Environmental Protection	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	1411	An Act to Enhance Reporting by Certain Agencies Regarding Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		5/22/23	Enacted	PL	234		S1
ENR	1418	An Act Concerning Single-use Disposable Water Bottles and Water Refill Stations	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
ENR	1433	An Act to Exclude Pegmatites from the Definition of "Metallic Mineral"	Reported Out	ONTP		5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	1470	An Act Regarding Transfers of Land in Resource Protection Areas	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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ENR	1471	An Act to Amend Provisions of the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23				S1
ENR	1473	An Act to Protect Certain Unfiltered Drinking Water Sources	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/5/23	Enacted	PL 264		S1
ENR	1476	An Act to Amend the Definition of "Metallic Mineral" in the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act	Reported Out	ONTP		5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
ENR	1482	An Act to Impose a Moratorium on Open-pit Rock Quarry Excavation	Reported Out	LTW		5/19/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
ENR	1495	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Role of Critical Minerals as a Resource in the State	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/6/23	Died On Adjournment			S1
ENR	1508	An Act to Ensure a Strategic Approach to Maine's Energy Transition by Imposing a Moratorium on Lithium Mining	Reported Out	ONTP		5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
ENR	1537	An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Prevention of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution and to Provide Additional Funding	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/27/23				S1
ENR	1564	An Act to Eliminate Metallic Mineral Mining Activities Without a Permit	Reported Out	ONTP		5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
ENR	1570	An Act to Create the Storm Water Infrastructure Repair and Replacement Fund	Reported Out	ONTP		5/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1

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ENR	1621	An Act Regarding Environmental Justice	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/2/23				S1
ENR	1641	Resolve, to Further Study the Role of Water as a Resource	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/22/23	Died On Adjournment			S1
ENR	1645	An Act to Reduce Plastic Packaging Waste	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/6/23	Died Between Houses			S1
ENR	1652	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 119: Motor Vehicle Fuel Volatility Requirements, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		5/18/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	25	S1
ENR	1658	An Act to Verify the Reduction of Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions for Certain Electric Transmission Line Projects	Reported Out	ONTP		5/15/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
ENR	1660	An Act to Provide That Advanced Recycling Facilities Are Subject to Solid Waste Regulation and That Advanced Recycling Does Not Constitute Recycling	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23				S1
ENR	1723	An Act to Prevent the Automatic Transfer of Permits and Contracts in a Sale of Assets of a Water Export Company Without Review and to Amend the Membership of the Water Resources Planning Committee and the Maine Public Drinking Water Commission	Reported Out	ONTP		5/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
ENR	1814	An Act to Reduce Mercury in the Environment by Phasing Out Certain Fluorescent Light Bulbs	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/14/23	Enacted	PL	384	S1
ENR	1839	An Act to Study a Permitting Process for and Establish a Moratorium on Certain Tall Structures	Reported Out	ONTP		5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1

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ENR	1845	An Act to Regulate Outdoor Lighting	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
ENR	1847	An Act to Modify the Visual Impact Standards for Offshore Wind Port Development and Establish Labor Standards for Wind Power Projects	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/6/23	Veto Sustained				S1
ENR	1908	An Act to Enact the Safe Cosmetics Act	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
ENR	1909	An Act to Modernize Maine's Beverage Container Redemption Law	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	482		S1
ENR	1910	An Act to Amend the Returnable Beverage Container Program	Reported Out	ONTP		6/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	1926	An Act to Impose a Moratorium on New Point Source Waste Discharge Licenses on the Lower Presumpscot River	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/7/23	Enacted	PL	295		S1
ENR	1960	An Act to Support Farming in Maine by Extending the Deadline for Manufacturers of Products Containing Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Report on Those Products	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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LD 9 An Act to Establish Processing Time Limits for Permit by Rule Applications Under the Site Location of Development Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 45 exempts permit by rule applications under the site location of development laws from the 20-day processing requirement under current law and instead requires the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to decide whether such an application meets applicable permit by rule requirements within 90 calendar days of notifying the applicant that the application has been accepted unless the commissioner establishes a different time period for the decision pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 344-B.

LD 10 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Invasive Aquatic Plants

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 5 includes in the definition for certain conservation and environmental protection laws of "invasive aquatic plant" all Myriophyllum species that are nonindigenous to the State, as well as all Trapa species, all Cabomba species and the plants water soldier, giant salvinia, swollen bladderwort and starry stonewort. Sales of invasive aquatic plants are prohibited in the State under current law. Public Law 2023, chapter 5 also prohibits the sale in the State of any plant of the genus Myriophyllum that is indigenous to the State.

LD 27 An Act to Align Maine's Lead Abatement Law with Federal Definitions and to Clarify Lead Abatement Licensing and Certification Requirements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 28 changes the definition of "residential dwelling" in the laws governing lead abatement. It also removes the exemption that provides that a person 18 years of age or older who owns and personally occupies a dwelling unit in which a resident child has been identified as lead-poisoned need not obtain licensing and certification to perform abatement activities within that dwelling unit, as long as the person completes any training required by the Department of Health and Human Services.

LD 28 An Act to Streamline Rulemaking for Revisions to Screening Levels for the Solid Waste Beneficial Use Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 57 provides that the Board of Environmental Protection may adopt or amend rules relating to the beneficial use of solid waste. Those rules are designated major

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substantive rules except for certain rules adopting or amending screening levels for beneficial use, which are designated routine technical rules.

LD 71 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 171: Control of Petroleum Storage Facilities, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 10 authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to finally adopt Chapter 171: Control of Petroleum Storage Facilities, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the department that was submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Resolve 2023, chapter 10 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 8, 2023.

LD 74 An Act to Update the Responsibilities of the Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 61 shifts responsibility for appeals of certain insurance claims-related decisions from the Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board to the Board of Environmental Protection. It also provides procedures for vacancies on the board, sets term limits for board members, reduces the number of required meetings and directs the board to choose a chair every 2 years.

LD 134 An Act to Increase the Handling Fee for Beverage Containers Reimbursed to Dealers and Redemption Centers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 48 amends the beverage container redemption laws to increase the amount of the reimbursement of beverage container handling costs paid by an initiator of deposit to a dealer or redemption center from 4 1/2¢ per container to 5 1/2¢ per container beginning May 1, 2023 and to 6¢ per container beginning September 1, 2023.

Public Law 2023, chapter 48 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 5, 2023.

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LD 164 An Act Regarding the Funding of Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection Projects

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 426 incorporates a number of changes and clarifications to the Lake Restoration and Protection Fund under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 480-N, including changing the name of the fund to the Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection Fund, clarifying the types of projects that are eligible for 100% payment of eligible costs under the fund, clarifying the scope of fund expenditures not related to those projects and providing that the fund may receive money from any source, public or private. It also provides one-time funding of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 for projects that meet specific criteria and improve or maintain the quality of lake waters in the State.

LD 216 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Storm Water Management to Provide an Exemption for Trails for Hiking and Other Similar Activities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 8 exempts from the storm water control requirements under the pollution control laws subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Environmental Protection trails intended, constructed and managed for use by persons walking, snowshoeing, skiing or hiking.

LD 217 An Act to Support Manufacturers Whose Products Contain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 138 extends the January 1, 2023 deadline for reporting the use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, in products for sale to January 1, 2025 and authorizes reporting the amount of total organic fluorine if the amount of each PFAS compound is not known and allows the amount of PFAS to be reported based on information provided by a supplier rather than testing. It clarifies the packaging exemption under the law regulating PFAS in products, exempts from PFAS reporting requirements manufacturers that employ 25 or fewer people, clarifies that the requirements and prohibitions of the law do not apply to used products or used product components and makes other technical clarifications to PFAS reporting requirements under the law. These changes to the law regulating PFAS in products are made retroactive to January 1, 2023.

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LD 219 An Act Regarding Appeals of License or Permit Decisions of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 139 provides for the following changes to the laws governing orders and decisions of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the Board of Environmental Protection and appeals of those orders and decisions.

1. Current law provides that the commissioner may revoke or suspend a license if the commissioner finds that certain specified statutory criteria have been met. The board is similarly authorized by law to modify a license or order necessary corrective action if the board finds that the same statutory criteria have been met. Public Law 2023, chapter 139 provides that such a revocation or suspension of a license by the commissioner or such a modification of a license or ordering of corrective action by the board may occur at any time, including during the pendency of a judicial appeal of a final decision regarding the license. It also provides that the commissioner may act on an application for a license or permit renewal, amendment, revision, condition compliance, surrender or transfer at any time, including during the pendency of a judicial appeal of a final decision regarding the license or permit.
2. Public Law 2023, chapter 139 provides that, on appeal to the board of a final license or permit decision of the commissioner, an appellant must include any proposed supplemental evidence with the filing of the appeal and the board may admit into the record supplemental evidence offered by a respondent in response as well as additional evidence and analysis submitted by Department of Environmental Protection staff in response.
3. Public Law 2023, chapter 139 provides that when a license or permit decision or other final action of the board or the commissioner is appealed to a court, the board or the commissioner may toll for the pendency of the judicial appeal the running of time for any deadline established in the license, permit or action under appeal.

LD 276 An Act to Assist Municipalities in Preventing Damage from Storm Water

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 65 authorizes a municipality or a regional community and economic development organization to appropriate funds to repair a private road, way, bridge or storm water management system for the purpose of protecting or restoring a protected natural resource by preventing storm water runoff pollution from reaching the protected natural resource subject to certain specific requirements, including a requirement that the private road, way, bridge or storm water management system is located wholly or partially within or immediately adjacent to a military installation closed pursuant to the federal Defense Base Realignment and Closure Act of 1990.

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LD 319 An Act to Amend Maine's Underground Oil Storage Tank Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Under current law, upon the expiration date of a manufacturer's warranty for certain underground oil storage tanks, the tank and its associated piping must be removed from service and properly abandoned, except that a double-walled underground oil storage tank may continue in service up to 10 years beyond the expiration of the warranty if certain testing is conducted to verify the integrity of the tank. Public Law 2023, chapter 16 removes the 10-year limitation, thereby allowing such double-walled tanks to continue in service indefinitely as long as the same testing requirements are satisfied.

LD 392 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 8 authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to finally adopt portions of Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the department that was submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

LD 400 Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Examine Regulatory Requirements for Outdoor Wood Boilers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 13 directs the Department of Environmental Protection to review the laws and rules governing outdoor wood boilers and rules adopted by the department relating to emission standards, stack height requirements and setback requirements for new installations of outdoor wood boilers to determine if stack height and setback requirements for new installations should be amended, taking into consideration the emission standards of the most recent models of outdoor wood boilers. It directs the department to submit a report regarding the review to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, which may submit a bill relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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LD 466 Resolve, to Evaluate Options for the Recycling of Solar Panels and Wind Turbine Blades

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 52 directs the Department of Environmental Protection to evaluate whether solar panels and wind turbine blades meet the criteria in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1772, subsection 2 to be a candidate for a product stewardship program. The evaluation must include collection of information regarding facilities operating or planned for operation in the eastern United States that can recycle solar panels or wind turbine blades and identification of the recycling costs for those materials for customers of those facilities. The department is directed to include its findings and recommendations from the evaluation, including any proposed legislation, in the annual report required by Title 38, section 1772, subsection 1 and due February 15, 2024.

LD 478 An Act to Improve Coastal Sand Dune Restoration Projects

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 97 amends the Natural Resources Protection Act to provide that the Department of Environmental Protection is allowed to authorize through a permit or a permit by rule a coastal sand dune system restoration project that uses allowable stabilization materials for the planting of native dune vegetation as long as the project meets certain statutory requirements and satisfies all other applicable requirements for the permit or permit by rule. "Allowable stabilization materials" is defined to mean natural, plant-based biodegradable or compostable fabrics, erosion control blankets, logs or rolls made from coir, jute, straw, polylactic acid polymers or other similar materials, including such materials that contain or use gravel or cobble, discarded holiday trees, other trees fallen or washed up in proximity to the site and stakes or anchors used to secure any of these materials. The use or placement of such materials within a coastal sand dune system in accordance with an authorized permit or permit by rule is not considered a permanent structure under the Natural Resources Protection Act.

LD 508 Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Review Regulation of Waste Discharge from Finfish Aquaculture Facilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 59 directs the Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a review of applicable state laws and rules regulating the licensing of waste discharge from proposed finfish aquaculture facilities, including any waste discharge modeling requirements or standards, and of prior and current waste discharge monitoring requirements imposed on licensed finfish aquaculture facilities since 2004, including identification of any monitoring requirements imposed on those facilities that were subsequently removed and the basis for the removal. It also directs the department to develop recommendations for the establishment of minimum criteria or standards

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for waste discharge modeling required as part of a license application for a finfish aquaculture facility, which must be based on the department's knowledge of current best management practices for those facilities.

On or before January 15, 2024, the department is required to submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources a report summarizing the review and providing any recommendations, including any proposed legislation, resulting from the review. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 596 An Act to Exempt Certain Conservation Lots from Municipal Subdivision Review

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 79 amends the definition of "subdivision" under the laws governing subdivisions to provide that, unless the intent of a transferor is to avoid the objectives of those laws, the division of a tract or parcel of land accomplished by the transfer of any interest in the land to a holder does not create a lot or lots for the purposes of that definition if:

1. The transferred interest, as expressed by conservation easement, binding agreement, declaration of trust or otherwise, is to be permanently held for one or more of the following conservation purposes: retaining or protecting the natural, scenic or open space values of the land; ensuring the availability of the land for agricultural, forest, recreational or open space use; protecting natural resources; or maintaining or enhancing air quality or water quality; and
2. The transferred interest is not subsequently further divided or transferred except to another holder.

For the purposes of Public Law 2023, chapter 79, a "holder" means a governmental body empowered to hold an interest in real property under the laws of the State or the United States or a nonprofit corporation or charitable trust, the purposes or powers of which include retaining or protecting the natural, scenic or open space values of real property; ensuring the availability of real property for agricultural, forest, recreational or open space use; protecting natural resources; or maintaining or enhancing air or water quality or preserving the historical, architectural, archaeological or cultural aspects of real property.

LD 718 An Act to Facilitate the Management of Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge at the State-owned Juniper Ridge Landfill

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 283 amends the law regarding the reuse or recycling of construction and demolition debris by certain solid waste processing facilities that were in operation during calendar year 2018 and accept exclusively construction and demolition debris by extending the dates by

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which such facilities must reuse or recycle a certain percentage of such debris through methods other than placement in a solid waste landfill. The law makes those changes in effective dates retroactive to December 31, 2021.

Public Law 2023, chapter 283 also provides that, for the period beginning on the effective date of the Act and ending July 1, 2025, if in any 12-month period the total weight of the residue generated by a solid waste processing facility and disposed of or otherwise placed in a solid waste landfill exceeds the total weight of the solid waste initially generated within the State that was processed by the facility in that 12-month period, such excess residue, not to exceed 25,000 tons in that 12-month period, is deemed to be waste generated within the State within the meaning of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1303-C, subsection 40-A as long as that excess residue is composed of oversized bulky waste and is disposed of or otherwise placed in a state-owned solid waste landfill. Any other excess residue generated by the facility in that 12-month period is deemed not to be waste generated within the State.

Public Law 2023, chapter 283 also directs the Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Public Utilities Commission, to evaluate options for and develop recommendations regarding state regulation of the transportation, landfill disposal and other management of sludge generated from wastewater treatment plants as the activities of a public utility and regarding state regulation of the operation of state-owned solid waste landfills as a public utility. On or before January 15, 2024, the department is required to submit a report outlining the results of the study and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Public Law 2023, chapter 283 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 23, 2023.

LD 826 An Act to Provide for the Management of the Waste Components of a Solar Energy Development upon Decommissioning

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 300 amends the laws regulating the decommissioning of solar energy developments to stipulate that decommissioning includes providing for the recycling of the waste components of the solar energy development that are recyclable, including, but not limited to, the solar panels, by a facility authorized to accept such materials for recycling and providing for the disposal of the waste components of the solar energy development that are not recyclable by a facility authorized to accept such materials for disposal.

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LD 1172 An Act to Reestablish Annual Reporting on Solid Waste in Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 331 requires the Department of Environmental Protection, beginning in 2026, to annually instead of biennially report to the Legislature information on statewide generation of solid waste, statewide recycling rates and available disposal capacity for solid waste. It also clarifies the categories of information required to be included in the report and requires the department to take all actions necessary to modernize, streamline and improve the efficiency of the data collection, consolidation and reporting systems, procedures and processes it uses or intends to use to satisfy that reporting requirement.

LD 1246 An Act to Include Endangered and Threatened Species Habitat in the Definition of "Significant Wildlife Habitat" Under the Natural Resources Protection Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 156 amends the Natural Resources Protection Act by adding to the definition of "significant wildlife habitat" habitat for state endangered and state threatened species that is within another protected natural resource area or that is wholly or partly contained within the boundaries of a proposed project site that requires approval from the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the Natural Resources Protection Act, the site location of development laws or the laws on performance standards for quarries or for excavations for borrow, clay, topsoil or silt or that requires approval from the Maine Land Use Planning Commission pursuant to the Natural Resources Protection Act or, for subdivisions and nonresidential uses only, the commission's use regulation laws.

Public Law 2023, chapter 156 also requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt major substantive rules defining habitat for state endangered and state threatened species and the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt major substantive rules regarding the criteria used to determine whether an area is habitat for state endangered or state threatened species.

LD 1363 An Act to Support Extraction of Common Minerals by Amending the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 398 amends the definition of "metallic mineral" in the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act and amends the definition of "mining" to exclude under specific circumstances the physical extraction, crushing, grinding, sorting, storage or heating of calcium carbonate or limestone to produce cement and the exploration for or physical extraction, crushing, grinding, sorting and storage of borrow, topsoil, clay or silt and gemstones, aggregate, dimension stone or other construction materials from a quarry. It also provides that a person engaging in

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mining activities pursuant to the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act is subject to the mining excise tax under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 371.

Public Law 2023, chapter 398 also establishes a mechanism by which a person proposing to conduct exploration for or physical extraction, crushing, grinding, sorting or storage of metallic minerals may request a written determination from the Department of Environmental Protection that the requirements of the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act do not apply to the activity. The department is directed to adopt major substantive rules governing such determinations, which must require, for such exclusion, that the activity will generate only mine waste that does not have the potential to create acid rock drainage, alkali rock drainage or drainage or other discharges that could cause violations of water quality criteria or standards other than sedimentation or turbidity and will not release or expose radioactive or other materials that could endanger human health or the environment. The rules must also require that the activity, if excluded from the requirements of the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act, is subject to requirements of Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 6, article 7 or article 8-A or Title 12, chapter 206-A, as applicable, and the law provides that such activities are subject to the mining excise tax under Title 36, chapter 371.

LD 1411 An Act to Enhance Reporting by Certain Agencies Regarding Greenhouse Gas Emissions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 234 requires that, on or before February 15, 2024, and annually thereafter, the Department of Transportation submit a report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters and transportation matters regarding capital work plan investments designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with the department during the prior calendar year, including a summary of department-related greenhouse gas emissions associated with different sources and department-related greenhouse gas emissions associated with new road alignment construction activities during the prior calendar year.

Public Law 2023, chapter 234 requires the Maine Climate Council to include in its updated climate action plan, beginning with the updated climate action plan due by December 1, 2024, greenhouse gas emissions reductions projections, including sector-specific greenhouse gas emissions reductions projections, based on the strategies and actions in the plan and information regarding how those projections and the updated plan are designed to achieve the greenhouse gas emissions reductions specified in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 576-A.

Public Law 2023, chapter 234 amends the requirements for the Department of Environmental Protection's biennial report on the progress made toward meeting the greenhouse gas emissions reductions specified in Title 38, section 576-A and progress toward implementing the climate action plan to include an evaluation of gross annual greenhouse gas emissions, including an identification of greenhouse gas emissions by source category, energy emissions and consumption and an economic analysis of greenhouse gas emissions per unit of economic activity; an evaluation of net annual greenhouse gas emissions, including the State's carbon budget, forest carbon markets

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and a time series analysis of net greenhouse gas emissions; and an evaluation of sector-specific progress made toward meeting those reductions.

LD 1473 An Act to Protect Certain Unfiltered Drinking Water Sources

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 264 provides that lots or portions of lots that are within the watershed of a water source that is located in the City of Lewiston or the City of Auburn and that is used to provide drinking water by a water utility that has received a waiver from filtration pursuant to federal regulations are exempt from certain restrictions related to affordable housing density, the allowed number of dwelling units and accessory dwelling units.

Public Law 2023, chapter 264 also directs the drinking water program within the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, in coordination with the Department of Environmental Protection, to evaluate state law and rules designed to protect the water quality of water sources and their related watersheds that are used to provide drinking water by a water utility that has received a waiver from filtration pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 141.70 to 141.76, as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services, and to identify any necessary changes to state law or rules or any other actions that can be implemented to strengthen the protections for those water sources and watersheds. On or before January 15, 2024, the program must submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources a report summarizing its evaluation and providing any recommendations, including any proposed legislation, resulting from the evaluation, and the committee may report out related legislation.

LD 1652 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 119: Motor Vehicle Fuel Volatility Requirements, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 25 authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to finally adopt portions of Chapter 119: Motor Vehicle Fuel Volatility Requirements, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the department that was submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A outside the legislative rule acceptance period.

Resolve 2023, chapter 25 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 5, 2023.

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LD 1814 An Act to Reduce Mercury in the Environment by Phasing Out Certain Fluorescent Light Bulbs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 384 prohibits the sale or distribution of certain mercury-added lamps beginning January 1, 2026.

LD 1909 An Act to Modernize Maine's Beverage Container Redemption Law

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 482 makes multiple changes to the beverage container redemption laws, including the following.

1. It requires all initiators of deposit to enter into a commingling agreement no later than October 15, 2024 and authorizes the approval of special commingling agreements for initiators of deposit that are not members of a commingling group and that cannot in the aggregate satisfy the requirements for a qualified commingling agreement under current law.
2. It requires all established commingling groups by October 15, 2024 to establish a nonprofit commingling cooperative to provide for the management of beverage containers under a single commingling program. By January 15, 2025, the cooperative must submit a plan for the operation of the commingling program to the Department of Environmental Protection for review and approval, which the department must complete within 120 days of receipt. The plan must be designed to provide for implementation of the commingling program on or before July 15, 2025, which must be operated in a manner designed to achieve an overall statewide beverage container redemption rate of 75% by January 1, 2027, of 80% by January 1, 2032 and of 85% by January 1, 2037. Among its duties under the program, the commingling cooperative must account for and maintain unclaimed beverage container deposits. From those unclaimed deposits, the cooperative must pay to the department an annual fee not to exceed \$600,000 and must provide to the department \$1,000,000 annually to support the Cost and Carbon Efficient Technology Fund. Money in that fund is to be used to support grants relating to technology upgrades and activities designed to support the development of an infrastructure for the use of refillable beverage containers.
3. It implements a process, to be repealed December 31, 2025, through which a dealer or redemption center may apply for and the Department of Environmental Protection may approve a temporary waiver during which the dealer or redemption center may apportion beverage container costs to distributors using an alternative method that does not require processing of all beverage containers through a reverse vending machine or similar technology requiring the scanning of each container. The implementation of this process must be assessed in a February 15, 2025 report from the department to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters.

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4. It requires the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules establishing requirements for the implementation by the cooperative of an efficient beverage container collection system of redemption centers that is adequate to serve the needs of consumers in both rural and urban areas throughout the State.
5. It specifies that, on or before February 15, 2024, and annually thereafter, the Department of Environmental Protection must report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters on the status of the beverage container redemption program, including any recommendations for necessary amendments to the beverage container redemption laws. For the report due February 15, 2024, it requires the department to include recommendations for amendments to the laws necessary to ensure the timely and successful implementation of special commingling agreements and the single commingling program operated by a commingling cooperative.

LD 1926 An Act to Impose a Moratorium on New Point Source Waste Discharge Licenses on the Lower Presumpscot River

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 295 amends the State's water classification program to provide that for the segment of the main stem of the Presumpscot River from Saccarappa Falls to tidewater, for the period beginning October 15, 2023 and ending January 1, 2028, there may be no new direct discharges to that segment except for any new direct storm water discharges licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 413; Title 38, section 420-D; or Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 6.

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LD 1236	Resolve, to Increase the Provision of Children's Behavioral Health Services in Rural Areas to Provide Support for Families of Children Receiving Services	CARRIED OVER

LD 1305 Resolve, to Design and Implement a Community-based Model of Care for Adolescent Mental Health CARRIED OVER

LD 1440 Resolve, to Increase the Availability of Community Children's Behavioral Health Services by Providing Training and Career Opportunities for Behavioral Health Professionals ONTP

Children's Services

Enacted LD 1092 Resolve, To Establish an Ad Hoc Committee to Address the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children RESOLVE 112

Not Enacted LD 1114 An Act to Eliminate the Annual Medical Eligibility Determinations of Need for Families of Children with Disabilities CARRIED OVER

Departmental Organization and Administration

Enacted LD 915 Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services RESOLVE 98

LD 1925 An Act to Clarify and Improve the Laws Relating to the Background Check Center and the Maine Certified Nursing Assistant and Direct Care Worker Registry PUBLIC 241

Not Enacted LD 299 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Health and Human Services CARRIED OVER

LD 359 An Act to Address Department of Health and Human Services Assistance Call Wait Times Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310

LD 545 An Act to Establish a Cabinet-level Position to Ensure a Continuum of Care to Support Children and Their Families ONTP

LD 625 An Act to Set Aside Funds from Federal Block Grants for Certain Communities CARRIED OVER

LD 779 An Act to Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services CARRIED OVER

LD 907 An Act to Meet the Needs of Individuals with Severe Behavioral Health Diagnoses CARRIED OVER

LD 1282 An Act to Streamline Income Verification Requests for Income Supplementation and Assistance Programs Died On Adjournment

LD 1753 An Act to Establish an Independent Adjudicatory Process Regarding the Department of Health and Human Services ONTP

Health and Human Services

LD 1754	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Delivery of Services to Children and Families	ONTP
LD 1788	An Act to Establish the Office of the Inspector General of Child Protection	CARRIED OVER

Developmental Disabilities

Enacted

LD 449	An Act to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to License Home-based and Community-based Services for Persons with an Intellectual Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder or a Related Condition or an Acquired Brain Injury and Define Autism Spectrum Disorder	PUBLIC 89
LD 1106	Resolve, to Improve the Transition to Adult Services for Children with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder	RESOLVE 80

Not Enacted

LD 464	An Act to Eliminate Waiting Lists for Community-based Services for People with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability, Brain Injury or Other Related Conditions	ONTP
LD 473	Resolve, to Expand the Eligibility for and Increase the Number of Hours of Applied Behavior Analysis Services Authorized by the MaineCare Program	CARRIED OVER
LD 659	An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism	CARRIED OVER
LD 744	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Perform Rate Studies and Rate Determinations for Providers of Certain Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder	CARRIED OVER
LD 1250	An Act Regarding Paying Providers Sufficiently, Maintaining Short Waiting Lists and Creating a Cause of Action for Aggrieved Persons in the System of Care for Clients with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism	ONTP

Disabilities

Not Enacted

LD 300	An Act to Establish Pilot Initiatives to Promote, Grow and Sustain Adult Day Care and Respite Programs in Maine	ONTP
LD 825	An Act Relating to Transportation Services for MaineCare Members with Multiple Disabilities	CARRIED OVER
LD 1339	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Forming the Maine Commission on Disabilities	ONTP

Disposition of Human Remains

Enacted	LD 228	Resolve, to Require That Alcohol Misuse Be Disclosed as a Contributing Factor to Death on Death Certificates	RESOLVE 105
	LD 465	An Act to Provide for an Electronic Permit for the Disposition of Human Remains	PUBLIC 67
Not Enacted	LD 536	An Act to Provide Natural Organic Reduction Facilities for Maine Residents for the Conversion of Human Remains to Soil	CARRIED OVER
	LD 584	An Act to Permit the Conduct of Open Air Cremation at Designated Sites	ONTP
	LD 762	An Act to Authorize Burials with Biodegradable Containers, Including Tree Pods	ONTP
	LD 838	An Act to Identify the State's Unidentified Human Remains	CARRIED OVER

Emergency Medical Services

Enacted	LD 883	An Act to Exempt Emergency Medical Services Community Paramedicine Programs from Home Health Care Provider Licensing Requirements Under Certain Circumstances	PUBLIC 195
Not Enacted	LD 601	An Act to Reduce the Shortage of Municipal Emergency Medical Services Personnel by Removing Certain Vaccination Requirements	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1751	An Act to Maximize Federal Funding in Support of Emergency Medical Services	CARRIED OVER

Fund for a Healthy Maine

Enacted	LD 1722	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities	RESOLVE 100
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Health Care

Not Enacted	LD 821	Resolve, to Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1161	An Act to Fund Free Health Clinics	CARRIED OVER

Health Care Workforce

Enacted	LD 1925	An Act to Clarify and Improve the Laws Relating to the Background Check Center and the Maine Certified Nursing Assistant and Direct Care Worker Registry	PUBLIC 241
Not Enacted	LD 176	An Act to Increase the Safety of Patients and Staff at the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and the Riverview Psychiatric Center	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 208	An Act to Require MaineCare Assessments for Children	CARRIED OVER
	LD 520	An Act to Retain Home and Community-based Workers by Increasing MaineCare Reimbursement for Certain Essential Support Workers	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 904	An Act Supporting the Rural Health Care Workforce in Maine	CARRIED OVER
	LD 997	Resolve, to Reduce Workforce Barriers for Mental Health Professionals in Maine	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1037	An Act to Fund Competitive Wages for Direct Support Professionals for Persons with Disabilities	ONTP
	LD 1360	An Act Requiring Training Regarding and Screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1521	An Act to Support the Essential Support Workforce by Promoting Enhanced Reimbursement and Benefits and Encouraging Information Sharing	ONTP
	LD 1792	Resolve, to Establish the Rural Health Services Task Force	CARRIED OVER

Health Information and Data

Enacted	LD 956	An Act Concerning Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data Collection in Health Care Facilities	PUBLIC 129
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Hospice and Palliative Care

Enacted	LD 479	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Membership of the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council	PUBLIC 78
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Hospitals

Enacted	LD 1104	Resolve, to Review the MaineCare Hospital Readmission Protocol	RESOLVE 77
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Not Enacted	LD 176	An Act to Increase the Safety of Patients and Staff at the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and the Riverview Psychiatric Center	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 225	An Act Regarding Reimbursement to Hospitals for Patients Awaiting Placement in Nursing Facilities	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1131	An Act to Support Continuity in Perinatal and Emergency Care by Requiring Notice of a Voluntary Hospital or Facility Closure or Reduction in Services	ONTP
	LD 1321	An Act to Address Income Disparity in Health Care by Limiting the Compensation of Hospital Executives	ONTP
	LD 1485	An Act to Provide Funding for Hospital Security in Aroostook County	ONTP
	LD 1601	An Act Regarding Visitation Policies for Long-term Care Facilities, Hospice Providers and Hospitals	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1955	An Act to Require Hospitals and Hospital-affiliated Providers to Provide Financial Assistance for Medical Care	CARRIED OVER
	LD 2009	An Act to Prevent Abandonment of Children and Adults with Disabilities in Hospitals	CARRIED OVER

Immunizations

Not Enacted	LD 59	An Act to Prohibit Inclusion of the COVID-19 Vaccine in the Universal Childhood Immunization Program	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 172	An Act to Allow Health Care Workers to Return to Work by Reinstating Exemptions from Immunization Requirements	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 601	An Act to Reduce the Shortage of Municipal Emergency Medical Services Personnel by Removing Certain Vaccination Requirements	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1547	An Act to Temporarily Prohibit the State from Mandating COVID-19 Vaccinations	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1598	An Act to Allow an Exception to Immunization Requirements for Health Care Workers for Vaccines Approved Under Emergency Use Authorization	Majority (ONTP) Report

Lead

Enacted	LD 11	An Act to Strengthen Temporary Protections for Children Living in Dwellings with Identified Lead Hazards	PUBLIC 82
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LD 490	An Act to Designate the Department of Health and Human Services as the Implementing Department of the Lead-safe Housing Registry	PUBLIC 147
LD 1481	An Act Regarding Clearance for Occupancy Under the Lead Poisoning Control Act	PUBLIC 270

Licensing

Enacted

LD 146	An Act to Clarify Assessment of Penalties for Tattoo Artists, Body Piercers, Electrologists and Micropigmentation Practitioners and to Change Requirements for the Approval of Public Pool and Spa Plans	PUBLIC 113
LD 234	An Act to Raise from 12 to 24 the Annual Limit on the Number of Public Events and Meals Nonprofit Organizations May Have That Are Exempt from Certain Rules and Regulations	PUBLIC 7
LD 451	An Act to Ensure Transparent and Accountable Temporary Nurse Agencies	PUBLIC 434
LD 475	An Act to Simplify and Clarify the Licensing of Assisted Housing Facilities	PUBLIC 176
LD 636	An Act to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to License and Ensure the Quality of Personal Care Agencies	PUBLIC 309
LD 1417	Resolve, to Ensure Efficiency and Effectiveness in Maine's Licensing and Certification of Behavioral Health Services	RESOLVE 57

Maternal/Infant

Enacted

LD 603	An Act to Make Electric Breast Pumps More Accessible by Providing for MaineCare Reimbursement	PUBLIC 216
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Not Enacted

LD 198	An Act to Provide MaineCare Coverage for Doula Services	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 312	An Act to Improve Health Outcomes by Expanding the Perinatal Workforce to Include Professionals Such as Community Health Workers and Doulas and to Provide MaineCare Reimbursement for Services	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1993	An Act to Expand Home Visiting Services and Provide for Reimbursement Under the MaineCare Program for Perinatal Doula Services and Midwifery Services	ONTP

Medicaid/MaineCare

Enacted

LD 84	An Act to Strengthen Third-party Liability Requirements for the MaineCare Program	PUBLIC 162
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**Not
Enacted**

LD 282	An Act to Allow the Department of Health and Human Services to Authorize Standing Orders	PUBLIC 31
LD 432	An Act to Clarify MaineCare Program Requirements Regarding Certain High-risk Health Care Providers	PUBLIC 432
LD 446	Resolve, to Update Allowable Limits on Mortuary Trusts for the Purposes of MaineCare Eligibility	RESOLVE 34
LD 592	An Act to Amend the Law Governing MaineCare Coverage of Chiropractic Treatment	PUBLIC 454
LD 603	An Act to Make Electric Breast Pumps More Accessible by Providing for MaineCare Reimbursement	PUBLIC 216
LD 1040	An Act to Require Reimbursement for Gender-affirming Care for MaineCare Members	PUBLIC 288
LD 1104	Resolve, to Review the MaineCare Hospital Readmission Protocol	RESOLVE 77
LD 1204	An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Closing Coverage Gaps in the MaineCare Program for Incarcerated Persons	PUBLIC 458
LD 1474	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Expedite Reimbursement of Long-term Care Facilities	RESOLVE 121
LD 1768	An Act to Clarify the MaineCare Rate Determination Requirements	PUBLIC 238
LD 198	An Act to Provide MaineCare Coverage for Doula Services	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 199	An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Removing Exclusions to the MaineCare Program	Died Between Houses
LD 200	An Act to Require Medicaid Coverage for Certain Children Under 7 Years of Age	ONTP
LD 225	An Act Regarding Reimbursement to Hospitals for Patients Awaiting Placement in Nursing Facilities	CARRIED OVER
LD 251	Resolve, to Classify Employee Health Insurance as a Fixed Cost for MaineCare Reimbursement in Nursing Facilities	CARRIED OVER
LD 302	An Act to Ensure Sufficient Rates for Behavioral Health Services	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 312	An Act to Improve Health Outcomes by Expanding the Perinatal Workforce to Include Professionals Such as Community Health Workers and Doulas and to Provide MaineCare Reimbursement for Services	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 328	An Act to Improve Mental Health in Maine	CARRIED OVER

LD 333	An Act to Protect the Homes of Individuals Placed in Long-term Care by Excluding the Individuals' Primary Residences in Eligibility Considerations	ONTP
LD 346	An Act to Reimburse Family Caregivers	Died On Adjournment
LD 378	Resolve, to Eliminate the So-called Fail First Requirement for Children's Residential Services for Certain Individuals Whose Needs Are Unable to Be Met with Home and Community-based Services by Expanding Eligibility for Those Individuals	ONTP
LD 389	An Act to Improve Rural Transportation and Access to Mental Health Care and Physical Health Care	ONTP
LD 463	Resolve, to Ensure Continued MaineCare Coverage for Persons Formerly in Foster Care Until They Attain 27 Years of Age	ONTP
LD 464	An Act to Eliminate Waiting Lists for Community-based Services for People with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability, Brain Injury or Other Related Conditions	ONTP
LD 473	Resolve, to Expand the Eligibility for and Increase the Number of Hours of Applied Behavior Analysis Services Authorized by the MaineCare Program	CARRIED OVER
LD 507	An Act to Improve Outcomes for Youth Transitioning from State Care by Reducing Barriers to Maintaining Health Care Coverage	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 619	An Act to Ensure Coordination of Care for MaineCare Members	CARRIED OVER
LD 659	An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism	CARRIED OVER
LD 744	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Perform Rate Studies and Rate Determinations for Providers of Certain Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder	CARRIED OVER
LD 824	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Review Reimbursement Rates for Nursing Facilities on Islands	ONTP
LD 825	An Act Relating to Transportation Services for MaineCare Members with Multiple Disabilities	CARRIED OVER
LD 840	An Act to Support Individuals with Personality Disorder or Disorders Associated with Primary Emotional Dysregulation by Requiring Reimbursement Under the MaineCare Program	CARRIED OVER
LD 874	An Act to Address the Shortage of Direct Care Workers for Children with Disabilities in Maine	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 902	An Act to Repeal So-called MaineCare Expansion	Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 908	Resolve, to Establish a Comprehensive Integrated Co-occurring Behavioral Health Home Model Within the MaineCare Program	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 938	An Act to Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds	CARRIED OVER
LD 997	Resolve, to Reduce Workforce Barriers for Mental Health Professionals in Maine	CARRIED OVER
LD 1059	Resolve, to Allow Reimbursement for Remote Ultrasound Procedures and Fetal Nonstress Tests Under MaineCare	ONTP
LD 1114	An Act to Eliminate the Annual Medical Eligibility Determinations of Need for Families of Children with Disabilities	CARRIED OVER
LD 1178	Resolve, to Reduce Barriers to Recovery from Addiction by Expanding Eligibility for Targeted Case Management Services	CARRIED OVER
LD 1187	An Act to Protect Inpatient Psychiatric Services in Northern Maine by Preserving the Current Reimbursement Rate	ONTP
LD 1194	An Act to Implement Work Requirements Under the MaineCare Program	ONTP
LD 1224	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Seek Federal Approval for Reimbursement of Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services	CARRIED OVER
LD 1226	An Act to Require MaineCare to Give a 60-day Notice Prior to Terminating Benefits	ONTP
LD 1254	An Act to Provide Coverage and Prior Authorization of Medications and Services During a MaineCare Provider's Enrollment Period	ONTP
LD 1269	An Act to Empower Patients and Eliminate Welfare Cliffs in the MaineCare Program by Establishing a MaineCare Savings Account Pilot Program	ONTP
LD 1334	An Act to Establish a Managed Care Program for MaineCare Services	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1361	An Act to Implement Best Practices Regarding Children's Behavioral and Mental Health Care	ONTP
LD 1406	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study MaineCare Estate Recovery	Died On Adjournment
LD 1428	An Act to Ensure Treatment for MaineCare Recipients with Serious Mental Illness by Prohibiting the Requirements for Prior Authorization and Step Therapy for Medications	Died Between Houses
LD 1430	Resolve, to Amend the Funding Formula for Reimbursing Nursing Facilities Under the MaineCare Program	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310

LD 1440	Resolve, to Increase the Availability of Community Children's Behavioral Health Services by Providing Training and Career Opportunities for Behavioral Health Professionals	ONTP
LD 1469	Resolve, to Sufficiently Staff Overnight Behavioral Health Crisis Facilities	ONTP
LD 1575	An Act to Promote Quality and Innovation in Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	CARRIED OVER
LD 1617	Resolve, to Increase Access to Brain Injury Waiver Services	ONTP
LD 1751	An Act to Maximize Federal Funding in Support of Emergency Medical Services	CARRIED OVER
LD 1784	Resolve, to Improve Access to Appropriate Levels of Long-term Care by Rebasing and Increasing Reimbursement Rates	ONTP
LD 1827	An Act to Prevent Closures and Ensure Sustainability of Nursing Facilities, Private Nonmedical Institutions and Residential Care Facilities by Removing So-called Budget Neutrality	CARRIED OVER
LD 1858	An Act to Ensure Access to Newly Born Male Infant Circumcision by Requiring MaineCare Coverage	CARRIED OVER
LD 1941	Resolve, to Ensure Access to Critical Orthodontic Care by Increasing the MaineCare Reimbursement Rate	ONTP
LD 1972	Resolve, to Improve Long-term Care for the People of Maine	ONTP
LD 1993	An Act to Expand Home Visiting Services and Provide for Reimbursement Under the MaineCare Program for Perinatal Doula Services and Midwifery Services	ONTP

Miscellaneous

Enacted

LD 430	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Promote Translation and Interpretation Services in Health Care Settings	RESOLVE 106
LD 775	An Act to Require and Standardize Labeling of Water Treatment Equipment	PUBLIC 164
LD 859	Resolve, to Assess, Develop, Implement and Fund the Reuse of Existing Facilities at Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center	RESOLVE 75
LD 1083	An Act to Amend the Membership of the Rare Disease Advisory Council	PUBLIC 93

Not Enacted

LD 505	An Act to Update Reimbursement Rates for Transportation of Deceased Persons by Funeral Homes	CARRIED OVER
LD 1317	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Promote the Integration of Human Health and Environmental Health	ONTP

Oral Health/Dental Care

Not Enacted	LD 1837	An Act to Increase Oral Health Services	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1941	Resolve, to Ensure Access to Critical Orthodontic Care by Increasing the MaineCare Reimbursement Rate	ONTP

PFAS

Enacted	LD 1248	An Act to Ensure the Quality of Bottled Water	PUBLIC 330
Not Enacted	LD 73	An Act to Require Bottled Water Companies to Monitor for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	ONTP
	LD 75	An Act to Establish Maximum Contaminant Levels Under the State's Drinking Water Rules to Prohibit Certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1006	An Act to Ensure Access to Safe Drinking Water from Household Wells in Rural Areas by Expanding Testing	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1488	An Act to Expand Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Private Drinking Water Wells	CARRIED OVER

Poverty and Homelessness

Enacted	LD 1781	Resolve, to Continue Case Management Services for the Homeless Opioid Users Service Engagement Pilot Project Within the Department of Health and Human Services	RESOLVE 123
Not Enacted	LD 599	An Act to Provide Support Services for a Transitional Housing Program for Homeless Persons	CARRIED OVER
	LD 658	An Act to Increase Funding for and Stabilize the Independent Housing with Services Program Under the Department of Health and Human Services	ONTP

Prescription Drugs

Not Enacted	LD 223	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend MaineCare Rules Regarding Pharmacy Services	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1428	An Act to Ensure Treatment for MaineCare Recipients with Serious Mental Illness by Prohibiting the Requirements for Prior Authorization and Step Therapy for Medications	Died Between Houses
	LD 1522	An Act to Provide Economic Justice to Historically Disadvantaged Older Citizens by Amending the Laws Governing the Medicare Savings Program and the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program	Died On Adjournment

Public Assistance

Enacted

LD 5	An Act to Expand Access to Postsecondary Education for Low-income Parents	PUBLIC 21
LD 80	An Act to Improve Family Economic Security Under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program	PUBLIC 29
LD 81	An Act to Address Recovery Residence Participation in the Municipal General Assistance Program	PUBLIC 133
LD 945	An Act to Allow Maine Families to Increase Their Savings by Changing the Asset Limits for Eligibility for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program	PUBLIC 366

Not Enacted

LD 117	An Act to Prohibit the Use of Electronic Benefits Transfer System Cards for Cash Withdrawals	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 182	An Act to Create a 9-month Time Limit on General Assistance Benefits for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents	ONTP
LD 183	An Act to Incorporate Time Limits on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program into Municipal General Assistance Programs	ONTP
LD 268	An Act to Establish a 45-day Municipal Residency Requirement for General Assistance Programs	ONTP
LD 364	An Act to Prohibit the Use of General Assistance as a Replacement for Available Resources	ONTP
LD 454	An Act to Establish a 180-day State Residency Requirement for Municipal General Assistance	ONTP
LD 498	An Act to Prohibit the Use of the Electronic Benefits Transfer System Outside of Maine, Massachusetts or New Hampshire to Obtain Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program Benefits	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 778	An Act Regarding Work Requirements for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents Under the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 784	An Act to Establish Welfare Work Requirements for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1448	An Act to Change the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program Requirements by Reducing Benefits Commensurate with a Recipient's Salary, Reducing the Special Housing Allowance and Limiting Eligibility for two-parent Families	ONTP

LD 1584	An Act to Provide Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to Restore Benefits Reduced by the Federal Government	CARRIED OVER
LD 1664	An Act to Increase Reimbursement Under the General Assistance Program	CARRIED OVER
LD 1666	An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Updating the State Supplement and Removing Marriage Disincentives	CARRIED OVER
LD 1877	An Act to Reduce the Number of Children Living in Deep Poverty by Adjusting Assistance for Low-income Families	CARRIED OVER
LD 1995	An Act to Bolster Maine's Workforce and Economy by Increasing Assistance for Parents Pursuing Education and Employment and by Indexing Unemployment Benefits to the Unemployment Rate	CARRIED OVER

Public Health

Enacted	LD 510	An Act to Protect the Public Health by Allowing the Appointment of Associate Health Officers	PUBLIC 46
	LD 1092	Resolve, To Establish an Ad Hoc Committee to Address the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children	RESOLVE 112
Not Enacted	LD 358	An Act to Ensure That Restrooms Are Available for Use During Business Hours at Certain Drive-through Restaurants	ONTP
	LD 469	An Act to Provide Funding for a Diabetes Education Program	ONTP
	LD 566	An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services	CARRIED OVER
	LD 816	An Act to Provide Integrated Behavioral Health Services to Sexual Violence Survivors	CARRIED OVER
	LD 906	An Act to Ensure Physicians Receive Full Diagnostic Test Data Concerning Tick-borne Diseases	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1091	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Review Its Rules Regarding Campgrounds in Order to Ensure Campground Health and Safety	ONTP
	LD 1382	An Act to Establish the Guiding Public Health Principles of Focused Protection for Pandemics of a Highly Infectious Respiratory Disease	ONTP

LD 1801	Resolve, to Increase Transparency and Evaluate Emergency Response Through a COVID-19 Review Commission	Died On Adjournment
LD 1857	Resolve, to Establish a Public Safety Health and Wellness Grant Pilot Program	CARRIED OVER

Reproductive Healthcare

Not Enacted

LD 1478	An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services	CARRIED OVER
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Substance Use Disorder

Enacted

LD 81	An Act to Address Recovery Residence Participation in the Municipal General Assistance Program	PUBLIC 133
LD 162	Resolve, to Study the Establishment of a Substance Use Disorder Hotline	RESOLVE 69
LD 597	An Act to Improve Conditions for People Living in Recovery Residences by Requiring Approved Discharge and Transfer Policies	PUBLIC 249
LD 600	An Act to Expand Availability of Naloxone Hydrochloride	PUBLIC 71
LD 979	Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Provide Transportation to Medically Managed Withdrawal Sites	RESOLVE 111
LD 1439	An Act to Promote Family-centered Interventions for Substance Use Disorder Treatment	PUBLIC 463
LD 1728	An Act to Ensure Access to Federally Approved Opioid Overdose-reversing Medication	PUBLIC 161
LD 1745	An Act to Support Public Health by Clarifying Authorized Activities Regarding Drug Checking	PUBLIC 303
LD 1781	Resolve, to Continue Case Management Services for the Homeless Opioid Users Service Engagement Pilot Project Within the Department of Health and Human Services	RESOLVE 123

Not Enacted

LD 291	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Recovery High School in the State	Died On Adjournment
LD 353	An Act Concerning Substance Use Disorder, Treatment, Recovery, Prevention and Education	CARRIED OVER

LD 539	An Act to Provide Substance Use Disorder Counseling for MaineCare Members with an Acquired Brain Injury	CARRIED OVER
LD 813	Resolve, to Study Methods to Increase Access to Medication-assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorder	ONTP
LD 908	Resolve, to Establish a Comprehensive Integrated Co-occurring Behavioral Health Home Model Within the MaineCare Program	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 973	An Act to Create the Recovery Friendly Workplace Program	ONTP
LD 1044	An Act Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Corrections to Develop Alternative Responses to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Emergency Calls	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1078	An Act to Increase the Number of Recovery Beds in the State	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1094	An Act Regarding the Allocation of Funds Awarded to Maine Due to the Opioid Settlement	ONTP
LD 1159	An Act to Establish a Pilot Project Regarding Harm Reduction Health Centers	Died On Adjournment
LD 1188	An Act to Establish a Public Health Response to Substance Use	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1211	An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Fund Out-of-state Residential Treatment for Substance Use Disorder When In-state Treatment Is Unavailable	ONTP
LD 1377	An Act to Provide Rental Assistance for Recovery Housing	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1719	An Act to Establish Substance Use Disorder Treatment Centers	Died On Adjournment
LD 1975	An Act to Implement a Statewide Public Health Response to Substance Use and Amend the Laws Governing Scheduled Drugs	CARRIED OVER

Telemedicine

Enacted	LD 757	Resolve, to Review Telemonitoring and Certain Telehealth Services Reimbursed under MaineCare	RESOLVE 84
Not Enacted	LD 361	Resolve, to Review MaineCare Reimbursement for Electronic Consultation Services	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1059	Resolve, to Allow Reimbursement for Remote Ultrasound Procedures and Fetal Nonstress Tests Under MaineCare	ONTP

Tobacco Sale and Use

Not Enacted	LD 1174	An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products	ONTP
	LD 1215	An Act to End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1558	An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies and Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1923	An Act to Provide for Licensing of and Tax Collection from Remote Retail Sellers of Pipe Tobacco and Premium Cigars	CARRIED OVER

Waitlists

Not Enacted	LD 464	An Act to Eliminate Waiting Lists for Community-based Services for People with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability, Brain Injury or Other Related Conditions	ONTP
	LD 1250	An Act Regarding Paying Providers Sufficiently, Maintaining Short Waiting Lists and Creating a Cause of Action for Aggrieved Persons in the System of Care for Clients with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism	ONTP

DIGEST OF BILLS
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Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

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HHS	5	An Act to Expand Access to Postsecondary Education for Low-income Parents	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		3/8/23	Enacted	PL	21		S1
HHS	11	An Act to Strengthen Temporary Protections for Children Living in Dwellings with Identified Lead Hazards	Reported Out	OTP		5/1/23	Enacted	PL	82		S1
HHS	35	An Act to Establish Adult Protective Services Training Requirements for Professionals Mandated to Report Suspected Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation to Enhance Protection of Incapacitated and Dependent Adults	Reported Out	OTP		4/5/23	Enacted	PL	36		S1
HHS	50	An Act to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect by Developing a System to Ensure Child and Family Well-being	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	59	An Act to Prohibit Inclusion of the COVID-19 Vaccine in the Universal Childhood Immunization Program	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/9/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	73	An Act to Require Bottled Water Companies to Monitor for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Reported Out	ONTP		5/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	75	An Act to Establish Maximum Contaminant Levels Under the State's Drinking Water Rules to Prohibit Certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	80	An Act to Improve Family Economic Security Under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program	Reported Out	OTP		3/23/23	Enacted	PL	29		S1
HHS	81	An Act to Address Recovery Residence Participation in the Municipal General Assistance Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/23/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	133		S1
HHS	82	An Act to Improve Access to Children's Behavioral Health Services	Reported Out	OTP		5/1/23	Enacted	PL	83		S1
HHS	84	An Act to Strengthen Third-party Liability Requirements for the MaineCare Program	Reported Out	OTP		5/22/23	Enacted	PL	162		S1

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HHS	99	An Act to Clarify the Allowable Temperature Range in Certain Long-term Care Facilities	Reported Out	ONTP		2/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
HHS	117	An Act to Prohibit the Use of Electronic Benefits Transfer System Cards for Cash Withdrawals	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		4/13/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	146	An Act to Clarify Assessment of Penalties for Tattoo Artists, Body Piercers, Electrologists and Micropigmentation Practitioners and to Change Requirements for the Approval of Public Pool and Spa Plans	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/11/23	Enacted	PL	113		S1
HHS	151	An Act Regarding Child Welfare	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	162	Resolve, to Study the Establishment of a Substance Use Disorder Hotline	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/9/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	69		S1
HHS	172	An Act to Allow Health Care Workers to Return to Work by Reinstating Exemptions from Immunization Requirements	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/2/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	176	An Act to Increase the Safety of Patients and Staff at the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and the Riverview Psychiatric Center	Reported Out	LTW		2/14/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
HHS	181	Resolve, Requiring Progress Reports from the Department of Health and Human Services Regarding the Implementation of Secure Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/6/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	78		S1

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HHS	182	An Act to Create a 9-month Time Limit on General Assistance Benefits for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	183	An Act to Incorporate Time Limits on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program into Municipal General Assistance Programs	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	190	An Act to Develop a Long-term Plan to Address Mental Health Needs in Rural Maine	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	198	An Act to Provide MaineCare Coverage for Doula Services	Reported Out	LTW		4/13/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	199	An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Removing Exclusions to the MaineCare Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		5/5/23	Died Between Houses				S1
HHS	200	An Act to Require Medicaid Coverage for Certain Children Under 7 Years of Age	Reported Out	ONTP		3/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	208	An Act to Require MaineCare Assessments for Children	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/9/23					S1
HHS	218	An Act to Clarify Maine Law Regarding Background Checks for the Office of Child and Family Services	Reported Out	OTP		4/5/23	Enacted	PL	39		S1
HHS	223	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend MaineCare Rules Regarding Pharmacy Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/26/23					S1

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HHS	225	An Act Regarding Reimbursement to Hospitals for Patients Awaiting Placement in Nursing Facilities	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/9/23					S1
HHS	228	Resolve, to Require That Alcohol Misuse Be Disclosed as a Contributing Factor to Death on Death Certificates	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/7/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	105		S1
HHS	231	An Act to Support the Maine Pediatric and Behavioral Health Partnership Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/21/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	339		S1
HHS	234	An Act to Raise from 12 to 24 the Annual Limit on the Number of Public Events and Meals Nonprofit Organizations May Have That Are Exempt from Certain Rules and Regulations	Reported Out	OTP		2/22/23	Enacted	PL	7		R1
HHS	251	Resolve, to Classify Employee Health Insurance as a Fixed Cost for MaineCare Reimbursement in Nursing Facilities	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	268	An Act to Establish a 45-day Municipal Residency Requirement for General Assistance Programs	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	282	An Act to Allow the Department of Health and Human Services to Authorize Standing Orders	Reported Out	OTP		3/23/23	Enacted	PL	31		S1
HHS	291	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Recovery High School in the State	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/30/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
HHS	299	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Health and Human Services	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	300	An Act to Establish Pilot Initiatives to Promote, Grow and Sustain Adult Day Care and Respite Programs in Maine	Reported Out	ONTP		4/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HHS	302	An Act to Ensure Sufficient Rates for Behavioral Health Services	Reported Out	LTW		4/19/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
HHS	312	An Act to Improve Health Outcomes by Expanding the Perinatal Workforce to Include Professionals Such as Community Health Workers and Doulas and to Provide MaineCare Reimbursement for Services	Reported Out	LTW		2/8/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			R1
HHS	328	An Act to Improve Mental Health in Maine	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23				S1
HHS	333	An Act to Protect the Homes of Individuals Placed in Long-term Care by Excluding the Individuals' Primary Residences in Eligibility Considerations	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
HHS	346	An Act to Reimburse Family Caregivers	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/16/23	Died On Adjournment		✓	S1
HHS	353	An Act Concerning Substance Use Disorder, Treatment, Recovery, Prevention and Education	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23				S1
HHS	358	An Act to Ensure That Restrooms Are Available for Use During Business Hours at Certain Drive-through Restaurants	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
HHS	359	An Act to Address Department of Health and Human Services Assistance Call Wait Times	Reported Out	LTW		3/22/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			R1
HHS	361	Resolve, to Review MaineCare Reimbursement for Electronic Consultation Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/9/23				S1

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HHS	364	An Act to Prohibit the Use of General Assistance as a Replacement for Available Resources	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	378	Resolve, to Eliminate the So-called Fail First Requirement for Children's Residential Services for Certain Individuals Whose Needs Are Unable to Be Met with Home and Community-based Services by Expanding Eligibility for Those Individuals	Reported Out	ONTP		4/19/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	389	An Act to Improve Rural Transportation and Access to Mental Health Care and Physical Health Care	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	430	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Promote Translation and Interpretation Services in Health Care Settings	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/11/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	106		S1
HHS	432	An Act to Clarify MaineCare Program Requirements Regarding Certain High-risk Health Care Providers	Reported Out	OTP		3/22/23	Enacted	PL	432		S1
HHS	435	Resolve, to Ensure the Provision of Medically Necessary Behavioral Health Care Services for Children in Their Homes and Communities	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	445	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Apply for a Waiver from the Federal Government for the Medicaid Limitation on Payment to a Facility with More Than 16 Inpatient Beds for Psychiatric Treatment	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/12/23					S1
HHS	446	Resolve, to Update Allowable Limits on Mortuary Trusts for the Purposes of MaineCare Eligibility	Reported Out	OTP		5/22/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	34		S1
HHS	448	An Act to Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services for Maine Families and Children on MaineCare and to Increase the Number of Behavioral Health Professionals in the State	Reported Out	LTW		4/26/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HHS	449	An Act to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to License Home-based and Community-based Services for Persons with an Intellectual Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder or a Related Condition or an Acquired Brain Injury and Define Autism Spectrum Disorder	Reported Out	OTP		4/26/23	Enacted	PL	89		S1
HHS	451	An Act to Ensure Transparent and Accountable Temporary Nurse Agencies	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/9/23	Enacted	PL	434		S1
HHS	454	An Act to Establish a 180-day State Residency Requirement for Municipal General Assistance	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	463	Resolve, to Ensure Continued MaineCare Coverage for Persons Formerly in Foster Care Until They Attain 27 Years of Age	Reported Out	ONTP		3/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	464	An Act to Eliminate Waiting Lists for Community-based Services for People with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability, Brain Injury or Other Related Conditions	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	465	An Act to Provide for an Electronic Permit for the Disposition of Human Remains	Reported Out	OTP		4/20/23	Enacted	PL	67		S1
HHS	469	An Act to Provide Funding for a Diabetes Education Program	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	472	An Act to Support Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/2/23					S1

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HHS	473	Resolve, to Expand the Eligibility for and Increase the Number of Hours of Applied Behavior Analysis Services Authorized by the MaineCare Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/13/23					S1
HHS	474	An Act to Improve Collaboration Between Mandatory Reporters and Law Enforcement in the Investigation of Alleged Child Abuse and Neglect	Reported Out	OTP		5/18/23	Enacted	PL	146		S1
HHS	475	An Act to Simplify and Clarify the Licensing of Assisted Housing Facilities	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/26/23	Enacted	PL	176		S1
HHS	479	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Membership of the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/25/23	Enacted	PL	78		S1
HHS	490	An Act to Designate the Department of Health and Human Services as the Implementing Department of the Lead-safe Housing Registry	Reported Out	OTP		5/18/23	Enacted	PL	147		S1
HHS	495	An Act Regarding Investigations of Out-of-home Child Abuse and Neglect	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	248		S1
HHS	498	An Act to Prohibit the Use of the Electronic Benefits Transfer System Outside of Maine, Massachusetts or New Hampshire to Obtain Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program Benefits	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/6/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	500	An Act to Improve the Office of the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	505	An Act to Update Reimbursement Rates for Transportation of Deceased Persons by Funeral Homes	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	4/12/23					S1
HHS	507	An Act to Improve Outcomes for Youth Transitioning from State Care by Reducing Barriers to Maintaining Health Care Coverage	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		4/27/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	510	An Act to Protect the Public Health by Allowing the Appointment of Associate Health Officers	Reported Out	OTP		4/12/23	Enacted	PL	46		S1

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HHS	520	An Act to Retain Home and Community-based Workers by Increasing MaineCare Reimbursement for Certain Essential Support Workers	Reported Out	LTW		3/9/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
HHS	523	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 5, Section 63: Home Based Supports and Services for Older and Disabled Adults and Chapter 11: Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services	Reported Out	OTP		4/4/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	9		S1
HHS	536	An Act to Provide Natural Organic Reduction Facilities for Maine Residents for the Conversion of Human Remains to Soil	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	5/12/23					S1
HHS	539	An Act to Provide Substance Use Disorder Counseling for MaineCare Members with an Acquired Brain Injury	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/15/23					S1
HHS	540	An Act to Establish Peer Respite Centers for Adults with Mental Health Challenges in Maine	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/15/23					S1
HHS	545	An Act to Establish a Cabinet-level Position to Ensure a Continuum of Care to Support Children and Their Families	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	546	An Act Regarding Child Abuse and Endangerment	Reported Out	LTW		5/5/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	566	An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	4/27/23					S1

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HHS	573	An Act Regarding Child Care Subsidy Payments and Eligibility	Reported Out	ONTP		3/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	584	An Act to Permit the Conduct of Open Air Cremation at Designated Sites	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	587	Resolve, to Increase Residential Care and Nursing Facility Residents' Personal Needs Allowances Under the MaineCare Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/23/23					S1
HHS	592	An Act to Amend the Law Governing MaineCare Coverage of Chiropractic Treatment	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/14/23	Enacted	PL	454		S1
HHS	594	Resolve, to Review the Resource Parent Bill of Rights	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	62		S1
HHS	597	An Act to Improve Conditions for People Living in Recovery Residences by Requiring Approved Discharge and Transfer Policies	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	249		S1
HHS	599	An Act to Provide Support Services for a Transitional Housing Program for Homeless Persons	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/2/23					S1
HHS	600	An Act to Expand Availability of Naloxone Hydrochloride	Reported Out	OTP		4/19/23	Enacted	PL	71		S1
HHS	601	An Act to Reduce the Shortage of Municipal Emergency Medical Services Personnel by Removing Certain Vaccination Requirements	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/7/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
HHS	603	An Act to Make Electric Breast Pumps More Accessible by Providing for MaineCare Reimbursement	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/6/23	Enacted	PL	216		S1
HHS	619	An Act to Ensure Coordination of Care for MaineCare Members	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	625	An Act to Set Aside Funds from Federal Block Grants for Certain Communities	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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HHS	636	An Act to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to License and Ensure the Quality of Personal Care Agencies	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	309		S1
HHS	658	An Act to Increase Funding for and Stabilize the Independent Housing with Services Program Under the Department of Health and Human Services	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	659	An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/15/23				✓	S1
HHS	709	Resolve, to Develop a Home Share Pilot Program for Older Persons	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	108		S1
HHS	715	An Act to Strengthen Child Protection	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	744	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Perform Rate Studies and Rate Determinations for Providers of Certain Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	757	Resolve, to Review Telemonitoring and Certain Telehealth Services Reimbursed under MaineCare	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/7/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	84		S1
HHS	762	An Act to Authorize Burials with Biodegradable Containers, Including Tree Pods	Reported Out	ONTP		4/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	775	An Act to Require and Standardize Labeling of Water Treatment Equipment	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/23/23	Enacted	PL	164		S1

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HHS	778	An Act Regarding Work Requirements for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents Under the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/7/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	779	An Act to Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	781	An Act to Protect Nursing Home Residents by Requiring Nursing Homes to Provide Silent Bed Alarms for Residents with Dementia	Reported Out	ONTP		4/21/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	784	An Act to Establish Welfare Work Requirements for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/26/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	785	An Act to Create Accountability Within the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services	Reported Out	ONTP		5/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	813	Resolve, to Study Methods to Increase Access to Medication-assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorder	Reported Out	ONTP		4/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	816	An Act to Provide Integrated Behavioral Health Services to Sexual Violence Survivors	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	4/27/23					S1
HHS	820	Resolve, to Provide Support for an Early Intervention and Preschool Child Care Services Program in Kennebec County	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		4/25/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	821	Resolve, to Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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HHS	824	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Review Reimbursement Rates for Nursing Facilities on Islands	Reported Out	ONTP		4/19/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	825	An Act Relating to Transportation Services for MaineCare Members with Multiple Disabilities	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	838	An Act to Identify the State's Unidentified Human Remains	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	840	An Act to Support Individuals with Personality Disorder or Disorders Associated with Primary Emotional Dysregulation by Requiring Reimbursement Under the MaineCare Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/5/23					S1
HHS	857	An Act to Improve Family Team Meetings in Child Welfare Cases to Ensure Better Outcomes for Children by Providing Adequate Funding	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	858	An Act to Require the State to Invest in Federal Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics	Reported Out	LTW		4/28/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	859	Resolve, to Assess, Develop, Implement and Fund the Reuse of Existing Facilities at Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	75		S1
HHS	872	An Act to Ensure That Adequate State Resources Are Available to Provide In-person Response to Calls Received on the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline	Reported Out	LTW		4/28/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	874	An Act to Address the Shortage of Direct Care Workers for Children with Disabilities in Maine	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/16/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	878	An Act to Improve Child Welfare	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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HHS	883	An Act to Exempt Emergency Medical Services Community Paramedicine Programs from Home Health Care Provider Licensing Requirements Under Certain Circumstances	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/2/23	Enacted	PL	195		S1
HHS	898	Resolve, to Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Foster Parents by 20 Percent	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		4/25/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	902	An Act to Repeal So-called MaineCare Expansion	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/6/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	904	An Act Supporting the Rural Health Care Workforce in Maine	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/5/23					S1
HHS	906	An Act to Ensure Physicians Receive Full Diagnostic Test Data Concerning Tick-borne Diseases	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	907	An Act to Meet the Needs of Individuals with Severe Behavioral Health Diagnoses	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/13/23					S1
HHS	908	Resolve, to Establish a Comprehensive Integrated Co-occurring Behavioral Health Home Model Within the MaineCare Program	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/7/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	915	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	98		S1
HHS	938	An Act to Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/19/23					S1
HHS	945	An Act to Allow Maine Families to Increase Their Savings by Changing the Asset Limits for Eligibility for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM		6/2/23	Enacted	PL	366		S1

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HHS	954	An Act to Improve Indoor Air Quality at Child Care Facilities	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	956	An Act Concerning Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data Collection in Health Care Facilities	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/12/23	Enacted	PL	129		S1
HHS	973	An Act to Create the Recovery Friendly Workplace Program	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	976	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of- hearing Patients	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/1/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	97		S1
HHS	979	Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Provide Transportation to Medically Managed Withdrawal Sites	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	111		S1
HHS	982	An Act to Allow the Disclosure of Death Certificate Data to Hospitals and Health Care Practitioners	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/4/23	Enacted	PL	110		S1
HHS	997	Resolve, to Reduce Workforce Barriers for Mental Health Professionals in Maine	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/5/23					S1
HHS	1003	Resolve, to Develop a So-called No Eject, No Reject Policy to Support Children Receiving Behavioral Health Services and Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	60		S1
HHS	1006	An Act to Ensure Access to Safe Drinking Water from Household Wells in Rural Areas by Expanding Testing	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/6/23					S1
HHS	1013	An Act to Provide Training, Professional Development and Wellness Supports for Child Protective Services Workers	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/7/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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HHS	1031	Resolve, to Improve Access to Child Care by Expanding Eligibility for the Child Care Subsidy Program	Reported Out	ONTP		3/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1037	An Act to Fund Competitive Wages for Direct Support Professionals for Persons with Disabilities	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1040	An Act to Require Reimbursement for Gender-affirming Care for MaineCare Members	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		5/18/23	Enacted	PL	288		S1
HHS	1044	An Act Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Corrections to Develop Alternative Responses to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Emergency Calls	Reported Out	LTW		4/28/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1059	Resolve, to Allow Reimbursement for Remote Ultrasound Procedures and Fetal Nonstress Tests Under MaineCare	Reported Out	ONTP		5/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1061	An Act to Increase the Number of Children a Family Child Care Provider May Care for Without Having to Be Licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/9/23	Died Between Houses				S1
HHS	1078	An Act to Increase the Number of Recovery Beds in the State	Reported Out	LTW		5/3/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1083	An Act to Amend the Membership of the Rare Disease Advisory Council	Reported Out	OTP		5/1/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	93		S1

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HHS	1091	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Review Its Rules Regarding Campgrounds in Order to Ensure Campground Health and Safety	Reported Out	ONTP		4/21/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1092	Resolve, To Establish an Ad Hoc Committee to Address the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/15/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	112		S1
HHS	1094	An Act Regarding the Allocation of Funds Awarded to Maine Due to the Opioid Settlement	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1099	An Act to Protect Vulnerable Populations in Residential Facilities from Extended Power Outages	Reported Out	ONTP		4/21/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1104	Resolve, to Review the MaineCare Hospital Readmission Protocol	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/5/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	77		S1
HHS	1106	Resolve, to Improve the Transition to Adult Services for Children with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	80		S1
HHS	1114	An Act to Eliminate the Annual Medical Eligibility Determinations of Need for Families of Children with Disabilities	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	1130	An Act to Reduce the Burden of Asset Recovery on Family Caregivers	Reported Out	LTW		3/23/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1

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HHS	1131	An Act to Support Continuity in Perinatal and Emergency Care by Requiring Notice of a Voluntary Hospital or Facility Closure or Reduction in Services	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
HHS	1159	An Act to Establish a Pilot Project Regarding Harm Reduction Health Centers	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/20/23	Died On Adjournment		✓	S1
HHS	1161	An Act to Fund Free Health Clinics	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/9/23				S1
HHS	1174	An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
HHS	1178	Resolve, to Reduce Barriers to Recovery from Addiction by Expanding Eligibility for Targeted Case Management Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/15/23				S1
HHS	1187	An Act to Protect Inpatient Psychiatric Services in Northern Maine by Preserving the Current Reimbursement Rate	Reported Out	ONTP		5/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
HHS	1188	An Act to Establish a Public Health Response to Substance Use	Reported Out	LTW		4/5/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
HHS	1194	An Act to Implement Work Requirements Under the MaineCare Program	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1

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HHS	1204	An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Closing Coverage Gaps in the MaineCare Program for Incarcerated Persons	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	458		S1
HHS	1211	An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Fund Out-of-state Residential Treatment for Substance Use Disorder When In-state Treatment Is Unavailable	Reported Out	ONTP		4/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1215	An Act to End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried on floor	6/21/23					S1
HHS	1224	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Seek Federal Approval for Reimbursement of Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	1226	An Act to Require MaineCare to Give a 60-day Notice Prior to Terminating Benefits	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1229	An Act to Provide Information to Parents Involved in the Child Protective Services System and Ensure Funding in the Child Protective Services Contingency Fund	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	447		S1
HHS	1236	Resolve, to Increase the Provision of Children's Behavioral Health Services in Rural Areas to Provide Support for Families of Children Receiving Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/13/23					S1
HHS	1238	An Act to Require Reporting on the Percentage of Approved Care Being Delivered to Individuals	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1248	An Act to Ensure the Quality of Bottled Water	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/7/23	Enacted	PL	330		S1

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HHS	1250	An Act Regarding Paying Providers Sufficiently, Maintaining Short Waiting Lists and Creating a Cause of Action for Aggrieved Persons in the System of Care for Clients with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1254	An Act to Provide Coverage and Prior Authorization of Medications and Services During a MaineCare Provider's Enrollment Period	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1269	An Act to Empower Patients and Eliminate Welfare Cliffs in the MaineCare Program by Establishing a MaineCare Savings Account Pilot Program	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1282	An Act to Streamline Income Verification Requests for Income Supplementation and Assistance Programs	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1
HHS	1287	An Act to Establish an Appeal Process for Child Care Providers	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1305	Resolve, to Design and Implement a Community-based Model of Care for Adolescent Mental Health	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/12/23					S1
HHS	1317	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Promote the Integration of Human Health and Environmental Health	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HHS	1321	An Act to Address Income Disparity in Health Care by Limiting the Compensation of Hospital Executives	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1325	An Act to Make Permanent the Submission of Certain Reports Concerning Child Welfare to the Legislature	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/9/23	Enacted	PL	261		S1
HHS	1334	An Act to Establish a Managed Care Program for MaineCare Services	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/5/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	1339	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Forming the Maine Commission on Disabilities	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1360	An Act Requiring Training Regarding and Screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM	Carried on floor	6/12/23					S1
HHS	1361	An Act to Implement Best Practices Regarding Children's Behavioral and Mental Health Care	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1377	An Act to Provide Rental Assistance for Recovery Housing	Reported Out	LTW		4/13/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1382	An Act to Establish the Guiding Public Health Principles of Focused Protection for Pandemics of a Highly Infectious Respiratory Disease	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1406	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study MaineCare Estate Recovery	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/16/23	Died On Adjournment				S1

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HHS	1417	Resolve, to Ensure Efficiency and Effectiveness in Maine's Licensing and Certification of Behavioral Health Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/6/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	57		S1
HHS	1426	An Act to Secure Housing for the Most Vulnerable Maine Residents by Amending the Laws Governing Municipal General Assistance	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	1428	An Act to Ensure Treatment for MaineCare Recipients with Serious Mental Illness by Prohibiting the Requirements for Prior Authorization and Step Therapy for Medications	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/7/23	Died Between Houses				S1
HHS	1429	An Act to Establish a Navigator Position in the Department of Health and Human Services for Families and Children Involved in the Foster Care System	Reported Out	ONTP		5/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1430	Resolve, to Amend the Funding Formula for Reimbursing Nursing Facilities Under the MaineCare Program	Reported Out	LTW		4/26/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1439	An Act to Promote Family-centered Interventions for Substance Use Disorder Treatment	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	463		S1
HHS	1440	Resolve, to Increase the Availability of Community Children's Behavioral Health Services by Providing Training and Career Opportunities for Behavioral Health Professionals	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1448	An Act to Change the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program Requirements by Reducing Benefits Commensurate with a Recipient's Salary, Reducing the Special Housing Allowance and Limiting Eligibility for 2-parent Families	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HHS	1469	Resolve, to Sufficiently Staff Overnight Behavioral Health Crisis Facilities	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1474	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Expedite Reimbursement of Long-term Care Facilities	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/13/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	121		S1
HHS	1478	An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	5/22/23					S1
HHS	1481	An Act Regarding Clearance for Occupancy Under the Lead Poisoning Control Act	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/9/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	270		S1
HHS	1485	An Act to Provide Funding for Hospital Security in Aroostook County	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1488	An Act to Expand Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Private Drinking Water Wells	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/16/23					S1
HHS	1513	An Act to Improve Intensive Behavioral Health and Public Safety Case Management Services	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1521	An Act to Support the Essential Support Workforce by Promoting Enhanced Reimbursement and Benefits and Encouraging Information Sharing	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1522	An Act to Provide Economic Justice to Historically Disadvantaged Older Citizens by Amending the Laws Governing the Medicare Savings Program and the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/21/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1

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HHS	1547	An Act to Temporarily Prohibit the State from Mandating COVID-19 Vaccinations	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/9/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	1558	An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies and Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/9/23					S1
HHS	1575	An Act to Promote Quality and Innovation in Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	1584	An Act to Provide Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to Restore Benefits Reduced by the Federal Government	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/20/23					S1
HHS	1598	An Act to Allow an Exception to Immunization Requirements for Health Care Workers for Vaccines Approved Under Emergency Use Authorization	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	1601	An Act Regarding Visitation Policies for Long-term Care Facilities, Hospice Providers and Hospitals	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/7/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HHS	1617	Resolve, to Increase Access to Brain Injury Waiver Services	Reported Out	ONTP		5/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1664	An Act to Increase Reimbursement Under the General Assistance Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/7/23					S1
HHS	1666	An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Updating the State Supplement and Removing Marriage Disincentives	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/20/23					S1
HHS	1675	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the General Assistance Program Regarding Eligibility, Housing Assistance and State Reimbursement and to Establish a Working Group	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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HHS	1684	An Act to Invest in the Health and Wellness of Older Maine Residents by Expanding Coordinated Community Programming	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/22/23					S1
HHS	1712	An Act Regarding Driver's Licenses for Individuals in Foster Care	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/20/23					S1
HHS	1719	An Act to Establish Substance Use Disorder Treatment Centers	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/7/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1
HHS	1722	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	100		S1
HHS	1726	An Act to Build Maine's Economy by Supporting Child Care for Working Families	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/12/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1
HHS	1728	An Act to Ensure Access to Federally Approved Opioid Overdose-reversing Medication	Reported Out	OTP		5/18/23	Enacted	PL	161		S1
HHS	1729	An Act to Reduce Child Care Provider Regulation	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/9/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
HHS	1732	An Act to Expand the General Assistance Program	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	1745	An Act to Support Public Health by Clarifying Authorized Activities Regarding Drug Checking	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/16/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	303		S1
HHS	1751	An Act to Maximize Federal Funding in Support of Emergency Medical Services	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	1753	An Act to Establish an Independent Adjudicatory Process Regarding the Department of Health and Human Services	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1754	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Delivery of Services to Children and Families	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HHS	1768	An Act to Clarify the MaineCare Rate Determination Requirements	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Enacted	PL	238		S1
HHS	1781	Resolve, to Continue Case Management Services for the Homeless Opioid Users Service Engagement Pilot Project Within the Department of Health and Human Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	123		S1
HHS	1784	Resolve, to Improve Access to Appropriate Levels of Long-term Care by Rebasing and Increasing Reimbursement Rates	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1785	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Make Recommendations to Update Laws Governing the Continuum of Long-term Care Options	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1788	An Act to Establish the Office of the Inspector General of Child Protection	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	1792	Resolve, to Establish the Rural Health Services Task Force	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/20/23					S1
HHS	1801	Resolve, to Increase Transparency and Evaluate Emergency Response Through a COVID-19 Review Commission	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
HHS	1827	An Act to Prevent Closures and Ensure Sustainability of Nursing Facilities, Private Nonmedical Institutions and Residential Care Facilities by Removing So-called Budget Neutrality	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	1837	An Act to Increase Oral Health Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/13/23					S1
HHS	1857	Resolve, to Establish a Public Safety Health and Wellness Grant Pilot Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/14/23					S1

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HHS	1858	An Act to Ensure Access to Newly Born Male Infant Circumcision by Requiring MaineCare Coverage	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/8/23					S1
HHS	1877	An Act to Reduce the Number of Children Living in Deep Poverty by Adjusting Assistance for Low-income Families	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	1923	An Act to Provide for Licensing of and Tax Collection from Remote Retail Sellers of Pipe Tobacco and Premium Cigars	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	1925	An Act to Clarify and Improve the Laws Relating to the Background Check Center and the Maine Certified Nursing Assistant and Direct Care Worker Registry	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Enacted	PL	241		S1
HHS	1941	Resolve, to Ensure Access to Critical Orthodontic Care by Increasing the MaineCare Reimbursement Rate	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1955	An Act to Require Hospitals and Hospital-affiliated Providers to Provide Financial Assistance for Medical Care	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	1972	Resolve, to Improve Long-term Care for the People of Maine	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HHS	1975	An Act to Implement a Statewide Public Health Response to Substance Use and Amend the Laws Governing Scheduled Drugs	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	1993	An Act to Expand Home Visiting Services and Provide for Reimbursement Under the MaineCare Program for Perinatal Doula Services and Midwifery Services	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HHS	1995	An Act to Bolster Maine's Workforce and Economy by Increasing Assistance for Parents Pursuing Education and Employment and by Indexing Unemployment Benefits to the Unemployment Rate	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HHS	2009	An Act to Prevent Abandonment of Children and Adults with Disabilities in Hospitals	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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LD 5 An Act to Expand Access to Postsecondary Education for Low-income Parents

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 21 increases the maximum income threshold for eligibility in the Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment Program from 185% to 225% of the nonfarm income official poverty line.

LD 11 An Act to Strengthen Temporary Protections for Children Living in Dwellings with Identified Lead Hazards

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 82 establishes the authority of the Department of Health and Human Services to order and enforce actions to temporarily protect children and families living in any residential dwelling unit from identified lead hazards until they are relocated to lead-safe housing or lead hazards are abated.

LD 35 An Act to Establish Adult Protective Services Training Requirements for Professionals Mandated to Report Suspected Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation to Enhance Protection of Incapacitated and Dependent Adults

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 36 requires professionals mandated to make reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of incapacitated and dependent adults pursuant to the Adult Protective Services Act to complete training on mandated reporter responsibilities once every four years.

LD 80 An Act to Improve Family Economic Security Under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 29 amends the provisions of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or "TANF," program that relate to income disregards for the purposes of calculating a recipient's benefits. Previously, the law provided that 100% of all earned income for the first three months of employment and 75% of all earned income for the fourth to sixth months of employment must be disregarded from recipients' monthly earnings. Public Law 2023, chapter 29 clarifies that this employment must have begun while participating in the TANF program. It also provides that 100% of the first three months of increased earned income received while participating in TANF and 75% of the fourth to sixth months of increased earned income received while participating in TANF are subject to these disregard provisions.

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LD 81 An Act to Address Recovery Residence Participation in the Municipal General Assistance Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 133 requires a municipality to issue a general assistance housing assistance payment to the operator of a certified recovery residence upon request by an eligible person rather than to a landlord, including a property owner.

Public Law 2023, chapter 133 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 8, 2023.

LD 82 An Act to Improve Access to Children’s Behavioral Health Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 83 removes the requirement that service providers contracted by the Department of Health and Human Services charge fees for services for children with mental health needs, intellectual disabilities or autism and their families.

LD 84 An Act to Strengthen Third-party Liability Requirements for the MaineCare Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 162 adds third-party liability requirement provisions for MaineCare claims for payment and adds a provision to apply MaineCare assignment provisions to out-of-state carriers who provide coverage to residents of this State. It also provides that payments made under assignment to the MaineCare program by a third party are final after two years.

LD 146 An Act to Clarify Assessment of Fines for Tattoo Artists, Body Piercers, Electrologists and Micropigmentation Practitioners and to Change Requirements for the Approval of Public Pool and Spa Plans

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 113 changes the penalty for electrologists, tattoo artists, micropigmentation practitioners and body piercers found to be in violation of licensing and sterilization, sanitation or safety standards laws and rules from a civil violation to an administrative fine. It provides that each day a violation remains uncorrected may be counted as a separate offense and requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a schedule of administrative penalties according to the nature and duration of the violation. It also adds the requirement that a professional engineer licensed in this State sign and seal plans for public pool and spa construction prior to submittal to the department. These plans must include a signed

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statement from the engineer that the plans and specifications meet the minimum standard published by the American National Standards Institute and the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals or a successor organization, as designated by rule.

LD 162 Resolve, to Study the Establishment of a Substance Use Disorder Hotline

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 69 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan to implement a hotline through the Maine Substance Use Disorders Learning Community to assist and provide guidance to primary care physicians and other providers in providing care to patients with substance use disorder. The department is required to consult with stakeholders, including members of the Co-Occurring Collaborative Serving Maine currently partnering with the department to operate the Maine Substance Use Disorders Learning Community, and to study existing models in other states. The department is required to submit a report and plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 15, 2024. The plan must include funding requirements, services that would be provided, hours of operation, response times and any other relevant information to implement a hotline.

LD 181 Resolve, Requiring Progress Reports from the Department of Health and Human Services Regarding the Implementation of Secure Children’s Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 78 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit two reports to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services regarding efforts to implement secure children's psychiatric residential treatment facilities. The first report, to be submitted by January 2, 2024, relates to department progress in establishing increased rates and amending department rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 107. The second report, to be submitted by July 1, 2024, relates to progress in implementing secure children's psychiatric residential treatment facility services and must include information about the provider, location of the facility, number of beds and estimated or actual date of opening. If no provider has been secured, the report must include the next steps for attracting a willing provider.

LD 218 An Act to Clarify Maine Law Regarding Background Checks for the Office of Child and Family Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 39 makes the following changes to the law regarding background checks for the Office of Child and Family Services.

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1. It clarifies that a person may request a background screening of an individual who is or may be engaged in activities or employment relating to children or adults with intellectual disabilities, autism or related conditions regardless of whether the individual subject to the background screening is an employee.
2. It replaces the term "group home" with "transitional living program" in order to clarify that staff members of these providers are subject to the fingerprint-based background check requirements.

LD 228 Resolve, to Require that Alcohol Misuse be Disclosed as a Contributing Factor to Death on Death Certificates

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 105 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the medical certification of the cause of death completed pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2842 to include a check box to document whether alcohol misuse contributed to the death of a person. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop an information campaign and training regarding the completion of medical certifications of the cause of death by eligible providers and to seek approval for continuing medical education credits for such training.

LD 231 An Act to Support the Maine Pediatric and Behavioral Health Partnership Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 339 establishes in statute the statewide child psychiatry telehealth consultation service under the Department of Health and Human Services. This program is currently known as the Maine Pediatric and Behavioral Health Partnership Program and was funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration in 2018. The service supports primary care physicians who are treating children and adolescent patients and need assistance with diagnosis, care coordination and medication management or other necessary behavioral health questions to serve their patients. The department is required to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on the program's funding sources and financial sustainability no later than January 31, 2024.

Public Law 2023, chapter 339 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 28, 2023.

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LD 234 An Act to Raise from 12 to 24 the Annual Limit on the Number of Public Events and Meals Nonprofit Organizations May Have That Are Exempt from Certain Rules and Regulations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 7 doubles, from 12 to 24, the number of public events and meals within one calendar year nonprofit organizations may have that are exempt from Department of Health and Human Services rules and regulations relating to dispensing foods and nonalcoholic beverages.

LD 282 An Act to Allow the Department of Health and Human Services to Authorize Standing Orders

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 31 allows the Department of Health and Human Services to authorize standing orders for the dispensing of vaccines and nonprescription drugs to MaineCare members, participants in the state-funded medical program for noncitizens, enrollees in the elderly low-cost drug program, certain qualified residents and persons receiving Cub Care to support access to preventive care and medically necessary services.

LD 430 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Promote Translation and Interpretation Services in Health Care Settings

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 106 requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention's office of population health equity to partner with hospitals and health care provider associations to gather information regarding translation and interpretation services available in health care settings across the State. It requires the department to create and deliver a public information campaign designed to promote the availability of these services, with particular focus on individuals who use a primary language other than English, including deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals. It requires the department to report on its progress to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by February 1, 2024.

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LD 432 An Act to Clarify MaineCare Program Requirements Regarding Certain High-risk Health Care Providers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 432 clarifies the MaineCare program requirements with regard to certain high-risk providers. It also requires a person with a certain level of ownership interest in a high-risk provider to submit to a fingerprint-based criminal history record background check.

LD 446 Resolve, to Update Allowable Limits on Mortuary Trusts for the Purposes of MaineCare Eligibility

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 34 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its MaineCare rules to increase the amount of a prepaid burial contract, also known as a mortuary trust, unavailable for use as an asset in determining eligibility for MaineCare from \$12,000 to \$18,000 and increase that amount yearly by the same percentage as the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for the preceding year.

LD 449 An Act to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to License Home-based and Community-based Services for Persons with an Intellectual Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder or a Related Condition or an Acquired Brain Injury and Define Autism Spectrum Disorder

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 89 requires a licensing scheme for certain firms, associations, corporations or nonprofit organizations, including residential care facilities, that provide services to an adult with an intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder, a related condition or an acquired brain injury and specifies that residential care facilities are not required to use the standard contract for those services. It replaces the definition of "autism" with a definition of "autism spectrum disorder" or "autism." It clarifies that the State's share of MaineCare reimbursements is a factor in determining whether or not certain residential care facilities must obtain a license. It also expands the services and programs that the Commissioner of Health and Human Services is authorized to provide and help finance.

LD 451 An Act to Ensure Transparent and Accountable Temporary Nurse Agencies

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 434 makes the following changes to the law related to temporary nurse agencies.

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1. It requires temporary nurse agencies to renew registration annually and to update the registration if a temporary nurse agency changes ownership, operation or location.
2. It makes changes to the definition of "temporary nurse agency," including that home health care services providers are not included in the definition.
3. It increases the cost of registration for a temporary nurse agency from \$25 to \$1,000.
4. It repeals the exception to the registration requirement for home health care services providers and temporary nurses not affiliated with an agency.
5. It requires that temporary nurse agencies ensure that each employee it refers to a provider for a position meets the state and federal qualification requirements for that position, and maintains records to that effect.
6. It prohibits agencies from requiring employees to recruit other employees.
7. It requires temporary nurse agencies to submit an annual report to the Department of Health and Human Services, which is then required to submit a summary report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.
8. It allows the Department of Health and Human Services to impose a fine for failure of a temporary nurse agency to provide required documentation or to submit annual reports.
9. It makes violation of the requirements relating to temporary nurse agencies a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

LD 465 An Act to Provide for an Electronic Permit for the Disposition of Human Remains

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 67 authorizes a funeral director or authorized person present at a burial or crematory in this State to electronically affirm the disposition of human remains.

LD 474 An Act to Improve Collaboration Between Mandatory Reporters and Law Enforcement in the Investigation of Alleged Child Abuse and Neglect

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 146 requires that a member of the staff of a public or private medical institution, agency or facility or person in charge of the institution, agency or facility or the designated agent who made a mandated report disclose the same information the member or person reported to the Department of Health and Human Services to a law enforcement officer upon

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request of the law enforcement officer. It also provides immunity for a person who made a report of suspected abuse or neglect who is participating in good faith in a law enforcement investigation or criminal justice proceeding relating to suspected abuse or neglect.

LD 475 An Act to Simplify and Clarify the Licensing of Assisted Housing Facilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 176 replaces the term "assisted housing program" with the term "assisted housing facility" and replaces the term "assisted living program" with the term "assisted living facility." It amends the definition of "assisted housing services" to include medication management and nursing services and removes those services from the definition of "assisted living services." It amends the definition of "residential care facility" to clarify which licensed entities are excluded from the definition.

The law provides that the term of the license for an assisted housing facility is two years and clarifies the manner in which independent housing with services programs are funded. The law also provides that an applicant for an assisted living facility or residential care facility license may not receive more than one license at the same license level for services offered in the same location maintained wholly or in part for the purpose of providing assisted living services or residential care services. It provides that an assisted living facility or residential care facility that, beginning on October 1, 2023, holds more than one license at the same license level for services offered in the same location maintained wholly or in part for the purpose of providing services is exempt from this prohibition. The department may continue to issue such applicants more than one license at the same license level if all other licensure requirements are met.

LD 479 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Membership of the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 78 amends the law governing the membership of the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council to add a member who is receiving palliative care or is the primary caregiver of a person receiving palliative care.

LD 490 An Act to Designate the Department of Health and Human Services as the Implementing Department of the Lead-safe Housing Registry

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 147 replaces the Department of Environmental Protection with the Department of Health and Human Services as the agency responsible for implementing the registry of leased lead-safe residential dwellings.

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LD 495 An Act Regarding Investigations of Out-of-home Child Abuse and Neglect

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 248 makes the following changes to the provisions of law regarding investigations into out-of-home child abuse or neglect laws.

1. It reallocates the law from the laws administered by the Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services within the Department of Health and Human Services to the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act.
2. It clarifies the authority of the investigation team to investigate an individual licensed by the Department of Education.
3. It authorizes the investigation team to investigate abuse and neglect that occurs in a transitional living program.
4. It repeals the provisions of law prescribing required training for the investigation team.
5. It removes certain requirements for identification and disclosure of information related to a residential home facility.
6. It makes other clarifying and technical changes.

LD 510 An Act to Protect the Public Health by Allowing the Appointment of Associate Health Officers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 46 permits a municipality to hire associate health officers, as defined, to assist the local health officer during an actual or threatened epidemic or other public health threat. An associate health officer must have appropriate education, training or experience, is not required to meet the qualifications of a local health officer and must work under the direct supervision of the local health officer.

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LD 523 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 5, Section 63: Home Based Supports and Services for Older and Disabled Adults and Chapter 11: Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 9 authorizes the final adoption of Chapter 5, Section 63 and Chapter 11 rules. It repeals both rules on September 30, 2023 and replaces them with a single new Section 63 rule that goes into effect on October 1, 2023.

Resolve 2023, chapter 9 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 24, 2023.

LD 592 An Act to Amend the Law Governing MaineCare Coverage of Chiropractic Treatment

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 454 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for a state plan amendment to allow for Medicaid reimbursement for physical therapy services provided by a chiropractor, within the chiropractor's scope of service, that are otherwise covered if provided by a licensed physical therapist. The department must apply for the state plan amendment by July 2024. If the state plan amendment is not approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, chiropractic doctors may not be reimbursed by the MaineCare program for any additional chiropractic services not currently eligible for reimbursement.

LD 594 Resolve, to Review the Resource Parent Bill of Rights

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 62 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a stakeholder group to examine the Resource Parent Bill of Rights to ensure that it adequately provides sufficient resources, supports, services and resource family involvement and communication. The department must submit a report, with findings and recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 15, 2024.

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LD 597 An Act to Improve Conditions for People Living in Recovery Residences by Requiring Approved Discharge and Transfer Policies

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 249 requires certified recovery residences have a written discharge and transfer policy that is approved by a credentialing entity recognized by the Department of Health and Human Services. It provides that notwithstanding any landlord and tenant rights and obligations under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 14, chapter 709, a recovery residence with an approved discharge and transfer policy may immediately discharge or transfer a resident in accordance with the policy if the discharge or transfer is necessary for the resident's welfare, the resident's needs cannot be met at the recovery residence or the health and safety of other residents or recovery residence employees are at risk or would be at risk if the resident continues to live at the recovery residence. A person who refuses to leave a recovery residence after a discharge or transfer may be ordered to leave the premises by the recovery residence owner or operator or by a law enforcement officer.

LD 600 An Act to Expand Availability of Naloxone Hydrochloride

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 71 allows an overdose prevention program, with the express consent of a municipality, to provide and maintain naloxone hydrochloride in a visible and publicly accessible wall-mounted box or other container in municipal places to be used by a member of the public in response to an opioid-related drug overdose. It also provides immunity from criminal and civil liability to municipalities and overdose prevention programs for providing or maintaining the naloxone hydrochloride containers.

LD 603 An Act to Make Electric Breast Pumps More Accessible by Providing for MaineCare Reimbursement

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 216 requires the MaineCare program to reimburse for electric breast pumps and supplies without prior authorization or limitation when recommended or prescribed by a health care professional acting within their scope of practice. The Department of Health and Human Services is required to adopt rules implementing the requirement no later than January 1, 2024.

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LD 636 An Act to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to License and Ensure the Quality of Personal Care Agencies

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 309 replaces the registration process with a licensing process for personal care agencies. It adds personal care agencies to the provisions of law governing receivership and other laws. It requires immediate supervisors of certified nursing assistants and direct care workers who are ineligible for employment to be listed on the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants and Direct Care Workers. It removes registration requirements for placement agencies.

LD 709 Resolve, to Develop a Home Share Pilot Program for Older Adults

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 108 requires the Maine State Housing Authority to develop and administer, through a request for proposals, a home share pilot program primarily aimed at assisting older persons by matching older persons who own homes with spare rooms to adults in need of affordable housing. It requires the Maine State Housing Authority to submit a report, no later than January 1, 2025, regarding the program to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and labor and housing matters.

LD 757 Resolve, to Review Telemonitoring and Certain Telehealth Services Reimbursed under MaineCare

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 84 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to review its MaineCare reimbursement of telemonitoring services and of ultrasound procedures and fetal nonstress tests performed remotely in a residence or other off-site location through telehealth. The department is required to submit its recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 10, 2024. The committee may report out legislation related to the department's report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 775 An Act to Require and Standardize Labeling of Water Treatment Equipment

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 164 imposes labeling requirements on the installation and servicing of water treatment equipment installed on or after July 1, 2024. It limits the definition of "water treatment equipment" to include only equipment located in a private residence. It also provides that a water treatment company that fails to comply with the provisions of the bill commits an

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unfair and deceptive act that is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

LD 859 Resolve, to Assess, Develop, Implement and Fund the Reuse of Existing Facilities at Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 75 directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to establish a stakeholder group to examine potential future beneficial public uses of currently unused structures at the Dorothea Dix campus. It requires the department to submit its recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 10, 2024. The committee may report out legislation related to the department's report in the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 883 An Act to Exempt Emergency Medical Services Community Paramedicine Programs from Home Health Care Provider Licensing Requirements Under Certain Circumstances

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 195 adds community paramedicine services to the list of services exempted from home health licensing and includes conditions for the exemption. It also directs the Emergency Medical Services Board to adopt rules consistent with the home health exemption conditions.

LD 915 Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 98 creates the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services to examine the organizational structure of the Department of Health and Human Services and the services provided by the department. The Commission shall examine: the organizational structure of and service delivery at similar agencies in other states and in nongovernmental organizations; strengths and weakness in services provided with state and federal funding; proposals to improve the safety and well-being of children and strengthening families; barriers to accessing services; and areas in which processes can be streamlined and made more efficient. The Commission shall support a report, including its findings and recommendations, to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than November 6, 2024.

Resolve 2023, chapter 98 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 19, 2023.

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LD 945 An Act to Allow Maine Families to Increase Their Savings by Changing the Asset Limits for Eligibility for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023 chapter 366 does the following.

1. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt an asset limit of \$10,000 per family under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF, program.
2. It authorizes the department to exempt from the asset limit one vehicle for each licensed driver in the family.
3. It changes the manner in which lump sum payments are counted for the purpose of eligibility for TANF assistance, such that the department must treat any nonrecurring lump sum income received by a family as an asset, and not as income, in the month the lump sum payment is received. To the extent that any nonrecurring lump sum income remains after the month it was received, the department must continue to consider the income as an asset.

LD 956 An Act Concerning Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data Collection in Health Care Facilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023 chapter 129 requires, beginning October 1, 2026, a health care facility, other than a pharmacy, to ensure that data related to sexual orientation and gender identity is collected from an individual as part of the health care information collected upon intake at a health care facility and at any other time demographic information is collected, unless the individual declines to answer questions regarding the individual's sexual orientation or gender identity. It provides that data collected pursuant to this section is health care information that is subject to the confidentiality requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1711-C.

LD 976 Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 97 establishes the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients, which is directed to study accessibility to appropriate communication methods for deaf and hard-of-hearing patients in health care settings and how that accessibility may be improved. The task force is required to submit a report and suggested legislation by December 6, 2023 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, which is authorized to report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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LD 979 Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Provide Transportation to Medically Managed Withdrawal Sites

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 111 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with two certified hypodermic apparatus exchange programs to provide transportation to medically managed withdrawal sites for individuals to receive detoxification services. One of the programs must be located in an urban area of the State and one must be located in a rural area. The total amount of funding for the contracts must be no more than \$30,000. The department must submit a report, no later than January 15, 2026, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters with the number of individuals who received services, the distances traveled, the adequacy of funding and an estimate of the cost of providing such services statewide.

LD 982 An Act to Allow the Disclosure of Death Certificate Data to Hospitals and Health Care Practitioners

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 110 requires death certificate data to be provided, upon request, to a hospital or health care practitioner, in accordance with routine technical rules adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services.

LD 1003 Resolve, to Develop a So-called No Eject, No Reject Policy to Support Children Receiving Behavioral Health Services and Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 60 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a so-called No Eject, No Reject proposal that requires residential providers of behavioral health services for children or services to individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism to receive written approval from the department in circumstances relating to termination of services or declining a referral. The department must establish a stakeholder group to develop the proposal. The department must examine data to determine reasons why providers terminate or refuse referrals for services and determine barriers to accepting individuals for treatment services. The department must report its findings, the proposal and the steps for implementing the proposal, including any rulemaking and recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 2, 2024.

Resolve 2023, chapter 60 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 20, 2023.

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LD 1040 An Act to Require Reimbursement for Gender-affirming Care for MaineCare Members

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 288 prohibits the MaineCare program from discriminating in its reimbursement for medically necessary treatment on the basis of a MaineCare member's gender identity, gender expression or on the basis that the MaineCare member is a transgender individual and requires that the program cover medically necessary treatment for or related to gender dysphoria.

LD 1083 An Act to Amend the Membership of the Rare Disease Advisory Council

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 93 changes the membership of the Rare Disease Advisory Council to require one of the members who is 18 years of age or older with a rare disease to be a person who has or has had a single-gene disorder and to require one of the members who is a parent or guardian of a child with a rare disease to be a parent or guardian of a child with a single-gene disorder.

Public Law 2023, chapter 93 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 17, 2023.

LD 1092 Resolve, to Establish an Ad Hoc Committee to Address the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 112 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish an ad hoc committee to make recommendations addressing the intervention in and prevention of commercial sexual exploitation of children. The department shall submit a report, no later than January 1, 2025, to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over health and human services matters with any recommendations.

LD 1104 Resolve, to Review the MaineCare Hospital Readmission Protocol

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 77 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to review its MaineCare rules regarding hospital readmissions and reimbursement for readmissions, with a focus on readmissions of patients who had previously left the hospital against medical advice and readmissions of patients with substance use disorder and those with co-occurring substance use disorder and behavioral health disorders. It requires the department to, by January 15, 2024, submit

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recommendations for statutory and rule changes regarding readmissions to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. It requires that, in making recommendations regarding management of readmissions of patients with substance use disorder and patients with co-occurring substance use disorder and behavioral health disorders, the department employ a trauma-informed approach.

LD 1106 Resolve, to Improve the Transition to Adult Services for Children with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 80 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on its plans to improve the transition from children's services to adult services for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism spectrum disorder in the Improving the Transition from Children's to Adult Services pilot project funded under Section 9817 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

LD 1204 An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Closing Coverage Gaps in the MaineCare Program for Incarcerated Person

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 458 does the following.

1. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to enter into a memorandum of understanding with counties in this State that have a county jail or a regional jail in order to provide a person who is incarcerated in a county jail or a regional jail with assistance in applying for MaineCare services.
2. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on the progress made towards entering into a memorandum of understanding with counties in the State that have a county jail or a regional jail relating to assisting an individual with applying for benefits under the MaineCare program.
3. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a waiver under Section 1115 of the United States Social Security Act to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to cover certain services to incarcerated individuals and requires the department to provide those services if the waiver is approved and the Commissioner of Health and Human Services notifies the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Revisor of Statutes that written approval for the waiver has been received.

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LD 1229 An Act to Provide Information to Parents Involved in the Child Protective Services System and Ensure Funding in the Child Protective Services Contingency Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 447 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with an entity to provide free virtual classes that are conducted in real time and facilitated by peers to parents who are involved in the child protective services system. The contracted entity must conduct activities that maximize outreach to parents that qualify, promote the classes to parents and providers and provide one-on-one follow-up with parents who participate in the classes. The law provides one-time funding in fiscal year 2024-25 and also designates the Child Protective Services Contingency Fund as a nonlapsing fund.

LD 1248 An Act to Ensure the Quality of Bottled Water

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 330 requires persons that extract water in this State to be sold as bottled water to conduct testing for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, in the bottled water. It prohibits the sale of bottled water by a bottler that contains a PFAS contaminant in an amount that exceeds state or federal standards. The law also imposes reporting requirements on persons that extract water in this State to be sold as bottled water and includes requirements for the bottler and the Department of Health and Human Services to post testing results to publicly accessible websites.

LD 1325 An Act to Make Permanent the Submission of Certain Reports Concerning Child Welfare to the Legislature

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 261 requires reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters, at least every three months, from the Child Death and Injury Review Panel and the Child Welfare Advisory Panel. The reports must include: a summary of generalized and anonymized observations of efforts of the Office and Child and Family Services to improve the child welfare system; recommendations on how to further protect the State's children; and a summary of collaboration between the Child Death and Injury Review Panel, the Child Welfare Advisory Panel and the judicial branch's Justice for Children Task Force.

The law requires the Office of Child and Family Services to provide quarterly reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters. The reports must include: prevention efforts; training programs; development and implementation of strategic plans, priorities and initiatives; data reports; staffing updates; child placements; implementation of requirements in prior enacted bills or budgets; interactions with citizen review

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panels; and any other subject matter requested by the committee. Resolve 2021, chapter 142 required quarterly reports for a limited period and Public Law 2023, chapter 261 makes those reports permanent but with some changes to the content. Public Law 2023, chapter 261 also clarifies that the Child Welfare Advisory Panel shall provide an annual report to the Legislature, rather than the Department of Health and Human Services providing the annual report.

LD 1417 Resolve, to Ensure Efficiency and Effectiveness in Maine’s Licensing and Certification of Behavioral Health Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 57 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that its rules governing the licensing of mental health facilities avoids, as much as possible, standards that require duplicate licensing visits and surveys of behavioral health agencies and allows instead any equivalent standards by either national or state accrediting or licensing bodies. The rules must ensure that services are safe and meeting quality requirements, license by agency and not by service or facility site unless prohibited by federal Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration or other applicable federal requirements and reduce duplication of effort on the part of providers as much as possible. The department must submit a report on progress, no later than February 15, 2024 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the committee is authorized to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature if more legislative action is necessary.

LD 1439 An Act to Promote Family-centered Interventions for Substance Use Disorder Treatment

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 463 requires a hospital to post in a publicly accessible area of its emergency department information provided by the Department of Health and Human Services regarding how individuals with substance use disorder can access evidence-based treatment services. It provides \$30,000 in one-time grant funds to support substance use disorder treatments that include family members of the person with substance use disorder, including community reinforcement and family training interventions.

LD 1474 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Expedite Reimbursement of Long-term Care Facilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 121 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities, and Chapter III, Section 97, Private Non-Medical

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Institution Services, Appendix C, to require the department to reimburse at least 75% of their as-filed settlement pursuant to the facility's cost reports within 90 days of receipt.

LD 1481 An Act Regarding Clearance for Occupancy Under the Lead Poisoning Control Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 270 authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to, on a case-by-case basis, permit the owner of an owner-occupied residential dwelling of three dwelling units or fewer for which lead-based substances have been ordered to be removed, replaced or securely and permanently covered to rent a vacant unit or units in that residential dwelling before full abatement of the dwelling is achieved if the department determines that residents may be sufficiently protected from lead-based substances in the dwelling.

Public Law 2023, chapter 270 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 23, 2023.

LD 1722 Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities

ENACTED SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 100 establishes the Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities to evaluate funding models and structures that allow for the sustained investment in the health and prosperity of youth and families in the State and make recommendations for further legislative action.

Resolve 2023, chapter 100 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 19, 2023.

LD 1728 An Act to Ensure Access to Federally Approved Opioid Overdose-reversing Medication

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 161 adds other opioid overdose-reversing medications to statutes governing naloxone hydrochloride.

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LD 1745 An Act to Support Public Health by Clarifying Authorized Activities Regarding Drug Checking

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 303 clarifies that persons possessing, receiving, transporting or storing drug samples for the purpose of testing or drug checking are authorized to do so.

Public Law 2023, chapter 303 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 26, 2023.

LD 1768 An Act to Clarify the MaineCare Rate Determination Requirements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 238 establishes that MaineCare rate determinations are to take place no less frequently than once every five years.

LD 1781 Resolve, to Continue Case Management Services for the Homeless Opioid Users Service Engagement Pilot Project Within the Department of Health and Human Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 123 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to extend the current service contract for case management services through June 30, 2024 for the homeless opioid users service engagement pilot project, as established in Resolve 2019, chapter 105.

LD 1925 An Act to Clarify and Improve the Laws Relating to the Background Check Center and the Maine Certified Nursing Assistant and Direct Care Worker Registry

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 241 makes changes to the laws relating to the Background Check Center and the Maine Certified Nursing Assistant and Direct Care Worker Registry.

1. It amends the provisions relating to the Background Check Center, BCC, under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1691 as follows.
 - A. It authorizes the collection of biometric identifier data to enable the BCC to access national criminal history backgrounds of potential employees and to amend related grandfathering provisions.
 - B. It authorizes the portability of background check results from one employer to another.

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- C. It clarifies the relationship of the provisions to direct access workers.
 - D. It authorizes the BCC to specify offenses that disqualify an individual from employment as a direct access worker.
 - E. It establishes the BCC as the noncriminal justice submitting entity for the federal rap back monitoring program and outline procedures related to rap back monitoring.
2. It amends the provisions of law relating to the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants and Direct Care Workers in order as follows.
- A. It limits the registry's authority to the eligibility of certified nursing assistants and listing direct care workers who have substantiated findings of abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property.
 - B. It clarifies the relationship of the provisions to direct care workers.
 - C. It allows a process for a direct care worker to petition removal of a substantiated finding of neglect or misappropriation of property.
 - D. It clarifies that certified nursing assistants and direct care workers are subject to the background check required under the provisions of law governing the BCC.
 - E. It authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to specify criminal convictions that disqualify a person from employment as a certified nursing assistant or direct access worker.
 - F. It removes the provisions related to the ability of applicants to seek relief relating to disqualifying criminal convictions and site that authority within the BCC.
3. It amends the provisions of law relating to unlicensed assistive persons in order to.
- A. It replaces the term "unlicensed assistive person" with "direct care worker."
 - B. It removes the provisions related to the ability of applicants to seek relief relating to disqualifying criminal convictions and site that authority within the BCC.
 - C. It provides for individuals enrolling in a training program for direct care workers to receive a background check through the BCC.

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ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this Digest; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 346 An Act To Clarify the Requirements for Family Caregivers

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to request approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to reimburse parents of minor children who are eligible for home health under services under the MaineCare program for providing those services under the Medicaid home health benefit was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part GGG.

LD 659 An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to implement a MaineCare home and community-based lifespan program was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. Rules initially adopted are major substantive rules and subsequent rules are routine technical. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part LLLLL.

LD 1159 An Act to Establish a Pilot Project Regarding Harm Reduction Health Centers

Although this bill was not enacted, the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future was directed to convene a working group to evaluate options for, identify barriers to and develop findings and recommendations regarding the prevention of opioid overdose deaths by authorizing harm reduction health centers in the State in Resolve 2023, chapter 120. See Criminal Justice and Public Safety, Enacted Law Summary, LD 1364.

LD 1282 An Act to Streamline Income Verification Requests for Income Supplementation and Assistance Programs

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to electronically provide income records and program enrollment information of recipients of the department's income supplementation and assistance programs when requested by entities for the purposes of facilitating administration of LIHEAP, LIAP, subsidized housing programs, energy assistance and other programs was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part VV.

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LD 1522 An Act to Provide Economic Justice to Historically Disadvantaged Older Citizens by Amending the Laws Governing the Medicare Savings Program and the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program

Although this bill was not enacted, the asset test for eligibility was removed for the elderly low-cost drug program and the Medicare savings program was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. That law also established income eligibility for qualified Medicare beneficiaries at no more than 185% of the federal poverty level and for qualified individuals at more than 185% and no more than 250% of the federal poverty level. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part EEEEE.

LD 1719 An Act to Establish Substance Use Disorder Treatment Centers

Although this bill was not enacted, funding to support a new substance use disorder treatment center, in either Washington or Kennebec County, was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. \$400,000 for development costs was appropriated for fiscal year 2023-2024 and \$1,600,000 was appropriated for ongoing operations in both fiscal year 2023-2024 and fiscal year 2024-2025.

LD 1726 An Act to Build Maine's Economy by Supporting Child Care for Working Families

Although this bill was not enacted, the Maine Child Care Affordability Program within the Department of Health and Human Services encompassing the former child care subsidy program and establishing new eligibility for child care providers was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. That law also doubled the monthly wage supplement for child care workers and directed the department to amend its procedures regarding eligibility, promote the program, streamline and simplify the online invoicing and billing systems for child care providers and, by 2030, implement a program to achieve affordable child care. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part VVV.

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Enacted

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HCIFS	36	An Act to Make Corrections to the Maine Insurance Code	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/20/23	Enacted	PL	59		S1
HCIFS	97	An Act to Repeal the Hospital and Health Care Provider Cooperation Act	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		4/7/23	Enacted	PL	37		S1
HCIFS	114	An Act to Make Technical Amendments to Banking Laws	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/29/23	Enacted	PL	30		S1
HCIFS	121	An Act to Expand Health Insurance Coverage for Certain Legislative Employees	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		4/26/23	Enacted	PL	451		S1
HCIFS	132	An Act to Require Health Insurance Carriers to Provide Coverage for Blood Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HCIFS	158	An Act to Create a Training License and Program for Certain Advanced Practice Providers	Reported Out	LTW		4/5/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	160	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Practicing Chiropractic Without a License	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/5/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HCIFS	224	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Health Care Workforce by Preventing Discrimination by Requiring Maintenance of Certification for Insurance Reimbursement	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		4/3/23	Enacted	PL	40		S1
HCIFS	227	An Act Regarding Health Care in the State	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HCIFS	252	An Act Relating to Long-term Care Pharmacies	Reported Out	ONTP		3/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
HCIFS	263	An Act to Ensure Access to Family Planning Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	343		S1
HCIFS	267	An Act to Require Private Insurance Coverage for Donor Breast Milk	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/8/23	Enacted	PL	229		S1

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HCIFS	274	An Act Regarding Municipal Costs for Water Used for Firefighting	Reported Out	ONTP		2/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	275	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Review Work Practices and Treatment of Pharmacists	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		4/18/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
HCIFS	278	An Act to Require Health Plans to Cover an Annual Mental Health Wellness Examination	Reported Out	ONTP		3/27/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
HCIFS	290	An Act to Amend the Maine Insurance Code as It Relates to Pet Insurance	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/22/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HCIFS	303	An Act to Provide Health Insurance, Reduce Administrative Burdens, Reduce Costs and Improve Health Outcomes	Reported Out	ONTP		5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	307	An Act to Lower the State's Health Care Costs	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HCIFS	308	An Act to Require That Insurance Companies Notify Insured Persons over 65 Years of Age Regarding Coordination of Benefits with Medicare Part B	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/5/23	Enacted	PL	104		S1
HCIFS	329	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Guaranteed Health Care	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/14/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
HCIFS	350	An Act to Prevent Dog Breed Discrimination by Insurance Companies	Reported Out	ONTP		3/27/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
HCIFS	351	An Act to Increase Access to Birth Control by Making Certain Contraception Accessible from a Pharmacist	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/10/23	Enacted	PL	115		S1

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HCIFS	362	An Act to Clarify Coverage for Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Under the State Employer Group Health Plan	Reported Out	OTP		3/7/23	Enacted	PL	20		R1
HCIFS	368	An Act Regarding Circumstances Under Which an Automobile Insurer May Decline to Renew a Policy	Reported Out	ONTP		3/8/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
HCIFS	375	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 570: Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/29/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	7		S1
HCIFS	411	An Act to Prevent Subscribers from Being Overcharged for Health Insurance Premiums	Reported Out	LTW		4/5/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	418	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization	Reported Out	OTP		3/10/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1
HCIFS	420	An Act to Fund a Health Program for Medical Professionals	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	444	An Act to Designate First Responders and Other Public Safety Professionals as a Special Risk Population for the Purposes of Improving Insurance Coverage for the Effects of Trauma	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23					S1
HCIFS	553	An Act to Require Mortgage Holders to Notify a Homeowner's Insurance Company on the Sale or Transfer of a Mortgage	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/18/23	Enacted	PL	69		S1

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HCIFS	590	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to Health Care	Reported Out	ONTP		5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	615	An Act to Ensure Access to Newly Born Male Infant Circumcision by Requiring MaineCare and Health Insurance Coverage	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/8/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HCIFS	616	An Act to Protect Health Care Professionals Providing Reproductive Health Care Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/8/23	Enacted	PL	345		S1
HCIFS	637	An Act to Promote the Use of Free Annual Wellness Visits by Ensuring Proper Disclosure	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		4/26/23	Enacted	PL	80		S1
HCIFS	663	An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HCIFS	706	An Act to Improve Access to Specialty Health Care Providers by Reducing Copayments	Reported Out	ONTP		3/27/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
HCIFS	717	An Act to Adopt the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	310		S1
HCIFS	722	An Act to Expedite the Health Insurance Referral Process for Specialists by Allowing Referrals During Urgent Care Visits	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP/OTP-AM		5/10/23	Enacted	PL	119		S1
HCIFS	723	An Act to Protect Consumers by Prohibiting Discrimination by Insurers Based on Certain Information	Reported Out	LTW		3/7/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
HCIFS	752	An Act to Expand Access to Banking Services for Minors	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/3/23	Enacted	PL	42		S1

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HCIFS	759	An Act to Reduce Out-of-pocket Prescription Drug Expenses for Coinsurance	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		4/13/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HCIFS	788	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Review and Develop Options for Meeting the Banking Needs of the Cannabis Industry	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/10/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
HCIFS	789	An Act Regarding Dental Licensure for Charitable Care	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		5/23/23	Enacted	PL	165		S1
HCIFS	796	An Act Concerning Prior Authorizations for Health Care Provider Services	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HCIFS	822	An Act to Allow All Corporations to Self-insure Motor Vehicles	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HCIFS	844	An Act to Protect the Practice of Certain Cardiovascular Professionals	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/2/23	Enacted	PL	100		S1
HCIFS	876	An Act to Expand Access to Oral Health Care in Rural Maine by Allowing Certain Out-of-state Dentists to Practice in Dental Clinics in the State	Reported Out	ONTP		3/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	896	An Act to Exempt Nonprofit Agricultural Membership Organizations from Insurance Requirements	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		4/27/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HCIFS	899	An Act to Authorize Vaccine Administration by Pharmacy Technicians and Reduce Vaccine Administration Training Requirements for Pharmacists	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/22/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	245		S1
HCIFS	914	An Act to Amend the Duties of the Office of Affordable Health Care	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/27/23	Enacted	PL	94		S1

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HCIFS	927	Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to Conduct an Independent Assessment Regarding a Proposal to License Genetic Counselors	Reported Out	ONTP		3/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	935	An Act to Remove Barriers to Abortion Coverage in Private Insurance	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP/OTP-AM		6/9/23	Enacted	PL	347		S1
HCIFS	937	Resolve, to Establish the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/12/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	93		S1
HCIFS	940	An Act to Allow Pharmacists to Provide Services Through Telehealth and Vending Machines at Federally Qualified Health Centers	Reported Out	ONTP		4/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	953	An Act to Protect Maine Patients Regarding Hospital Price Transparency	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/8/23	Enactment Failed				S1
HCIFS	990	An Act to Authorize State Special Purpose Depository Institutions for Digital Assets	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/11/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HCIFS	991	An Act to Require Financial Institutions and Credit Unions to Give Depositors the Option to Designate a Beneficiary	Reported Out	ONTP		4/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	995	An Act to Enhance Access to a Second Opinion for Health Care Services or Treatment	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM		6/9/23	Enacted	PL	348		S1
HCIFS	1004	An Act to Allow a Qualifying Religious Organization to Self-insure for Automobile Insurance	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/23/23	Died Between Houses				S1

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HCIFS	1035	An Act to Adjust Reimbursement for Chiropractic Services	Reported Out	ONTP		3/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	1041	An Act to Ensure Dental Insurance Coverage for Certain Adults with Disabilities	Reported Out	ONTP		4/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	1077	An Act to Fund Consultation Services to Ensure Affordable Health Care for Maine Residents and to Provide Targeted Outreach to Ensure Affordable Health Care for Maine Farmers	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/5/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1
HCIFS	1080	An Act to Require Supervised Lenders or Mortgage Loan Servicers to Notify Private Mortgage Insurance Consumers of Their Rights Under the Federal Homeowners Protection Act of 1998	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/9/23	Enacted	PL	258		S1
HCIFS	1082	An Act to Advance the Maine Retirement Savings Program	Reported Out	OTP/OTP- AM		5/9/23	Enacted	PL	167		S1
HCIFS	1085	An Act to Extend the Comparable Health Care Service Incentive Program Beyond 2023	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/12/23	Enacted	PL	224		S1
HCIFS	1105	An Act to Ensure Lower Costs and Consumer Protections for Patients by Prohibiting Certain Billing Practices	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	382		S1
HCIFS	1143	An Act to Address Late Medical Billing by Limiting Hospital Billing to One Year	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	1146	An Act to Authorize Certain Health Care Professionals to Prescribe Methadone	Reported Out	ONTP		4/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HCIFS	1151	An Act Concerning the Authority for Pharmacists to Administer Vaccines	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/23/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	170		S1
HCIFS	1165	An Act to Enhance Cost Savings to Consumers of Prescription Drugs	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HCIFS	1191	An Act Regarding Transparency of Medical Billing	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	1205	An Act Regarding the Scope of Practice of Certified Professional Midwives and Certified Midwives	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HCIFS	1220	An Act to Require Lyme Disease Vaccine Coverage for State-regulated Health Plans	Reported Out	ONTP		5/15/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	1244	An Act to Define Undisputed Health Insurance Claims	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Enacted	PL	332		S1
HCIFS	1252	An Act to Ensure Choices in Health Insurance Markets by Limiting the Requirement to Offer Clear Choice Design Health Plans	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/23/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HCIFS	1253	An Act to Maintain the Integrity of the Individual and Small Group Health Insurance Markets	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/5/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HCIFS	1262	An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Credit Card and Debit Card Surcharge Prohibition	Reported Out	ONTP		4/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	1266	An Act to Clarify the Producer Licensure Required to Act as a Pet Insurance Producer	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/23/23	Enacted	PL	225		S1
HCIFS	1267	An Act to Provide Alternative Methods of Payment to Health Care Providers	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Enacted	PL	232		S1

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HCIFS	1270	An Act to Protect Maine People from Inflation by Restoring Gold and Silver as Legal Tender	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		5/3/23	Died Between Houses			\$1
HCIFS	1271	An Act to Require a Disclaimer on Promotional Materials for Medicare, Medicaid and MaineCare Products by Private Entities	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/26/23	Enacted	PL 243		\$1
HCIFS	1277	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Real Property Investment by Credit Unions	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/9/23	Enacted	PL 260		\$1
HCIFS	1304	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Barriers to Achieving Behavioral Health Integration and Parity	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried on approps Table	5/23/23				\$1
HCIFS	1323	An Act to Amend the Opioid Education Requirements	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		4/27/23	Died Between Houses			\$1
HCIFS	1324	An Act to Allow Credit and Debit Card Surcharges	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			\$1
HCIFS	1354	An Act to Protect Medicare Beneficiaries from Surprise Bills and to Inform Medicare Beneficiaries About Medicare Part B Excess Charges	Reported Out	ONTP		4/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			\$1
HCIFS	1372	An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Self-insurance Laws to Allow for the Use of Fronting Companies	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/21/23	Enacted	PL 393		\$1
HCIFS	1373	An Act to Allow Employers to Shop for Competitive Health Plan Options by Expanding the Disclosure of Health Claims Information	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/30/23	Enacted	PL 297		\$1
HCIFS	1383	An Act to Regulate Insurance Carrier Prior Authorization Requirements for Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM		6/12/23	Enacted	PL 275		\$1
HCIFS	1387	An Act to Ensure That All Maine Children Have a Healthy Start by Providing Single-payer Health Care Insurance to All Children	Reported Out	ONTP		5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			\$1

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HCIFS	1395	An Act to Increase Transparency Regarding Certain Drug Pricing Programs	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	276		S1
HCIFS	1396	An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Delegating Authority for Services Performed by Emergency Medical Services Personnel or Others as a Medical Assistant	Reported Out	OTP		5/9/23	Enacted	PL	132		S1
HCIFS	1399	An Act to Improve State Oversight of Proposed Health Care Entity Transactions	Reported Out	ONTP		6/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	1400	An Act to Allow Certain Social Workers to Diagnose Organic Mental Illnesses	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/22/23	Enacted	PL	315		S1
HCIFS	1404	An Act Requiring Insurance Companies to Cover the Care of Expectant Mothers in Adoption Cases and Provide Notice of That Coverage to Pregnant Women	Reported Out	ONTP		5/15/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	1407	An Act to Amend the Maine Insurance Code Regarding Payments by Health Insurance Carriers to Providers	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HCIFS	1447	Resolve, to Authorize the Training of Nursing Assistants by Certified Nursing Assistants	Reported Out	ONTP		5/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	1453	An Act to Amend the Physical Therapist Practice Laws	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	317		S1
HCIFS	1460	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Certificates of Deposit	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HCIFS	1494	An Act to Help Address the Worker Shortage in Behavioral Health Care Services by Allowing Provisional Licensure and Providing for Reimbursement for Out-of-state Licensees	Carry Over Approved			Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HCIFS	1497	An Act to Strengthen Medicare by Preventing Providers from Adding Excess Charges	Reported Out	ONTP			4/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	1498	An Act to Create an Advocacy and Complaint Process for Health Care Providers Within the Bureau of Insurance	Carry Over Approved			Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HCIFS	1506	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Study the Scarcity of Licensed Clinical Behavioral Health Professionals Across the State	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		Carried On Approps Table	5/23/23					S1
HCIFS	1533	An Act to Provide for Consistent Billing Practices by Health Care Providers	Carry Over Approved			Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HCIFS	1541	An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Certificate of Need	Reported Out	ONTP			5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	1546	An Act Regarding Nondiscrimination in Financial Services	Reported Out	ONTP			5/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	1554	An Act to Repeal Certificate of Need Requirements for Health Care Providers	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM			6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HCIFS	1577	An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Biomarker Testing	Carry Over Approved			Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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HCIFS	1581	An Act Regarding Dental Hygienists and Dental Therapists	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	354		S1
HCIFS	1602	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Stakeholder Group Convened by the Emergency Medical Services' Board on Financial Health of Ambulance Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/15/23	Enacted	PL	468		S1
HCIFS	1615	An Act Regarding Limits on Medication in Vending Machines	Reported Out	OTP		5/17/23	Enacted	PL	160		S1
HCIFS	1635	An Act to Charter a Maine State Bank That Accepts Deposits and Issues Gold Currency Celebrating Maine's Heritage	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/8/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HCIFS	1661	An Act to Require a Liability Automobile Insurance Policy to Cover the Costs of Towing and Storing Certain Vehicles	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	395		S1
HCIFS	1665	An Act to Improve Breast Health Care by Providing Coverage for Genetic Counseling and Testing	Reported Out	ONTP		5/15/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	1676	An Act to Strengthen the Sustainability and Value of Maine's Designated Health Information Exchange by Acquiring Enhanced Federal Funding	Reported Out	LTW		5/2/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	1708	An Act to Address Anticompetitive Terms in Health Insurance Carrier and Health Care Provider Contracts	Reported Out	ONTP		6/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	1736	An Act to Advance the National HIV/AIDS Strategy in Maine by Broadening HIV Testing	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/8/23	Enacted	PL	281		S1
HCIFS	1740	An Act to Support an Insured Patient's Access to Affordable Health Care with Timely Access to Health Care Prices	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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HCIFS	1749	An Act to Establish the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	329		S1
HCIFS	1766	An Act to Require Insurance Carriers to Compensate Providers for Costs of Providing Medical Records for Utilization Review	Reported Out	ONTP		6/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	1793	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Contract for Discounted Insulin Manufactured and Distributed by Civica Rx	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HCIFS	1795	An Act to Create Greater Transparency for Facility Fees Charged by Health Care Providers and to Establish the Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/14/23	Enacted	PL	410		S1
HCIFS	1816	An Act Requiring Reference-based Pricing to Reduce Prescription Drug Costs	Reported Out	ONTP		6/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HCIFS	1829	An Act to Reduce Prescription Drug Costs by Requiring Reference-based Pricing	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HCIFS	1832	An Act to Require Reimbursement of Fees for Treatment Rendered by Public and Private Ambulance Services	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HCIFS	1836	An Act Regarding Insurance Coverage for Diagnostic and Supplemental Breast Examinations	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP/ OTP-AM		6/8/23	Enacted	PL	338		S1
HCIFS	1856	Resolve, to Study the Establishment of a Public Option Health Benefit Plan	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/8/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	87		S1
HCIFS	1890	An Act to Ensure Robust Contracts Between Insurers and Providers by Establishing Dispute Resolution Procedures	Reported Out	ONTP		5/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HCIFS	1921	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding State-chartered Credit Unions	Carry Over Approved			Carried in Comm	7/25/23				S1
HCIFS	1936	An Act to Allow Certified Nurse Practitioners to Provide In-home Care Without a Home Health Care Provider License	Reported Out	OTP-AM			6/8/23	Enacted	PL	267	S1
HCIFS	1956	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Optometrists	Carry Over Approved			Carried in Comm	7/25/23				S1
HCIFS	1990	An Act to Improve the Licensing Procedure for Certain Social Workers by Removing the Examination Requirement	Carry Over Approved			Carried in Comm	7/25/23				S1

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LD 36 An Act to Make Corrections to the Maine Insurance Code

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 59 makes the following amendments to the Maine Insurance Code.

1. It requires licensees under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A to respond to all inquiries of the superintendent within 10 business days of receipt of the inquiry. It also requires licensees to respond to follow-up inquiries within 5 business days. Current law requires licensees under Title 24-A to respond to inquiries that relate to resolution of consumer complaints involving the licensee within 14-days and to all other inquiries within 30 days.
2. It clarifies the laws governing domestic insurer investments concerning investments in stocks of subsidiaries. It clarifies that domestic insurance companies are required to get prior approval of the Superintendent of Insurance before investing in stocks of subsidiaries unless, with respect to investments in subsidiaries engaged in the same kinds of business as the insurance company, the investments would not result in the aggregate net cost of the insurer's investments in all such subsidiaries exceeding 50% of its surplus to policyholders.
3. It removes the prohibition on members of the Continuing Education Advisory Committee being reappointed and allows the Superintendent of Insurance to remove a member of the committee for cause.
4. It removes from the small and large group health insurance rating laws obsolete references to the Dirigo Health savings offset payments program.
5. It makes other technical corrections.

LD 97 An Act to Repeal the Hospital and Health Care Provider Cooperation Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 37 repeals the Hospital and Health Care Provider Cooperation Act, which provides state action immunity under applicable federal antitrust laws through a process for state review and approval of agreements between hospitals and other health care providers that will facilitate cost containment, improve quality of care and increase access to health care services.

LD 114 An Act to Make Technical Amendments to Banking Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 30 makes the following amendments to the Maine Banking Code.

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1. It provides the Superintendent of Financial Institutions with the authority to reduce assessments by rule or order. Current law only allows the Bureau of Financial Institutions to raise assessments.
2. It clarifies that the superintendent may suspend or postpone action on an application submitted to the bureau in the event that the bureau has no present capacity to supervise the applicant based on a lack of personnel or tools to adequately supervise certain emerging business models in a manner that protects the public and ensures the safety and soundness of the institution.
3. It amends the processes for liquidations of financial institutions to provide that, like standard mergers, fiduciary accounts are automatically transferred to the surviving institution in the event of a merger conducted as part of a liquidation, thus removing the need for such accounts to be transferred by court processes or obtaining consent of account beneficiaries.
4. It clarifies that an uninsured bank must be engaged in the business of banking in order to be organized under the laws governing investor-owned institutions.
5. It eliminates the requirement in current law that all financial institutions must post a copy of their financial statements in their offices. Instead, it requires a federally insured financial institution to post a notice in its main office that this information is available to the public upon request, except that limited purpose banks must continue to post a copy of their financial statements in their offices.

LD 121 An Act to Expand Health Insurance Coverage to Certain State Employees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Beginning November 1, 2023, Public Law 2023, chapter 451 requires the State to pay its share of the individual premium for the state employee health insurance plan for a session-only employee of the Legislature regardless of whether the employee is in active work status unless the session-only employee has health coverage under another plan. The law also clarifies that the payment of premiums is not intended to provide an incentive for employees to artificially delay notice of resignation.

LD 224 An Act to Strengthen Maine's Health Care Workforce by Preventing Discrimination by Requiring Maintenance of Certification for Insurance Reimbursement

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 40 prohibits health insurance carriers from conditioning reimbursement, provider network or credentialing status for a physician, hospital or outpatient clinical practice on a physician's, hospital's or outpatient clinical practice's participation in a maintenance of certification program.

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The requirements of Public Law 2023, chapter 40 are repealed on April 1, 2029.

LD 263 An Act to Ensure Access to Family Planning Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 343 makes changes to the certificate of need process used by the Department of Health and Human Services when reviewing any transfer of ownership or control of a health care facility or any new health care facility.

1. It provides that the Commissioner of Health and Human Services may approve the transaction only if the commissioner determines that the project will not reduce access to any family planning services, including abortion care, except that the commissioner may approve a project on the basis that the project is only economically and financially feasible if an obstetrical care service is closed or reduced in capacity and, after considering all reasonable alternatives, that access to other health care services will be substantially reduced if the project is not approved.
2. It requires that the written health impact assessment submitted by the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention must include without limitation an assessment of the impact on access to family planning services, including abortion care.
3. It authorizes the commissioner to review and enforce compliance with the approval criterion regarding access to any family planning services even after the 3-year time frame for other subsequent reviews has expired.

LD 267 An Act to Require Private Insurance Coverage for Donor Breast Milk

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 229 requires state-regulated health insurance plans to provide coverage for donor breast milk for an infant covered under the health plan if a licensed physician, physician assistant or an advanced practice registered nurse signs an order stating that the infant is medically or physically unable to receive maternal breast milk or participate in breastfeeding or the infant's parent is medically or physically unable to produce maternal breast milk in quantities sufficient for the infant and the infant has a serious medical condition for which donor breast milk is medically necessary.

The requirements of the law apply to individual and group health insurance plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2024.

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LD 308 An Act to Require That Insurance Companies Notify Insured Persons over 65 Years of Age Regarding Coordination of Benefits with Medicare Part B

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 104 requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to approve the notice provided by an insurer that coordinates benefits with Medicare Part B coverage. The law also requires that the notice include a statement that the insured person may contact the bureau, the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 4326 or another relevant organization or agency for assistance in understanding coordination of benefits with Medicare Part B under the insured person's contract.

LD 351 An Act to Increase Access to Birth Control by Making Certain Contraception Accessible from a Pharmacist

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 115 authorizes pharmacists to prescribe, dispense and administer contraceptives in accordance with the following.

1. It permits a pharmacist to issue prescriptions for self-administered hormonal contraceptives, including oral hormonal contraceptive pills, vaginal rings and hormonal contraceptive patches, and injectable hormonal contraceptives.
2. It requires a pharmacist to complete a training program approved by the Maine Board of Pharmacy that reflects evidence-based medical eligibility guidelines for contraceptive use.
3. It requires a pharmacist to obtain a completed self-screening risk assessment from a patient prior to issuing a prescription.
4. It requires a pharmacist to refer a patient to the patient's practitioner upon prescribing and, if the patient does not have a practitioner, to advise the patient to consult a practitioner. "Practitioner" is defined in the Maine Pharmacy Act as an individual who is licensed, registered or otherwise authorized to prescribe and administer drugs in the course of professional practice.
5. It requires a pharmacist to provide a patient with a written record of a prescribed contraceptive.
6. It requires the Maine Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules to further implement the law's provisions.

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LD 362 An Act to Clarify Coverage for Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Under the State Employer Group Health Plan

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 20 clarifies that a retired county or municipal law enforcement officer or retired municipal firefighter is eligible to enroll in the group health plan offered to state employees if the officer or firefighter meets the requirements for the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program.

LD 375 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 570: Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 7 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 570: Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets, a major substantive rule of the Maine Health Data Organization.

Resolve 2023, chapter 7 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 21, 2023.

LD 553 An Act to Require Mortgage Holders to Notify a Homeowner's Insurance Company on the Sale or Transfer of a Mortgage

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 69 requires the creditor, assignee or servicer of a mortgage on a residential property that controls funds of a consumer in an escrow account for the payment of insurance premiums to notify the insurer of the property if the mortgage is sold or transferred.

LD 616 An Act to Protect Health Care Professionals Providing Reproductive Health Care Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 345 prohibits an insurer that provides medical malpractice insurance in this State from discriminating or taking any adverse action against a health care professional who provides abortion or other reproductive health care services on the sole basis that the health care professional is acting in violation of another state's law or is subject to an adverse action against the health care professional's license in another state.

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LD 637 An Act to Promote the Use of Free Annual Wellness Visits by Ensuring Proper Disclosure

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 80 requires health care providers and health insurance carriers to provide notice about services included in annual wellness visits and that some services performed during a wellness visit and services related to a specific health condition may have an out-of-pocket cost. The requirements for health insurance carriers apply beginning January 1, 2024.

LD 717 An Act to Adopt the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 310 enacts the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact, an interstate compact designed to facilitate the practice of audiology and speech-language pathology across state boundaries to improve access to these services where the patient is located at the time of the encounter and to provide for the mutual recognition of licenses from other states that are members of the interstate compact.

LD 722 An Act to Expedite the Health Insurance Referral Process for Specialists by Allowing Referrals During Urgent Care Visits

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 119 prohibits a health insurance carrier from denying payment for any behavioral health care service or physical therapy service covered under an enrollee's health plan based solely on the basis that the enrollee's referral was not made by the enrollee's primary care provider as long as the enrollee's referral is made by a provider during an urgent care visit and the provider notifies the enrollee's primary care provider of the referral. The requirements apply beginning January 1, 2024.

LD 752 An Act to Expand Access to Banking Services for Minors

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 42 provides that a minor is deemed to be of legal age and capacity and the account owner with respect to a bank account established at a bank or credit union authorized to do business in this State for all transactions with respect to a minor's account that does not have a joint owner of majority age. The law authorizes a minor to endorse and deposit to the credit of the minor's account checks and other instruments for the payment of money.

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LD 789 An Act Regarding Dental Licensure for Charitable Care

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 165 authorizes the Board of Dental Practice to waive the fee for a temporary license if the purpose of the temporary license is to offer free dental care in conjunction with a charitable nonprofit organization.

LD 844 An Act to Protect the Practice of Certain Cardiovascular Professionals

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 100 exempts a credentialed cardiovascular technologist from licensure under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 103, the Medical Radiation Health and Safety Act, when the cardiovascular technologist is performing certain activities and acting under the delegated authority and direct supervision of a physician while the physician is performing cardiac catheterization or electrophysiology procedures.

LD 899 An Act to Authorize Vaccine Administration by Pharmacy Technicians and Reduce Vaccine Administration Training Requirements for Pharmacists

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 245 authorizes pharmacy technicians to administer vaccines under the direct supervision of a pharmacist if they have met certain specified training requirements and have been issued a certification of administration by the Maine Board of Pharmacy.

The law also clarifies the timing of when drug or vaccine administration training requirements must be completed by pharmacists.

Public Law 2023, chapter 245 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 22, 2023.

LD 914 An Act to Amend the Duties of the Office of Affordable Health Care

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 94 directs the Office of Affordable Health Care to consider the impact of emerging technology in health care treatment when analyzing health care spending trends.

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LD 935 An Act to Remove Barriers to Abortion Coverage in Private Insurance

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 347 prohibits an individual or group health insurance plan with an effective date on or after January 1, 2024 from imposing any deductible, copayment, coinsurance or other cost-sharing requirement for the costs of abortion services, except that the prohibition on cost-sharing requirements for the costs of abortion services does not apply to a health plan offered for use with a health savings account unless the federal Internal Revenue Service determines that the benefits are permissible in a high deductible health plan.

LD 937 Resolve, to Establish the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 93 creates the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to study integrating foreign-trained physicians living in the State into the health care workforce to best reflect their level of skills and training, with a focus on those who are here as refugees and asylum seekers.

The commission is required to submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services no later than January 15, 2024. The joint standing committee may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature based on the report.

Resolve 2023, chapter 93 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 7, 2023.

LD 995 An Act to Enhance Access to a Second Opinion for Health Care Services or Treatment

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 348 provides that an enrollee in a health plan may not be required to obtain a 2nd opinion from a provider that practices in the same office location as the enrollee's provider. The law also requires that, if the 2nd opinion is obtained from an out-of-network provider, a health insurance carrier may not apply a deductible, coinsurance or copayment for the 2nd opinion in an amount greater than the deductible, coinsurance or copayment that would apply to the same health care service if the service were obtained from a network provider, and the amount of any coinsurance or copayment must be applied to the enrollee's in-network deductible. The requirements apply to individual and group health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2024.

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LD 1080 An Act to Require Supervised Lenders or Mortgage Loan Servicers to Notify Private Mortgage Insurance Consumers of Their Rights Under the Federal Homeowners Protection Act of 1998

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 258 codifies in state law the annual disclosure requirement related to private mortgage insurance under the federal Homeowners Protection Act of 1998.

LD 1082 An Act to Advance the Maine Retirement Savings Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 167 makes the following changes to the Maine Retirement Savings Program.

1. It provides that the program may establish a name other than the Maine Retirement Savings Program for the operation of the program.
2. It establishes that the Maine Retirement Savings Board must meet as established by policy of the board, but no less than quarterly.
3. It increases the maximum amount that employees may contribute to the program from 8% to 10% of salary or wages per year.
4. It amends the laws governing the program to postpone the dates by which covered employers are required to participate in the program and similarly postpones the dates when the board may begin assessing penalties to covered employers who fail to participate.
5. It identifies the board as a body corporate and politic and a public instrumentality of the State.
6. It specifies that covered employers are deemed to have reasonable notice of the need to participate in the program after the program has communicated the need to participate 3 times.
7. It authorizes the board to enter into an intergovernmental agreement or memorandum of understanding with the State and any agency or instrumentality of the State in order to further the successful implementation and operation of the program.
8. It clarifies that the funds transferred from the State in the enabling legislation are not an appropriation subject to repayment.
9. It authorizes employees of the board to participate in the state health insurance plan.

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10. It authorizes employees of the board to participate in the defined contribution plans offered by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System without requiring participation in the defined benefit plan offered by the retirement system.

LD 1085 An Act to Extend the Comparable Health Care Service Incentive Program Beyond 2023

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 224 continues the comparable health care service incentive program by eliminating its January 1, 2024 repeal date.

LD 1105 An Act to Ensure Lower Costs and Consumer Protections for Patients by Prohibiting Certain Billing Practices

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 382 prohibits a health insurance carrier from prohibiting a health care provider from providing an enrollee with the option of paying the provider's discounted cash price for health care services.

LD 1151 An Act Concerning the Authority for Pharmacists to Administer Vaccines

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 170 makes the following changes concerning the authority for pharmacists to administer vaccines.

1. It changes the age of a person to whom a pharmacist may administer influenza vaccines without a prescription from a person 7 years of age or older to a person 3 years of age or older.
2. It authorizes a pharmacist to administer vaccines recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to a person 18 years of age or older without a prescription and to a person 3 years of age or older and under 18 years of age with a prescription. Under current law, a pharmacist may administer other vaccines to a person 18 years of age or older with a prescription that states the vaccine is medically necessary.
3. It requires a pharmacist to provide a written immunization record to the person immunized and to notify the person's primary care provider within 72 hours. Beginning August 1, 2023, the

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law also requires a pharmacist to notify the state immunization reporting system within 72 hours of administering a vaccine.

Public Law 2023, chapter 170 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 15, 2023.

LD 1244 An Act to Define Undisputed Health Insurance Claims

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 332 adds a definition of "undisputed claim" as it relates to claims submitted by health care providers and health care facilities to health insurance carriers. Under the law, "undisputed claim" means a manually or electronically submitted claim from a health care provider or health care facility that contains all the required data elements necessary for accurate adjudication without the need for additional information; is not materially deficient or improper, including lacking substantiating documentation required by the carrier; and has no particular or unusual circumstances requiring special treatment that prevent payment from being made by the carrier.

LD 1266 An Act to Clarify The Producer Licensure Required To Act As A Pet Insurance Producer

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 225 authorizes an insurance producer licensed in a property, accident and health or sickness or personal line of authority to sell, solicit and negotiate pet insurance.

LD 1267 An Act to Provide Alternative Methods Of Payment To Health Care Providers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Under current federal regulations, health insurance carriers are required to process claims through electronic funds transfer if requested by a health care provider. Public Law 2023, chapter 232 codifies that requirement in state law for all insurance carriers potentially liable for payment of a claim submitted by a health care provider.

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LD 1271 An Act to Require A Disclaimer On Promotional Materials For Medicare, Medicaid And Mainecare Products By Private Entities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 243 requires, on promotional material using the terms "Medicare," "Medicaid" or "MaineCare," prominent disclaimers stating the promotional material is an advertisement or solicitation by a private company that is not Medicare, Medicaid or MaineCare or any other governmental agency, and that these disclaimers and any other disclaimer on the material be in a large type size and distinctive type color. A disclaimer is not required on any informational brochure or other material distributed by a person that does not sell or profit from the sale of any insurance product. A violation of this requirement is an unfair trade practice subject to enforcement by the Attorney General.

Public Law 2023, chapter 243 also requires that licensed persons under the Maine Insurance Code meet the same disclaimer requirement on printed materials marketing Medicare products, except for informational brochures or other material developed or distributed by a state or federal regulatory agency or a nonprofit organization, or information related to an existing insurance policy. The requirement does not apply to marketing material that has been filed with and approved by the Superintendent of Insurance, or filed with and approved by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or filed with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under that agency's policies allowing for the filing and use of certain marketing materials. A violation of this requirement is an unfair trade practice under the Maine Insurance Code.

LD 1277 An Act to Amend The Laws Regarding Real Property Investment By Credit Unions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 260 authorizes credit unions to invest in real property for a limited period of time to facilitate a member's acquisition, financing or refinancing of owner-occupied residential property consisting of not more than 4 dwelling units located in this State, unless prohibited by federal law.

LD 1372 An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Self-insurance Laws to Allow for the Use of Fronting Companies

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 393 provides that, beginning June 1, 2024 and until May 31, 2029, an employer member of a group self-insurer licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A may insure its employees through a fronting arrangement. The law requires that the members of a group self-insurance reinsurance account have at least \$50,000,000 in net worth and provides

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that the assets of the members of the group self-insurance reinsurance account must be available to satisfy the obligations of the fronting company if the assets of the group self-insurer are inadequate to cover the obligations of the fronting company.

Public Law 2023, chapter 393 clarifies that the requirements of the Maine Insurance Code and rules adopted under the Insurance Code do not apply to a fronting company except to the extent that those provisions and rules are consistent with the requirements set forth in this law and any rules for fronting companies adopted by the Superintendent of Insurance pursuant to this law. No later than January 1, 2024, the Superintendent of Insurance must provisionally adopt major substantive rules to implement the requirements.

The law also provides that beginning June 1, 2029 a group self-insurer or group self-insurance reinsurance account may only administer and handle claims for an employer member through a fronting arrangement in place prior to June 1, 2029.

LD 1373 An Act to Allow Employers to Shop for Competitive Health Plan Options by Expanding the Disclosure of Health Claims Information

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 297 expands the scope of loss information that must be provided to an employer to facilitate the employer's shopping for group health insurance coverage, including disclosure of a minimum of 24 months of claims data, to the extent possible, including aggregate claims and loss ratio by month with the total medical and pharmacy claims provided separately, and information related to high-cost claimants when there are more than 25 enrollees covered under the group policy.

The law authorizes an insurer receiving an information request to transmit high-cost claimant data directly to another insurer or underwriter, or to a contractor or producer that has signed a business associate agreement that is in accordance with federal regulations, for the purpose of securing quotes, developing actuarial reports, facilitating claim management or other activities related to quoting or managing the group health plan sponsored by the requesting group policyholder.

LD 1383 An Act to Regulate Insurance Carrier Prior Authorization Requirements for Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 275 requires a health insurance carrier to provide clear written policies and procedures to health care providers and enrollees on how to obtain a prior authorization.

The law also prohibits a carrier from requiring prior authorization for rehabilitative or habilitative services, including, but not limited to, physical therapy services, occupational therapy services or

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chiropractic services, for the first 12 visits of each new episode of care. The prior authorization provision does not limit the right of a carrier to deny a claim when appropriate prospective or retrospective review concludes that services or treatment rendered were not medically necessary.

LD 1395 An Act to Increase Transparency Regarding Certain Drug Pricing Programs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 276 requires each hospital to provide an annual report to the Maine Health Data Organization with data related to its participation in the federal 340B drug pricing program consistent with the annual reporting of hospitals voluntarily participating in the good stewardship program of the American Hospital Association. The Maine Health Data Organization must post the annual reports on its publicly accessible website.

LD 1396 An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Delegating Authority for Services Performed by Emergency Medical Services Personnel or Others as a Medical Assistant

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 132 makes the following changes to clarify the laws regarding the delegating authority of a physician or physician assistant to emergency medical services personnel or others as a medical assistant.

1. It clarifies that a licensed emergency medical services person may not simultaneously act as an assistant performing medical services delegated by a physician or physician assistant.
2. It adds cross-references clarifying the authority of a physician assistant to delegate medical services to a licensed emergency medical services person in a hospital or health care facility.
3. It clarifies the laws regarding the delegating authority of a physician and a physician assistant.

LD 1400 An Act to Allow Certain Social Workers to Diagnose Organic Mental Illnesses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 315 makes the following changes to the licensing provisions for social workers.

1. It removes the prohibition on social workers' diagnosing organic mental illness to align Maine law with the current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, which now recognizes autism spectrum disorder, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, intellectual

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disabilities and global developmental delay as organic mental illnesses. The ability to diagnose these mental illnesses is within the scope of practice for licensed clinical social workers.

2. It removes the requirement that a social worker seek a physician's opinion in forming a psychosocial opinion.
3. It repeals an outdated provision relating to the Volunteer Social Workers Project.

LD 1453 An Act to Amend the Physical Therapy Practice Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 317 amends the laws governing the practice of physical therapy as follows.

1. It includes the term "physiotherapy" in the definition of "physical therapy" and clarifies the definitions of "physical therapist," "physical therapist assistant," "practice of physical therapy" and "referral."
2. It amends the provisions of law governing physical therapy licensure to delineate authorized practices and limitations and referral requirements, including the conditions under which a physical therapist must refer a patient to an advanced practice registered nurse, certified nurse midwife, physician assistant, naturopathic doctor or a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, dentistry or chiropractic.
3. It authorizes the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to determine the date of license renewal and requires the Board of Examiners in Physical Therapy to establish continuing education requirements as a condition of license renewal.
4. It requires the Board of Examiners in Physical Therapy to request a background check, including criminal history record information and fingerprints, for all persons who submit an application for initial licensure or licensure by endorsement. The law provides that the authority to request criminal history record information for an applicant for a license as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant from the Federal Bureau of Investigation is contingent on approval and authorization from the federal Department of Justice.

LD 1581 An Act Regarding Dental Hygienists and Dental Therapists

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 354 makes the following changes to the laws related to the licensing and scope of practice of dental hygienists and dental therapists.

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1. It adds a definition of dental hygiene diagnosis.
2. It removes general supervision from dental hygienists' and faculty dental hygienists' scope of practice.
3. It changes the level of supervision from direct to general for dental hygienists who hold a local anesthesia practice authority.
4. It aligns the scope of practice procedures to be consistent with current practices of dental hygienists, including the practice authorities governing independent practice dental hygienists, public health dental hygienists and dental therapists.
5. It removes a written practice agreement requirement for dental hygienists who hold a public health dental hygienist practice authority.
6. It changes the level of supervision from direct to general for the dental therapist practice authority.
7. It amends the life support certification for all individuals licensed by the Board of Dental Practice to be basic life support instead of cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification.

LD 1602 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Stakeholder Group Convened by the Emergency Medical Services' Board on Financial Health of Ambulance Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 468 makes the following statutory changes related to the financial health of ambulance services based on recommendations from a stakeholder group convened by the Emergency Medical Services' Board pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 241.

1. It continues the requirement that health insurance carriers are required to pay specified reimbursement rates for covered services provided by an ambulance service provider and makes clear that carriers may not limit reimbursement to only covered emergency services.
2. Beginning January 1, 2024, it requires health insurance carriers to reimburse ambulance service providers for nontransporting services at the same reimbursement rates for covered services.
3. It prohibits health insurance carriers from requiring an ambulance services provider to obtain prior authorization before transporting an enrollee to a hospital, between hospitals or from a hospital to a nursing home, hospice care facility or other health care facility and requires carriers to reimburse for those services.

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4. It requires health insurance carriers to consider the requirements of the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services related to medical necessity when establishing the carrier's own policies for medical necessity.
5. It specifies the cost and performance metrics for the program for collecting and reporting cost and performance metrics related to emergency services that must be established by the Emergency Medical Services' Board in rule and adds one limited-period position to the Emergency Medical Services' Board to facilitate that program.
6. It requires the Maine Health Data Organization to report information on payments for ambulance services on its publicly accessible website.

LD 1615 An Act Regarding Limits on Medication in Vending Machines

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 160 repeals the limitation that no more than 12 different nonprescription drugs may be dispensed by any single vending machine.

LD 1661 An Act to Require a Liability Automobile Insurance Policy to Cover the Costs of Towing and Storing Certain Vehicles

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 395 amends the minimum motor vehicle financial responsibility requirements to add a requirement for coverage of up to \$500 per accident for the reasonable towing and storage charges incurred as a result of an accident involving the insured vehicle if the vehicle is towed at the request of a law enforcement officer. The requirements apply to motor vehicle liability insurance policies beginning July 1, 2024.

The law also requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to evaluate the impact of the coverage required for towing and storage costs on premiums for motor vehicle liability insurance policies offered in this State. The bureau is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services no later than February 1, 2024. The committee may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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LD 1736 An Act to Advance the National HIV/AIDS Strategy in Maine by Broadening HIV Testing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 281 requires a health care provider to include an HIV test in the standard set of medical tests performed on an individual with a possible sexually transmitted disease or infection.

LD 1749 An Act to Establish the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Effective January 1, 2026, Public Law 2023, chapter 329 enacts the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact, which provides a mechanism to facilitate interstate practice by licensed professional physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in order to improve public access to professional physical therapy services.

LD 1795 An Act to Create Greater Transparency for Facility Fees Charged by Health Care Providers and to Establish the Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 410 establishes the Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients.

The law also requires the Maine Health Data Organization to annually report, beginning January 1, 2024, on payments made by payors in this State for facility fees charged by health care providers.

LD 1836 An Act Regarding Insurance Coverage for Diagnostic and Supplemental Breast Examinations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 338 provides that individual and group health insurance policies may not impose any cost-sharing requirements on a medically necessary diagnostic breast examination or supplemental breast examination performed by a health care provider. The requirements apply to insurance policies beginning on January 1, 2024.

The law clarifies that the prohibition on cost-sharing requirements for the costs of screening mammograms, diagnostic breast examinations or supplemental breast examinations does not apply

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to a health plan offered for use with a health savings account unless the federal Internal Revenue Service determines that the benefits required by the bill are permissible in a high deductible health plan.

LD 1856 Resolve, to Study the Establishment of a Public Option Health Benefit Plan

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 518, the Office of Affordable Health Care is required to submit a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2024 on the effects of policies aimed at improving health care affordability and coverage and the effects of the policies on enrollment in comprehensive health coverage, including consideration of a public option health benefit plan. Resolve 2023, chapter 87 requires the office to prioritize studying the creation of a public option health benefit plan that takes the form of a fully publicly administered plan eligible for advanced premium tax credits through the Maine Health Insurance Marketplace or a buy-in to the MaineCare program and to consider other models to address the availability and affordability of health coverage in the State and ways that the State may leverage federal-state innovation waivers to improve affordability for consumers.

Resolve 2023, chapter 87 also provides for phased-in submission of the report by requiring the office to submit a report that prioritizes the consideration of a public option health benefit plan to the Legislature no later than January 31, 2024 and to submit a final report fulfilling the remaining requirements in Public Law 2021, chapter 518 no later than January 31, 2025.

LD 1936 An Act to Allow Certified Nurse Practitioners to Provide In-home Care Without a Home Health Care Provider License

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 267 exempts home health care services provided directly by certified nurse practitioners from the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 419, which concerns home health services and the licensure of home health care providers.

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ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this Digest; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 418 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization

Although this resolve was not finally passed, the major substantive rule that it relates to was properly submitted during the statutorily defined legislative rule acceptance period, so, under that governing statute, the agency may finally adopt the rule.

LD 1077 An Act to Fund Consultation Services to Ensure Affordable Health Care for Maine Residents

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of the bill was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. Public Law 2023, chapter 412 included one-time allocations of \$300,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 and fiscal year 2024-2025, respectively, for the Attorney General to contract with a designated nonprofit and independent health insurance consumer assistance entity to continue to operate the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part A.

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Accessory Dwelling Units

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	LD 1706	An Act to Clarify Statewide Laws Regarding Affordable Housing and Accessory Dwelling Units	PUBLIC 192
Not Enacted	LD 665	An Act to Extend the Date by Which Compliance is Required for Affordable Housing Development, Increased Numbers of Dwelling Units and Accessory Dwelling Units	ONTP
	LD 1154	An Act Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units and Municipal Zoning Ordinances	ONTP

Eviction

Not Enacted	LD 107	An Act Regarding Municipal Efforts to Avert Evictions and Heating Shut-offs During Winter	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 388	An Act to Require the State and Municipalities to Reimburse Landlords for Unpaid Rent During Eviction Moratoriums	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1540	Resolve, to Establish an Eviction Prevention Pilot Program	CARRIED OVER

Homelessness Prevention

Enacted	LD 1844	An Act to Support Emergency Housing Construction and Renovation Statewide by Creating a Matching Grant Program	PUBLIC 479
Not Enacted	LD 2	An Act to Address Chronic Homelessness by Creating the Housing First Fund	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1293	An Act to End Chronic Homelessness by Creating the Housing First Fund	ONTP
	LD 1422	An Act to End Homelessness and Assist Students Who Are Homeless by Establishing a Rental Subsidy Program	CARRIED OVER

LD 1609	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Develop a Pilot Program to Help Maine Students Avoid Homelessness	Died On Adjournment
LD 1721	An Act to Create Transitional Housing Communities for Homeless Populations in the State	CARRIED OVER

Housing Administration

Enacted	LD 774	An Act to Require the Maine State Housing Authority to Report to the Legislature on the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund	PUBLIC 251
Not Enacted	LD 314	An Act to Establish the Permanent Commission on the Status of Housing in Maine	CARRIED OVER
	LD 602	An Act to Provide Regional Support to Deliver State and Federal Programs to Cities and Towns in the State	CARRIED OVER
	LD 705	An Act Concerning the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund and Expenditures by the Maine State Housing Authority	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 1672	An Act to Establish an Affordable Housing Permitting Process	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1752	Resolve, to Prepare Preapproved Building Types	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1867	An Act to Establish the Community Housing and Rural Development Authority	CARRIED OVER

Housing Safety and Efficiency

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	LD 611	Resolve, Establishing a Working Group to Maximize Eligibility for Energy Efficiency Programs for Low-income Homeowners	RESOLVE 74
Not Enacted	LD 1437	An Act to Address Poverty by Increasing Access to Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Programs	ONTP

Housing Supply

Enacted	LD 724	An Act to Increase Opportunities for the Development or Preservation of Low-income Housing	PUBLIC 218
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**Not
Enacted**

LD 1289	An Act to Facilitate Property Redevelopment and Encourage Affordable Housing by Allowing the Conveyance of Unfinished Commercial Condominium Units	PUBLIC 198
LD 226	An Act to Address Maine's Affordable Housing Crisis	CARRIED OVER
LD 250	An Act to Improve Housing by Increasing Housing Options	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 554	An Act to Continue the Rural Affordable Rental Housing Program	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 638	Resolve, Directing the Maine State Housing Authority to Study Strategies for Improving Abandoned Properties and Developing Housing Infrastructure	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 721	An Act to Preserve Historic Buildings and Promote Affordable Housing	CARRIED OVER
LD 801	An Act to Require Municipalities to Obtain Housing Units for Residents Experiencing Homelessness	ONTP
LD 1257	An Act to Increase Housing Capacity and Protect the Municipal Tax Base and Working Lands	CARRIED OVER
LD 1593	An Act to Increase Affordable Housing Development	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1864	An Act to Increase Maine's Housing Supply by Prohibiting Certain Zoning Requirements in Areas Where Public Sewer and Water Infrastructure Are Available and in Designated Growth Areas	CARRIED OVER

Land Use and Zoning

**Not
Enacted**

LD 214	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Zoning and Land Use Restrictions to Limit Certain Requirements to Municipalities with a Population of More than 10,000	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 492	An Act to Repurpose Vacant Shopping Mall and Retail Space to Mixed-use Housing and Retail	HELD BY GOVERNOR
LD 772	An Act to Establish a Process to Vest Rights for Land Use Permit Applicants	CARRIED OVER
LD 1134	An Act to Improve Housing Affordability by Amending the Definition of "Subdivision" Under the Site Location of Development Laws	CARRIED OVER

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LD 1358	An Act to Clarify Density Requirements for Affordable Housing Developments	ONTP
LD 1673	An Act to Encourage Affordable Housing and Mixed-use Development by Establishing a Thriving Corridors Program	CARRIED OVER
LD 1787	Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Convene a Stakeholder Group Tasked with a Comprehensive Overhaul and Modernization of the State Subdivision Statutes	CARRIED OVER
LD 1940	An Act to Promote Consistent Policies within Growth Management Programs in Order to Increase Food Security and Economic Resiliency in Local Communities	CARRIED OVER
LD 1976	An Act to Update the Growth Management Program Laws	CARRIED OVER

Landlord Incentives and Rental Assistance

**Not
Enacted**

LD 387	An Act to Promote Affordable Housing by Providing a Tax Exemption for Housing Choice Vouchers	CARRIED OVER
LD 462	An Act to Assist Persons Experiencing Homelessness in Areas of High Rent by Seeking a Waiver from the Federal Government	ONTP
LD 1310	An Act to Establish a State Emergency Rental Assistance Program	ONTP
LD 1710	An Act to Establish the Maine Rental Assistance and Guarantee Program and Amend the Laws Regarding Tenants and the Municipal General Assistance Program	CARRIED OVER
LD 1901	An Act to Improve Affordability and Opportunity for Maine Renters and Landlords	ONTP

Manufactured Housing

Enacted

LD 1931	An Act to Foster Stable and Affordable Home Ownership in Mobile Home Parks by Amending the Laws Relating to the Sale of Mobile Home Parks	PUBLIC 378
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**Not
Enacted**

LD 337	An Act to Amend the Regulations of Manufactured Housing to Increase Affordable Housing	CARRIED OVER
LD 887	An Act to Amend the Regulation of Mobile Home Parks	CARRIED OVER

Miscellaneous

**Not
Enacted**

LD 356	An Act to Invest in Construction Industry Workforce Development	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 853	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to Housing	CARRIED OVER
LD 885	An Act to Help First-time Home Buyers in Maine	ONTP
LD 1265	An Act to Make Adjustments to Affordable Housing Requirements	ONTP
LD 1505	An Act to Amend the Maine Cooperative Affordable Housing Ownership Act	CARRIED OVER
LD 1905	An Act to Create a Residential Rental Unit Registry	ONTP

Short-term Rentals

**Not
Enacted**

LD 1294	An Act to Implement Certain Recommendations of the Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Land Use Regulations and Short-term Rentals	CARRIED OVER
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HOU	2	An Act to Address Chronic Homelessness by Creating the Housing First Fund	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		5/24/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1
HOU	107	An Act Regarding Municipal Efforts to Avert Evictions and Heating Shut-offs During Winter	Reported Out	LTW		4/20/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HOU	214	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Zoning and Land Use Restrictions to Limit Certain Requirements to Municipalities with a Population of More than 10,000	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/18/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HOU	226	An Act to Address Maine's Affordable Housing Crisis	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/21/23				✓	S1
HOU	250	An Act to Improve Housing by Increasing Housing Options	Reported Out	LTW		5/9/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HOU	314	An Act to Establish the Permanent Commission on the Status of Housing in Maine	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HOU	337	An Act to Amend the Regulations of Manufactured Housing to Increase Affordable Housing	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HOU	356	An Act to Invest in Construction Industry Workforce Development	Reported Out	LTW		5/9/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HOU	387	An Act to Promote Affordable Housing by Providing a Tax Exemption for Housing Choice Vouchers	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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HOU	388	An Act to Require the State and Municipalities to Reimburse Landlords for Unpaid Rent During Eviction Moratoriums	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		7/25/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HOU	462	An Act to Assist Persons Experiencing Homelessness in Areas of High Rent by Seeking a Waiver from the Federal Government	Reported Out	ONTP		4/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HOU	470	An Act to Support Lead Abatement in Older Residential Properties	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/4/23	Enacted	PL	435		S1
HOU	492	An Act to Repurpose Vacant Shopping Mall and Retail Space to Mixed-use Housing and Retail	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/15/23	Held by Governor			✓	S1
HOU	554	An Act to Continue the Rural Affordable Rental Housing Program	Reported Out	LTW		5/4/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HOU	602	An Act to Provide Regional Support to Deliver State and Federal Programs to Cities and Towns in the State	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HOU	611	Resolve, Establishing a Working Group to Maximize Eligibility for Energy Efficiency Programs for Low-income Homeowners	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/13/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	74		S1
HOU	638	Resolve, Directing the Maine State Housing Authority to Study Strategies for Improving Abandoned Properties and Developing Housing Infrastructure	Reported Out	LTW		3/28/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
HOU	654	Resolve, Directing the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to Study Methods to Encourage the Development of Accessory Dwelling Units	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/5/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	107		S1

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HOU	665	An Act to Extend the Date by Which Compliance is Required for Affordable Housing Development, Increased Numbers of Dwelling Units and Accessory Dwelling Units	Reported Out	ONTP		5/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HOU	705	An Act Concerning the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund and Expenditures by the Maine State Housing Authority	Reported Out	LTW		5/23/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HOU	721	An Act to Preserve Historic Buildings and Promote Affordable Housing	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HOU	724	An Act to Increase Opportunities for the Development or Preservation of Low-income Housing	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/5/23	Enacted	PL	218		S1
HOU	772	An Act to Establish a Process to Vest Rights for Land Use Permit Applicants	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HOU	774	An Act to Require the Maine State Housing Authority to Report to the Legislature on the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/9/23	Enacted	PL	251		S1
HOU	801	An Act to Require Municipalities to Obtain Housing Units for Residents Experiencing Homelessness	Reported Out	ONTP		5/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HOU	853	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to Housing	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HOU	885	An Act to Help First-time Home Buyers in Maine	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HOU	887	An Act to Amend the Regulation of Mobile Home Parks	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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HOU	1134	An Act to Improve Housing Affordability by Amending the Definition of "Subdivision" Under the Site Location of Development Laws	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23					S1
HOU	1154	An Act Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units and Municipal Zoning Ordinances	Reported Out	ONTP		5/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HOU	1257	An Act to Increase Housing Capacity and Protect the Municipal Tax Base and Working Lands	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23					S1
HOU	1265	An Act to Make Adjustments to Affordable Housing Requirements	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HOU	1289	An Act to Facilitate Property Redevelopment and Encourage Affordable Housing by Allowing the Conveyance of Unfinished Commercial Condominium Units	Reported Out	OTP		6/5/23	Enacted	PL	198		S1
HOU	1293	An Act to End Chronic Homelessness by Creating the Housing First Fund	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HOU	1294	An Act to Implement Certain Recommendations of the Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Land Use Regulations and Short-term Rentals	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23					S1
HOU	1310	An Act to Establish a State Emergency Rental Assistance Program	Reported Out	ONTP		4/19/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HOU	1358	An Act to Clarify Density Requirements for Affordable Housing Developments	Reported Out	ONTP		5/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HOU	1422	An Act to End Homelessness and Assist Students Who Are Homeless by Establishing a Rental Subsidy Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/25/23					S1
HOU	1437	An Act to Address Poverty by Increasing Access to Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Programs	Reported Out	ONTP		5/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HOU	1505	An Act to Amend the Maine Cooperative Affordable Housing Ownership Act	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HOU	1540	Resolve, to Establish an Eviction Prevention Pilot Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/16/23					S1
HOU	1593	An Act to Increase Affordable Housing Development	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/18/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HOU	1609	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Develop a Pilot Program to Help Maine Students Avoid Homelessness	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/13/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1
HOU	1672	An Act to Establish an Affordable Housing Permitting Process	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HOU	1673	An Act to Encourage Affordable Housing and Mixed-use Development by Establishing a Thriving Corridors Program	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
HOU	1706	An Act to Clarify Statewide Laws Regarding Affordable Housing and Accessory Dwelling Units	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/OTP-AM		6/5/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	192		S1

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HOU	1710	An Act to Establish the Maine Rental Assistance and Guarantee Program and Amend the Laws Regarding Tenants and the Municipal General Assistance Program	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23					S1
HOU	1721	An Act to Create Transitional Housing Communities for Homeless Populations in the State	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23					S1
HOU	1752	Resolve, to Prepare Preapproved Building Types	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23					S1
HOU	1787	Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Convene a Stakeholder Group Tasked with a Comprehensive Overhaul and Modernization of the State Subdivision Statutes	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23					S1
HOU	1844	An Act to Support Emergency Housing Construction and Renovation Statewide by Creating a Matching Grant Program	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/16/23	Enacted	PL	479		S1
HOU	1864	An Act to Increase Maine's Housing Supply by Prohibiting Certain Zoning Requirements in Areas Where Public Sewer and Water Infrastructure Are Available and in Designated Growth Areas	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23					S1
HOU	1867	An Act to Establish the Community Housing and Rural Development Authority	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23					S1
HOU	1901	An Act to Improve Affordability and Opportunity for Maine Renters and Landlords	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HOU	1905	An Act to Create a Residential Rental Unit Registry	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HOU	1931	An Act to Foster Stable and Affordable Home Ownership in Mobile Home Parks by Amending the Laws Relating to the Sale of Mobile Home Parks	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	378		S1

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HOU	1940	An Act to Promote Consistent Policies within Growth Management Programs in Order to Increase Food Security and Economic Resiliency in Local Communities	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23					S1
HOU	1976	An Act to Update the Growth Management Program Laws	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23					S1

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LD 654 Resolve, Directing the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to Study Methods to Encourage the Development of Accessory Dwelling Units

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 107 directs the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to convene a group of stakeholders to study methods and develop model policy to encourage the development and construction of accessory dwelling units. The law also directs the office to submit a report, with findings and recommendations, to the Joint Select Committee on Housing no later than March 1, 2024. The law authorizes the Joint Select Committee on Housing to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 774 An Act to Require the Maine State Housing Authority to Report to the Legislature on the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 251 amends the law requiring the Maine State Housing Authority to submit a biennial report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters covering the 2 prior fiscal years of the authority and requiring the committee to review the report by May 1st. The law requires the authority to submit the report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters, rather than taxation matters, annually. The law requires the report to not only provide a full accounting of how funds were spent in the prior fiscal year but also a detailed summary of how funds were spent in the prior 10 fiscal years.

LD 1289 An Act to Facilitate Property Redevelopment and Encourage Affordable Housing by Allowing the Conveyance of Unfinished Commercial Condominium Units

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 198 allows the conveyance of certain unfinished commercial condominium units to a purchaser or transferee for completion by the purchaser or transferee.

LD 1706 An Act to Clarify Statewide Laws Regarding Affordable Housing and Accessory Dwelling Units

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 192 makes changes to provisions of law regarding affordable housing and accessory dwelling units by:

1. Changing the implementation date for provisions of law regarding affordable housing, dwelling units and accessory dwelling units from July 1, 2023 to January 1, 2024 for municipalities for which

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ordinances may be enacted by the municipal officers without further action or approval by the voters of the municipality and July 1, 2024 for all other municipalities;

2. Changing the definition of "affordable housing development" in the laws governing affordable housing density to provide that an affordable housing development is a development in which a household whose income does not exceed certain levels can afford 51% or more of the units in the development without spending more than 30% of the household's monthly income on housing costs;
3. Clarifying that municipal approval of an affordable housing development for purposes of timing of the execution of a restrictive covenant means granting final approval, including issuing an occupancy permit;
4. Clarifying that setback requirements are just one type of dimensional requirements;
5. Changing language stating where housing is allowed or permitted to refer to where residential uses, including as a conditional use, are allowed or permitted;
6. Clarifying that an accessory dwelling unit must comply with shoreland zoning requirements established by the Department of Environmental Protection and municipal shoreland zoning ordinances, except that a municipality may not categorically prohibit accessory dwelling units in the shoreland zone that would otherwise meet requirements established by the department and municipal shoreland zoning ordinances;
7. Allowing accessory dwelling units built without municipal approval, including accessory dwelling units in shoreland zones, if the accessory dwelling units otherwise meet state and municipal requirements for accessory dwelling units; and
8. Allowing municipalities to approve accessory dwelling units through a permitting process that does not require planning board approval.

Public Law 2023, chapter 192 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 16, 2023.

LD 470 An Act to Support Lead Abatement in Older Residential Properties

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 435 provides one-time funds for the abatement of lead paint hazards in residential housing and for the cost of administering the lead abatement program under the Maine State Housing Authority.

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LD 611 Resolve, Establishing a Working Group to Maximize Eligibility for Energy Efficiency Programs for Low-income Homeowners

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 74 establishes a working group to be convened by the Maine State Housing Authority to develop a program that will provide financial assistance to low-income homeowners for weatherization and other repairs in order for the home to meet eligibility requirements for home energy assistance programs.

LD 724 An Act to Increase Opportunities for the Development or Preservation of Low-income Housing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 218 makes changes to the law related to low-income housing and programs administered by the Maine State Housing Authority. Under current law, the Maine State Housing Authority has the right of first refusal to purchase low-income rental housing unless a bona fide buyer, by contract with the seller, agrees to maintain the property as low-income housing. The law removes reference to right of first refusal and provides that either the Maine State Housing Authority or a municipal housing authority has an option to purchase a low-income rental property with the municipal housing authority having the first option. The law clarifies that a failure by an owner to provide required notice of an intent to sell the property or take an action that would result in termination of income eligibility restrictions or rental restrictions does not reduce the time period within which the Maine State Housing Authority or a municipal housing authority has to provide in writing an intent to exercise the option to purchase the property. It also authorizes the assignment of the purchase option to a nonprofit corporation and extends the option period, to a time after the appraised value is agreed upon and to allow for the application for any necessary government approvals.

Public Law 2023, chapter 218 repeals the cap on the amount of outstanding principal on construction loan bonds held by the Maine State Housing Authority.

Finally, Public Law 2023, chapter 218 amends the law that governs state growth-related capital investments by permitting investment in a low-income housing project of 18 or fewer units for individuals with a household income of no more than 80% of the area median income.

LD 1844 An Act to Support Emergency Housing Construction and Renovation Statewide by Creating a Matching Grant Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 479 directs the Maine State Housing Authority to establish the Emergency Housing Matching Grant Program to provide grants to service providers to construct, acquire, renovate or lease buildings in order to provide emergency housing and shelter services. Applicants requesting grants

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greater than \$100,000 must meet eligibility requirements to demonstrate that they can provide an appropriate level of services and provide funding from a source other than state funding to match the amount of the grant request on a one-to-one basis. When considering requests for proposals, the Maine State Housing Authority is required to award favorable points to proposals from applicants that will provide services in underserved areas and potentially reduce demand for emergency housing and shelter services in hubs for services. Public Law 2023, chapter 479 provides one-time funding to the Maine State Housing Authority in the amount of \$257,000 for the program.

LD 1931 An Act to Foster Stable and Affordable Home Ownership in Mobile Home Parks by Amending the Laws Relating to the Sale of Mobile Home Parks

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 378 changes current law regarding notice requirements when the owner of a mobile home park intends to accept an offer to purchase the park. Under this law, the owner of a mobile home park is required to give notice of the intent to sell the mobile home park to each mobile home owner of the mobile home park and to the Maine State Housing Authority. The park owner may not make a final unconditional acceptance of an offer to sell earlier than 60 days after the notice was provided. Within that 60 days, if a group or association of the owners of at least 51% of the mobile homes in the park sign a petition supporting an offer of purchase, the owner of the mobile home park must consider the offer and negotiate in good faith. Such an offer must include a purchase and sale agreement. If the mobile home park owner accepts the offer, the law provides for a 90-day period for the group or association of mobile home owners to secure financing.

Under this law, a violation of the requirement for notice of intent to sell or to negotiate in good faith is considered an unfair or deceptive trade practice.

Public Law 2023, chapter 378 provides for situations under which the notice and good faith negotiation requirements do not apply and also states that a mobile home park owner may send an affidavit of compliance to the county registry of deeds, the Maine State Housing Authority, or both.

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LD 2 An Act to Address Chronic Homelessness by Creating the Housing First Fund

Although this bill was not enacted, the majority amendment to LD 2 as reported out by the Joint Select Committee was incorporated into LD 258, An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025, which became Public Law 2023, chapter 412.

The committee amendment to LD 2 established the Housing First Program within the Department of Health and Human Services to facilitate the delivery of stabilization and support services to residents of properties established or developed to provide permanent housing to persons who have been experiencing chronic homelessness and to fund technical assistance, administered by the Maine State Housing Authority, for the development of housing consistent with the program. The amendment required the department to ensure that funding supplements existing and future services provided under associated programs such as the MaineCare program and the housing outreach and member engagement provider program. The program is funded from the real estate transfer tax by depositing half of the funds that would otherwise be deposited into the General Fund into the Housing First Fund created by the amendment. The amendment authorized 2 positions within the Department of Health and Human Services under the Housing First Fund. The amendment directed the Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine State Housing Authority to jointly adopt rules to administer the program and requires them to report annually to the joint standing committee or joint select committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of the program. The amendment also directed the Department of Health and Human Services to apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for state plan amendments to align certain MaineCare rules with the Housing First Program.

LD 226 An Act to Address Maine's Affordable Housing Crisis

LD 226, which was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table, was reported out of committee with a unanimous Ought to Pass as Amended recommendation (emergency). The committee amendment would have provided \$80 million to support programs administered by the Maine State Housing Authority to support homeownership for single-family homes and for first-time homebuyers and the development of affordable housing in the State. Initial funding for the programs would have come from the General Fund with ongoing funding from the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund. LD 258, An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023,

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June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025, which became Public Law 2023, chapter 412, included a provision (see Part TT) providing \$70 million to the Maine State Housing Authority to fund the Rural Affordable Rental Housing Program and the Low-income Housing Tax Credit Program.

LD 492 An Act to Repurpose Vacant Shopping Mall and Retail Space to Mixed-use Housing and Retail

This bill was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of this bill will be determined during the next legislative session.

LD 1609 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Develop a Pilot Program to Help Maine Students Avoid Homelessness

Although LD 1609 was not enacted, the amendment to LD 1609, was incorporated into LD 258, An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025, which became Public Law 2023, chapter 412 (see Part KKKK).

The committee amendment to LD 1609 directed the Department of Education to develop a 2-year pilot program to provide McKinney-Vento liaisons with access to emergency financial assistance funds for students at risk of homelessness. It provided \$3 million to be used to provide direct assistance, up to \$750, to students at risk of homelessness.

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	LD 1807	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Report on Boater Safety Education	PUBLIC 206
Not Enacted	LD 434	An Act to Protect Landowners and Increase Safety on All-terrain Vehicle Trails by Increasing Funding to the ATV Recreational Management Fund	ONTP
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Antlerless Deer Permits

Not Enacted	LD 458	An Act to Require an Application for a Hunting License to Include a Check-off Box Indicating an Applicant's Wish to Be Entered in the Antlerless Deer Permit Lottery	ONTP
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LD 608	Resolve, to Improve Outcomes for Participants in the Antlerless Deer Permit Lottery	ONTP
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LD 614	An Act to Provide a Free Antlerless Deer Permit to Certain Landowners Who Allow the Public to Hunt on Their Property	CARRIED OVER
LD 763	An Act to Provide Antlerless Deer Permits to Certain Landowners	ONTP
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LD 929	An Act to Allow Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License Holders to Hunt Any Deer as a Part of Their Lifetime License	ONTP

Bear Hunting

**Not
Enacted**

LD 58	Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Establish Seasons That Do Not Overlap for Hunting Bear over Bait and Hunting Bear with Dogs	ONTP
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Complimentary and Reduced Fee Licenses

**Not
Enacted**

LD 305	An Act to Provide Youth Lifetime Hunting Licenses to Eligible Dependents of Veterans Who Are 100 Percent Disabled	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Coyote Hunting

**Not
Enacted**

LD 604	An Act to Extend the Night Hunting Season for Coyotes to Immediately Following the Muzzle-loading-only Deer Hunting Season	ONTP
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Crossbows

Enacted

LD 1879	An Act to Align Laws Governing Crossbow Hunting with Those Governing Archery Hunting	PUBLIC 239
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Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Enacted	LD 131	An Act to Clarify and Correct Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws	PUBLIC 228
	LD 491	Resolve, to Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Develop a Plan for Communication Regarding Certain Municipal Regulation	RESOLVE 26
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Dogs and Dog Training

Enacted	LD 531	An Act to Add Gray Squirrels and Red Squirrels to the Species List for the Open Training Season for Hunting Dogs	PUBLIC 134
	LD 547	An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws as They Pertain to the Training of Dogs	PUBLIC 172

Endangered and Threatened Species

Enacted	LD 57	An Act to Amend Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species List	PUBLIC 60
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Firearms

Not Enacted	LD 629	An Act to Improve, Protect and Defend the Individual Civil Right to Bear Arms Through Exemption of Firearms and Ammunition from Taxation	CARRIED OVER
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Fish; Fishing

Enacted	LD 958	An Act to Expand Protections to Maine's Loons from Lead Poisoning by Prohibiting the Sale and Use of Certain Painted Lead Jigs	PUBLIC 231
Not Enacted	LD 441	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Recreational Freshwater Fishing with Respect to a Portion of Middle River in Marshfield and Machias	ONTP

LD 537	An Act to Remove the Limits on Bass Fishing in Washington County Rivers	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 700	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Examine the Northern Pike Population in Sabattus Pond	ONTP

Guides and Guiding

Enacted	LD 1319	An Act to Exempt Certain Boat Operators from Having to Become Maine Guides	PUBLIC 226
Not Enacted	LD 152	Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Change the Term "Woodsmen" to "Woodsperson" in the Junior Maine Guide Program	ONTP

Invasive Aquatic Species

Enacted	LD 92	An Act to Minimize the Propagation of Invasive Aquatic Plants	PUBLIC 190
Not Enacted	LD 1049	An Act to Protect Maine's Inland Fisheries from Invasive Fish	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1342	An Act to Increase Funding for the Prevention and Control of Invasive Aquatic Species	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1534	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Interagency Task Force on Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species	ONTP

Landowner Relations

Enacted	LD 491	Resolve, to Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Develop a Plan for Communication Regarding Certain Municipal Regulation	RESOLVE 26
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Licenses and Permits

Enacted	LD 189	An Act to Include an Expanded Archery Permit in the Super Pack License Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	PUBLIC 49
	LD 438	An Act to Clarify and Amend the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Licensing Laws	PUBLIC 308

	LD 1525	An Act to Allow for a Suspension of Licenses and Permits Issued Under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws for a Deferred Disposition or Written Filing Agreement	PUBLIC 265
Not Enacted	LD 90	An Act to Allow Persons 70 Years of Age or Older to Use a Subpermittee to Harvest Deer	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 163	An Act to Increase Communication Between the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Lifetime License Holders by Requiring Free License Renewals Under Certain Circumstances	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1127	Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Create a Process for Real-time Confirmation of Live Bait Retailer's Licenses by Electronic Means	ONTP
	LD 1599	An Act to Create an Outfitter License for Owners and Operators of Hunting, Fishing and Recreation Businesses That Are Not Maine Guides	ONTP

Moose Hunting

Enacted	LD 481	An Act to Allow the Deferral of a Moose Hunting Permit If More than One Permit Is Awarded Within the Same Household	PUBLIC 127
	LD 831	Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Examine Issues Related to Moose Hunting Seasons	RESOLVE 36
Not Enacted	LD 126	An Act to Improve the Fairness of Adaptive Management Study Moose Hunt Permits by Exempting Those Permittees from the 4-year Limitation on Receiving Another Permit	ONTP
	LD 544	An Act to Increase the Chance of Receiving a Moose Permit for Maine Service Members and Veterans	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 795	An Act to Clarify Requirements for Moose Hunting Permittees	CARRIED OVER

Naming Body of Water

Enacted	LD 660	Resolve, Naming a Pond in the Town of New Gloucester as MacDonald Pond	RESOLVE 16
	LD 661	Resolve, Naming a Pond in Elm Stream Township as Plummer Pond	RESOLVE 35
	LD 1868	Resolve, to Name 2 Brooks in the Town of Orient	RESOLVE 48

Nuisance Animals

Not Enacted	LD 1062	An Act to Allow a Landowner or Maintainer of Trails to Lethally Remove Nuisance Beaver	ONTP
	LD 1563	An Act to Allow a Resident of Agricultural Land to Enlist License Holders to Hunt on the Land	ONTP

Sport Shooting Ranges

Not Enacted	LD 1000	Resolve, to Convene a Firearm Range Safety Working Group Within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Sunday Hunting

Not Enacted	LD 626	An Act to Preserve Maine's Sporting Heritage and Enhance Sporting Opportunities for Maine's Youth by Allowing Maine's Youth to Hunt on Sunday	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 672	An Act to Establish Youth Deer Hunting Weekend	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1166	An Act to Allow Sunday Hunting by Landowners on Their Land	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1241	An Act to Allow Sunday Hunting with a Bow and Arrow or Crossbow	Majority (ONTP) Report

Wild Turkey Hunting

Not Enacted	LD 728	An Act to Amend the Bag Limit for Turkey	ONTP
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Wildlife Management

Enacted	LD 1826	An Act to Designate Deer Wintering Areas Under the Jurisdiction of the Bureau of Parks and Lands	PUBLIC 187
Not Enacted	LD 1919	An Act to Designate a State Wildlife Sanctuary at Blue Hill Falls	CARRIED OVER

Youth Hunting

Enacted	LD 482	An Act to Extend the Time for Youth Deer Hunting	PUBLIC 191
Not Enacted	LD 261	An Act to Reinstate a Minimum Age for Hunting	ONTP
	LD 642	An Act to Protect Young Deer Hunters by Prohibiting Wild Turkey Hunting During Youth Deer Hunting Day	ONTP

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IFW	55	An Act to Move the Headquarters for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	Reported Out	ONTP		3/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
IFW	57	An Act to Amend Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species List	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/25/23	Enacted	PL	60		S1
IFW	58	Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Establish Seasons That Do Not Overlap for Hunting Bear over Bait and Hunting Bear with Dogs	Reported Out	ONTP		5/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IFW	90	An Act to Allow Persons 70 Years of Age or Older to Use a Subpermittee to Harvest Deer	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		4/10/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
IFW	92	An Act to Minimize the Propagation of Invasive Aquatic Plants	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/6/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	190		S1
IFW	126	An Act to Improve the Fairness of Adaptive Management Study Moose Hunt Permits by Exempting Those Permittees from the 4-year Limitation on Receiving Another Permit	Reported Out	ONTP		5/22/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IFW	131	An Act to Clarify and Correct Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/7/23	Enacted	PL	228		S1
IFW	152	Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Change the Term "Woodsmen" to "Woodsperson" in the Junior Maine Guide Program	Reported Out	ONTP		2/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
IFW	163	An Act to Increase Communication Between the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Lifetime License Holders by Requiring Free License Renewals Under Certain Circumstances	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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IFW	221	An Act Regarding Airboat Noise	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/5/23	Enacted	PL	209		S1
IFW	261	An Act to Reinstate a Minimum Age for Hunting	Reported Out	ONTP		3/3/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
IFW	296	An Act to Ensure Municipalities Receive a Higher Percentage of All-terrain Vehicle and Snowmobile Registration Fees to Cover Increased Expenses	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/5/23	Enacted	PL	213		S1
IFW	305	An Act to Provide Youth Lifetime Hunting Licenses to Eligible Dependents of Veterans Who Are 100 Percent Disabled	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		4/26/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
IFW	379	Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Study the Effects of Wake Boats on Shoreline Property and the Environment	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/26/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	33		S1
IFW	434	An Act to Protect Landowners and Increase Safety on All-terrain Vehicle Trails by Increasing Funding to the ATV Recreational Management Fund	Reported Out	ONTP		3/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
IFW	438	An Act to Clarify and Amend the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Licensing Laws	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/15/23	Enacted	PL	308		S1
IFW	441	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Recreational Freshwater Fishing with Respect to a Portion of Middle River in Marshfield and Machias	Reported Out	ONTP		3/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1

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IFW	481	An Act to Allow the Deferral of a Moose Hunting Permit If More than One Permit Is Awarded Within the Same Household	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/10/23	Enacted	PL	127		S1
IFW	482	An Act to Extend the Time for Youth Deer Hunting	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/31/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	191		S1
IFW	491	Resolve, to Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Develop a Plan for Communication Regarding Certain Municipal Regulation	Reported Out	OTP		5/10/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	26		S1
IFW	497	An Act to Prohibit the Use of Personal Watercraft on Keyes Pond in the Town of Sweden	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/4/23	Enacted	PL	106		S1
IFW	531	An Act to Add Gray Squirrels and Red Squirrels to the Species List for the Open Training Season for Hunting Dogs	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/16/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	134		S1
IFW	537	An Act to Remove the Limits on Bass Fishing in Washington County Rivers	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/31/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
IFW	544	An Act to Increase the Chance of Receiving a Moose Permit for Maine Service Members and Veterans	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		4/13/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
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IFW	613	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Antlerless Deer Permit Process	Reported Out	ONTP		4/4/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IFW	614	An Act to Provide a Free Antlerless Deer Permit to Certain Landowners Who Allow the Public to Hunt on Their Property	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IFW	626	An Act to Preserve Maine's Sporting Heritage and Enhance Sporting Opportunities for Maine's Youth by Allowing Maine's Youth to Hunt on Sunday	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/30/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
IFW	629	An Act to Improve, Protect and Defend the Individual Civil Right to Bear Arms Through Exemption of Firearms and Ammunition from Taxation	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IFW	642	An Act to Protect Young Deer Hunters by Prohibiting Wild Turkey Hunting During Youth Deer Hunting Day	Reported Out	ONTP		5/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IFW	660	Resolve, Naming a Pond in the Town of New Gloucester as MacDonald Pond	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		5/3/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	16		S1
IFW	661	Resolve, Naming a Pond in Elm Stream Township as Plummer Pond	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		5/24/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	35		S1
IFW	672	An Act to Establish Youth Deer Hunting Weekend	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/5/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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IFW	700	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Examine the Northern Pike Population in Sabattus Pond	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IFW	728	An Act to Amend the Bag Limit for Turkey	Reported Out	ONTP		5/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IFW	732	An Act to Prohibit Off-trail Operation of a Snowmobile in an Area Closed to Off-trail Operation	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/24/23	Enacted	PL	163		S1
IFW	763	An Act to Provide Antlerless Deer Permits to Certain Landowners	Reported Out	ONTP		4/4/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IFW	795	An Act to Clarify Requirements for Moose Hunting Permittees	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IFW	798	An Act to Eliminate the Antlerless Deer Permit Fee for Holders of Senior Complimentary and Senior Lifetime Hunting Licenses	Reported Out	ONTP		4/4/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IFW	814	An Act to Restrict the Daytime and Nighttime Killing of Coyotes	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/16/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
IFW	831	Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Examine Issues Related to Moose Hunting Seasons	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/16/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	36		S1

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IFW	929	An Act to Allow Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License Holders to Hunt Any Deer as a Part of Their Lifetime License	Reported Out	ONTP		3/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
IFW	958	An Act to Expand Protections to Maine's Loons from Lead Poisoning by Prohibiting the Sale and Use of Certain Painted Lead Jigs	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		5/30/23	Enacted	PL	231		S1
IFW	977	Resolve, to Study the Gasoline Tax Allocations for Nonhighway Recreational Vehicles and Make Recommendations for Changes	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IFW	1000	Resolve, to Convene a Firearm Range Safety Working Group Within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/30/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
IFW	1049	An Act to Protect Maine's Inland Fisheries from Invasive Fish	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IFW	1062	An Act to Allow a Landowner or Maintainer of Trails to Lethally Remove Nuisance Beaver	Reported Out	ONTP		5/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IFW	1127	Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Create a Process for Real-time Confirmation of Live Bait Retailer's Licenses by Electronic Means	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IFW	1166	An Act to Allow Sunday Hunting by Landowners on Their Land	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/2/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
IFW	1186	Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Develop a Hunting and Fishing Software Application	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/7/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	113		S1

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Comm	LD	Title	Comm Action		Carried over?	Date of last Comm Action	Final Disposition	Enacted Laws		Analyst Note?	Session
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IFW	1241	An Act to Allow Sunday Hunting with a Bow and Arrow or Crossbow	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/6/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
IFW	1319	An Act to Exempt Certain Boat Operators from Having to Become Maine Guides	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/7/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	226		S1
IFW	1342	An Act to Increase Funding for the Prevention and Control of Invasive Aquatic Species	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IFW	1525	An Act to Allow for a Suspension of Licenses and Permits Issued Under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws for a Deferred Disposition or Written Filing Agreement	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/6/23	Enacted	PL	265		S1
IFW	1534	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Interagency Task Force on Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species	Reported Out	ONTP		5/22/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IFW	1563	An Act to Allow a Resident of Agricultural Land to Enlist License Holders to Hunt on the Land	Reported Out	ONTP		5/22/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IFW	1599	An Act to Create an Outfitter License for Owners and Operators of Hunting, Fishing and Recreation Businesses That Are Not Maine Guides	Reported Out	ONTP		5/22/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IFW	1807	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Report on Boater Safety Education	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		5/30/23	Enacted	PL	206		S1
IFW	1826	An Act to Designate Deer Wintering Areas Under the Jurisdiction of the Bureau of Parks and Lands	Reported Out	OTP		6/2/23	Enacted	PL	187		S1
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IFW	1924	An Act to Provide for Enforcement of Snowmobile and All-terrain Vehicle Laws	Reported Out	ONTP		5/22/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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LD 57 An Act to Amend Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species List

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 60 makes the following changes to the State's list of endangered and threatened species.

1. It removes the box turtle and the rapids clubtail from the endangered species list.
2. It adds the Ashton's cuckoo bumble bee and the saltmarsh sparrow to the endangered species list.
3. It adds the bank swallow, the Bicknell's thrush, the blackpoll warbler, the cliff swallow, the margined tiger beetle and the tricolored bat to the threatened species list.
4. It also makes some taxonomic nomenclature changes.

In addition to the changes made to Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species list, Public Law 2023, chapter 60 adds a requirement that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters no less frequently than every four years on any recommendations, status updates or changes to the list of species designated as endangered or threatened.

LD 92 An Act to Minimize the Propagation of Invasive Aquatic Plants

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 190 makes the following changes to the laws governing the draining of watercraft upon removal from Maine's inland waters.

1. It requires a person immediately before placing on or after removing a watercraft from an inland water body to drain the watercraft and other equipment and to remove or open drain plugs, bailers, valves and other devices to drain the water before that watercraft is transported.
2. It exempts emergency response watercraft from these requirements.
3. It prohibits draining or releasing water held on or within a watercraft and allowing that water to enter any inland water body of the State if the water in the watercraft is from a different water source.

Public Law 2023, chapter 190 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 16, 2023.

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LD 131 An Act to Clarify and Correct Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 228 makes the following changes to sections of Title 12.

1. It eliminates provisions relating to the annual reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters on deer and moose management.
2. It renames the Species Management Education Fund the Fish and Wildlife Management Education Fund and allows funding to be used for education on the management of fish and wildlife and to communicate with the public about department programs. It also removes the requirement in current law that education provided under the fund must include information about how hunting and fishing help to manage specific species.
3. It renames the Black Bear Research Fund the Black Bear Research and Management Fund and modifies its purpose to allow the fund to be used for both research and management activities.
4. It removes the requirement that a person involved in a hunting incident or a watercraft, snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle crash submit to a mandatory chemical test and removes references to that requirement.
5. It provides clarity on how a super pack licensee applies for an antlerless deer permit.
6. It exempts members of certain federally recognized Indian nations, bands or tribes from the requirement to complete a bear trapping education course.
7. It resolves a conflict in Title 12 regarding the cost of combination licenses.
8. It removes references to specific types of personal flotation devices.

LD 189 An Act to Include an Expanded Archery Permit in the Super Pack License Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 49 makes the following changes to Maine's super pack hunting licenses.

1. It allows for the harvesting of six deer including three antlerless deer and one deer of either sex during the special archery season as determined by the commissioner.

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2. It increases the fee for a super pack license to \$207 for residents and \$182 for a person holding 2 or more lifetime licenses.

LD 221 An Act Regarding Airboat Noise

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 209 makes the following changes to the laws regarding airboat usage in Maine.

1. It extends to September 30, 2025 the prohibition on the operation of a motorboat that exceeds a noise level of 75 decibels between the hours of 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. and 90 decibels between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m..
2. It reconvenes the stakeholder group on airboat noise issues and requires a report to be submitted by January 15, 2025 to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources and inland fisheries and wildlife matters that includes the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group, including any recommended legislation. After receiving the report, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters may report out a bill relating to airboats to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

LD 296 An Act to Ensure Municipalities Receive a Higher Percentage of All-terrain Vehicle Registration Fees to Cover Increased Expenses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 213 increases the fee an agent may charge for processing a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle registration or renewal registration to not more than \$5.

LD 379 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Study the Effects of Wake Boats on Shoreline Property and the Environment

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 33 requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a stakeholder group to review completed studies relating to wake boats and their effects on shoreline property and the environment paying special attention to issues relating to the types of boats used, the appropriate distance from the shoreline and depth of the body of water, enforcement mechanisms, including fines, and the definition used for "wake boat."

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The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than February 1, 2024. The committee may report out a bill related to wake boats and their effects on shoreline property and the environment to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 438 An Act to Clarify and Amend the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Licensing Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 308 makes the following changes to the laws governing licensing and registration by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

1. It provides that all members of the Advisory Board for the Licensing of Guides except state employees are entitled to receive compensation and increases the daily rate of compensation for examiners of the Advisory Board for the Licensing of Guides and the Advisory Board for the Licensing of Taxidermists from \$50 per day to \$150 per day and per diem.
2. It increases the guide examination fee from \$100 to \$125 and the taxidermist application fee from \$50 to \$125 and clarifies that the taxidermist application fee also applies to examinations for general classification.
3. It repeals the provision of law that allows a guide applicant to take a 2nd test for free.
4. It clarifies that the owner of a snowmobile is not required to register that snowmobile if it is operated on land that the owner lives on or land that the snowmobile operator owns or leases.
5. It increases the fee for a pheasant hunting permit from \$18 to \$29 and increases the amount that is retained by the authorized agent of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from \$1 to \$2.

LD 481 An Act to Allow the Deferral of a Moose Hunting Permit If More than One Permit Is Awarded Within the Same Household

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 127 allows a holder of a valid moose hunting permit to defer the permit to the next hunting season if another person in the permit holder's household also holds a valid moose hunting permit for the same hunting season.

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LD 482 An Act to Extend the Time for Youth Deer Hunting

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 191 makes the following changes to Maine's youth deer hunting day.

1. It establishes a 2-day youth deer hunting period for 2023 to begin 8 days before the start of the regular deer hunting season.
2. It directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to examine the impact of an additional dedicated youth deer hunting day on the deer population and wildlife management goals.
3. It directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the findings and recommendations of the examination and authorizes the committee to report out legislation on those findings in 2024.

Public Law 2023, chapter 191 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 16, 2023.

LD 491 Resolve, to Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Develop a Plan for Communication Regarding Certain Municipal Regulation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 26 requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop and report by January 1, 2024 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife a plan to inform municipalities about the limits on local regulation of hunting, fishing and trapping and the operation of watercraft, snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles and a distribution scheme for the information.

LD 497 An Act to Prohibit the Use of Personal Watercraft on Keyes Pond in the Town of Sweden

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 106 prohibits the use of personal watercraft on Keyes Pond in the Town of Sweden.

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LD 531 An Act to Add Gray Squirrels and Red Squirrels to the Species List for the Open Training Season for Hunting Dogs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 134 adds gray squirrels and red squirrels to the list of those animals upon which a person may train dogs during the open training season for dogs.

Public Law 2023, chapter 134 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 8, 2023.

LD 547 An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws as They Pertain to the Training of Dogs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 172 removes the prohibition on training hunting dogs on bear in those portions of Washington County and Hancock County that are situated south of Route 9 until May 1, 2025 for residents who have permission to train on land used for wild blueberry production. It also requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters any recommendations resulting from this change to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

Public Law 2023, chapter 172 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 15, 2023.

LD 660 Resolve, Naming a Pond in the Town of New Gloucester as MacDonald Pond

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 16 names a pond in the Town of New Gloucester MacDonald Pond.

LD 661 Resolve, Naming a Pond in Elm Stream Township as Plummer Pond

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 35 names a pond in Elm Stream Township Plummer Pond.

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LD 732 An Act to Prohibit Off-trail Operation of a Snowmobile in an Area Closed to Off-trail Operation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 163 prohibits a person from operating a snowmobile off a snowmobile trail identified by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands as having been funded by the Snowmobile Trail Fund, in an area that is posted as being closed to off-trail snowmobile operation. It provides for a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 for the first violation of the prohibition and that a violation after three or more civil violations of the inland fisheries and wildlife laws is a Class E crime.

LD 831 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Examine Issues Related to Moose Hunting Seasons

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 36 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to examine issues and make recommendations related to the timing and length of moose hunting seasons and strategies to reduce conflicts during moose hunting seasons.

LD 958 An Act to Expand Protections to Maine's Loons from Lead Poisoning by Prohibiting the Sale and Use of Certain Painted Lead Jigs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 231 makes it illegal to sell or offer for sale painted lead jigs weighing one ounce or less or measuring 2 1/2 inches or less in length beginning September 1, 2024 and illegal to use such jigs beginning September 1, 2026.

LD 1186 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Develop a Hunting and Fishing Software Application

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 113 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop a software application that a person can download onto the person's electronic device to allow the person to access the department's publicly accessible website pages regarding hunting and fishing information, licenses and permits.

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LD 1319 An Act to Exempt Certain Boat Operators from Having to Become Maine Guides

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 226 makes the following changes to the laws governing the operation of a watercraft without a guide license as an employee of a seasonal business engaged in instruction in recreational activities.

1. It allows a person who has completed an approved boater safety education course and is certified in first aid to operate a watercraft without a guide license as an employee of a seasonal business engaged in instruction in recreational activities during the 2023 recreational boating season.
2. It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a stakeholder group to examine the guide requirements for recreational sports.
3. It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than January 15, 2024. The committee may report out a bill related to recreational guide requirements to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Public Law 2023, chapter 226 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 20, 2023.

LD 1525 An Act to Allow for a Suspension of Licenses and Permits Issued Under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws for a Deferred Disposition or Written Filing Agreement

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 265 allows for the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to suspend any license issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for a deferred disposition or when there is a written filing agreement with the State.

LD 1807 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Report on Boater Safety Education

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 206 makes the following changes to the laws governing boater safety education requirements in Maine.

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1. It defines recreational boating as being primarily used for pleasure and excludes from that definition the use of motorboats carrying passengers for hire.
2. It applies the boater safety and education course requirement for inland waters to territorial waters defined by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6001.
3. It adds exemptions to the requirement of a boater safety and education course to possessors of valid or expired United States merchant marine licensure documents, persons test driving a motorboat as part of a possible purchase, persons renting a motorboat who have completed a temporary boater safety course and noncitizens who arrive by sea and are temporarily using Maine's territorial waters.

LD 1826 An Act to Designate Deer Wintering Areas Under the Jurisdiction of the Bureau of Parks and Lands

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 187 allows the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to designate, pursuant to a habitat management agreement with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, deer wintering areas on parcels of land under the jurisdiction of the bureau that are high-quality deer wintering habitat with a documented history of significant use by deer. It requires the bureau to manage the designated area with deer conservation as the highest management priority and permits the bureau to manage the designated area to benefit other wildlife species that rely on mature softwood forests, and the designated areas are eligible for funding from the Maine Deer Management Fund. It also directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to survey public lands in the northern, eastern and western regions of the State for unmapped deer wintering areas for inclusion as designated deer wintering areas by the bureau.

LD 1868 Resolve, to Name 2 Brooks in the Town of Orient

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 48 names two brooks in the town of Orient.

1. The brook in the Town of Orient, Aroostook County, that flows under Boundary 7 Road and into MacAllister Cove of Grand Lake is named the Calais Bound Brook.
2. The brook in the Town of Orient, Aroostook County, that flows under Boundary 9 Road and Route 1, towards Skagrock Brook is named the Bangor Bound Brook.

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LD 1879 An Act to Align Laws Governing Crossbow Hunting with Those Governing Archery Hunting

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 239 makes the following changes to the laws governing the use of crossbow and archery hunting.

1. It defines "archery equipment" to mean a bow or crossbow.
2. It provides that a person commits a Class E crime if while within the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands the person discharges archery equipment within 300 feet of any picnic area, designated camping area, parking area, building, shelter or boat launching site or in violation of park rules or in areas closed to hunting by rule, law or ordinance.
3. It changes references in the hunting laws to "bow and arrow" and "bow and arrow or crossbow" to "archery equipment."
4. It provides that except as provided in the laws governing the muzzle-loading-only deer hunting season, a person may hunt any wild bird or wild animal with archery equipment during any open season on that bird or animal if the person holds a valid archery hunting license. It repeals the laws governing open seasons for hunting with a crossbow, issuance of crossbow permits and crossbow permits and fees.
5. It provides that beginning January 1, 2024, a person who previously held a crossbow permit is eligible to obtain an archery hunting license.
6. It adds instruction on all types of archery equipment to the archery hunting education program.
7. It removes the discharge of a crossbow within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling without the permission of the owner from the laws governing prohibited discharges and allows the discharge of a crossbow on a landowner's own land for any purpose, including target practice and hunting.
8. It provides that a person may not discharge an arrow or bolt from archery equipment when on land of another person and within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling on that land without the permission of the owner of that building or residential dwelling or cause an arrow or bolt from archery equipment to pass across the land of another person and within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling on that land without the permission of the owner of that building or residential dwelling.
9. It clarifies the laws governing hunting or shooting from motor vehicles.

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10. It specifies that there is a continual closed season on deer on the Cranberry Isles in Hancock County, except that a person may hunt deer on the Cranberry Isles with a shotgun or bow in accordance with applicable laws and rules.
11. It provides that a person may not hunt wild hares or rabbits in any manner except by the ordinary method of shooting with guns, archery equipment or by falconry.
12. It provides that a person may take suckers by the use of a hand spear, by archery equipment or by snagging.
13. It repeals the laws governing the crossbow hunting education program.
14. It removes references to crossbows from the archery hunter education requirements.

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	LD 666	An Act to Support Community-based Volunteer Organizations	CARRIED OVER
	LD 818	An Act to Establish an Emergency Fuel Reserve	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1291	An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Provide for Statewide and Equitable Access to Experiential Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education	Died Between Houses
	LD 1998	An Act to Transfer the Arch Hangar at the Former Loring Air Force Base to the Loring Air Museum	CARRIED OVER

Occupational and Professional Regulation

Enacted	LD 170	An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Director of the Real Estate Commission to Investigate Complaints	PUBLIC 114
	LD 374	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 12: Transportation of Human Remains, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine State Board of Funeral Service	RESOLVE 20
	LD 975	An Act to Align Maine's Elevator Safety Laws with Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Standards	PUBLIC 149
	LD 1709	An Act to Update the Elevator and Tramway Safety Laws Regarding Construction Hoists	PUBLIC 326
	LD 1713	An Act to Update Electrical Education and Other Licensure Requirements for Electricians	PUBLIC 327
Not Enacted	LD 342	An Act to Streamline Licensing by Matching Federal Licensing Requirements for Occupations Licensed Federally	ONTP
	LD 532	An Act to Simplify the Plumbing and Heating Licensing Process	ONTP
	LD 786	Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to Study Financial Incentives for Plumbing and Electrical Contractor Services	ONTP
	LD 1157	An Act to Stabilize Licensing Fees	ONTP

LD 1579	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Eliminate the Diversion of Revenue from Professional and Occupational Licensing Fees	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1586	An Act to Enable Occupational License Portability and Prohibit Use of Good Character Qualifications in Occupational Licensing	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1628	An Act to Reform the Occupational Licensing Regime by Including Portability and Removing Good Character Requirements	ONTP
LD 1929	An Act to Protect Consumers by Licensing Home Building Contractors	CARRIED OVER

Pine Tree Development Zones

Enacted	LD 150	An Act to Allow Incentive Continuity Following a Catastrophic Occurrence Under the Pine Tree Development Zone and Major Food Processing and Manufacturing Facility Expansion Tax Credit Programs	PUBLIC 173
Not Enacted	LD 1281	An Act to Protect Economic Competitiveness in Maine by Extending the End Date for Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1555	An Act to Amend the Pine Tree Development Zone Program	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1918	An Act to Modernize Maine's Business Incentive Programs by Creating the Dirigo Business Incentives Program and Eliminating Certain Other Tax Incentive Programs	Died On Adjournment

Recreation and Tourism

Not Enacted	LD 807	An Act to Create the Small Communities Tourism Fund	ONTP
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Tax Credits

Not Enacted	LD 1918	An Act to Modernize Maine's Business Incentive Programs by Creating the Dirigo Business Incentives Program and Eliminating Certain Other Tax Incentive Programs	Died On Adjournment
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Tax Increment Financing

Not Enacted	LD 1981	An Act to Extend and Expand the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund	CARRIED OVER
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University of Maine System

Not Enacted	LD 65	An Act to Require That Printing Services Provided to the General Public by the University of Maine System Be Provided at Market Rates	ONTP
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Workforce Development

Enacted	LD 103	Resolve, Directing the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council to Study Incentives for the Provision of Child Care in Maine	RESOLVE 28
	LD 1169	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program	PUBLIC 456
Not Enacted	LD 262	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Workforce	CARRIED OVER
	LD 284	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute	CARRIED OVER
	LD 366	An Act to Promote Workforce Development	ONTP
	LD 648	An Act to Address Staffing Shortages in Critical Public Safety Jobs Through Economic Incentives	ONTP
	LD 1718	An Act to Encourage Participation in Maine's Essential Support Workforce Through Access to Higher Education	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1797	An Act to Expand Maine's Health Care Workforce by Expanding Educational Opportunities	CARRIED OVER

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IDEA	32	An Act to Update the Maine State Grant Program	Reported Out	OTP		3/9/23	Enacted	PL	23		S1
IDEA	46	An Act to Amend the Statutory Balance Limit on the Finance Authority of Maine's Loan Insurance Reserves	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/17/23	Enacted	PL	422		S1
IDEA	65	An Act to Require That Printing Services Provided to the General Public by the University of Maine System Be Provided at Market Rates	Reported Out	ONTP		3/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
IDEA	93	An Act to Ensure Access for All Caregivers to Diaper Changing Stations in State Buildings Open to the Public	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/22/23					S1
IDEA	103	Resolve, Directing the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council to Study Incentives for the Provision of Child Care in Maine	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		5/17/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	28		S1
IDEA	105	An Act to Prohibit Minimum Usage or Tank Rental Fees for Certain Propane Customers	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/17/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
IDEA	150	An Act to Allow Incentive Continuity Following a Catastrophic Occurrence Under the Pine Tree Development Zone and Major Food Processing and Manufacturing Facility Expansion Tax Credit Programs	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/1/23	Enacted	PL	173		S1
IDEA	170	An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Director of the Real Estate Commission to Investigate Complaints	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/8/23	Enacted	PL	114		S1
IDEA	184	An Act to Provide for the 2023 and 2024 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/17/23	Emergency Enacted	P&S	5		S1
IDEA	203	Resolve, to Create a Working Group to Study Motor Vehicle Dealer Display Area and Licensing Requirements	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/11/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	19		S1
IDEA	238	Resolve, Regarding Mortgage Assistance for Persons with Illnesses Related to COVID-19	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/17/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	58		S1

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IDEA	262	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Workforce	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IDEA	281	An Act to Require Ski Area Safety Plans and Reporting	Reported Out	ONTP		4/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IDEA	284	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IDEA	323	An Act to Improve Compliance with Maine's Implied Warranty Law	Reported Out	ONTP		4/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IDEA	342	An Act to Streamline Licensing by Matching Federal Licensing Requirements for Occupations Licensed Federally	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IDEA	366	An Act to Promote Workforce Development	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IDEA	374	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 12: Transportation of Human Remains, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine State Board of Funeral Service	Reported Out	OTP		5/11/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	20		S1
IDEA	377	An Act to Relieve Student Debt	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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IDEA	440	An Act to Protect Customers from Financial Scams by Requiring Retailers to Provide Information on Potential Signs of Financial Scams	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IDEA	532	An Act to Simplify the Plumbing and Heating Licensing Process	Reported Out	ONTP		3/28/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IDEA	583	An Act to Provide for Municipalities to Allow Grocery Stores up to 10,000 Square Feet to Open on Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IDEA	621	An Act to Ensure That Businesses Do Not Refuse Payment in Person with Cash	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/12/23	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
IDEA	632	An Act to Amend the Social Work Education Loan Repayment Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	5/17/23					S1
IDEA	648	An Act to Address Staffing Shortages in Critical Public Safety Jobs Through Economic Incentives	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IDEA	666	An Act to Support Community-based Volunteer Organizations	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	5/17/23					S1
IDEA	675	Resolve, to Improve the Convenience of Public Restrooms	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	65		S1
IDEA	677	An Act to Ensure Consumer Protection from Resale Ticket Vendors	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	335		S1

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IDEA	755	An Act to Promote Higher Blends of Biofuel by Regulating the Sale or Transfer of Biofuels	Reported Out	OTP		4/4/23	Enacted	PL	43		S1
IDEA	786	Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to Study Financial Incentives for Plumbing and Electrical Contractor Services	Reported Out	ONTP		5/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IDEA	787	An Act to Create the New Maine Resident Service Coordination Program in the Department of Economic and Community Development	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/12/23					S1
IDEA	807	An Act to Create the Small Communities Tourism Fund	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IDEA	818	An Act to Establish an Emergency Fuel Reserve	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/14/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
IDEA	890	An Act to Create the Child Care Provider Student Loan Repayment Fund	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IDEA	941	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study Improvements to Conventional Infrastructure and Storm Water Management at the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/30/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
IDEA	950	An Act to Authorize Kickboxing and Muay Thai Competition Under the Combat Sports Authority of Maine	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/17/23	Enacted	PL	152		S1
IDEA	975	An Act to Align Maine's Elevator Safety Laws with Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Standards	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/17/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	149		S1

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IDEA	1115	An Act Regarding Economic Development Funds for Federally Recognized Indian Tribes	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IDEA	1157	An Act to Stabilize Licensing Fees	Reported Out	ONTP		5/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IDEA	1169	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		5/17/23	Enacted	PL	456		S1
IDEA	1198	Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to Convene an Advisory Council to Improve the State's 10-year Economic Development Strategy	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	68		S1
IDEA	1256	An Act to Increase Access to Oral Health Care by Expanding the Maine Dental Education Loan Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/8/23	Enacted	PL	130		S1
IDEA	1281	An Act to Protect Economic Competitiveness in Maine by Extending the End Date for Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23					S1
IDEA	1286	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Economy Task Force to Support Maine's Emergence as a Center for Blue Economy Innovation and Opportunity in the 21st Century	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/13/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	119		S1
IDEA	1291	An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Provide for Statewide and Equitable Access to Experiential Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/12/23	Died Between Houses				S1
IDEA	1306	An Act to Protect Homeowners from Unfair Agreements to Exclusively List Residential Real Estate for Sale	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	290		S1

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IDEA	1318	Resolve, Directing the Maine Technology Institute to Review Targeted Technology Sectors and Industry Clusters	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/8/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	24		S1
IDEA	1487	An Act to Ensure That Residents of the State Have the Right to Repair Their Own Electronic Devices	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IDEA	1555	An Act to Amend the Pine Tree Development Zone Program	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IDEA	1579	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Eliminate the Diversion of Revenue from Professional and Occupational Licensing Fees	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
IDEA	1586	An Act to Enable Occupational License Portability and Prohibit Use of Good Character Qualifications in Occupational Licensing	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/26/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
IDEA	1605	An Act to Amend the Terms of the Members of the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors by Requiring Staggered Terms	Reported Out	OTP		4/27/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	76		S1
IDEA	1628	An Act to Reform the Occupational Licensing Regime by Including Portability and Removing Good Character Requirements	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IDEA	1677	An Act Regarding Automotive Right to Repair	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IDEA	1709	An Act to Update the Elevator and Tramway Safety Laws Regarding Construction Hoists	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	326		S1
IDEA	1713	An Act to Update Electrical Education and Other Licensure Requirements for Electricians	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	327		S1
IDEA	1716	An Act to Establish a Repairability Index for Consumer Electronic Products	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IDEA	1718	An Act to Encourage Participation in Maine's Essential Support Workforce Through Access to Higher Education	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/12/23					S1

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IDEA	1797	An Act to Expand Maine's Health Care Workforce by Expanding Educational Opportunities	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/22/23					S1
IDEA	1806	An Act to Require Online Used Car Dealers to Be Licensed	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IDEA	1815	An Act to Protect Maine's Consumers by Establishing an Abuse of Dominance Right of Action and Requiring Notification of Mergers	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IDEA	1911	An Act Concerning Automotive Right to Repair	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IDEA	1918	An Act to Modernize Maine's Business Incentive Programs by Creating the Dirigo Business Incentives Program and Eliminating Certain Other Tax Incentive Programs	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1
IDEA	1927	An Act to Create the Rural Prosperity Council	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IDEA	1929	An Act to Protect Consumers by Licensing Home Building Contractors	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IDEA	1981	An Act to Extend and Expand the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IDEA	1994	An Act to Provide for Increased Academic Research by Allowing the Gathering of Data or Statistics by Telephone	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IDEA	1997	An Act to Implement Critical Reforms to the Department of Environmental Protection Outlined in the State COVID-19 Reopening Plan	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IDEA	1998	An Act to Transfer the Arch Hangar at the Former Loring Air Force Base to the Loring Air Museum	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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LD 32 An Act to Update the Maine State Grant Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 23 updates the Maine State Grant Program as a result of recently enacted federal legislation pertaining to free application for federal student aid simplification and associated terminology. It also removes the term "expected family contribution" from the governing laws and replaces it with "student aid index."

LD 46 An Act to Amend the Statutory Balance Limit on the Finance Authority of Maine's Loan Insurance Reserves

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 422 increases the cap on the combined amount that the Finance Authority of Maine may have in its Loan Insurance Reserve and Finance Authority of Maine Mortgage Insurance Fund from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000. Below that cap a transfer of up to \$1,000,000 from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund is allowed under certain circumstances.

LD 103 Resolve, Directing the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council to Study Incentives for the Provision of Child Care in Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 28 directs the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council to identify and consider certain issues related to the provision of child care for parents working in this State, identify and consider mechanisms for overcoming identified obstacles, identify entities already conducting work related to those issues and submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business summarizing its findings no later than January 15, 2024. The Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 150 An Act to Allow Incentive Continuity Following a Catastrophic Occurrence Under the Pine Tree Development Zone and Major Food Processing and Manufacturing Facility Expansion Tax Credit Programs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 173 allows a company to subtract the reduction in its base level of employment established for an incentive program related to the locations that were affected by a catastrophic occurrence, lowering the base level of employment the company needs to maintain

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due to the catastrophic occurrence. It affects the Pine Tree Development Zone program and the tax credit for major food processing and manufacturing facility expansion.

LD 170 An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Director of the Real Estate Commission to Investigate Complaints

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 114 updates existing law to clarify that the director of the Real Estate Commission must, upon receipt of a written complaint, review the complaint to determine whether the complaint describes a violation of law or rule that is within the authority of the commission to enforce. If the director determines that a complaint does not describe a violation of law or rule that is within the authority of the commission to enforce, the director must notify the person who submitted the complaint of that determination. If the director determines that the complaint does describe a violation of law or rule that is within the authority of the commission to enforce, the director must investigate the actions described in the complaint and take appropriate actions.

LD 184 An Act to Provide for the 2023 and 2024 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 5 establishes the allocations of the state ceiling on issuance of tax-exempt private activity bonds for calendar years 2023 and 2024 among the state-level issuers of tax-exempt bonds.

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 5 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 30, 2023.

LD 203 Resolve, to Create a Working Group to Study Motor Vehicle Dealer Display Area and Licensing Requirements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 19 directs the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles to convene a working group to study motor vehicle dealer display area regulations and licensing requirements, establishes the membership and duties of the working group and requires the bureau to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business by January 15, 2024.

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LD 238 Resolve, Regarding Mortgage Assistance for Persons with Illnesses Related to COVID-19

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 58 directs the Maine State Housing Authority to continue its current programs providing mortgage assistance to residents of the State and submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business summarizing its implementation of the programs and analyzing the effectiveness of the programs in alleviating the financial burdens faced by those suffering the impact of illnesses or other factors related to COVID-19, no later than February 1, 2024. It also allows the committee to report out legislation related to the information provided in the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 374 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 12: Transportation of Human Remains, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine State Board of Funeral Service

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 20 provides legislative authorization for the final adoption of Chapter 12: Transportation of Human Remains, a major substantive rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine State Board of Funeral Service.

Resolve 2023, chapter 20 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 1, 2023.

LD 675 Resolve, to Improve the Convenience of Public Restrooms

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 65 requires the Plumbers' Examining Board to update Maine's plumbing code to ensure consistency with the provisions of the 2024 Uniform Plumbing Code that relate to the minimum number of required fixtures in public restrooms.

LD 677 An Act to Ensure Consumer Protection from Resale Ticket Vendors

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public law 2023, chapter 335 requires that for-profit ticket resellers that engage in the resale of tickets in this State and whose primary business is the sale or resale of tickets must refund the amount paid by the customer if the event for which a ticket was purchased is cancelled, the ticket is not accepted by the entity holding the event, the ticket is cancelled by the entity holding the entertainment event or the person who purchased the ticket does not receive the ticket in time to

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attend the event. The law also makes violation of the ticket reseller requirements an unfair trade practice.

LD 755 An Act to Promote Higher Blends of Biofuel by Regulating the Sale or Transfer of Biofuel

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 43 amends definitions applicable to the sale of biodiesel, biomass-based diesel, biomass-based diesel blends and biodiesel blends. It requires a person that transfers fuel containing biodiesel, biomass-based diesel, biomass-based diesel blends and biodiesel blends to prepare and maintain a transfer document.

LD 950 An Act to Authorize Kickboxing and Muay Thai Competition Under the Combat Sports Authority of Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 152 adds definitions for "kickboxing" and "Muay Thai" to the laws governing mixed martial arts and boxing, brings kickboxing and Muay Thai under the jurisdiction of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine and exempts kickboxing and Muay Thai, as authorized by the authority, from the crime of unlawful prize fighting.

LD 975 An Act to Align Maine's Elevator Safety Laws with Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Standards

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 149 requires that whenever a passenger elevator is installed in a building being newly constructed or in a new addition that extends beyond the exterior walls of an existing building, at least one passenger elevator must reach every story within the building and be of sufficient size to allow the transport of a person on an ambulance stretcher in the fully supine position, without having to raise, lower or bend the stretcher in any way. It also provides that "story" has the same meaning as in the International Building Code, as adopted by the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal, Technical Building Codes and Standards Board.

Public Law 2023, chapter 149 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 12, 2023.

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LD 1169 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 456 changes the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program to a grant program and increases the maximum allowable distribution of funds per applicant from \$700 to \$1,000.

LD 1198 Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to Convene an Advisory Council to Improve the State's 10-year Economic Development Strategy

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 68 directs the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to update the State's economic development strategy to ensure that it provides a 10-year plan for economic development statewide and directs the commissioner to establish an advisory council to assist the commissioner in updating the strategy. No later than December 6, 2023 the commissioner is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business, and the committee may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature based on the information provided in the report.

LD 1256 An Act to Increase Access to Oral Health Care by Expanding the Maine Dental Education Loan Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 130 expands eligibility for the Maine Dental Education Loan Program to include dental hygienists, dental therapists, expanded function dental assistants and dental assistants.

LD 1286 Resolve, to Establish the Blue Economy Task Force to Support Maine's Emergence as a Center for Blue Economy Innovation and Opportunity in the 21st Century

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 119 directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to convene the blue economy task force. It defines the term "blue economy," designates who must be part of the task force, requires the task force to consult with individuals and entities representing certain business sectors not included on the task force, as well as federally recognized Indian tribes in the State and narrows the scope of the task force's duties. The task force is required to submit

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a written report to the Governor and the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business no later than February 1, 2025. The joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the findings and recommendations in the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

LD 1306 An Act to Protect Homeowners from Unfair Agreements to Exclusively List Residential Real Estate for Sale

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 290 prohibits the creation of a long-term agreement with an owner of residential real estate that includes a provision that purports to bind any future owner of the property; allow for the assignment of the real estate brokerage services without the consent of the owner; create any lien, encumbrance or other real property security interest; or obligate the owner to pay a fee or commission upon the sale of the residential real estate that is not the result of real estate brokerage services provided under the agreement.

LD 1318 Resolve, Directing the Maine Technology Institute to Review Targeted Technology Sectors and Industry Clusters

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 24 directs the Maine Technology Institute to review the targeted technology sectors and the industry clusters to determine whether the laws governing the sectors and clusters should be amended. The institute is required to solicit public input during the review. The resolve requires the institute to submit a report on the results of the review, including findings, recommendations and suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business, and the committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 1605 An Act to Amend the Terms of the Members of the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors by Requiring Staggered Terms

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 76 requires that the Governor, in making initial appointments of the members of the Board of Directors of the Maine Space Corporation, appoint the members for staggered terms.

Public Law 2023, chapter 76 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 11, 2023.

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ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**

LD 1709 An Act to Update the Elevator and Tramway Safety Laws Regarding Construction Hoists

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 326 defines "construction hoist" and requires the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to adopt rules regarding the proper operation of construction hoists and training requirements for construction hoist operators. It also provides that, after the rules are adopted, a person may not operate a construction hoist except as in accordance with the rules.

LD 1713 An Act to Update Electrical Education and Other Licensure Requirements for Electricians

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 327 amends the laws governing the licensing of electricians to eliminate unintended barriers for applicants seeking to complete the requisite electrical education needed to qualify to take an examination and requires the Electricians' Examining Board to establish in rule the minimum curriculum requirements for a program of study. The board is not required to approve any individual program of study or accredited institution as long as the offered course of study meets the coursework requirements set forth in rule. The law also does the following.

1. It reorganizes the current structure of the law regarding what is required in order for an applicant to qualify to take an examination and what is required at the stage the individual applies for a license after passage of an examination.
2. It clarifies that the board may require a person to first pass an examination approved by the board in order to obtain a limited electrician license.
3. For the journeyman, master and limited electrician categories of licensure, it provides that all applicants for licensure must have completed a 45-hour course in the National Electrical Code within two years of applying for a license.
4. For the journeyman-in-training electrician examination it allows an applicant to qualify for examination by completing at least 6,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations as a licensed apprentice electrician and a 576-hour course of study as adopted by the Electricians' Examining Board or a course of study approved by the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship or by a state apprenticeship agency recognized by the Office of Apprenticeship.

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ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**

ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this Digest; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 1918 An Act to Modernize Maine's Business Incentive Programs by Creating the Dirigo Business Incentives Program and Eliminating Certain Other Tax Incentive Programs

Although this bill died on adjournment on July 26, 2023, the version of the bill represented in the committee amendment was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, part J, which creates the Dirigo business incentives program to provide a tax credit to qualified businesses. The program provides an exemption from the requirement for confidentiality of tax records for information disclosed as part of certain reports to the Department of Economic and Community Development and legislative committees regarding the Dirigo business incentives program. It extends the end date of the Pine Tree Development Zone program by one year, eliminates the Pine Tree Recreation Zone program and eliminates the Maine capital investment credit as of January 1, 2025. It allows a business participating in the Dirigo business incentives program to qualify for certain benefits currently available to businesses participating in the Pine Tree Development Zone program, including electricity discount rates and exemption from certain requirements for the sale of electricity. It prohibits issuing a certificate of approval for employment tax increment financing after December 31, 2024 and eliminates the employment tax increment financing benefits as of December 31, 2034.

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Enacted**

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Enacted**

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**Not
Enacted**

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Enacted**

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**Not
Enacted**

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**Not
Enacted**

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**Not
Enacted**

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**Not
Enacted**

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Enacted

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**Not
Enacted**

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Enacted**

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Not Enacted

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Enacted**

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Enacted**

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**Not
Enacted**

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LD 1735	An Act to Safeguard Gender-affirming Health Care	CARRIED OVER
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Enacted

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**Not
Enacted**

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**Not
Enacted**

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Enacted

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Enacted**

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**Not
Enacted**

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LD 1576 An Act to Update the Laws Governing Electronic Device Information as Evidence CARRIED OVER

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Not Enacted

LD 1279	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Child Protection Laws by Limiting Contact with Violent Offenders	ONTP
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Protection from Abuse and Protection from Harassment

Enacted

LD 1034	An Act to Require That Service of a Temporary Protection Order Be Attempted Within 48 Hours from the Issuance of the Order	PUBLIC 75
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LD 1683 An Act to Provide for Civil Recovery Based on Nonconsensual Removal of or Tampering with a Condom and Considering Sexual Assault in Evaluating Parental Rights PUBLIC 298

Real Property, Property Rights and Eminent Domain

Enacted

LD 1968 An Act to Amend the Membership of the Somerset Woods Trustees P & S 16

**Not
Enacted**

LD 1015 Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Foreclosure Process Report A (ONTP)

Statutes

Enacted

LD 431 An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Foreign Subpoenas PUBLIC 32

LD 707 An Act to Update the Maine Human Rights Act with Respect to Gender Identity PUBLIC 41

LD 2010 An Act to Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine PUBLIC 405

Torts and Immunity

Enacted

LD 783 An Act to Protect Certain Private Emergency Services Personnel from Liability Under the Maine Tort Claims Act PUBLIC 311

LD 934 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Damages Awarded for Wrongful Death PUBLIC 390

LD 1251 An Act to Clarify Immunity from Liability for Municipalities Engaged in Recycling Activities PUBLIC 350

LD 1312 An Act to Limit the Immunity of Charitable Organizations PUBLIC 351

	LD 1683	An Act to Provide for Civil Recovery Based on Nonconsensual Removal of or Tampering with a Condom and Considering Sexual Assault in Evaluating Parental Rights	PUBLIC 298
Not Enacted	LD 139	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Liability of Parents and Legal Guardians for Damage by Minors	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1688	Resolve, to Allow Ronald Caron and Jennifer Berube to Sue the State	Report A (ONTP)
	LD 1696	An Act to Create a Civil Cause of Action for Persons Suffering Damages Arising from the Sale of Abnormally Dangerous Firearms	CARRIED OVER

Torts and Immunity, Medical Malpractice

Not Enacted	LD 549	An Act Regarding a Discovery Rule for the Statute of Limitations for Cases of Medical Negligence	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Torts and Immunity, Statutes of Limitation

Not Enacted	LD 549	An Act Regarding a Discovery Rule for the Statute of Limitations for Cases of Medical Negligence	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Tribal-State Relations

Enacted	LD 1620	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Mi'kmaq Nation and to Provide Parity to the Wabanaki Nations	PUBLIC 369
	LD 1679	An Act Regarding the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission	PUBLIC 370
	LD 1970	An Act to Enact the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act	PUBLIC 359
Not Enacted	LD 336	An Act Regarding State Recognition of Native American Tribes	Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 1834 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine to Establish an Officer on Tribal Relations CARRIED OVER

LD 1835 An Act to Require the State to Notify Indian Tribes and Indian Nations
When New Laws Are Enacted That Need to Be Certified CARRIED OVER

LD 2004 An Act to Restore Access to Federal Laws Beneficial to the Wabanaki
Nations Veto Sustained

LD 2007 An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations CARRIED OVER

Trust Code

**Not
Enacted**

LD 1763 An Act Regarding Trustee Duties to Beneficiaries CARRIED OVER

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JUD	20	An Act to Further Protect Survivors of Economic Abuse	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
JUD	23	An Act to Limit Public Access to or Dissemination of Electronic Citation and Electronic Warning Information	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		4/18/23	Enacted	PL	55		S1
JUD	41	An Act to Increase the Hourly Reimbursement Rate of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Lawyers to \$150 per Hour	Reported Out	ONTP		4/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			✓	S1
JUD	45	An Act to Prevent Retaliatory Evictions	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	272		S1
JUD	78	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require All Provisions in the Constitution to Be Included in the Official Printing	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/12/23	Finally Passed	CONRES	1		S1
JUD	91	An Act to Adopt the National 2022 Amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
JUD	113	An Act to Provide Funding for Children's Guardians Ad Litem	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	4/7/23					S1
JUD	118	An Act to Ensure Continuity of Care for Pretrial Defendants	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/7/23	Enacted	PL	38		S1
JUD	136	An Act to Clarify Court Jurisdiction of Actions Involving Children Brought Under the Maine Uniform Probate Code	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		4/21/23	Enacted	PL	63		S1
JUD	137	An Act to Amend the Maine Parentage Act Regarding Joinder of Parties	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		3/9/23	Enacted	PL	25		S1
JUD	139	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Liability of Parents and Legal Guardians for Damage by Minors	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP/O TP-AM		6/21/23	Died On Adjournment				S1

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JUD	140	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Right to Counsel for Juveniles and Due Process for Juveniles	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		4/18/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	186	An Act to Provide Funding for Prosecutor Positions	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/11/23					S1
JUD	196	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission for Amending the Maine Uniform Probate Code and Related Provisions of Law	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/1/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	4		R1
JUD	243	An Act To Eliminate Residency Requirements for District Court Judicial Appointments	Reported Out	ONTP		3/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
JUD	264	An Act to Clarify the Process for Admission to the Bar on Motion	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/17/23	Enacted	PL	141		S1
JUD	279	An Act to Protect Against Discrimination by Public Entities	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/12/23	Held by Governor			✓	S1
JUD	330	An Act Regarding Legal Representation for Residents Facing Eviction	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/15/23	Enacted	PL	379		S1
JUD	336	An Act Regarding State Recognition of Native American Tribes	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/21/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	339	An Act to Provide Electronic Access to Confidential Juror Information	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		4/7/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	35		S1
JUD	347	An Act Regarding In-court Appearance Requirements for Persons Authorized to Serve Eviction Notices	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	386		S1
JUD	363	An Act to Expand the Jurisdiction of the Sentence Review Panel of the Supreme Judicial Court	Reported Out	ONTP		3/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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JUD	431	An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Foreign Subpoenas	Reported Out	OTP		3/24/23	Enacted	PL	32		S1
JUD	443	An Act to Prohibit Marriage of Any Person Under 17 Years of Age	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP/O NTP		4/28/23	Enacted	PL	116		S1
JUD	452	An Act to Reform the Laws Regarding the Payment of Criminal Fines	Reported Out	ONTP		3/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
JUD	453	An Act to Require the Recording of Grand Jury Proceedings	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		4/18/23	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	459	An Act to Update the Procedures for Issuance of Orders Related to Involuntary Hospitalizations	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		4/21/23	Enacted	PL	66		S1
JUD	468	An Act Regarding Regional Law Libraries	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/22/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	476	An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Court Locations	Reported Out	LTW		2/14/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
JUD	494	An Act to Conform State Funding to the Federal Hyde Amendment, Limiting Funding for Some Abortion Services	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/1/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	506	An Act to Improve the Child and Family Court Process by Increasing the Number and Duties of Family Law Magistrates	Reported Out	ONTP		3/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1

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JUD	530	An Act to Facilitate the Installation of Safe Haven Baby Boxes at Hospitals, Law Enforcement Facilities and Fire Departments	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/13/23	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	535	An Act Regarding Consent for Gender-affirming Hormone Therapy for Certain Minors	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP/ OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	413		S1
JUD	538	An Act Regarding the Appointment of Expert Witnesses in Certain Family Court Actions	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		4/28/23	Enacted	PL	90		S1
JUD	543	An Act to Reimburse Counties for Judicial Costs	Reported Out	ONTP		3/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
JUD	549	An Act Regarding a Discovery Rule for the Statute of Limitations for Cases of Medical Negligence	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	557	An Act to Decrease Discrimination Based on Evictions in Housing Applications	Reported Out	ONTP		4/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	558	An Act Regarding Rental Housing Applications	Reported Out	ONTP		4/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	564	An Act to Improve Access to Civil Legal Services	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		4/18/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1
JUD	565	An Act to Improve Maine's System for Protecting Sixth Amendment Rights	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	344		S1

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JUD	576	An Act to Facilitate Communication Between Pro Se Defendants and Prosecutors While Protecting the Rights of Those Defendants	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/15/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	340		S1
JUD	578	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Concerning the Publication of Maine Indian Treaty Obligations	Reported Out	ONTP		3/9/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
JUD	580	An Act to Improve Family Court Procedure	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	5/10/23					S1
JUD	585	An Act to Allow Equitable Tolling of Post-conviction Review Filings	Reported Out	ONTP		5/22/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	609	An Act Regarding Guidelines for Free Telephone Calls by Individuals Incarcerated in Department of Corrections Facilities	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/22/23	Enacted	PL	217		S1
JUD	649	An Act to Promote Water Conservation and Water Quality and Create Habitat for Wildlife, Including Pollinator Species, by Protecting Low-impact Landscaping	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM/ONTP		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	376		S1
JUD	653	An Act to Support Constitutionally Required Public Defense by Creating the Maine Office of Public Defense Services	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
JUD	657	An Act to Amend the Percentage of Votes Needed for an Amendment of a Declaration in the Maine Condominium Act	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM/OTP		6/13/23	Accepted Report A (ONTP)				S1
JUD	676	An Act to Protect Financial Privacy	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		4/21/23	Accepted Report A (ONTP)				S1

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JUD	678	An Act to Require Parental Approval for Public School Employees to Use a Name or Pronoun Other than a Child's Given Name or Pronoun Corresponding to the Gender on the Child's Birth Certificate	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM/OTP-AM/OTP-AM		6/21/23	Accepted Report A (ONTP)				S1
JUD	679	An Act Regarding Animals Abandoned by Tenants	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	336		S1
JUD	681	An Act Regarding Indigent Legal Services	Reported Out	ONTP		4/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	685	An Act to Codify That Freedom of Access Act and Freedom of Information Act Requests Are Not Hate Crimes	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		4/18/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	690	An Act to Streamline Rental Application Screenings by Allowing Potential Tenants to Use Screening Services	Reported Out	ONTP		4/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	691	An Act to Reduce Barriers to Housing by Limiting Tenant Application Fees	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	346		S1
JUD	701	An Act to Increase the Notice Period for Rent Increases of 10 Percent or More	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/15/23	Enacted	PL	388		S1
JUD	707	An Act to Update the Maine Human Rights Act with Respect to Gender Identity	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		4/7/23	Enacted	PL	41		S1
JUD	716	An Act to Assist Nonprofit Service Providers	Reported Out	ONTP		3/28/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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JUD	720	An Act to Expand Eligibility for Supervised Community Confinement for Prisoners with a Prognosis Likely to Result in an Incapacitating Medical Condition	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	399		S1
JUD	739	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Empower the Legislature to Allow the Expungement or Sealing of Certain Criminal Records	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	747	An Act to Require the Probate Court to Report Name Changes to the State Bureau of Identification	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
JUD	748	An Act to Strengthen the Due Process Rights of Persons in Law Enforcement Custody	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
JUD	751	An Act to Clarify the Powers of a Conservator to Transfer Property	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		4/21/23	Enacted	PL	73		S1
JUD	765	An Act to Establish an Exception to the Hearsay Rule for Forensic Interviews of a Protected Person	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM/OTP- AM/ONTP		5/22/23	Enacted	PL	193		S1
JUD	771	An Act to Protect a Woman's Right to Withdraw Consent for an Abortion	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/7/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	773	An Act to Ensure Access by Parties and Attorneys to Records in Child and Adult Protection Proceedings	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/17/23	Enacted	PL	151		S1
JUD	776	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the Right to Bodily Autonomy	Reported Out	ONTP		6/15/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	780	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Protect Personal Reproductive Autonomy	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
JUD	783	An Act to Protect Certain Private Emergency Services Personnel from Liability Under the Maine Tort Claims Act	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	311		S1

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JUD	804	An Act to Increase the Time Period for Notice to Terminate a Tenancy at Will	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/15/23	Accepted Report A (ONTP)				S1
JUD	836	An Act to Codify Forfeiture by Wrongdoing as an Exception to the Rule Against Hearsay	Reported Out	LTW		3/9/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
JUD	848	An Act to Expunge Certain Nonviolent Drug Crimes	Reported Out	ONTP		5/22/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	868	An Act to Extend the Protections of the Maine Civil Rights Act to Actions That Cause Emotional Distress or Fear of Violence	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	287		S1
JUD	870	An Act to Strengthen Freedom of Speech Protections by Extending Laws Against Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
JUD	888	An Act to Allow Use of Courthouse Facility Dogs by Criminal Justice Agencies for Criminal Justice Purposes	Reported Out	ONTP		4/20/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	930	An Act to Allow Only Students of Female Gender to Participate in Women's and Girls' Scholastic Sports	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	934	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Damages Awarded for Wrongful Death	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP/ OTP- AM/OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	390		S1

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JUD	942	Resolve, to Establish a Plan for Adding a 3rd Option for Gender on State Forms	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/22/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	76		S1
JUD	960	An Act Regarding the Limits on Civil Remedies Available Under the Maine Human Rights Act	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		4/18/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	962	An Act Regarding the Transfer of Seized Currency to the Federal Government for Criminal Asset Forfeiture	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		4/28/23	Enacted	PL	91		S1
JUD	967	An Act to Strengthen Protections of Persons After a Maine Human Rights Commission Investigation Finds No Reasonable Grounds Exist to Believe Unlawful Discrimination Occurred	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/9/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	1001	An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act Regarding Right-to-sue Letters	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/22/23	Enacted	PL	255		S1
JUD	1015	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Foreclosure Process	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/13/23	Accepted Report A (ONTP)				S1
JUD	1024	Resolve, to Study the Impact of Divorce, Child Support Issues and Custody Issues on Children, Parents, Health, Poverty and Housing Insecurity	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/17/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	1034	An Act to Require That Service of a Temporary Protection Order Be Attempted Within 48 Hours from the Issuance of the Order	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/26/23	Enacted	PL	75		S1
JUD	1043	An Act to Create an Office of Ombudsman to Help Nonprofit Organizations in Their Interactions with the Government	Reported Out	ONTP		3/28/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	1056	An Act Restricting State Assistance in Federal Collection of Personal Electronic Data and Metadata	Carry Over Approved+A 1		Carried in Comm	9/25/23					S1

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JUD	1079	An Act Regarding Visitation Rights of Grandparents	Reported Out	ONTP		4/20/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	1137	An Act to Prohibit Deceptive Advertising in Limited Pregnancy Services Centers	Reported Out	LTW		4/28/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	1149	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Strengthen the Due Process Rights of Persons Accused by Requiring Notification of Those Rights	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	1192	An Act Regarding the Composition of the Judiciary	Reported Out	ONTP		4/20/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	1197	An Act to Prevent Coerced Abortion	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/12/23	Accepted Report A (ONTP)				S1
JUD	1203	An Act to Clarify Deadlines in the Freedom of Access Act and Disclosure Provisions in the Intelligence and Investigative Record Information Act	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/9/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	1207	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Exceptions	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		5/9/23	Enacted	PL	123		S1
JUD	1208	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Time Estimates for Responding to Public Records Requests	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/17/23	Enacted	PL	155		S1

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JUD	1240	An Act to Develop a Pilot Program to Provide Legal Representation to Families in the Child Protection System	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/17/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	1249	An Act to Protect the Quality of Care Provided via Telehealth by Prohibiting Physicians from Prescribing Abortion-inducing Drugs or Devices Through Telehealth or Other Electronic Communication	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM/OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/7/23	Accepted Report A (ONTP)				S1
JUD	1251	An Act to Clarify Immunity from Liability for Municipalities Engaged in Recycling Activities	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/16/23	Enacted	PL	350		S1
JUD	1259	An Act to Recover Legal Fees for Low-income Individuals in Actions or Proceedings	Reported Out	ONTP		5/4/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	1261	An Act to Establish Mandatory Minimum Sentences for Gross Sexual Assaults and Sex Trafficking of Children	Reported Out	ONTP		4/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	1279	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Child Protection Laws by Limiting Contact with Violent Offenders	Reported Out	ONTP		4/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	1299	An Act to Amend the Maine Bail Code	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/13/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	1312	An Act to Limit the Immunity of Charitable Organizations	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	351		S1
JUD	1322	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Remote Participation	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/23/23	Enacted	PL	158		S1

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JUD	1343	An Act to Protect the Reproductive Freedom of Maine People by Preempting the Field of Abortion Regulation	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/1/23	Enacted	PL	352		S1
JUD	1352	An Act to Remove Barriers to Becoming a Lawyer	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/22/23	Indefinitely Postponed				S1
JUD	1362	An Act to Ensure the Rights of Survivors of Sexual Assault	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		5/26/23	Enacted	PL	199		S1
JUD	1397	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Records of Disciplinary Actions Against Public Employees	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/17/23	Enacted	PL	159		S1
JUD	1410	An Act to Hold School Employees Civilly Liable for Failure to Notify Parents Regarding Medical Issues of Students Under 18 Years of Age	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	1412	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Establishing That All Maine Residents Have Equal Rights Under the Law	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/15/23					S1
JUD	1414	An Act to Ensure Involvement of Adopted Youth in the Determination of Continuing Financial Support Under the Adoption Assistance Program	Reported Out	ONTP		5/4/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	1423	An Act to Increase the Limits on Awards for Compensatory and Punitive Damages Under the Maine Human Rights Act	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		5/18/23	Enacted	PL	263		S1
JUD	1425	An Act to Strengthen Freedom of Access Protections by Allowing Remote Meetings to Be Recorded	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/26/23	Enacted	PL	185		S1
JUD	1435	An Act to Reduce Commercial Sexual Exploitation	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/22/23	Enacted	PL	316		S1
JUD	1436	An Act to Provide Remedies for Survivors of Commercial Sexual Exploitation	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	409		S1
JUD	1449	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Violations of Condition of Release	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	293		S1

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JUD	1459	An Act to Reduce Abuse of the Civil Ex Parte Attachment and Trustee Processes	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	1461	An Act to Prevent Dating Partner Abuse by Including Dating Partners in the Scope of Domestic Violence Crimes	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	465		S1
JUD	1462	An Act to Provide Financial Incentives for Attorneys to Provide Indigent Legal Services	Reported Out	ONTP		4/20/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	1468	An Act to Ensure Equal Treatment by the Law Court by Requiring 7 Justices to Decide All Cases	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/1/23	Accepted Report A (ONTP)				S1
JUD	1490	An Act to Reduce Rental Housing Costs by Eliminating Additional Fees at or Prior to the Commencement of Tenancy	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
JUD	1501	An Act to Protect Maine Citizens from Discrimination by Including Vaccination Status as a Protected Class	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/26/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	1503	An Act Regarding State Court Remedies for Violations of Legal or Constitutional Rights by Federal Employees	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	1507	An Act to Ensure the Accuracy of Vital Records with Respect to Gender	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/15/23	Enacted	PL	294		S1
JUD	1512	An Act to Require the Consideration of Restitution to Support a Child Whose Parent Is Killed During the Commission of a Crime	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	277		S1
JUD	1516	An Act to Establish Alternative Sentencing for Primary Caregivers					Died On Adjournment				S1

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JUD	1535	An Act to Advance Justice in Sentencing by Amending the Laws Governing the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/20/23					S1
JUD	1536	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Amend the Governor's Power to Reprieve, Pardon and Commute Sentences and Remit Penalties	Reported Out	ONTP		5/22/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	1550	An Act to Authorize the Expungement of Records of Nonviolent Crimes	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
JUD	1574	An Act to Create Rent Stabilization and Amend the Laws Regarding Termination of Tenancy and Rent Increase Limitations	Reported Out	ONTP		5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	1576	An Act to Update the Laws Governing Electronic Device Information as Evidence	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	9/25/23					S1
JUD	1592	An Act to Amend the Law Governing Special Motions to Dismiss to Include Workplace and Title IX Claims	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		6/15/23	Enacted	PL	322		S1
JUD	1596	An Act to Facilitate the Creation of an Aroostook County Drug Treatment Court	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
JUD	1603	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Committee To Ensure Constitutionally Adequate Contact with Counsel	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	394		S1
JUD	1613	An Act to Prohibit Profiling and to Strengthen Civil Rights in Maine	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	368		S1
JUD	1614	An Act to Require an Ultrasound and Certain Counseling Before an Abortion	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/13/23	Accepted Report A (ONTP)				S1
JUD	1619	An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/22/23	Enacted	PL	416		S1
JUD	1620	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Mi'kmaq Nation and to Provide Parity to the Wabanaki Nations	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	369		S1

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JUD	1622	Resolve, to Reestablish the Criminal Records Review Committee	Reported Out		6/13/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	103		S1
JUD	1624	An Act to Clarify the Procedure for Amending the Birth Certificate of an Adult to Recognize a Parent Not Known or Listed at the Time of Birth	Reported Out		6/15/23	Enacted	PL	323		S1
JUD	1629	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Recognize the Right to Personal Privacy	Reported Out		5/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	1637	An Act to Prohibit the Revocation of a Professional or Occupational License for Lapsed Child Support Payments	Reported Out		5/22/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	1646	An Act to Vacate or Adjust Sentences and Expunge Arrests, Convictions and Adjudications for Cannabis-related Offenses	Reported Out		5/22/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	1647	An Act to Prohibit Discrimination Against Cannabis Establishment Owners and Employees and Cannabis Users	Reported Out		6/15/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	1649	An Act to Support Local Governments in Responding to Freedom of Access Act Requests	Reported Out		5/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	1662	Resolve, to Study the Adoption of the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act	Reported Out		6/13/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
JUD	1663	An Act to Add Political Affiliation as a Protected Class to the Maine Human Rights Act	Reported Out		6/1/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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JUD	1679	An Act Regarding the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM/ONTP		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	370		S1
JUD	1683	An Act to Provide for Civil Recovery Based on Nonconsensual Removal of or Tampering with a Condom and Considering Sexual Assault in Evaluating Parental Rights	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/1/23	Enacted	PL	298		S1
JUD	1688	Resolve, to Allow Ronald Caron and Jennifer Berube to Sue the State	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/21/23	Accepted Report A (ONTP)				S1
JUD	1696	An Act to Create a Civil Cause of Action for Persons Suffering Damages Arising from the Sale of Abnormally Dangerous Firearms	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
JUD	1699	An Act to Amend the Freedom of Access Act and Related Provisions	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/15/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	1705	An Act to Give Consumers Control over Sensitive Personal Data by Requiring Consumer Consent Prior to Collection of Data	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
JUD	1730	An Act to Implement Changes to the Laws Relating to Judicial Separation and Divorce Regarding Preliminary Injunctions as Recommended by the Family Law Advisory Commission	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/1/23	Enacted	PL	204		S1
JUD	1731	An Act Regarding Confidentiality of Juvenile History Record Information	Reported Out	ONTP		5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	1735	An Act to Safeguard Gender-affirming Health Care	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
JUD	1763	An Act Regarding Trustee Duties to Beneficiaries	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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JUD	1764	An Act Regarding the Charge for Research Time by State Agencies for Freedom of Access Act Requests	Reported Out	ONTP		5/22/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	1771	An Act Regarding Speedy Trials	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
JUD	1782	An Act to Empower Jurors by Allowing Instructions That They May Find a Defendant Not Guilty if a Guilty Verdict Would Yield an Unjust Result	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/15/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	1790	An Act Removing the Statute of Limitations on Civil Actions and Criminal Prosecutions for Certain Sexual Offenses Against Minors	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/15/23	Enacted	PL	475		S1
JUD	1809	An Act to Prohibit Health Care Services Without Parental Consent	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/1/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	1824	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Constitution of Maine	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/14/23	Died Between Houses				S1
JUD	1833	An Act to Amend the Definition of "Educational Institution" Under the Maine Human Rights Act to Include Single-sex Educational Institutions	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		5/26/23	Enacted	PL	188		S1
JUD	1834	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish an Officer on Tribal Relations	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
JUD	1835	An Act to Require the State to Notify Indian Tribes and Indian Nations When New Laws Are Enacted That Need to Be Certified	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
JUD	1865	An Act Establishing the Maine Sentencing Guidelines Commission	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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JUD	1870	An Act to Require the Payment of Child Support by an Intoxicated Driver Who Kills a Parent	Reported Out	ONTP		5/22/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	1883	An Act to Enact the Protection of Shared Physical and Digital Property from Warrantless Searches Act	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/15/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	1902	An Act to Protect Personal Health Data	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
JUD	1904	An Act to Enact the Maine Fair Chance Housing Act	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
JUD	1906	An Act to Enable Confirmatory Adoption	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	356		S1
JUD	1913	An Act to Support Emerging Adults Involved in the Criminal Justice System	Reported Out	LTW		5/15/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
JUD	1937	An Act to Remove the Confidentiality of the Transportation of Hazardous Materials by Railroad Companies	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
JUD	1953	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Parental Bill of Rights	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
JUD	1968	An Act to Amend the Membership of the Somerset Woods Trustees	Reported Out	OTP		6/15/23	Enacted	P&S	16		S1
JUD	1970	An Act to Enact the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/21/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	359		S1
JUD	1973	An Act to Enact the Maine Consumer Privacy Act	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
JUD	1977	An Act to Create the Data Privacy and Protection Act	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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JUD	2004	An Act to Restore Access to Federal Laws Beneficial to the Wabanaki Nations	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Veto Sustained				S1
JUD	2007	An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
JUD	2010	An Act to Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine	Reported Out	OTP-AM		7/5/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	405		S1

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LD 23 An Act to Limit Public Access to or Dissemination of Electronic Citation and Electronic Warning Information

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 55 provides that personally identifying information, including an individual's name, residential and mailing addresses, date of birth, driver's license number and vehicle registration number, located within the electronic citation or electronic warning databases maintained, administered or contributed to by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, is confidential. This confidentiality provision does not prevent a law enforcement officer from sharing personally identifying information in these databases with another criminal justice agency, serving the Violation Summons and Complaint on the person charged with having committed the traffic infraction or transmitting the electronic Violation Summons and Complaint to the violations bureau of the District Court. Moreover, public access to violations bureau court records, including personally identifying information contained in a Violation Summons and Complaint, is governed by the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 80F.

LD 45 An Act to Prevent Retaliatory Evictions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 272 creates two additional bases under which there is a presumption of retaliation in an action of forcible entry and detainer when, within six months prior to the commencement of the action, a tenant asserts certain rights: first, when the tenant has asserted the tenant's rights pursuant to the law requiring notice of a rent increase; and second, when the tenant has asserted the tenant's rights under the law prohibiting a rent increase for a dwelling unit that is in violation of the warranty of habitability.

LD 78 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require All Provisions in the Constitution to Be Included in the Official Printing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 1 proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to require that all of the provisions of the Constitution, including the text of Article X, Sections 1, 2 and 5, be included in any printed copies of the Constitution prefixed to the laws of the State.

Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 1 as finally passed by the Legislature is contingent upon the approval of the voters at a statewide election to be held November 7, 2023.

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LD 118 An Act to Ensure Continuity of Care for Pretrial Defendants

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 38 authorizes the State Forensic Service to disclose prior court-ordered evaluation reports pertaining to the pending criminal charges of pretrial defendants to institutions for the care and treatment of people with mental illness or residential programs that provide care and treatment for persons who have intellectual disabilities or autism into which the Commissioner of Health and Human Services is considering placing a defendant when the court commits the defendant to the commissioner for observation in such an institution or program.

LD 136 An Act to Clarify Court Jurisdiction of Actions Involving Children Brought Under the Maine Uniform Probate Code

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 63 clarifies the respective jurisdictions of the District Court and the probate courts of the State over actions concerning minors brought under Title 18-C, the Maine Uniform Probate Code. It adds proceedings pursuant to the Maine Juvenile Code brought against a minor child to the list of pending District Court actions involving a minor child that will give the District Court exclusive, continuing jurisdiction over Title 18-C actions involving that child and it removes actions for protection from abuse and harassment from that list. It also provides that the District Court has exclusive, continuing jurisdiction over current and future Title 18-C actions involving the child if the child has been the subject of an order terminating parental rights, appointing a guardian including a permanency, emergency or interim guardian, awarding parental rights to a third party or granting an adoption.

Public Law 2023, chapter 63 also establishes an exception to the grant of exclusive, continuing jurisdiction to the District Court if the action that would otherwise provide the grounds for the District Court's jurisdiction is initiated when the action is under advisement with the Probate Court after a testimonial hearing unless the Probate Court determines that the District Court is the more appropriate forum for the action.

Finally, Public Law 2023, chapter 63 amends the provision of law governing the legal effect of an order entered in a child protection proceeding, including a preliminary protection order, to clarify that such an order generally takes precedence over any other order regarding the child's care or custody, even if the other order was entered after the preliminary protection order. It also clarifies that this general rule does not limit the authority of the District Court to determine parentage during the pendency of a child protection proceeding, to consolidate a child protection proceeding with another matter or to resolve a child protection proceeding through the entry of a parental rights and responsibilities order, a guardianship order or an adoption order.

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LD 137 An Act to Amend the Maine Parentage Act Regarding Joinder of Parties

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 25 amends the Maine Parentage Act in two ways. First, it clarifies within Title 19-A, section 1836 that a child is not required to be joined as a party in a proceeding to determine that child's parentage. Second, it amends Title 19-A, section 1844, which provides that, if a court in proceeding to dissolve a marriage acts under the jurisdictional requirements of Maine law and the final order identifies a child as a "child of the marriage" or "issue of the marriage" or by similar words indicates that the parties are the parents of the child, the court is deemed to have made an adjudication of that child's parentage and that adjudication is binding on the parties to the proceeding. Public Law 2023, chapter 25 clarifies that section 1844 applies not only to divorce proceedings but also to proceedings to annul a marriage or for legal separation. It also expands the scope of section 1844 to apply to proceedings to determine parental rights and responsibilities with respect to a child's unmarried parents.

LD 196 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission for Amending the Maine Uniform Probate Code and Related Provisions of Law

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 4 amends the Maine Uniform Probate Code and related provisions of law in the following ways.

1. Under current law, if a judge of probate or register of probate has an interest in an estate, the estate must be transferred to and settled in the probate court in an adjoining county. Public Law 2023, chapter 4 provides that, if there are fewer than four counties adjoining the county of the probate court in which the conflict of interest arises, the estate must be transferred to any one of the four county probate courts that are nearest to the probate court of the transferring county.
2. It provides that, when a petition for an elective share indicating that the decedent owned real estate has been filed, the register of probate must record in the registry of deeds an abstract of the petition for an elective share and not the entire petition.
3. It requires the register of probate to notify the decedent's devisees and heirs, within 30 days after the filing of an application for the appointment of a personal representative, of the right of a surviving spouse to demand an elective share and the time limit for making such an election and of the rights of a surviving spouse and children to the homestead allowance, to exempt property and to the family allowance.
4. It provides that the homestead allowance, exempt property and family allowance have priority over all claims against an estate except for reasonable funeral expenses and administrative expenses; that a testator may expressly provide that the benefit or share passing to a surviving spouse or children through a will is intended to be made in lieu of the homestead allowance,

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exempt property or family allowance; and that the personal representative has the duty to promptly pay the homestead allowance, exempt property and family allowance from available assets, without requiring any demand by the surviving spouse or children.

5. It further delays, until April 1, 2025, the effective date of the statutes governing the confidentiality of records in proceedings for guardianships of adults, conservatorships and other protective arrangements and directs the Supreme Judicial Court to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters by January 1, 2025 summarizing the court's progress toward adopting rules governing the confidentiality of records in probate court proceedings and identifying any potential conflicts between the adopted or proposed rules and any provisions of the Maine Uniform Probate Code.

Public Law 2023, chapter 4 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 13, 2023.

LD 264 An Act to Clarify the Process for Admission to the Bar on Motion

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 141 clarifies that an attorney who is admitted to practice law in a state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia who meets the requirements for admission set forth in the Maine Bar Admission Rules and who applies for admission to the bar on motion must be admitted to practice within one year of the date the board of bar examiners receives the application for admission on motion.

LD 330 An Act Regarding Legal Representation for Residents Facing Eviction

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 379 requires that a landlord, upon delivery to a tenant of a notice to terminate tenancy, include with that notice a copy of the "form notice" that is required upon service of the summons and complaint in an action of forcible entry and detainer. The law also requires a judge, on each day that judge presides over actions of forcible entry and detainer, prior to the commencement of proceedings for actions of forcible entry and detainer, to announce the availability of legal representation to all tenants who appear on that day in an action of forcible entry and detainer if the judge has been advised of the availability of an attorney to represent tenants in actions of forcible entry and detainer on that day.

LD 339 An Act to Provide Electronic Access to Confidential Juror Information

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Under current law, a state court has discretion to make the names of prospective jurors and the contents of juror qualification forms available at the courthouse to the attorneys in a case as well

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as their agents or investigators and also to pro se parties. Public Law 2023, chapter 35 newly authorizes state courts to provide this information to such persons electronically, upon request.

Public Law 2023, chapter 35 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 24, 2023.

LD 347 An Act Regarding In-court Appearance Requirements for Persons Authorized to Serve Eviction Notices

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 386 allows a sheriff, deputy or constable who provided service in connection with an eviction to attend the court hearing in an action of forcible entry and detainer remotely, if that person is required to testify to the service of the notice. The law also allows the notice delivered by a sheriff, deputy or constable to be admissible in evidence for the purpose of proving service occurred.

LD 431 An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Foreign Subpoenas

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 32 corrects errors in terminology in a provision of the Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act governing the issuance of a subpoena by a clerk of a court in this State upon a person to which a foreign subpoena is directed.

LD 443 An Act to Prohibit Marriage of Any Person Under 17 Years of Age

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 116 amends the law to categorically prohibit the issuance of a marriage license to any person who is under 17 years of age. It retains the provisions of law authorizing the issuance of a marriage license to a person who is 17 years old with the written consent of the person's parents or guardians or the consent of the judge of probate in the county where the person resides.

LD 459 An Act to Update the Procedures for Issuance of Orders Related to Involuntary Hospitalizations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 66 authorizes the electronic transmission through secure means of an application for emergency involuntary commitment and a court order granting an application for

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emergency involuntary commitment. It also authorizes a Justice of the Superior Court, Judge of the District Court, Judge of Probate or justice of the peace to endorse the application electronically.

LD 535 An Act Regarding Consent for Gender-affirming Hormone Therapy for Certain Minors

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 413 establishes a process by which a minor who is mentally and physically competent to give consent may consent to gender-affirming hormone therapy and follow-up care if the minor is at least 16 years of age, has been diagnosed with gender dysphoria, is experiencing or expected to experience harm from not receiving gender-affirming hormone therapy, receives certain detailed information and counseling from a health care professional prior to providing informed written consent and has discussed the gender dysphoria diagnosis with the minor's parent or guardian but that parent or guardian refuses to support treatment of the gender dysphoria. Only a person qualified by training and experience to provide and monitor the provision of gender-affirming hormone therapy, who is authorized by law to prescribe medication and who is licensed by the Board of Licensure in Medicine, the Board of Osteopathic Licensure or the State Board of Nursing may provide gender-affirming hormone therapy to the minor after obtaining the minor's informed written consent.

Public Law 2023, chapter 413 does not restrict the authority of a parent or guardian to consent to gender-affirming hormone therapy for a minor in accordance with established standards of care.

LD 538 An Act Regarding the Appointment of Expert Witnesses in Certain Family Court Actions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 90 provides that, if a court appoints an expert other than a guardian ad litem to provide recommendations regarding the award of parental rights and responsibilities or conditions of parent-child contact in cases involving allegations of domestic abuse between the parents, that expert must be a licensed clinical social worker, psychologist or psychiatrist who has training and expertise in how domestic abuse tactics affect adult and child safety, the effects of domestic abuse on children, best practices for recognizing and assessing the effects of domestic abuse on the parent-child relationship and methods for reducing post-separation abuse and promoting child safety and security.

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LD 565 An Act to Improve Maine’s System for Protecting Sixth Amendment Rights

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 344 amends the laws governing the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services in the following ways.

1. It provides that, other than the rates of compensation for assigned counsel and contract counsel, which are major substantive rules, the standards for the delivery of indigent legal services developed by the commission are routine technical rules.
2. It provides that the commission has the authority to employ public defenders, that public defenders are subject to the commission’s routine technical rules establishing standards for the delivery of indigent legal services and requires the commission to include in its annual report to the Legislature an evaluation of the services provided by these public defenders.
3. It requires the commission to review its routine technical rules establishing standards for the evaluation of assigned counsel, contract counsel and public defenders at least every five years or earlier upon the recommendation of the executive director of the commission.
4. It provides that the laws governing the confidentiality of commission records do not prevent the executive director from reporting potential professional misconduct under the Maine Rules of Professional Conduct to the Board of Overseers of the Bar or from disclosing information and records related to potential professional misconduct to the board.
5. It requires county jails and regional jails to submit to the commission a copy of the twice monthly reports on the pretrial detention population those jails are required by current law to send to the Unified Criminal Docket in the judicial region in which the jail is located.

LD 576 An Act to Facilitate Communication Between Pro Se Defendants and Prosecutors While Protecting the Rights of Those Defendants

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 340 provides that a prosecutor generally may not communicate with an unrepresented defendant concerning the facts, circumstances, merits or disposition of a pending criminal charge unless the communication either is initiated by the defendant or takes place during a dispositional conference as long as the defendant has first been advised by the court of the defendant’s right to counsel, right to remain silent and right to a trial by jury and the defendant has been informed by the court of the substance of the charges and the maximum possible sentence and any mandatory minimum sentence associated with those charges.

Notwithstanding this general rule, under Public Law 2023, chapter 340 a prosecutor may communicate with an unrepresented defendant at any time for the following purposes.

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1. To offer the defendant the opportunity to participate in a diversion program or explain steps the defendant can take that would result in the prosecutor not prosecuting the charge or charges against the defendant or that would result in the prosecutor recommending a dismissal or filing of the charge or charges.
2. To notify the defendant that a pending criminal matter is being dismissed.
3. To notify the defendant in writing of a plea offer.
4. To request the defendant's position on a motion to continue or a motion to correct a typographical error in a document filed with the court.

Public Law 2023, chapter 340 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 28, 2023.

LD 609 An Act Regarding Guidelines for Free Telephone Calls by Individuals Incarcerated in Department of Corrections Facilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 217 requires the chief administrative officer of each of the Department of Corrections' detention facilities and correctional facilities to draft, publish and implement guidelines governing that facility's implementation of the provision of current law requiring the Department of Corrections to provide a resident of a facility who has less than \$10 in the resident's facility account a free telephone call allowance for 30 minutes of telephone calls to the resident's relatives and friends per week and a free telephone call allowance for 30 minutes of telephone calls that are protected by the attorney-client privilege per week.

LD 649 An Act to Promote Water Conservation and Water Quality and Create Habitat for Wildlife, Including Pollinator Species, by Protecting Low-impact Landscaping

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 376 establishes limitations on restrictions on low-impact landscaping that apply to condominiums or other real estate subject to common ownership.

LD 679 An Act Regarding Animals Abandoned by Tenants

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 336 provides that a landlord may require a tenant to provide information about any animal present in a rental unit and request contact information of a person the tenant authorizes to enter the property to retrieve or care for the animal in the event the tenant abandons the animal or is unable to care for the animal as a result of death or disability. The law also allows

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the landlord to require permission, as a condition of tenancy, to enter the rental unit in an emergency in order to determine whether the animal is in need of care and establishes a process through which the landlord may remove an animal in the event the animal has been abandoned or the tenant is unable to care for the animal due to death or disability.

LD 691 An Act to Reduce Barriers to Housing by Limiting Tenant Application Fees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 346 prohibits a landlord, except in certain circumstances, from requiring an applicant to pay a fee in order to submit an application to enter into an agreement to rent a residential dwelling unit or to review or approve an application to enter into an agreement to rent a residential dwelling unit. The law allows the landlord to require an applicant to pay a fee for the actual cost of a background check, credit check or other screening process only once in a 12-month period. The law also requires the landlord to provide the applicant with a complete copy of the information from the background check, credit check or other screening process used to evaluate the applicant's eligibility for tenancy.

LD 701 An Act to Increase the Notice Period for Rent Increases of 10 Percent or More

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 388 requires, with the exception of residential real estate restricted under or participating in certain housing assistance programs, that a landlord provide at least 75 days' written notice to a tenant for a rent increase that is 10% or greater over a 12-month period.

LD 707 An Act to Update the Maine Human Rights Act with Respect to Gender Identity

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 41 updates the definition of "sexual orientation" in the Maine Human Rights Act by removing the reference to "gender identity or expression." The term "gender identity" was given a separate definition by Public Law 2019, chapter 464.

LD 720 An Act to Expand Eligibility for Supervised Community Confinement for Prisoners with a Prognosis Likely to Result in an Incapacitating Medical Condition

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 399 expands the ability of the Department of Corrections to transfer a prisoner from a correctional facility to the supervised community confinement program, when the prisoner does not otherwise meet the eligibility criteria of the supervised community confinement

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program, to include circumstances when the prisoner has a worsening prognosis that is likely to result in a terminal or severely incapacitating medical condition. The law also amends the department's data tracking responsibilities to require the department to publish on its publicly accessible website certain data in a manner that does not violate confidentiality requirements.

LD 751 An Act to Clarify the Powers of a Conservator to Transfer Property

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 73 authorizes a conservator to convey or release an interest in or sign or revoke a transfer on death deed for the primary dwelling of the individual subject to the conservatorship, with court approval.

LD 765 An Act to Establish an Exception to the Hearsay Rule for Forensic Interviews of a Protected Person

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 193 establishes an exception to the hearsay rule for the recording of a forensic interview of a minor or of an adult who is eligible for adult protective services, referred to in the law as a "protected person." The party requesting that all or a portion of a recording of a forensic interview of a protected person be admitted into evidence must file a motion in limine. The court must allow all parties to be heard on the issue of whether the recording meets the requirements for the statutory exception to the hearsay rule, including that statements made by the protected person during the forensic interview may not have been made in response to suggestive or leading questions, that neither a relative of the protected person nor an attorney for any party was present in the room during the interview and that the recording meets all of the other requirements for admissibility under the Maine Rules of Evidence. In a criminal matter, the party offering the recording into evidence must call the protected person as a witness immediately following the playing of the recording and the witness must be available for cross-examination, unless all other parties to the case expressly waive this requirement. Statements from more than one forensic interview of the same protected person that relate to the same event or incident do not fall within the hearsay exception.

Public Law 2023, chapter 193 also clarifies who has access to recordings of forensic interviews and other records of child advocacy centers, which are confidential and not public records for purposes of the Freedom of Access Act.

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LD 773 An Act to Ensure Access by Parties and Attorneys to Records in Child and Adult Protection Proceedings

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 151 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to disclose information in the records in child protection proceedings to the parties in those proceedings and the parties' attorneys, with protection for identity of reporters and other persons when appropriate. To facilitate the initial communication between attorneys assigned to represent parents and custodians in child protection proceedings and their clients, it also requires the department to include in a child protection petition the phone number and e-mail address, if known, of each parent and custodian unless the parent and custodian has taken steps to keep that parent's and custodian's phone number or e-mail address private from another parent and custodian in the proceeding or if disclosure of this information to another parent and custodian in the proceeding would create a safety risk.

In addition, under Public Law 2023, chapter 151, the department has discretion to disclose information in its adult protective records to the caretaker, guardian or conservator of an adult who is the subject of the record but is required to disclose such information to the adult who is the subject of the record and to the adult's attorney, with protection for identity of reporters and other persons when appropriate. The law also makes a conforming amendment to the Maine Uniform Probate Code requiring the disclosure of information in adult protective records to the adult who is the subject of the record and the adult's attorney in any case in which a public guardian or conservator has been or may be appointed.

LD 783 An Act to Protect Certain Private Emergency Services Personnel from Liability Under the Maine Tort Claims Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 311 adds "mutual aid emergency response personnel" to the definition of "employee" under the Maine Tort Claims Act and also creates a definition of "mutual aid emergency response employer" under the Maine Tort Claims Act. The law provides that mutual aid emergency response personnel employed by the Bath Iron Works Corporation or its successor are considered employees for the purposes of the Maine Tort Claims Act, and also provides protection for the Bath Iron Works Corporation or its successor under the Maine Tort Claims Act, only when the personnel are acting pursuant to a mutual aid agreement with a state or municipal entity or in response to a request for aid from a state or municipal entity.

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LD 868 An Act to Extend the Protections of the Maine Civil Rights Act to Actions That Cause Emotional Distress or Fear of Violence

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 287 amends the Maine Civil Rights Act to prohibit a person from intentionally interfering or attempting to intentionally interfere with another person's exercise or enjoyment of that person's civil rights by engaging in any conduct that would cause a reasonable person to suffer emotional distress or to fear death or bodily injury to themselves or to a close relation when that conduct is motivated by reason of race, color, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.

LD 934 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Damages Awarded for Wrongful Death

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 390 increases the limit on damages for the loss of comfort, society and companionship and emotional distress in a case of wrongful death from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 and provides for that amount to be adjusted based on inflation calculated in relation to the consumer price index. It also increases the limit on punitive damages from \$250,000 to \$500,000. The law increases from two years to three years the time after the decedent's death within which a wrongful death action may be commenced.

LD 942 Resolve, to Establish a Plan for Adding a 3rd Option for Gender on State Forms

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 76 directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to coordinate with all executive branch and quasi-independent entities to compile a list of all printed and electronic forms, applications and other documents used by these entities that require a person to designate that person's gender and estimate the time and cost required to include within those forms, applications and other documents an option to designate "X" for gender. It also directs the State Court Administrator and the Executive Director of the Legislative Council to compile the same information for the judicial branch and the legislative branch, respectively, and to submit this information to the department. The department shall report this information to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary by January 1, 2024 along with the department's recommendations, if any, for expediting the process by which all of these printed and electronic forms, applications and other documents that require a gender designation are revised to include an option to designate "X" for gender. The committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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LD 962 An Act Regarding the Transfer of Seized Currency to the Federal Government for Criminal Asset Forfeiture

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 91 eliminates the requirement that seized currency exceed a certain amount before a state governmental agency, county or municipality may enter into an agreement to transfer or refer the seized currency to a federal agency and replaces it with a requirement that seized currency only be transferred or referred to a federal agency in conjunction with a federal criminal case.

LD 1001 An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act Regarding Right-to-sue Letters

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 255 requires the Maine Human Rights Commission to issue a right-to-sue letter to a complainant if the complainant submits a written request for a right-to-sue letter more than 180 days after the filing of a complaint and authorizes the commission to issue a right-to-sue letter if the complainant submits a written request less than 180 days after the filing of a complaint and the executive director of the commission determines both that the complainant has demonstrated good cause for submitting an early request and that it is probable that the commission will not be able to complete its investigation within 180 days of the filing of the complaint. The commission must end its investigation whenever the commission issues a right-to-sue letter to a complainant unless the executive director of the commission and legal counsel to the commission determine that proceeding with the investigation would achieve the purposes of the Maine Human Rights Act. If this determination is made, the commission must continue to investigate the complaint as if it had originally been filed by an employee of the commission.

LD 1034 An Act to Require That Service of a Temporary Protection Order Be Attempted Within 48 Hours from the Issuance of the Order

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 75 requires every law enforcement agency to adopt a written policy requiring that service of every temporary, emergency or interim protection from abuse order be attempted within 48 hours after the agency receives notice of that order from the court. Failure of the law enforcement agency to comply with the policy does not affect the validity of the service or the order.

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LD 1207 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Exceptions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 123 implements the following statutory changes recommended by the Right To Know Advisory Committee after reviewing certain existing public records exceptions in Titles 23, 24 and 24-A.

1. It clarifies that patient names contained in utilization review data reports filed by nonprofit hospitals and medical service organizations with the Superintendent of Insurance must be kept confidential.
2. It makes grammatical corrections to the confidentiality provisions of the Maine Health Security Act related to professional competence reports.
3. It removes the word “strictly” from the section of the Maine Health Security Act requiring confidentiality for all data or information that identifies or permits identification of the insured or insureds or the incident or occurrences for which a claim was made contained in records of the Superintendent of Insurance retained for the purpose of evaluation of policy provisions, rate structures, the arbitration process and for recommendations of further legislation.
4. It removes unnecessary language from the statute governing the confidentiality of information within records maintained by Dirigo Health.

LD 1208 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Time Estimates for Responding to Public Records Requests

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 155 implements several recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee to amend provisions in the Freedom of Access Act concerning time and cost estimates for responding to public records requests including the following.

1. It clarifies that, within a reasonable time of receiving a public records request, an agency or official must specify the estimated time frame within which an agency or official will comply with that request.
2. It increases from \$30 to \$50 the estimate cost threshold at which an agency or official must provide the requester with an estimate of the total cost before proceeding with a request for public records.

Public Law 2023, chapter 155 also clarifies that an agency or official may charge a fee to the person who requests a public record for the actual cost of a device used to store the public record, if the public record will be given to the requester on that storage device.

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LD 1251 An Act to Clarify Immunity from Liability for Municipalities Engaged in Recycling Activities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 350 provides expanded immunity under the Maine Tort Claims Act for a municipality performing recycling activities only if the municipality has adopted and regularly enforces a written policy, developed by a credentialed industrial hygienist and in compliance with federal law, establishing reasonable safety standards applicable to the premises where the municipality performs recycling activities.

LD 1312 An Act to Limit the Immunity of Charitable Organizations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 351 amends the State's immunity provisions related to charitable organizations to provide that charitable immunity is not a defense or a means to limit damages for sexual assault of a minor or sexual exploitation of a minor. This law applies to any civil action or proceeding that is pending as of the effective date of the law, any tortious conduct that occurred prior to the effective date of the law and any civil action or proceeding that occurs on or after the effective date of the law.

LD 1322 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Remote Participation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 158 implements the recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee by making the following changes to the law authorizing a public body to adopt a written policy governing the conditions upon which members of the public body and the public may participate in public proceedings using remote methods.

1. It adds additional language to reinforce the authority of a public body to allow not only the members of the public body but also members of the public to participate in a public proceeding by remote methods.
2. It prohibits a public body under the jurisdiction of the county commissioners of a county, municipal officers of a municipality or officers of a regional or other political subdivision that have adopted a remote participation policy from adopting its own remote participation policy unless the county commissioners, municipal officers or other officers of the regional or other political subdivision specifically authorize it to do so.

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3. It clarifies that, regardless of the remote participation policies adopted by other public bodies, a school board has the authority to choose to adopt or to choose not to adopt its own remote participation policy.

LD 1343 An Act to Protect the Reproductive Freedom of Maine People by Preempting the Field of Abortion Regulation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 352 prohibits a county, municipality or other political subdivision of the State from adopting any order, ordinance, rule or regulation concerning the regulation of a person's decision to terminate a pregnancy or concerning the provision of abortion.

LD 1362 An Act to Ensure the Rights of Survivors of Sexual Assault

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 199 provides that a sexual assault survivor has the right to consult with a sexual assault counselor during a sexual assault forensic examination and to have a sexual assault counselor present during any interview by a law enforcement officer, prosecutor, defense attorney or professional investigator about the reported sexual assault.

Public Law 2023, chapter 199 also provides that evidence gathered during a sexual assault forensic examination may not be used to prosecute the sexual assault survivor for a Class D or Class E drug offense, any crime of operating under the influence, any crime of violating a condition of release, any crime of engaging in prostitution, any violation of the State's liquor laws or any juvenile crime based on a violation of the foregoing laws. The evidence gathered during a sexual assault forensic examination also may not be used as the basis of a motion to revoke any conditional release of the survivor or as a basis to search for further evidence that a sexual assault survivor committed any of these crimes or offenses.

LD 1397 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Records of Disciplinary Actions Against Public Employees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 159 amends the statutes governing state and county employee personnel records to require that a final written decision imposing discipline on a state or county employee must state the conduct or other facts on the basis of which disciplinary action is being imposed and the conclusions of the state or county employer as to the reasons for that action. As the Right to Know Advisory Committee observed in its Seventeenth Annual Report, similar language is already included in the statute governing municipal employee personnel records.

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LD 1423 An Act to Increase the Limits on Awards for Compensatory and Punitive Damages Under the Maine Human Rights Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 263 increases the maximum total amount of compensatory and punitive damages, other than for back pay, that may be awarded in cases of intentional employment discrimination under the Maine Human Rights Act.

LD 1425 An Act to Strengthen Freedom of Access Protections by Allowing Remote Meetings to Be Recorded

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 185 requires that, when members of the public may attend a public proceeding remotely, the public body must allow remote recording of the meeting by members of the public using the same electronic platform that is used to conduct the meeting as long as the platform allows participants other than the host to record the proceeding remotely, additional costs are not incurred by the public body and the recording does not interfere with the orderly conduct of the proceeding.

LD 1435 An Act to Reduce Commercial Sexual Exploitation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 316 amends the Maine Criminal Code in the following ways and makes corresponding technical changes.

1. It eliminates the crime of engaging in prostitution.
2. It renames the crime of patronizing prostitution of a minor or a person with a mental disability to commercial sexual exploitation of a minor or a person with a mental disability; renames the crime of solicitation of a child to engage in prostitution to solicitation of a child for commercial sexual exploitation; and renames the crime of engaging a prostitute to engaging a person for prostitution.
3. It changes from a Class D crime to a Class C crime the crime of solicitation of a child for commercial sexual exploitation.
4. It establishes a defense to prosecution for conspiracy to commit the crime of engaging a person for prostitution if the defendant's participation was engaging or agreeing to personally engage in a sexual act with a patron.

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5. It establishes a defense to prosecution for sex trafficking if the defendant's actions consisted of publicly soliciting a patron to engage in prostitution only with the defendant.
6. It adds commercial sexual exploitation to the list of circumstances in a child's family background that would qualify the child as a special needs child under the adoption assistance program.

LD 1436 An Act to Provide Remedies for Survivors of Commercial Sexual Exploitation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 409 establishes a process for the sealing of a person's criminal history record for the former crime of engaging in prostitution in the State if the person can demonstrate at a hearing, by a preponderance of the evidence, that at least one year has passed since the person completed the sentence or sentencing alternatives for that offense and the person has not been convicted of certain sex trafficking and related offenses in any jurisdiction.

LD 1449 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Violations of Condition of Release

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 293 removes the provisions under the offense of violation of condition of release that increase the offense from a Class E crime to a Class C crime when the underlying crime is punishable by a maximum period of imprisonment of one year or more and the condition of release violated is a requirement to enter into and remain in a long-term residential facility for the treatment of substance use disorder or a requirement to return to custody for specified hours following release for employment, schooling or other limited purposes.

LD 1461 An Act to Prevent Dating Partner Abuse by Including Dating Partners in the Scope of Domestic Violence Crimes

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 465 amends provisions of the Maine Criminal Code defining domestic violence offenses to include situations in which the victim and the perpetrator are "dating partners" as that term is defined in the protection from abuse laws. It also amends several provisions of the Maine Criminal Code that currently apply when the victim is a family or household member of the defendant to apply when the victim is a dating partner of the defendant, including provisions authorizing warrantless arrests, establishing sentencing factors and setting maximum terms of probation for certain offenses and a provision requiring victim notification when a defendant is released on pre-conviction bail.

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LD 1507 An Act to Ensure the Accuracy of Vital Records with Respect to Gender

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 294 provides that a person married in this State may apply to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics for a new marriage certificate reflecting the person's change of gender and the person's new first and middle names, if any. If a new marriage certificate is issued, it may not be marked "amended" and all copies of the original marriage certificate must be sealed from inspection.

Public Law 2023, chapter 294 also provides that a death certificate for an individual must reflect the desired gender identity of the individual who has died if the person signing the certificate is aware of that desire either through a valid living will, advance health care directive or other record, including a record prepared by someone other than the individual. Additionally, a health care provider may amend a certificate of death with respect to the gender of the individual who has died.

LD 1512 An Act to Require the Consideration of Restitution to Support a Child Whose Parent Is Killed During the Commission of a Crime

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

In a criminal case in which restitution is not imposed on a defendant convicted of an offense that resulted in the death of a victim who is the parent of a minor, Public Law 2023, chapter 277 requires the court to specifically address the economic hardship to the minor and the reasons for not imposing restitution to compensate the minor for that loss. It also changes the laws governing restitution to simplify the factors a court must consider when deciding whether to award restitution to the dependents, including any minor children, of a victim who was killed as a result of a crime.

LD 1592 An Act to Amend the Law Governing Special Motions to Dismiss to Include Workplace and Title IX Claims

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 322 amends the definition of "a party's exercise of its right of petition" in the law governing special motions to dismiss by including statements made in connection with complaints under the Maine Human Rights Act, the laws governing sexual violence, intimate partner violence and stalking policies at institutions of higher education and the so-called Title IX provisions of the federal Education Amendments of 1972.

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LD 1603 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Committee To Ensure Constitutionally Adequate Contact with Counsel

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 394 makes the following statutory changes based on recommendations from the Committee To Ensure Constitutionally Adequate Contact with Counsel, which was established by Resolve 2021, chapter 182.

1. It requires that all state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies and district attorneys and the Attorney General adopt policies and procedures by January 1, 2024 to protect and ensure the confidentiality of attorney-client communications and processes to be followed in the event that there is a breach of attorney-client confidentiality. It also requires the Commissioner of Corrections to establish by January 1, 2024 mandatory standards for all county jails, holding facilities, short-term detention areas and correctional facilities protecting and ensuring the confidentiality of attorney-client communications and processes to be followed in the event that there is a breach of attorney-client confidentiality.
2. It directs the Attorney General to develop a training program by January 1, 2024 for state, county and municipal law enforcement officers who, as part of a criminal investigation, inadvertently hear confidential attorney-client communications.
3. It adds an attorney who represents defendants in criminal cases to the membership of the board of trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and directs the board to include in the curriculum of the basic law enforcement training program and the basic corrections training a block of instruction on the confidentiality of attorney-client communications.
4. It directs the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services to develop and maintain a registry of names, telephone numbers and other contact information for attorneys who provide legal services to persons who are incarcerated and to share this information with the Department of Corrections and each county sheriff's office weekly. The attorneys' names, telephone numbers and other contact information are confidential and do not constitute public records under the Freedom of Access Act.
5. It directs the Commissioner of Corrections to establish by January 1, 2024, standards for all county jails, holding facilities, short-term detention areas and correctional facilities requiring each facility to maintain a registry of the names, telephone numbers and other contact information of attorneys who provide legal services to persons who reside in the facility. The attorneys' names, telephone numbers and other contact information are confidential and do not constitute public records under the Freedom of Access Act except that each facility must proactively and by request of the attorney or the attorney's client confirm the registration of the attorney's name, telephone number and other contact information.
6. It provides that, if an oral or wire communication between a person residing in an adult jail or in an adult or juvenile correctional facility and the person's attorney is intercepted and the defendant can show that the jail or correctional facility had, at the time the communication was

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made, actual or constructive notice of the attorney's name and, if the communication involved the use of a telephone, the attorney's telephone number and the communication was made directly to or from that telephone number:

- A. The contents of and the existence of the communication are not admissible in a criminal proceeding, including a post-conviction review proceeding;
 - B. A person who viewed or listened to the communication and did not immediately discontinue doing so as soon as the person had sufficient information to determine that the communication was protected, is disqualified from participating in an investigation of the resident and from appearing as a witness in a criminal proceeding in which the resident is a defendant, including a post-conviction review proceeding; and
 - C. A person who viewed or listened to the intercepted communication and saw or heard information that may be relevant to a pending or anticipated charge against the resident or a defense the resident may assert, or that may lead to the discovery of that evidence, is disqualified from participating in an investigation of the resident or appearing as a witness in the pending or anticipated criminal proceeding in which the resident is a defendant, including a subsequent post-conviction review proceeding on the pending or anticipated criminal proceeding.
7. It directs the Commissioner of Corrections to establish standards for all county jails, holding facilities, short-term detention areas and correctional facilities requiring each facility, by January 1, 2024, to designate space within the facility for attorney-client meetings and the exchange of case materials.
 8. It directs the State Court Administrator to submit a report by January 1, 2024 to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary on the availability of space in public areas and in secure holding areas of each courthouse for confidential attorney-client communications, including the review of materials related to criminal cases.
 9. It directs the County Corrections Professional Standards Council to convene meetings of state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies, county and municipal jails, the judicial branch, the department, the Maine Sheriffs' Association, the Office of the Attorney General, the Maine Prosecutors Association, the Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services to develop a consistent set of policies and procedures to be implemented by all law enforcement agencies, district attorneys' offices, jails, holding facilities, short-term detention areas and correctional facilities regarding the processes for protecting and ensuring the confidentiality of attorney-client communications, the policies to be followed in the event that there is a breach of attorney-client confidentiality and the methods by which attorneys and persons who are residents of jails and correctional facilities will be made aware of confidential channels for their communications.

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LD 1613 An Act to Prohibit Profiling and to Strengthen Civil Rights in Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Part A of Public Law 2023, chapter 368 requires each law enforcement agency to select, assign and train a civil rights officer. The agency must notify the Attorney General of the identity of its civil rights officer and make contact information for its civil rights officer publicly available.

Part B of Public Law 2023, chapter 368 prohibits a law enforcement officer or agency from engaging in profiling by relying, to any degree, on an individual's race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry or national origin, age or familiar status in deciding which individuals to subject to a traffic or pedestrian stop or in deciding the scope of law enforcement activities following a traffic or pedestrian stop, except that an agency or officer may consider or rely on characteristics provided in a specific suspect description. A law enforcement agency or officer that improperly engages in profiling may be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

Part C of Public Law 2023, chapter 368 retroactively changes from January 1, 2023 to January 1, 2024 the date by which the Attorney General must adopt rules for the recording, retention and reporting of information regarding persons stopped for traffic infractions. It also changes from July 1, 2023 to July 1, 2024 the date on which law enforcement agencies are required to begin recording, retaining and reporting information regarding traffic infractions in accordance with those rules.

LD 1619 An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 416 amends the law requiring a health care professional to report an abortion to the Department of Health and Human Services by replacing the requirement to use a form based on the United States Standard Report of Induced Termination of Pregnancy with a requirement to use a report that does not identify the patient but must contain specific information including the date and place the abortion was performed, the age of the patient, the method used to perform the abortion and the gestational age of the fetus at the time of the abortion.

Public Law 2023, chapter 416 also provides that, after viability, an abortion may be performed only when it is necessary in the professional judgment of a licensed physician. In making this professional judgment, the physician must apply the applicable standard of care.

Finally, Public Law 2023, chapter 416 repeals the specific criminal penalties applicable when a person performs an abortion without being licensed as a physician, physician assistant or advanced practiced registered nurse and when a person performs an abortion after viability that is not necessary to preserve the life or health of the mother. A person who performs an abortion without being licensed as a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse may nevertheless be subject to criminal prosecution for committing the Class E crime of unlicensed

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practice of medicine and may also be subject to additional civil or criminal penalties under other provisions of law.

At the time this bill was voted, Senator Jill Duson had been temporarily appointed to the committee to replace Senator Donna Bailey.

LD 1620 An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Mi'kmaq Nation and to Provide Parity to the Wabanaki Nations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 369 provides for greater parity between the jurisdiction recognized by the State of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the Mi'kmaq Nation, referred to collectively in this summary as the Wabanaki Nations.

Part A of Public Law 2023, chapter 369 amends Public Law 1989, chapter 148, which governs the jurisdictional relationship between the State and the Mi'kmaq Nation, as follows.

1. It renames the laws governing the jurisdiction of the Mi'kmaq Nation within the State the "Mi'kmaq Nation Restoration Act" and, for purposes of that Act, newly defines "Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land" to mean all land held by the United States Secretary of the Interior in trust for the Mi'kmaq Nation as of the effective date of the Act as well as all land acquired by the secretary in trust for the nation after the effective date of the Act if it is within Aroostook County and within 50 miles of land held in trust for the nation on the effective date of the Act.
2. It provides that, similar to the other Wabanaki Nations in the State and except as provided in the Act, the Mi'kmaq Nation, the nation's members and lands and natural resources held by or in trust for the nation and its members are subject to the laws of the State and to the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the courts of the State.
3. It recognizes the authority of the Mi'kmaq Nation, similar to the authority of the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation, to exercise exclusive jurisdiction over internal tribal matters; to exercise power similar to that of a municipality within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land, including the power to enact ordinances; and to sue and be sued in the courts of the State. It also recognizes the Mi'kmaq Nation's immunity from suit when the nation is acting in a governmental capacity.
4. It recognizes the Mi'kmaq Nation's authority to enact ordinances regulating hunting, trapping and fishing within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land and requires that lands or waters subject to regulation by the nation be clearly posted. The hunting, trapping and fishing ordinances adopted by the nation must be equally applicable to members and nonmembers of the nation except that members of the Mi'kmaq Nation may take fish for their individual sustenance within the boundaries of Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land. It also provides that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may conduct fish and wildlife surveys within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land and establishes a process for the adoption of remedial

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measures if a tribal ordinance or the absence of a tribal ordinance is causing or there is a reasonable likelihood that it will cause a significant depletion of fish or wildlife stocks on lands or waters outside the boundaries of Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land.

5. It recognizes the exclusive authority of the Mi'kmaq Nation in Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land, similar to the authority of the Passamaquoddy Tribe in Passamaquoddy Indian territory, to enact ordinances regulating drinking water unless the nation exercises its discretion to enter into an intergovernmental agreement authorizing the State to exercise concurrent jurisdiction over specific drinking water-related issues. It also prohibits the State from exercising primary enforcement authority to implement the federal Safe Drinking Water Act within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land and recognizes the authority of the Mi'kmaq Nation to seek to be treated as a state and to obtain primary enforcement authority to implement the federal Safe Drinking Water Act within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land.
6. It recognizes the authority of the Mi'kmaq Nation to establish a tribal court that may exercise jurisdiction analogous to the jurisdiction of the Passamaquoddy Tribal Court and the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court under current law.
 - A. The Mi'kmaq Tribal Court may exercise exclusive jurisdiction over criminal offenses committed by a member of any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land if the maximum potential term of imprisonment is less than one year and the maximum potential fine does not exceed \$5,000, unless the offense is committed against a victim who is not a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe, nation or band; juvenile crimes that, if committed by an adult, would be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Mi'kmaq Tribal Court as well as specific drug and alcohol juvenile crimes committed within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land by a member of the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians; small claims actions between members of the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians arising within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land and certain civil drug possession offenses committed by members of the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land; Indian child custody proceedings to the extent authorized by state or federal law; other domestic relations matters between members of the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, both of whom reside within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land; and the enforcement of drinking water ordinances adopted by the Mi'kmaq Nation for Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land, except that the nation may not exert jurisdiction over a nonprofit public municipal corporation.
 - B. The Mi'kmaq Tribal Court and the State may exercise concurrent jurisdiction over certain Class D domestic violence crimes committed within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land by or against a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group if the maximum potential term of imprisonment does not exceed one year and the potential fine does not exceed \$2,000.

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- C. The laws of the State govern the definitions of the criminal offenses and juvenile crimes that may be prosecuted in Mi'kmaq Tribal Court and the applicable punishments for those offenses. In addition, the Mi'kmaq Tribal Court must afford specific minimum due process rights required under federal law to criminal and juvenile defendants.
7. It requires the State to give full faith and credit to the judicial proceedings of the Mi'kmaq Nation and the Mi'kmaq Nation to give full faith and credit to the judicial proceedings of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the State.
 8. It recognizes the Mi'kmaq Nation's authority to appoint law enforcement officers with exclusive authority to enforce the criminal, juvenile, civil and domestic relations laws within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land over which the Mi'kmaq Tribal Court has exclusive jurisdiction. The Mi'kmaq Nation's law enforcement officers and state and county law enforcement officers have concurrent authority to enforce all other laws of the State within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land.
 9. It provides that the Mi'kmaq Nation is eligible to apply for any federally funded discretionary state grants or loans to the same extent and subject to the same eligibility requirements as municipalities in the State. Residents of Mi'kmaq Nation Trust Land are also entitled to receive any state grant, loan, unemployment compensation, medical or welfare benefit or other social service to the same extent and subject to the same eligibility requirements as other persons in the State, except that the amount of state funding received by a person must be reduced by the amount of any federal funding received by that person for substantially the same purpose and substantially the same period of time.

Part A further directs the Revisor of Statutes to replace the words "Aroostook Band of Micmacs" with the words "Mi'kmaq Nation" when updating, publishing or republishing the Maine Revised Statutes. Because it represents a jurisdictional agreement between the State and the Mi'kmaq Nation authorized by Section 6(d) of the federal Aroostook Band of Micmacs Settlement Act, Pub. L. No. 102-171, Part A does not take effect unless, within 90 days of the adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature, the Mi'kmaq Nation certifies to the Secretary of State that the Mi'kmaq Nation agrees to the provisions of Part A.

Part B of Public Law 2023, chapter 369 amends certain provisions of An Act to Implement the Maine Indian Claims Settlement, referred to in this summary as the Maine Implementing Act, governing the jurisdictional relationship between the State and the Passamaquoddy Tribe as follows.

1. It provides that the exclusive jurisdiction of the Passamaquoddy Tribal Court over certain criminal offenses, juvenile crimes, small claims and civil drug possession actions arising within the Passamaquoddy Indian reservation under current law extends to those same types of criminal offenses, juvenile crimes, small claims and civil drug possession actions arising within all of Passamaquoddy Indian territory. It also provides that the exclusive jurisdiction of the Passamaquoddy Tribal Court over domestic relations matters between members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, both

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of whom reside on the Passamaquoddy Indian reservation, extends to the same types of domestic relations matters arising between members of any of the Wabanaki Nations, both of whom reside within Passamaquoddy Indian territory.

2. It clarifies within the Maine Implementing Act that the State must give full faith and credit to the judicial proceedings of the Passamaquoddy Tribe and that the Passamaquoddy Tribe must give full faith and credit to the judicial proceedings of the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation and the State.

Because it represents a jurisdictional agreement between the State and the Passamaquoddy Tribe authorized by Section 6(e)(1) of the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-420, Part B does not take effect unless, within 90 days of the adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature, the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe certifies to the Secretary of State that the Passamaquoddy Tribe agrees to the provisions of Part B.

Part C of Public Law 2023, chapter 369 amends certain provisions of the Maine Implementing Act governing the jurisdictional relationship between the State and the Penobscot Nation as follows.

1. It recognizes the exclusive authority of the Penobscot Nation in Penobscot Indian territory, similar to the authority of the Passamaquoddy Tribe in Passamaquoddy Indian territory, to enact ordinances regulating drinking water unless the nation exercises its discretion to enter into an intergovernmental agreement authorizing the State to exercise concurrent jurisdiction over specific drinking water-related issues. It also prohibits the State from exercising primary enforcement authority to implement the federal Safe Drinking Water Act within Penobscot Indian territory and recognizes the authority of the Penobscot Nation to seek to be treated as a state and to obtain primary enforcement authority to implement the federal Safe Drinking Water Act within Penobscot Indian territory.
2. It provides that the exclusive jurisdiction of the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court over certain criminal offenses, juvenile crimes, small claims and civil drug possession actions arising within the Penobscot Indian reservation under current law extends to those same types of criminal offenses, juvenile crimes, small claims and civil drug possession actions arising within all of Penobscot Indian territory. To the extent that the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court has exclusive jurisdiction over members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe or the Penobscot Nation under these provisions, it extends that exclusive jurisdiction to members of any of the Wabanaki Nations. It also provides that the exclusive jurisdiction of the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court over domestic relations matters between members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation, both of whom reside on the Penobscot Indian reservation, extends to the same types of domestic relations matters arising between members of any of the Wabanaki Nations, both of whom reside within Passamaquoddy Indian territory. It further recognizes the exclusive authority of the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court to enforce any drinking water ordinances adopted by the nation for Penobscot Indian territory, except that the nation may not exercise jurisdiction over a nonprofit public municipal corporation.
3. It clarifies within the Maine Implementing Act that the State must give full faith and credit to the judicial proceedings of the Penobscot Nation and that the Penobscot Nation must give full

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faith and credit to the judicial proceedings of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation and the State.

Because it represents a jurisdictional agreement between the State and the Penobscot Nation authorized by Section 6(e)(1) of the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-420, Part C does not take effect unless, within 90 days of the adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature, the Governor and Council of the Penobscot Nation certify to the Secretary of State that the Penobscot Nation agrees to the provisions of Part C.

Part D of Public Law 2023, chapter 369 amends certain provisions of the Maine Implementing Act governing the jurisdictional relationship between the State and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians as follows.

1. It repeals the definition of “Houlton Band Trust Land” and replaces it with a definition that cross-references the definition established in the federal Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Supplementary Claims Settlement Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-566. It also repeals the definition of “Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land” and newly defines that term to mean all land held by the United States Secretary of the Interior in trust for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians as of the effective date of this legislation as well as all land acquired by the secretary in trust for the band after the effective date of this legislation if it is within Aroostook County and within 50 miles of land held in trust for the band on the effective date of this legislation.
2. It recognizes the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians’ authority to enact ordinances regulating hunting, trapping and fishing within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land and the authority of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission to regulate fishing on certain waters on the boundary of Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land. Lands and waters subject to regulation by the band or the commission must be clearly posted. The hunting, trapping and fishing ordinances and rules adopted by the band and the commission must be equally applicable to members and nonmembers of the band, except that members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians may take fish for their individual sustenance within the boundaries of Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land to the same extent that members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation may exercise sustenance fishing rights within the boundaries of their respective reservations under current law. It also provides that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may conduct fish and wildlife surveys within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land and establishes a process for the adoption of remedial measures if a tribal ordinance or commission rule or the absence of a tribal ordinance or commission rule is causing or there is a reasonable likelihood that it will cause a significant depletion of fish or wildlife stocks on lands or waters outside the boundaries of Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land.
3. It recognizes the exclusive authority of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians in Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land, similar to the authority of the Passamaquoddy Tribe in Passamaquoddy Indian territory, to enact ordinances regulating drinking water unless the band exercises its discretion to enter into an intergovernmental agreement authorizing the State to exercise concurrent jurisdiction over specific drinking water-related issues. It also prohibits the State from exercising primary enforcement authority to implement the federal Safe Drinking Water Act within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land and recognizes the authority of the Houlton Band

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of Maliseet Indians to seek to be treated as a state and to obtain primary enforcement authority to implement the federal Safe Drinking Water Act within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land.

4. It combines in one statutory location the three separate provisions of current law describing the exclusive jurisdiction that may be exercised by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Tribal Court over certain criminal offenses, juvenile crimes, small claims and civil drug possession actions arising within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land and certain domestic relations matters when both parties reside within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land. To the extent that the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Tribal Court may exercise exclusive jurisdiction over members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians under these provisions, it also extends that exclusive jurisdiction to members of the Mi'kmaq Nation. It further recognizes the exclusive authority of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Tribal Court to enforce any drinking water ordinances adopted by the band for Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land, except that the nation may not exercise jurisdiction over a nonprofit public municipal corporation.
5. It requires the State to give full faith and credit to the judicial proceedings of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians to give full faith and credit to the judicial proceedings of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Mi'kmaq Nation and the State.
6. It provides that law enforcement officers appointed by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians have exclusive authority to enforce the criminal, juvenile, civil and domestic relations laws within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land over which the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Tribal Court has exclusive jurisdiction. It also specifies that the band's law enforcement officers and state and county law enforcement officers have concurrent authority to enforce all other laws of the State within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land.

Because it represents a jurisdictional agreement between the State and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians authorized by Section 6(e)(2) of the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-420, Part D does not take effect unless, within 90 days of the adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature, the Houlton Band Council certifies to the Secretary of State that the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians agrees to the provisions of Part D.

Part E of Public Law 2023, chapter 369 amends the provisions of the Maine Implementing Act governing the jurisdictional relationship between the State and both the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation as follows.

1. It provides that the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation each have exclusive jurisdiction within their respective Indian territory over violations of their respective tribal ordinances by members of any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group but that the State has exclusive jurisdiction within Passamaquoddy Indian territory and Penobscot Indian territory over violations of applicable tribal ordinances by persons who are not members of any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group.

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2. It provides that law enforcement officers appointed by the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation have exclusive authority to enforce, within their respective Indian territories, civil and domestic relations laws over which the Passamaquoddy Tribal Court or the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court have exclusive jurisdiction, respectively. Law enforcement officers appointed by the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation also have exclusive authority to enforce, on their respective Indian reservations, the criminal and juvenile offenses over which the Passamaquoddy Tribal Court or the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court have exclusive jurisdiction. State and county law enforcement officers have concurrent authority with law enforcement officers appointed by the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation to enforce all other laws of the State within both Indian territories and to enforce fishing rules adopted by the Maine Indian Tribal State Commission.

Because it represents a jurisdictional agreement between the State and the Passamaquoddy Tribe and between the State and the Penobscot Nation authorized by Section 6(e)(1) of the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-420, Part E does not take effect unless, within 90 days of the adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature, the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe certifies to the Secretary of State that the Passamaquoddy Tribe agrees to the provisions of Part E and the Governor and the Council of the Penobscot Nation certify to the Secretary of State that the Penobscot Nation agrees to the provisions of Part E.

LD 1622 Resolve, to Reestablish the Criminal Records Review Committee

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 103 reestablishes the Criminal Records Review Committee to review options for expunging and sealing criminal records and requires the committee to provide both an interim and final report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters.

LD 1624 An Act to Clarify the Procedure for Amending the Birth Certificate of an Adult to Recognize a Parent Not Known or Listed at the Time of Birth

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 323 clarifies the following processes by which an adult may request an amendment of the adult's birth certificate to identify a parent who was not known or listed at the time of the adult's birth.

1. The adult may request that a genetic parent be added to the adult's birth certificate on the basis of genetic testing without replacing any other parent who is listed on the birth certificate.
2. The adult may request that a parent be added to the adult's birth certificate based on a properly executed voluntary acknowledgement of parentage. If the acknowledged parent will replace a

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parent listed on the birth certificate, the adult must also submit a properly executed denial of parentage from the parent to be replaced.

3. The adult may request that the adult's birth certificate be amended to reflect the adult's parentage as determined by a court in a parentage action or an adoption proceeding.

LD 1679 An Act Regarding the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 370 provides staggered terms for the members of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission appointed by the Governor by providing that, of the first six commission members appointed after the effective date of this legislation, 2 members must be appointed for a term of two years, two members must be appointed for a term of three years and two members must be appointed for a term of four years. All subsequent appointments by the Governor to the commission are for three years as specified in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30, section 6212, subsection 1.

Public Law 2023, chapter 370 does not take effect unless, within 90 days of the adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature, the Secretary of State receives written certification from the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Governor and the Council of the Penobscot Nation and the Houlton Band Council of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians that each relevant tribal government has agreed to the provisions of the law.

LD 1683 An Act to Provide for Civil Recovery Based on Nonconsensual Removal of or Tampering with a Condom and Considering Sexual Assault in Evaluating Parental Rights

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 298 authorizes a person who engages in a consensual sexual act with another person with the understanding that a condom would be used to bring a civil action for compensatory and punitive damages or injunctive relief against the other person for the nonconsensual removal of or tampering with the condom. In addition, it adds victims of nonconsensual removal of or tampering with a condom to the list of persons eligible to seek a protection from abuse order under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, chapter 103.

Public Law 2023, chapter 298 also requires a court, in establishing conditions of parent-child contact in parental rights and responsibilities matters in which a child was conceived as a result of sexual assault or nonconsensual removal of or tampering with a condom, to evaluate whether there may be safety concerns for the child, whether it would be in the best interest of the child to require the parent who committed the act to receive any specific counseling or treatment and any effect contact between the parents would have on the parent who was a victim of the act. The court may not order the victim to attend counseling with the parent who has committed sexual assault or nonconsensual removal of or tampering with a condom.

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LD 1730 An Act to Implement Changes to the Laws Relating to Judicial Separation and Divorce Regarding Preliminary Injunctions as Recommended by the Family Law Advisory Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 204 amends the statutes mandating the issuance of a preliminary injunction in judicial separation and divorce proceedings filed in the District Court as follows:

1. It clarifies the statutory language to help unrepresented individuals understand its provisions, including by clarifying that the preliminary injunction is an order of the District Court and by providing greater guidance to the parties about the actions that the parties are and are not prohibited from engaging in while the preliminary injunction is in effect
2. It retains the provision prohibiting each party from disposing of the property of the parties while the preliminary injunction is in effect, adding additional prohibitions against damaging or destroying the property of the parties and providing examples of the types of activities that constitute a violation of this prohibition
3. It expands the provision prohibiting each party from causing the other party or the parties' children to lose their health insurance coverage while the preliminary injunction is in effect to include prohibitions against a party causing the loss of dental, disability, casualty, life and motor vehicle insurance coverage.
4. It specifies that each party is prohibited from interfering with mail, e-mail, text messages and other forms of communication addressed to the other party and that each party is prohibited from signing the other party's name to a negotiable instrument while the preliminary injunction is in effect.
5. It clarifies the provision of current law specifying that the preliminary injunction does not prohibit the parties from encumbering or disposing of property in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life and further providing that the preliminary injunction does not prohibit the parties from accessing funds or incurring debt either to retain an attorney for the legal separation or divorce proceeding or to make regular withdrawals in the normal course of retirement.
6. It removes the provision of current law prohibiting the parties from imposing a restraint on the personal liberty of the other party or of a biological or adopted child of either party of the parties while the preliminary injunction is in effect, an issue that the Family Law Advisory Committee recommended may instead be addressed through the protection from abuse process.

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LD 1790 An Act Removing the Statute of Limitations on Civil Actions and Criminal Prosecutions for Certain Sexual Offenses Against Minors

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 475 removes the limitations period for a civil action or criminal prosecution based on conduct against a minor victim that qualifies as the crime of incest; unlawful sexual contact; sexual abuse of a minor; rape or gross sexual assault, formerly denominated as gross sexual misconduct; unlawful sexual touching; or sexual exploitation of a minor. This law applies to a criminal prosecution based on such conduct with a minor victim either if the criminal conduct is committed on or after the effective date of this law or if the prosecution has not yet been barred by the criminal statute of limitations in force immediately prior to the effective date of this law. In addition, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 14, section 752-C, subsection 3, this law applies to all civil actions based upon such conduct with a minor victim regardless of whether the civil statute of limitations on such action expired prior to the effective date of the legislation.

LD 1833 An Act to Amend the Definition of “Educational Institution” Under the Maine Human Rights Act to Include Single-sex Educational Institutions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 188 amends the definition of “educational institution” under the Maine Human Rights Act by repealing language that previously exempted a single-sex private school or educational program approved for tuition purposes from all provisions except the anti-disability-discrimination provisions of the Act.

LD 1906 An Act to Enable Confirmatory Adoption

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 356 establishes a streamlined process, when there are no competing claims of parentage to the child, for the confirmatory adoption of a child either by a single petitioner who gave birth to a child through assisted reproduction or by joint petitioners, one of whom gave birth to a child through assisted reproduction and the other of whom is the presumed parent of the child. Unless required by federal law or ordered by the court for good cause, in evaluating a petition for confirmatory adoption, the court may not require: a hearing, unless requested by a petitioner; a home study, screening for child abuse or other investigation of a petitioner; a federal or state criminal history record check of any person; verification that the child is not on a registry of missing children; appointment of a guardian ad litem; a minimum period of time during which the child must have lived in the home of a petitioner; or an interview with the adoptee, except that, as in other adoptions under state law, the written consent of an adoptee who is 12 years of age or older is required.

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LD 1968 An Act to Amend the Membership of the Somerset Woods Trustees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 16 adds three members to the Somerset Woods Trustees.

LD 1970 An Act to Enact the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 359 enacts the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act, which establishes court procedures and standards similar to the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 and its implementing regulations for protective custody proceedings, guardianships and conservatorships, foster care placements, terminations of parental rights and adoptions involving Indian children in state courts and probate courts. Through the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act, the State recognizes that Indian tribes have a continuing and compelling governmental interest in an Indian child, whether or not the Indian child has resided or is domiciled on an Indian reservation and whether or not the Indian child is in the custody of an Indian parent, custodian or extended family member at the commencement of the proceeding. The Maine Indian Child Welfare Act's purposes are to protect essential tribal relations as well as the best interests of Indian children through practices designed to prevent the voluntary or involuntary out-of-home placement of an Indian child and, whenever such placement is necessary or ordered, by placing the Indian child, whenever possible, in a placement that reflects the unique values of the Indian child's tribal culture and that is best able to assist the Indian child in establishing, developing and maintaining a political, cultural and social relationship with the Indian child's tribe and tribal community. The portion of Public Law 2023, chapter 259 enacting the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 30, 2023.

Public Law 2023, chapter 359 also amends "An Act to Implement the Maine Indian Claims Settlement", commonly referred to as the Maine Implementing Act, to provide that the tribal courts of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians may exercise exclusive jurisdiction over Indian child custody proceedings to the extent provided in the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act. Each provision of Public Law 2023, chapter 359 that affects the jurisdiction of tribal courts under the Maine Implementing Act does not take effect unless, within 90 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature, the relevant tribal government certifies to the Secretary of State its agreement to that provision.

LD 2010 An Act to Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 405 corrects technical inconsistencies, conflicts and errors in the laws of Maine.

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The law also includes language, which may be considered substantive, to provide that any action that complied with the former Uniform Foreign Money-judgments Recognition Act under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 14, former chapter 753 and that was taken between August 8, 2022 and January 1, 2023 to recognize a foreign judgment is valid. When Public Law 2021, chapter 689 was enacted, it did not include a specific effective date of January 1, 2023 for the repeal of the former Uniform Foreign Money-judgments Recognition Act to coincide with the January 1, 2023 effective date of the new Uniform Foreign-country Money Judgments Recognition Act in Title 14, chapter 759 and the new Uniform Registration of Canadian Money Judgments Act in Title 14, chapter 761.

Public Law 2023, chapter 405 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 10, 2023.

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ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this Digest; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 41 An Act to Increase the Hourly Reimbursement Rate of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Lawyers to \$150 per Hour

Although this bill was not enacted, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the First Regular Session directed the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services (MCILS) to adopt major substantive rules on an emergency basis increasing the reimbursement rate for assigned counsel to up to \$150 per hour effective March 1, 2023. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 206, Part Q. Additional funding to support the increased reimbursement rate was included in the biennial budget bill enacted in the First Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 424, §A-38 and Part T.

LD 279 An Act to Protect Against Discrimination by Public Entities

This bill was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of this bill will be determined during the next legislative session.

LD 564 An Act to Improve Access to Civil Legal Services

Although this bill was not enacted, one-time funding of \$4,000,000 for distribution by the Civil Legal Services Fund Commission was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Section A-26, the biennial budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part A.

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Enacted	LD 316	Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Submit a Report on the Employment of Minors	RESOLVE 61
Not Enacted	LD 559	An Act to Increase the Number of Hours Certain Minor Students May Work Under Certain Circumstances	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1332	An Act to Strengthen Work Equity Regarding Employment of Minors and Unemployment Benefits	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1831	Resolve, Relating to the Employment of Minors	ONTP

Collective Bargaining

Enacted	LD 1095	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Public Sector Bargaining in Public Schools	PUBLIC 95
	LD 1588	An Act to Provide Public Sector Labor Unions Reasonable Access to Information Regarding Employees	PUBLIC 467
	LD 1922	An Act to Allow Bargaining Agents for Public Sector Unions to Merge	PUBLIC 240
Not Enacted	LD 349	An Act to Support Farm Workers and Farmers by Addressing Unionization of Farm Workers	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 525	An Act to Protect Farm Workers by Allowing Them to Organize for the Purposes of Collective Bargaining	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1636	An Act to Ensure the Right to Work Without Payment of Dues or Fees to a Labor Union	Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 1707	An Act to Allow Workers to Work Without Having to Pay Labor Organization Service Fees	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Department of Labor

Enacted

LD 14	An Act to Simplify an Assessment Notice Requirement Under Department of Labor Laws	PUBLIC 12
LD 1050	Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Request a Federal Waiver to Allow Presumptive Work Eligibility for Asylum Seekers	RESOLVE 14
LD 1278	An Act to Require Timely Payment for Salaried Employees	PUBLIC 124
LD 1762	An Act to Require the Bureau of Labor Standards to Create and Distribute in Workplaces a Veterans' Benefits and Services Poster	PUBLIC 125

Not Enacted

LD 372	An Act to Increase Enforcement and Accountability for Wage and Hour Violations	CARRIED OVER
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Employee Benefits

Not Enacted

LD 111	An Act Requiring the State to Pay a Share of a Retired State Employee's or Retired Teacher's Premium for Medicare Part B Under Medicare Advantage	CARRIED OVER
LD 112	An Act to Increase the State's Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance	Died On Adjournment
LD 301	An Act to Exempt Employers from Providing Earned Paid Leave for Certain Employees	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 550	An Act to Increase Correctional Officer Salary and Benefits	CARRIED OVER
LD 591	An Act to Require the State to Pay Medicare Premiums for Certain Retired State Employees	CARRIED OVER
LD 738	An Act to Establish a Paid Family and Medical Leave System	CARRIED OVER
LD 961	An Act Regarding the Right to Request Flexible Working Arrangements for Employees	ONTP
LD 999	An Act to Support Family Caregivers by Expanding Family Medical Leave	CARRIED OVER

LD 1964	An Act to Create the Maine Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program	Died On Adjournment
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Employment Contracts/Agreements

Enacted	LD 688	An Act to Protect Access to Veterinary Care by Prohibiting Noncompete Agreements	PUBLIC 118
Not Enacted	LD 741	An Act to Prohibit Certain Training Repayment Agreements by Employers	CARRIED OVER
	LD 891	An Act to Protect Due Process for Certain Public Sector Employees	ONTP
	LD 1496	An Act to Prohibit Noncompete Clauses	CARRIED OVER

Employment Practices

Enacted	LD 1756	An Act to Protect Employee Freedom of Speech	PUBLIC 414
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Housing

Enacted	LD 651	An Act to Amend the Standards for Manufactured Housing to Comply with United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Standards	PUBLIC 117
	LD 815	An Act to Provide Energy Efficiency Program Outreach and Assistance to Manufactured Housing Residents	PUBLIC 194
Not Enacted	LD 1107	Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Improve Access to Credit for Low-income Individuals	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1116	An Act to Provide Rural Recovery Residences for Families	Died On Adjournment

Insurance

Not Enacted	LD 738	An Act to Establish a Paid Family and Medical Leave System	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1107	Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Improve Access to Credit for Low-income Individuals	CARRIED OVER

LD 1964	An Act to Create the Maine Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program	Died On Adjournment
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Labor Relations

Enacted	LD 511	An Act to Clarify That Haulers Are Under the Jurisdiction of the Logging Dispute Resolution Board	PUBLIC 102
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Landlord/Tenant

Not Enacted	LD 1193	An Act to Allow Residents of Low-income Housing to Keep Pets	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Minimum Wage

Not Enacted	LD 841	An Act to Permit a Short-term Waiver from the Minimum Wage for Chronically Unemployed Individuals	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 855	An Act to Provide That the Minimum Wage Increases by the Rolling Average of the Cost of Living of the Previous 3 Years	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 998	An Act to Remove the Cost-of-living Adjustment from the Minimum Wage Laws	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1376	An Act to Increase the State Minimum Wage to \$15 per Hour	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1403	An Act to Promote Minimum Wage Consistency by Limiting the Authority of Municipalities Regarding Minimum Hourly Pay	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1580	An Act to Help Maine Small Businesses with Increasing Costs by Removing the Annual Cost-of-living Adjustment for the Minimum Wage	ONTP

Miscellaneous

Not Enacted	LD 270	An Act to Help Retired Federal Employees	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 321	An Act to Create a Bill of Rights for Temporary Workers	CARRIED OVER
	LD 324	An Act to Prevent the Wrongful Firing of Maine Workers	CARRIED OVER

LD 719	An Act to Support Maine Industry	ONTP
LD 810	An Act to Create the Maine Family First Employer Program	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 856	An Act to Reduce Recurring Workplace Harassment and Provide Consequences for Serial Offenders	ONTP

Occupational Safety

Not Enacted	LD 1206 An Act to Create a Grant Program for Workplace Health and Safety Improvements	ONTP
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Prevailing Wage and Benefits

Enacted	LD 1419 An Act to Inform Fair Minimum Rates of Wages and Benefits in Bids for Public Contracts Using State and Federal Data	PUBLIC 333
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Public Works Projects

Not Enacted	LD 1746 An Act to Require Responsible Contracting Practices for Public Construction Projects	ONTP
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Retirement

Not Enacted	LD 426 An Act to Amend the Eligibility Criteria for Creditable Service in the Armed Forces of the United States Under the State Retirement System and to Require Specific Reporting	CARRIED OVER
	LD 635 An Act to Allow a Retired Law Enforcement Officer to Serve as a School Resource Officer Without Affecting That Officer's Retirement Benefits	ONTP
	LD 733 An Act to Require an Annual Itemized Statement of Benefits for Public Employees and Retirees	ONTP
	LD 882 An Act to Allow Nonmunicipal Emergency Medical Services Providers to Be Considered State Employees for Purposes of Certain Benefits	ONTP

State Retirement System

Enacted	LD 106	An Act to Allow Members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System With Service in Multiple Plans to Defer Retirement Service Benefits Until Normal Retirement Age to Avoid a Reduction in Benefits	PUBLIC 208
	LD 313	An Act to Allow Game Wardens to Transfer Retirement Service, Allow Certain Employees of Participating Local Districts to Purchase Service Credit and Allow Transfer of Membership from the State Employee Retirement Plan to Another Plan	PUBLIC 246
	LD 483	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefit Reductions for Certain Employees Currently Included in the 1998 Special Plan	PUBLIC 436
	LD 1230	Resolve, Directing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to Study the Creation of an Interstate Compact Concerning the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset	RESOLVE 23
Not Enacted	LD 70	An Act to Raise the Cap on Retirement Benefits for State Employees and Teachers to Which a Cost-of-living Adjustment Is Made	CARRIED OVER
	LD 185	An Act to Reduce the Benefit Penalty Imposed on Teachers Who Retire After 35 Years of Service	CARRIED OVER
	LD 197	An Act to Address Employee Retention at the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory and the Computer Crimes Unit in the Department of Public Safety	Died On Adjournment
	LD 426	An Act to Amend the Eligibility Criteria for Creditable Service in the Armed Forces of the United States Under the State Retirement System and to Require Specific Reporting	CARRIED OVER
	LD 610	An Act to Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan to Include Employees Who Work for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner	CARRIED OVER
	LD 733	An Act to Require an Annual Itemized Statement of Benefits for Public Employees and Retirees	ONTP
	LD 742	An Act to Divest State Pensions from Companies Boycotting Maine Lobster	ONTP
	LD 926	An Act to Improve Maine Public Employees Retirement System Representation	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1096	An Act to Provide a Cost-of-living Increase to State Retirees	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1152	An Act to Make Long-term Disability Insurance Coverage Available to Public Employees	CARRIED OVER

LD 1424	An Act to Remove the Age Requirement for Correctional Staff Retirement Under the 1998 Special Plan	CARRIED OVER
LD 1499	An Act Regarding Penalties for Early Retirement for Certain Members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System	Died On Adjournment
LD 1562	An Act to Protect the Retirement of State Employees and Teachers by Establishing Standards for Fiduciary Responsibility	ONTP
LD 1759	An Act to Clarify the Disability Retirement Program of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System	ONTP
LD 1760	An Act to Include Certain Crisis Outreach and Crisis Services Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement	CARRIED OVER
LD 1761	An Act to Include Certain Mental Health Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement	CARRIED OVER

Unemployment Compensation

Enacted

LD 13	An Act to Define "Mail" in the Employment Security Law to Include Electronic Notification and to Extend the Appeal Times for Claimants	PUBLIC 53
LD 946	Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Amend Its Rules Regarding Adjunct Faculty at Public Colleges and Universities	RESOLVE 38
LD 1368	An Act to Ensure Fairness in Unemployment Benefits by Clarifying Laws Regarding Labor Organizations	PUBLIC 233

Not Enacted

LD 245	An Act to Require a Person Receiving Unemployment Benefits to Attend Scheduled Interviews to Fulfill the Work Search Requirement	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 322	An Act to Improve the Unemployment Insurance System	CARRIED OVER
LD 1272	An Act to Index Unemployment Benefits to the Unemployment Rate	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1316	An Act to Require Auditing for Work Search Requirements of Claimants of Unemployment Compensation	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1332	An Act to Strengthen Work Equity Regarding Employment of Minors and Unemployment Benefits	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1464	An Act to Remove the Waiting Period for Benefits Under Maine's Unemployment Insurance System	CARRIED OVER

Wages

Enacted	LD 12	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Severance Pay to Cover More Types of Employers and Include More Workers	PUBLIC 52
	LD 903	An Act to Establish Parity in Tipping Laws for Restaurant Workers	PUBLIC 179
	LD 1278	An Act to Require Timely Payment for Salaried Employees	PUBLIC 124
	LD 1703	An Act to Amend the Maine Equal Pay Law by Prohibiting Pay Discrimination Based on Race	PUBLIC 266
Not Enacted	LD 116	An Act to Establish a Minimum Wage for All Health Care Workers Including All Support Staff	ONTP
	LD 398	An Act to Make Agricultural Workers and Certain Other Workers Employees Under the Minimum Wage Law and to Allow Such Workers to Engage in Certain Concerted Activity	Veto Sustained
	LD 513	An Act Regarding Overtime Protections for Certain Maine Workers	CARRIED OVER
	LD 550	An Act to Increase Correctional Officer Salary and Benefits	CARRIED OVER
	LD 841	An Act to Permit a Short-term Waiver from the Minimum Wage for Chronically Unemployed Individuals	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 936	An Act to Require Employers to Disclose Pay Ranges and Maintain Records of Employees' Pay History	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1190	An Act to Require Minimum Pay for Reporting to Work	CARRIED OVER

Workers' Compensation

Enacted	LD 53	An Act to Ensure Accountability for Workplace Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault by Removing Certain Intentional Torts from Workers' Compensation Exemptions	PUBLIC 126
	LD 1123	An Act to Create a Presumption Under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 That a Cardiovascular Injury or Disease or Pulmonary Disease Suffered by Certain Law Enforcement Officers Is in the Course of Employment	PUBLIC 445

	LD 1803	An Act to Improve the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992	PUBLIC 205
Not Enacted	LD 727	An Act Regarding Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders Injured in the Line of Duty	ONTP
	LD 1112	An Act to Provide Workers' Compensation for Temporary Employees	ONTP
	LD 1302	Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study Post-traumatic Stress Disorder in Lineworkers	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1385	An Act to Amend the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 Regarding Employee Liability	ONTP
	LD 1896	An Act to Index Workers' Compensation Benefits to the Rate of Inflation	CARRIED OVER

Workforce Development

Enacted	LD 120	An Act Regarding the Committee Structure of the State Workforce Board	PUBLIC 13
	LD 1394	An Act to Expand and Strengthen the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program	PUBLIC 184

Workforce Investment and Development

Enacted	LD 1539	An Act to Promote a Diverse, More Experienced Workforce and Ensure High-quality Careers by Increasing Registered Apprenticeship Programs	PUBLIC 318
Not Enacted	LD 571	An Act to Develop Maine's Entry-level Workforce	ONTP
	LD 1818	An Act Regarding Port Facilities Relating to Offshore Wind Power Projects	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1935	An Act to Promote Workforce Development by Establishing a Workforce Development Program	CARRIED OVER

Working Conditions

Enacted	LD 767	An Act to Provide Uniform Protections from Retaliation for Maine Workers in Connection with the Exercise of Rights Protected Under the Laws Governing Employment Practices	PUBLIC 282
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Enacted	LD 373	An Act to Improve Labor Conditions for Maine Workers	CARRIED OVER
	LD 827	An Act to Allow Employees to Request Flexible Work Schedules	CARRIED OVER
	LD 949	An Act to Protect Workers from Employer Surveillance	CARRIED OVER
	LD 961	An Act Regarding the Right to Request Flexible Working Arrangements for Employees	ONTP
	LD 1483	An Act to Protect the Rights of Agricultural Workers	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1639	An Act to Address Unsafe Staffing of Nurses and Improve Patient Care	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1794	An Act to Enhance the Predictability of Mandated Overtime for Pulp or Paper Manufacturing Facility Employees	CARRIED OVER

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LBHS	12	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Severance Pay to Cover More Types of Employers and Include More Workers	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		4/13/23	Enacted	PL	52		S1
LBHS	13	An Act to Define "Mail" in the Employment Security Law to Include Electronic Notification and to Extend the Appeal Times for Claimants	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		4/19/23	Enacted	PL	53		S1
LBHS	14	An Act to Simplify an Assessment Notice Requirement Under Department of Labor Laws	Reported Out	OTP		3/3/23	Enacted	PL	12		R1
LBHS	53	An Act to Ensure Accountability for Workplace Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault by Removing Certain Intentional Torts from Workers' Compensation Exemptions	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/8/23	Enacted	PL	126		S1
LBHS	70	An Act to Raise the Cap on Retirement Benefits for State Employees and Teachers to Which a Cost-of-living Adjustment Is Made	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	4/6/23					S1
LBHS	106	An Act to Allow Members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System With Service in Multiple Plans to Defer Retirement Service Benefits Until Normal Retirement Age to Avoid a Reduction in Benefits	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/6/23	Enacted	PL	208		S1
LBHS	111	An Act Requiring the State to Pay a Share of a Retired State Employee's or Retired Teacher's Premium for Medicare Part B Under Medicare Advantage	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/21/23					S1
LBHS	112	An Act to Increase the State's Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		3/29/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1
LBHS	116	An Act to Establish a Minimum Wage for All Health Care Workers Including All Support Staff	Reported Out	ONTP		4/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
LBHS	120	An Act Regarding the Committee Structure of the State Workforce Board	Reported Out	OTP		3/3/23	Enacted	PL	13		R1

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LBHS	185	An Act to Reduce the Benefit Penalty Imposed on Teachers Who Retire After 35 Years of Service	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/6/23					S1
LBHS	197	An Act to Address Employee Retention at the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory and the Computer Crimes Unit in the Department of Public Safety	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/2/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1
LBHS	245	An Act to Require a Person Receiving Unemployment Benefits to Attend Scheduled Interviews to Fulfill the Work Search Requirement	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		4/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
LBHS	270	An Act to Help Retired Federal Employees	Reported Out	LTW		4/26/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
LBHS	301	An Act to Exempt Employers from Providing Earned Paid Leave for Certain Employees	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/8/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
LBHS	313	An Act to Allow Game Wardens to Transfer Retirement Service, Allow Certain Employees of Participating Local Districts to Purchase Service Credit and Allow Transfer of Membership from the State Employee Retirement Plan to Another Plan	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	246		S1
LBHS	316	Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Submit a Report on the Employment of Minors	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/7/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	61		S1
LBHS	321	An Act to Create a Bill of Rights for Temporary Workers	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
LBHS	322	An Act to Improve the Unemployment Insurance System	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
LBHS	324	An Act to Prevent the Wrongful Firing of Maine Workers	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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LBHS	349	An Act to Support Farm Workers and Farmers by Addressing Unionization of Farm Workers	Reported Out	LTW		4/18/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
LBHS	372	An Act to Increase Enforcement and Accountability for Wage and Hour Violations	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
LBHS	373	An Act to Improve Labor Conditions for Maine Workers	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
LBHS	398	An Act to Make Agricultural Workers and Certain Other Workers Employees Under the Minimum Wage Law and to Allow Such Workers to Engage in Certain Concerted Activity	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Veto Sustained				S1
LBHS	426	An Act to Amend the Eligibility Criteria for Creditable Service in the Armed Forces of the United States Under the State Retirement System and to Require Specific Reporting	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/13/23					S1
LBHS	483	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefit Reductions for Certain Employees Currently Included in the 1998 Special Plan	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/2/23	Enacted	PL	436		S1
LBHS	511	An Act to Clarify That Haulers Are Under the Jurisdiction of the Logging Dispute Resolution Board	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		4/26/23	Enacted	PL	102		S1
LBHS	513	An Act Regarding Overtime Protections for Certain Maine Workers	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
LBHS	525	An Act to Protect Farm Workers by Allowing Them to Organize for the Purposes of Collective Bargaining	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
LBHS	550	An Act to Increase Correctional Officer Salary and Benefits	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
LBHS	559	An Act to Increase the Number of Hours Certain Minor Students May Work Under Certain Circumstances	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/8/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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LBHS	571	An Act to Develop Maine's Entry-level Workforce	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
LBHS	591	An Act to Require the State to Pay Medicare Premiums for Certain Retired State Employees	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/20/23					S1
LBHS	610	An Act to Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan to Include Employees Who Work for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/7/23					S1
LBHS	635	An Act to Allow a Retired Law Enforcement Officer to Serve as a School Resource Officer Without Affecting That Officer's Retirement Benefits	Reported Out	ONTP		3/8/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
LBHS	651	An Act to Amend the Standards for Manufactured Housing to Comply with United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Standards	Reported Out	OTP		5/10/23	Enacted	PL	117		S1
LBHS	688	An Act to Protect Access to Veterinary Care by Prohibiting Noncompete Agreements	Reported Out	OTP		5/10/23	Enacted	PL	118		S1
LBHS	719	An Act to Support Maine Industry	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
LBHS	727	An Act Regarding Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders Injured in the Line of Duty	Reported Out	ONTP		3/27/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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LBHS	733	An Act to Require an Annual Itemized Statement of Benefits for Public Employees and Retirees	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
LBHS	738	An Act to Establish a Paid Family and Medical Leave System	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
LBHS	741	An Act to Prohibit Certain Training Repayment Agreements by Employers	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/6/23					S1
LBHS	742	An Act to Divest State Pensions from Companies Boycotting Maine Lobster	Reported Out	ONTP		4/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
LBHS	767	An Act to Provide Uniform Protections from Retaliation for Maine Workers in Connection with the Exercise of Rights Protected Under the Laws Governing Employment Practices	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/31/23	Enacted	PL	282		S1
LBHS	810	An Act to Create the Maine Family First Employer Program	Reported Out	LTW		3/2/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
LBHS	815	An Act to Provide Energy Efficiency Program Outreach and Assistance to Manufactured Housing Residents	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/2/23	Enacted	PL	194		S1
LBHS	827	An Act to Allow Employees to Request Flexible Work Schedules	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/2/23					S1
LBHS	841	An Act to Permit a Short-term Waiver from the Minimum Wage for Chronically Unemployed Individuals	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		4/27/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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LBHS	855	An Act to Provide That the Minimum Wage Increases by the Rolling Average of the Cost of Living of the Previous 3 Years	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/17/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
LBHS	856	An Act to Reduce Recurring Workplace Harassment and Provide Consequences for Serial Offenders	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
LBHS	882	An Act to Allow Nonmunicipal Emergency Medical Services Providers to Be Considered State Employees for Purposes of Certain Benefits	Reported Out	ONTP		4/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
LBHS	891	An Act to Protect Due Process for Certain Public Sector Employees	Reported Out	ONTP		6/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
LBHS	903	An Act to Establish Parity in Tipping Laws for Restaurant Workers	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/26/23	Enacted	PL	179		S1
LBHS	926	An Act to Improve Maine Public Employees Retirement System Representation	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
LBHS	936	An Act to Require Employers to Disclose Pay Ranges and Maintain Records of Employees' Pay History	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	5/26/23					S1
LBHS	946	Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Amend Its Rules Regarding Adjunct Faculty at Public Colleges and Universities	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/17/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	38		S1
LBHS	949	An Act to Protect Workers from Employer Surveillance	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	5/17/23					S1

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LBHS	961	An Act Regarding the Right to Request Flexible Working Arrangements for Employees	Reported Out	ONTP		4/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
LBHS	998	An Act to Remove the Cost-of-living Adjustment from the Minimum Wage Laws	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/17/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
LBHS	999	An Act to Support Family Caregivers by Expanding Family Medical Leave	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/13/23					S1
LBHS	1050	Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Request a Federal Waiver to Allow Presumptive Work Eligibility for Asylum Seekers	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/5/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	14		S1
LBHS	1095	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Public Sector Bargaining in Public Schools	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/27/23	Enacted	PL	95		S1
LBHS	1096	An Act to Provide a Cost-of-living Increase to State Retirees	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/2/23					S1
LBHS	1107	Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Improve Access to Credit for Low-income Individuals	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	5/12/23					S1
LBHS	1112	An Act to Provide Workers' Compensation for Temporary Employees	Reported Out	ONTP		4/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
LBHS	1116	An Act to Provide Rural Recovery Residences for Families	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/6/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1
LBHS	1123	An Act to Create a Presumption Under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 That a Cardiovascular Injury or Disease or Pulmonary Disease Suffered by Certain Law Enforcement Officers Is in the Course of Employment	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/7/23	Enacted	PL	445		S1

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LBHS	1152	An Act to Make Long-term Disability Insurance Coverage Available to Public Employees	Carry Over Approved			Carried in Comm	7/25/23				S1
LBHS	1190	An Act to Require Minimum Pay for Reporting to Work	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		Carried On Approps Table	6/20/23				S1
LBHS	1193	An Act to Allow Residents of Low-income Housing to Keep Pets	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP			6/5/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			S1
LBHS	1206	An Act to Create a Grant Program for Workplace Health and Safety Improvements	Reported Out	ONTP			5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
LBHS	1230	Resolve, Directing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to Study the Creation of an Interstate Compact Concerning the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset	Reported Out	OTP			5/10/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	23	S1
LBHS	1272	An Act to Index Unemployment Benefits to the Unemployment Rate	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM			6/5/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			S1
LBHS	1278	An Act to Require Timely Payment for Salaried Employees	Reported Out	OTP			5/10/23	Enacted	PL	124	S1
LBHS	1302	Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study Post-traumatic Stress Disorder in Lineworkers	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP			6/2/23	Died On Adjournment			S1
LBHS	1316	An Act to Require Auditing for Work Search Requirements of Claimants of Unemployment Compensation	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM			6/5/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			S1
LBHS	1332	An Act to Strengthen Work Equity Regarding Employment of Minors and Unemployment Benefits	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM			5/17/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			S1

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LBHS	1368	An Act to Ensure Fairness in Unemployment Benefits by Clarifying Laws Regarding Labor Organizations	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/7/23	Enacted	PL	233		S1	
LBHS	1376	An Act to Increase the State Minimum Wage to \$15 per Hour	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	5/18/23						S1
LBHS	1385	An Act to Amend the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 Regarding Employee Liability	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310					S1
LBHS	1394	An Act to Expand and Strengthen the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/2/23	Enacted	PL	184			S1
LBHS	1403	An Act to Promote Minimum Wage Consistency by Limiting the Authority of Municipalities Regarding Minimum Hourly Pay	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/17/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report					S1
LBHS	1419	An Act to Inform Fair Minimum Rates of Wages and Benefits in Bids for Public Contracts Using State and Federal Data	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		6/5/23	Enacted	PL	333			S1
LBHS	1424	An Act to Remove the Age Requirement for Correctional Staff Retirement Under the 1998 Special Plan	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23	Carried in Comm					S1
LBHS	1464	An Act to Remove the Waiting Period for Benefits Under Maine's Unemployment Insurance System	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23	Carried in Comm					S1
LBHS	1483	An Act to Protect the Rights of Agricultural Workers	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23	Carried in Comm					S1
LBHS	1496	An Act to Prohibit Noncompete Clauses	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23	Carried in Comm					S1
LBHS	1499	An Act Regarding Penalties for Early Retirement for Certain Members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/8/23	Died On Adjournment			✓		S1
LBHS	1539	An Act to Promote a Diverse, More Experienced Workforce and Ensure High-quality Careers by Increasing Registered Apprenticeship Programs	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	318			S1

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LBHS	1562	An Act to Protect the Retirement of State Employees and Teachers by Establishing Standards for Fiduciary Responsibility	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
LBHS	1580	An Act to Help Maine Small Businesses with Increasing Costs by Removing the Annual Cost-of-living Adjustment for the Minimum Wage	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
LBHS	1588	An Act to Provide Public Sector Labor Unions Reasonable Access to Information Regarding Employees	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/7/23	Enacted	PL	467		S1
LBHS	1636	An Act to Ensure the Right to Work Without Payment of Dues or Fees to a Labor Union	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/2/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
LBHS	1639	An Act to Address Unsafe Staffing of Nurses and Improve Patient Care	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried on floor	6/21/23					S1
LBHS	1703	An Act to Amend the Maine Equal Pay Law by Prohibiting Pay Discrimination Based on Race	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		6/1/23	Enacted	PL	266		S1
LBHS	1707	An Act to Allow Workers to Work Without Having to Pay Labor Organization Service Fees	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/2/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
LBHS	1746	An Act to Require Responsible Contracting Practices for Public Construction Projects	Reported Out	ONTP		5/25/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
LBHS	1756	An Act to Protect Employee Freedom of Speech	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		6/1/23	Enacted	PL	414		S1

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LBHS	1759	An Act to Clarify the Disability Retirement Program of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
LBHS	1760	An Act to Include Certain Crisis Outreach and Crisis Services Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/6/23					S1
LBHS	1761	An Act to Include Certain Mental Health Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/6/23					S1
LBHS	1762	An Act to Require the Bureau of Labor Standards to Create and Distribute in Workplaces a Veterans' Benefits and Services Poster	Reported Out	OTP		5/10/23	Enacted	PL	125		S1
LBHS	1794	An Act to Enhance the Predictability of Mandated Overtime for Pulp or Paper Manufacturing Facility Employees	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
LBHS	1803	An Act to Improve the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/5/23	Enacted	PL	205		S1
LBHS	1818	An Act Regarding Port Facilities Relating to Offshore Wind Power Projects	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/7/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
LBHS	1831	Resolve, Relating to the Employment of Minors	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
LBHS	1896	An Act to Index Workers' Compensation Benefits to the Rate of Inflation	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
LBHS	1922	An Act to Allow Bargaining Agents for Public Sector Unions to Merge	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/6/23	Enacted	PL	240		S1
LBHS	1935	An Act to Promote Workforce Development by Establishing a Workforce Development Program	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/6/23					S1
LBHS	1964	An Act to Create the Maine Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1

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LD 12 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Severance Pay to Cover More Types of Employers and Include More Workers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 52 removes the limitation that employee severance pay due to the closing, substantial shutdown or relocation of a covered establishment applies only to industrial and commercial facilities, making the law applicable to sectors that are not within the industrial or commercial category. The law also provides that the definition of “closing” does not include a business consolidation.

LD 13 An Act to Define "Mail" in the Employment Security Law to Include Electronic Notification and to Extend the Appeal Times for Claimants

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 53 adds a definition of “mail” to the Employment Security Law to include delivery by postal service, private carrier or electronic mail. The law specifies that the Department of Labor, Bureau of Unemployment Compensation may not send a notice to an individual as required under the Employment Security Law exclusively by electronic mail without first allowing the individual the opportunity to elect to receive that notice exclusively by electronic mail.

The law also extends the period within which an appeal from a deputy’s decision regarding a claim for benefits under the Employment Security Law may be filed from 15 to 30 calendar days and the period by which that appeal time may be extended for good cause shown from 15 to 30 calendar days. It also clarifies that no fact-finding interview may be scheduled less than 7 calendar days or more than 14 calendar days after the notice of fact-finding interview is mailed.

LD 14 An Act to Simplify an Assessment Notice Requirement Under Department of Labor Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 12 removes the requirement that notices of assessment for the Department of Labor's Safety Education and Training Fund must be sent by certified mail.

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LD 53 An Act to Ensure Accountability for Workplace Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault by Removing Certain Intentional Torts from Workers' Compensation Exemptions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 126 makes an employee, supervisor, officer or director of an employee liable for sexual harassment, sexual assault or an intentional tort related to sexual harassment or sexual assault. The law exempts the employer from liability for those actions.

LD 106 An Act to Allow Members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System With Service in Multiple Plans to Defer Retirement Service Benefits Until Normal Retirement Age to Avoid a Reduction in Benefits

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 208 permits a member of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System who is eligible to retire and who has membership service in more than one plan to defer the receipt of the portion of the benefit that would otherwise be subject to an early retirement reduction because the member is retiring prior to the normal retirement age for the plan.

LD 120 An Act Regarding the Committee Structure of the State Workforce Board

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 13 changes the State Workforce Board's committee structure by removing provisions setting out named committees and replacing them with language giving the board authority to create committees as necessary. It also allows the Governor's designee to serve as a member of the board.

LD 313 An Act to Allow Game Wardens to Transfer Retirement Service, Allow Certain Employees of Participating Local Districts to Purchase Service Credit and Allow Transfer of Membership from the State Employee Retirement Plan to Another Plan

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 246 allows a game warden who has accumulated retirement benefits under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System while working in law enforcement positions covered under different retirement plans to have that service time accumulated when a game warden transfers to a different law enforcement position. The law allows a former employee of a local district to purchase retirement service credit if the employee is still employed by the local district and has previously elected not to maintain membership within the local district's retirement plan. It also allows the transfer of membership from one state employee plan to another.

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LD 316 Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Submit a Report on the Employment of Minors

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 61 requires the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing on issues relating to employment of minors in the State by January 15, 2024. The joint standing committee may report out a bill based upon the report. It also requires the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards to update its website with certain information related to the employment of minors and to work with the Department of Education regarding school superintendents and work permits for minors.

LD 483 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefit Reductions for Certain Employees Currently Included in the 1998 Special Plan

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 436 requires that service retirement benefits for certain employees of the Department of Corrections who are included in the 1998 Special Plan as of July 1, 2024 and who were employed prior to January 1, 2000 be computed on the same basis as benefits for other members under the plan are computed; creditable service is included regardless of when that service was earned.

LD 511 An Act to Clarify That Haulers Are Under the Jurisdiction of the Logging Dispute Resolution Board

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 102 applies the provisions governing the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation, Logging Dispute Resolution Board to persons hauling trees from forest land for a forest landowner.

LD 651 An Act to Amend the Standards for Manufactured Housing to Comply with United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Standards

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 117 amends the definition of "newer mobile homes" within the definition of "manufactured housing" to comply with United States Department of Housing and Urban Development standards for manufactured housing.

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LD 688 An Act to Protect Access to Veterinary Care by Prohibiting Noncompete Agreements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 118 prohibits an employer from requiring or permitting an employee who is a licensed veterinarian to enter into a noncompete agreement unless the employee has an ownership interest in the business and provides that a court may not enforce such a noncompete agreement entered into prior to the effective date of this legislation.

LD 767 An Act to Provide Uniform Protections from Retaliation for Maine Workers in Connection with the Exercise of Rights Protected Under the Laws Governing Employment Practices

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 282 provides that an employer that takes action intended to prevent or penalize a person from exercising rights protected under the laws governing employment practices commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 for each violation may be adjudged, in addition to any other remedy available under the laws governing employment practices. The Department of Labor and the Attorney General may file a civil action to enforce the provisions of the law. It also specifies that the language in the law may not be construed to limit or restrict the rights of an individual to seek other available remedies in a separate legal action.

LD 815 An Act to Provide Energy Efficiency Program Outreach and Assistance to Manufactured Housing Residents

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 194 directs the Maine State Housing Authority and the Efficiency Maine Trust to provide education and outreach to low-income and moderate-income residents of manufactured housing regarding energy efficiency programs administered by the 2 entities. It also requires the Maine State Housing Authority and the Efficiency Maine Trust to ensure that eligible residents of manufactured housing are offered access to grants and loans for weatherization and heat pumps for space heating through the energy efficiency programs. It also requires the Efficiency Maine Trust to submit annual reports through 2026 to the Legislature on the activities and results of the education and outreach program.

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LD 903 An Act to Establish Parity in Tipping Laws for Restaurant Workers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 179 codifies federal regulations that specify that if an employer pays its employees the minimum hourly wage and does not take a tip credit, the employer may impose a tip pooling arrangement to include employees, such as dishwashers and cooks, who are not classified as service employees.

LD 946 Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Amend Its Rules Regarding Adjunct Faculty at Public Colleges and Universities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 38 directs the Department of Labor to amend its rules in Chapter 14: Education Institution Employees. The rules must provide clarity and guidance on when adjunct faculty members at the State's institutions of higher education may qualify for unemployment benefits. The resolve requires the department to hold a public hearing as part of its rule-making process.

LD 1050 Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Request a Federal Waiver to Allow Presumptive Work Eligibility for Asylum Seekers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 14 directs the Commissioner of Labor to request a waiver from the United States Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to allow an asylum seeker in the State, if the asylum seeker has applied for asylum and has not been denied, eligibility to work in the State for the 6-month period immediately after the asylum seeker has applied for asylum while awaiting a final determination on the asylum seeker's application and for the time period while an asylum seeker's work permit has expired and is pending renewal by the Federal Government.

LD 1095 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Public Sector Bargaining in Public Schools

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 95 specifies that collective bargaining agreements in school administrative units may not waive the right to bargain over wages, hours, working conditions and contract grievance arbitration.

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LD 1123 An Act to Create a Presumption Under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 That a Cardiovascular Injury or Disease or Pulmonary Disease Suffered by Certain Law Enforcement Officers Is in the Course of Employment

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 445 establishes a rebuttable presumption that a law enforcement officer's cardiovascular injury or disease or pulmonary disease arose out of and in the course of employment under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992.

LD 1230 Resolve, Directing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to Study the Creation of an Interstate Compact Concerning the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 23 directs the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to study the creation of an interstate compact with other states affected by the windfall elimination provision and the government pension offset. The Maine Public Employees Retirement System must submit a report with its recommendations, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing no later than December 6, 2023. The committee may report out a bill based upon the report and recommendations.

LD 1278 An Act to Require Timely Payment for Salaried Employees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 124 makes the following changes to the laws governing the timely payment to salaried workers.

1. It exempts members of the employer's family and salaried employees from the requirement that an employer pay in full at regular intervals not to exceed 16 days all wages earned by an employee.
2. It removes the exemption for salaried employees from the requirements relating to the rate of pay and records regarding time worked.
3. It adds S corporations and limited liability partnerships to the exemptions from the requirements relating to the rate of pay and records regarding time worked.

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LD 1368 An Act to Ensure Fairness in Unemployment Benefits by Clarifying Laws Regarding Labor Organizations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 233 establishes that a claimant for unemployment benefits who is a member of a bona fide labor union is considered to meet the requirement to actively seek work to maintain eligibility for unemployment benefits if that claimant uses and complies with the placement services of the union hiring hall in seeking employment. It also adds consideration of whether fringe benefits are substantially less favorable than those prevailing for similar work in the locality in determining whether work is suitable for purposes of the unemployment insurance program. Finally, it provides that work is unsuitable for a claimant if acceptance of that work would prevent that claimant from maintaining membership in a bona fide labor organization.

LD 1394 An Act to Expand and Strengthen the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 184 makes the following changes to the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program.

1. It changes the planned yield from .02% to .034% of the total wages for each contributing employer.
2. It provides that preapprenticeship programs are considered a remedial or prerequisite educational service under the program for which services must be provided when part of an approved plan.
3. It provides that related costs of licensing and certification necessary to practice in an occupation for which the individual is qualified must be provided to a participant.
4. It provides that registered apprentices and individuals participating in a plan that includes a certified preapprenticeship training program are eligible for services under the program if the individual meets required income guidelines.
5. It provides that the costs for an education transcript, credential evaluation or similar requirement needed to determine eligibility for the program must be paid for by the program for any applicant who is otherwise eligible for participation, as determined by the Department of Labor, if funds are not reasonably available from another source for this purpose.

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LD 1419 An Act to Inform Fair Minimum Rates of Wages and Benefits in Bids for Public Contracts Using State and Federal Data

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 333 requires that, in addition to other determinations, the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards investigate and determine the prevailing hourly wage and benefits rate paid in the construction industry in the State by collecting a 3rd set of data for the job classification under the federal Davis-Bacon Act.

LD 1539 An Act to Promote a Diverse, More Experienced Workforce and Ensure High-quality Careers by Increasing Registered Apprenticeship Programs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 318 makes the following changes to the laws governing the Maine Apprenticeship Program.

1. It requires the standards of an apprenticeship program to include the dollar value of employer-paid health insurance and the dollar value of employer-paid retirement contribution benefits.
2. It requires the Maine Apprenticeship Program to consider the total package value as a factor in evaluating the performance of a registered apprenticeship program.
3. It directs the Department of Labor to identify and remedy registered apprenticeship programs that are:
 - A. Not in compliance with quality assurance assessments;
 - B. Experiencing low rates of retention or completion; or
 - C. Not providing an adequate total package value to graduates.
4. It requires the Department of Labor to perform an annual assessment of the Maine Apprenticeship Program beginning January 1, 2024.
5. It requires the Maine Apprenticeship Council to submit, as part of its annual report to the Governor and to the Legislature, data on wages and benefits, actions taken by the council to ensure apprenticeships are leading to well-paying jobs and careers and the annual assessment of the Maine Apprenticeship Program by the Department of Labor.
6. It specifies that the Maine Apprenticeship Council must establish a financial incentive program for registered apprenticeships to recruit historically underrepresented populations in all industries, to the extent that funding is available.

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7. It requires the Department of Labor and the Maine Apprenticeship Council to establish criteria for funding all registered apprenticeship programs. The criteria must establish benchmarks and consider the total package value that a registered apprentice graduate earns upon transitioning to journeyman status.

LD 1588 An Act to Provide Public Sector Labor Unions Reasonable Access to Information Regarding Employees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 467 expands the rights of bargaining agents of public sector unions for access to personal contact information about members of a bargaining unit that the bargaining agent exclusively represents from personal contact information regarding newly hired employees to, upon request but not more often than quarterly, personal contact information regarding all other employees. The law also specifies that it is subject to the dispute resolution process specified in an applicable collective bargaining agreement for a public employee.

LD 1703 An Act to Amend the Maine Equal Pay Law by Prohibiting Pay Discrimination Based on Race

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 266 enacts the “Maine Equal Pay Law.” Prior to enactment of Public Law 2023, chapter 266, the law provided that an employer may not discriminate between employees in the same establishment on the basis of sex by paying wages to any employee in any occupation at a rate less than the rate at which the employer pays any employee of the opposite sex for comparable work on jobs that have comparable requirements relating to skill, effort and responsibility. Public Law 2023, chapter 266 adds to that law a provision that an employer may not discriminate between employees in the same establishment on the basis of race.

LD 1756 An Act to An Act to Protect Employee Freedom of Speech

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 414 prohibits an employer from discharging, disciplining or otherwise penalizing or threatening to discharge, discipline or otherwise penalize or taking any adverse employment action against an employee because the employee declines to attend or participate in an employer-sponsored meeting or declines to receive or listen to a communication from the employer if the meeting or communication is to communicate the opinion of the employer about religious or political matters. The law exempts religious employers.

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LD 1762 An Act to Require the Bureau of Labor Standards to Create and Distribute in Workplaces a Veterans' Benefits and Services Poster

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 125 requires the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards to create and distribute a poster describing veterans' benefits and services in workplaces of more than 50 full-time equivalent employees.

LD 1803 An Act to Improve the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 205 amends the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 as follows.

1. It streamlines the process for individuals to obtain a predetermination they are an independent contractor.
2. It repeals the reporting requirement regarding levels of permanent impairment.
3. It establishes that, if the board fails to adjust rates or update the medical fee schedule, the reimbursement rates for medical services will be the amount established by the medical fee schedule in effect on the date the update is due.
4. It eliminates the requirement that the board adopt treatment protocols for specific injuries as part of a utilization review program.
5. It simplifies the calculation of the after-tax benefit owed during an incapacity period when an employee also receives certain pension and disability benefits.
6. It eliminates the provision stating that the insurer may seek reimbursement from an employer of a fine for a tardy filing of a first report of injury when the report was late because the employer did not give the insurer timely notice of the injury.
7. It clarifies that an insurer may seek reimbursement from its insured employer whose failure to provide information to the insurer is the cause of the insurer's failure to file or complete a form as required by law.
8. It consolidates the predetermination of independent contractor process for landowners and wood harvesters.
9. It requires the Workers' Compensation Board to post on its publicly accessible website information pertaining to independent contractor and construction subcontractor statements filed with the board.

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LD 1922 An Act to Allow Bargaining Agents for Public Sector Unions to Merge

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 240 allows 2 or more bargaining agents who are certified by the Executive Director of the Maine Labor Relations Board and who are members or affiliates of the same public employee organization to merge.

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ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this Digest; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 112 An Act to Increase the State's Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance

Though this bill was not enacted, a majority of the substance of the bill was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part OOOOO.

LD 197 An Act to Address Employee Retention at the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory and the Computer Crimes Unit in the Department of Public Safety

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of the bill was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part IIII.

LD 1116 An Act to Provide Rural Recovery Residences for Families

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of the bill was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part LLL.

LD 1499 An Act Regarding Penalties for Early Retirement for Certain Members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of the bill was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part DD.

LD 1964 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of the bill was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part AAA.

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Commercial Fisheries Management

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	LD 1444	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Eligibility Restrictions for Commercial Menhaden Fishing Licenses	PUBLIC 169

Commercial License

Enacted	LD 1444	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Eligibility Restrictions for Commercial Menhaden Fishing Licenses	PUBLIC 169
Not Enacted	LD 811	An Act to Create a Restricted Senior Lobster and Crab Fishing License	ONTP

Department of Marine Resources

Enacted	LD 16	An Act to Make Technical Changes to Maine's Marine Resources Laws	PUBLIC 207
	LD 1552	An Act to Create the Lobster Innovation Fund	PUBLIC 466

Not Enacted	LD 1179	An Act to Reestablish the Marine Recreational Fishery Advisory Council at the Department of Marine Resources	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1776	An Act to Allow Citizen Oversight of Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Marine Resources Actions and Rulemaking	ONTP

Finfish, Elvers and Herring

Enacted	LD 817	An Act to Allow the Crew Member of a Holder of an Elver Fishing License to Empty an Elver Fyke Net	PUBLIC 81
	LD 920	An Act Regarding Temporary Transfers of Elver Fishing Quotas for Medical Reasons	PUBLIC 180
Not Enacted	LD 593	An Act to Increase the Bag Limit for Smelts for Personal Use from 2 Quarts to 4 Quarts	Majority (ONTP) Report

Intertidal Activities

Not Enacted	LD 851	An Act to Clarify That Maine Holds Title to Its Intertidal Lands	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 2003	An Act to Protect Access to Maine's Intertidal Zone	CARRIED OVER

Lobsters and Crabs

Enacted	LD 1552	An Act to Create the Lobster Innovation Fund	PUBLIC 466
Not Enacted	LD 710	An Act to Fund the Lobster Legal Defense Fund	CARRIED OVER
	LD 811	An Act to Create a Restricted Senior Lobster and Crab Fishing License	ONTP
	LD 1618	Resolve, to Convene a Lobster Industry Working Group	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310

Marine Environment

Not Enacted	LD 61	An Act to Conserve Coastal Habitat by Restricting Rockweed Harvesting on Private Property	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 586	An Act to Protect Maine Fisheries from the Effects of Industrial Recirculating Aquaculture Operations	ONTP

Marine Resources - Other

Not Enacted	LD 370	An Act to Protect Marine Resources in Maine	CARRIED OVER
	LD 563	An Act to Assert State Sovereignty over Ocean Waters up to 12 Nautical Miles off the State's Coast	ONTP
	LD 1145	An Act to Create the Southern Maine Coastal Waters Commission	CARRIED OVER

Seaweed

Not Enacted	LD 61	An Act to Conserve Coastal Habitat by Restricting Rockweed Harvesting on Private Property	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
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Shellfish

Enacted	LD 581	An Act to Assist Municipal Shellfish Conservation Programs	PUBLIC 98
Not Enacted	LD 711	An Act to Regulate Oyster Seed	ONTP
	LD 1915	Resolve, to Establish a Grant Program to Issue Shellfish Licenses to Qualified Disabled Veterans	CARRIED OVER

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Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

Comm	LD	Title	Comm Action		Carried over?	Date of last Comm Action	Final Disposition	Enacted Laws		Analyst Note?	Session
								Law	Ch		
MAR	16	An Act to Make Technical Changes to Maine's Marine Resources Laws	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/1/23	Enacted	PL	207		S1
MAR	61	An Act to Conserve Coastal Habitat by Restricting Rockweed Harvesting on Private Property	Reported Out	LTW		2/15/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
MAR	352	An Act to Establish the Maine Mariculture Development Collaborative	Reported Out	ONTP		4/25/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
MAR	370	An Act to Protect Marine Resources in Maine	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
MAR	487	An Act to Establish Coastal Waters and Submerged Lands Regional Planning Commissions	Reported Out	ONTP		3/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
MAR	563	An Act to Assert State Sovereignty over Ocean Waters up to 12 Nautical Miles off the State's Coast	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
MAR	581	An Act to Assist Municipal Shellfish Conservation Programs	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/3/23	Enacted	PL	98		S1
MAR	586	An Act to Protect Maine Fisheries from the Effects of Industrial Recirculating Aquaculture Operations	Reported Out	ONTP		3/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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Comm	LD	Title	Comm Action		Carried over?	Date of last Comm Action	Final Disposition	Enacted Laws		Analyst Note?	Session
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MAR	593	An Act to Increase the Bag Limit for Smelts for Personal Use from 2 Quarts to 4 Quarts	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/16/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
MAR	710	An Act to Fund the Lobster Legal Defense Fund	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
MAR	711	An Act to Regulate Oyster Seed	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
MAR	811	An Act to Create a Restricted Senior Lobster and Crab Fishing License	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
MAR	817	An Act to Allow the Crew Member of a Holder of an Elver Fishing License to Empty an Elver Fyke Net	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/28/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	81		S1
MAR	851	An Act to Clarify That Maine Holds Title to Its Intertidal Lands	Reported Out	LTW		3/9/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
MAR	920	An Act Regarding Temporary Transfers of Elver Fishing Quotas for Medical Reasons	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/1/23	Enacted	PL	180		S1
MAR	1145	An Act to Create the Southern Maine Coastal Waters Commission	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
MAR	1179	An Act to Reestablish the Marine Recreational Fishery Advisory Council at the Department of Marine Resources	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/23/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
MAR	1444	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Eligibility Restrictions for Commercial Menhaden Fishing Licenses	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/6/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	169		S1

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MAR	1552	An Act to Create the Lobster Innovation Fund	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/1/23	Enacted	PL	466		S1
MAR	1618	Resolve, to Convene a Lobster Industry Working Group	Reported Out	LTW		5/30/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
MAR	1776	An Act to Allow Citizen Oversight of Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Marine Resources Actions and Rulemaking	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
MAR	1915	Resolve, to Establish a Grant Program to Issue Shellfish Licenses to Qualified Disabled Veterans	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
MAR	1951	An Act Regarding Marine Finfish Aquaculture	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Enacted	PL	268		S1
MAR	2003	An Act to Protect Access to Maine's Intertidal Zone	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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LD 16 An Act to Make Technical Changes to Maine’s Marine Resources Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 207 does the following.

1. It amends the definition of “scallop” to include bay scallops.
2. It amends a definition of “shellfish” to include scallops.
3. It amends the definition of “whole scallop” to exclude the adductor muscle on the shell.
4. It clarifies that a license-holding member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Penobscot Nation, Aroostook Band of Micmacs or Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians is not required to complete the lobster fishery apprentice program if the license applicant has completed an apprentice program that satisfies the tribe, nation or band.
5. It replaces a license exemption for personal use to the commercial halibut fishing license, adds a violation for fishing for halibut without a commercial halibut fishing license and requires the Commissioner of Marine Resources to adopt rules for commercial halibut fishing licenses.
6. It allows the holder of an enhanced retail certificate to purchase shellfish from the holder of an aquaculture license.
7. It corrects cross-references in the administrative suspension process for licenses and certificates issued under marine resources laws.
8. It adds one member who is listed on the saltwater recreational fishing registry and who does not hold any state marine harvesting license to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.
9. It eliminates the secretary position within the Shellfish Advisory Council.
10. Beginning October 1, 2023, it removes the requirement of a limited-purpose aquaculture lessee to submit to the department a report on the lessee's seeding and harvesting for the prior year and a seeding and harvesting plan for the upcoming year. It also allows the commissioner to distribute a copy of the lessee's report on the results of the lessee's scientific research to the municipality or municipalities in which or adjacent to which the lease is located after the municipality submits a written request. The amendment also provides that, beginning October 1, 2023, a limited-purpose aquaculture lessee is no longer required to submit a report on commercial research and development.
11. It provides for a license or certificate suspension hearing to be held if the person requesting the hearing does not hold a license or certificate.
12. It amends the effective dates for changes to activities and exceptions allowed for a limited-purpose aquaculture license.

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LD 581 An Act to Assist Municipal Shellfish Conservation Programs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 98 waives the application fee for limited-purpose aquaculture licenses issued to municipal shellfish management committees. It also waives the application fee for those licenses issued to municipal officers for municipal projects and provides that those fees are waived only if the organisms cultured are not used for commercial purposes. It also provides that the applicants who are exempt from those fees are also exempt from certain requirements to complete an educational course.

LD 817 An Act to Allow the Crew Member of a Holder of an Elver Fishing License to Empty an Elver Fyke Net

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 81 permits an unlicensed crew member of a holder of an elver fishing license to empty an elver fyke net.

Public Law 2023, chapter 81 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 15, 2023.

LD 920 An Act Regarding Temporary Transfers of Elver Fishing Quotas for Medical Reasons

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 180 allows for an elver fishing license holder to request a temporary medical transfer of that license holder's quota at any point during the year and that the license holder receiving the transferred quota receives the amount of the transferor's quota that remains at the time the request is made. It also provides that the Commissioner of Marine Resources may adopt rules that allow for a transferor to choose whether the transferor retains the income and tax burden from the transferor's transferred quota or whether it is transferred to the license holder receiving the quota.

LD 1444 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Eligibility Restrictions for Commercial Menhaden Fishing Licenses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 169 provides that an individual who is otherwise eligible for a commercial menhaden fishing license in 2023 is not eligible for a 2nd commercial menhaden fishing license in 2023 if the individual previously held a 2nd license in 2022. It also allows the Commissioner of Marine Resources to establish by rule a limited entry system under which an

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individual who did not hold a commercial menhaden fishing license in the previous calendar year may become eligible to obtain a license.

Public Law 2023, chapter 169 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 15, 2023.

LD 1552 An Act to Create the Lobster Innovation Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 466 establishes the Lobster Innovation Fund to provide stipends to holders of Class I, Class II or Class III lobster fishing licenses to participate in the testing of new lobster fishing technologies. It provides a one-time appropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 and a base allocation for outside funding.

LD 1951 An Act Regarding Marine Finfish Aquaculture

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 268 provides that a lease may not be issued for aquaculture of salmonid species if the proposed stocking density of pens in the lease area exceeds 30 kilograms per cubic meter.

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Enacted**

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LD 1409	An Act to Require Reimbursement When a Municipality Hires First Responders Whose Training Costs Were Incurred by Another Municipality	CARRIED OVER
LD 1669	An Act to Require That Copies of Deeds and Survey Plans Be Provided to Municipal Assessors	ONTP
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Enacted**

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Enacted**

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	LD 664	Resolve, Directing the State Auditor to Audit All State Agencies	ONTP
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State Government - Governor

Not Enacted	LD 165	An Act to Increase the Governor's Salary	HELD BY GOVERNOR
	LD 1348	An Act to Modernize Executive Branch and Legislative Branch Compensation	ONTP

State Government - Legislature

Enacted	LD 205	An Act to Update the Reimbursement for Travel-related Expenses Incurred as a Result of the Performance of Legislative Duties	PUBLIC 2
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	LD 909	An Act to Amend the Laws Regulating the Operation of the Legislature	CARRIED OVER
	LD 969	An Act to Implement Requirements for Certain Bills	ONTP
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	LD 1668	An Act to Provide Staffing for Ongoing Study Commissions During Legislative Sessions and to Support the Work of the Legislature	CARRIED OVER
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Enacted

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LD 86 An Act to Restore the Former State of Maine Flag HELD BY GOVERNOR

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**Not
Enacted**

LD 1862 An Act to Restore Balanced Powers During a State of Emergency Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 1872 An Act to Restore Balanced Emergency Powers Majority (ONTP)
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Unorganized Territory

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SLG	49	An Act to Authorize the Deorganization of Drew Plantation	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/7/23	Emergency Enacted	P&S	2		S1
SLG	86	An Act to Restore the Former State of Maine Flag	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		5/24/23	Held by Governor			✓	S1
SLG	87	An Act to Permit Emergency Funding for Food Banks When a State of Emergency Is Declared	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/23/23	Enacted	PL	424		S1
SLG	119	An Act to Clarify the Boundary Between Waldo and Knox Counties in Penobscot Bay	Reported Out	OTP		2/10/23	Enacted	P&S	1		R1
SLG	133	An Act to Include a Representative of Newspaper and Other Press Interests on the Archives Advisory Board and to Require the Member Representing a Historical Society to Have Expertise in Archival Records	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		3/22/23	Enacted	PL	24		S1
SLG	138	An Act Regarding the Terms of Trustees of the Phippsburg Cemetery District	Reported Out	OTP		4/28/23	Enacted	P&S	4		S1
SLG	153	An Act to Allow Electronic Distribution of Certain Documents to Municipalities and Electronic Acknowledgment of Receipt of Certain Documents as Acceptable Communications	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/28/23	Enacted	PL	87		S1
SLG	165	An Act to Increase the Governor's Salary	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/1/23	Held by Governor			✓	S1
SLG	166	An Act to Provide Revenue for Property Tax Relief and Capital Infrastructure Projects	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		2/21/23	Enacted	PL	14		R1
SLG	205	An Act to Update the Reimbursement for Travel-related Expenses Incurred as a Result of the Performance of Legislative Duties	Reported Out	OTP-AM		2/6/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	2		R1
SLG	239	An Act to Establish the Pink-edged Sulphur as the State Butterfly	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/28/23	Enacted	PL	88		S1
SLG	269	An Act to Designate Granitic Pegmatite as the Maine State Rock	Reported Out	OTP		3/1/23	Enacted	PL	15		R1
SLG	292	An Act to Establish Maine Needham Day	Reported Out	OTP		3/1/23	Enacted	PL	10		R1
SLG	344	An Act to Establish Maine Alewife Day	Reported Out	OTP		3/1/23	Enacted	PL	11		R1

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SLG	354	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Use of Licensed Professional Engineers on Certain Public Works Projects	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		5/31/23	Enacted	PL	174		S1
SLG	360	An Act to Amend the Androscoggin County Charter	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
SLG	371	An Act to Address Certain Local Zoning Ordinances	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
SLG	380	An Act Regarding Monhegan Plantation	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
SLG	383	An Act to Restore Legislative Oversight of Rulemaking	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/9/23	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	422	An Act to Eliminate the Requirement That Municipalities Provide Public Notice in Newspapers	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		4/19/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	455	An Act Regarding a COVID-19 Memorial	Reported Out	LTW		4/11/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	461	An Act Regarding Private Ways and Private Roads	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	387		S1
SLG	471	An Act to Make Necessary Changes to State Law	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
SLG	484	An Act to Prevent a Conflict of Interest in State Elections by Requiring the Secretary of State to Resign Before Running for Elected Office	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		4/5/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	501	Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property Located in Machiasport	Reported Out	ONTP		5/3/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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SLG	514	Resolve, Directing the Office of the State Auditor to Report on Taxpayer Money Funding Maine Nonprofits	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/3/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	521	An Act to Prevent Political Patronage with Regard to State Legislators	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		4/11/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	548	An Act to Amend the Duties of County Sheriffs	Reported Out	ONTP		4/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	577	An Act to Increase Availability and Security of Election Information on Government Websites	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/9/23					S1
SLG	620	An Act to Promote Free Trade by Preventing Municipalities from Prohibiting the Sale of Legal Goods	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		4/19/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	628	An Act to Designate Maine Irish Heritage Day	Reported Out	OTP		4/11/23	Enacted	PL	47		S1
SLG	655	An Act to Address Climate Change by Reducing Carbon Emissions from State Vehicles	Reported Out	ONTP		4/21/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	662	An Act to Prohibit Municipal Flavored Tobacco Product Bans on State-licensed Tobacco Retailers	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/9/23	Died Between Houses				S1
SLG	664	Resolve, Directing the State Auditor to Audit All State Agencies	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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SLG	670	An Act to Protect Birds in the Construction, Renovation and Maintenance of Public Buildings	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/5/23	Enacted	PL	221		S1
SLG	671	An Act to Factor Conservative Projections of Sea Level Rise into State Planning on Climate Change	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	696	An Act to Allow the People to Elect the State Auditor	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	735	An Act to Require the State to Hold a Public Hearing in a Municipality Before the State Constructs a Solar Project in That Municipality	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/23/23	Enacted	PL	177		S1
SLG	794	An Act to Expand the Membership of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	4/26/23					S1
SLG	850	An Act to Require State Agencies to Complete the Rulemaking Process Within One Year of a Legislative Directive to Adopt Rules	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/13/23	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	863	An Act to Require an Analysis Prior to the Start of State-funded Building Construction over \$1,000,000	Reported Out	ONTP		5/11/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	877	An Act to Prohibit State Contracts with Companies Owned or Operated by the Government of the People's Republic of China	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
SLG	884	Resolve, to Study the Creation of a State Employee and Legislative Child Care Center	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/1/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	55		S1
SLG	893	An Act to Amend the Legislative Membership of the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee	Reported Out	OTP		5/17/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	148		S1

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SLG	894	An Act to Preserve Heating and Energy Choice by Prohibiting a Municipality from Prohibiting a Particular Energy System or Energy Distributor	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/9/23	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	909	An Act to Amend the Laws Regulating the Operation of the Legislature	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
SLG	910	An Act to Amend the Laws of Maine	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
SLG	917	An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by the City of Rockland	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		4/26/23	Emergency Enacted	P&S	10		S1
SLG	969	An Act to Implement Requirements for Certain Bills	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	983	An Act to Exempt Maine from Daylight Saving Time	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
SLG	989	Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Potential Effects of the State's Adopting Permanent Eastern Standard Time or Permanent Eastern Daylight Time	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/26/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
SLG	1005	Resolve, to Authorize Flying the Former Maine Flag on Certain Occasions	Reported Out	ONTP		4/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1007	An Act to Ban the Video Hosting Service TikTok on All State-owned Devices	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/15/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	385		S1
SLG	1016	Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study a Legislative Internship Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/14/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
SLG	1029	Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	126		S1

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SLG	1047	An Act to Adopt Eastern Daylight Time Year-round Contingent on Federal Approval	Reported Out	ONTP		4/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1067	Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study the Operations of the Maine Legislature	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/12/23	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1069	An Act Requiring a Referendum to Restore the Former Maine Flag	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		4/26/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1097	An Act to Replace Participation Thresholds in Municipal Referenda with Lower Approval Thresholds	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/17/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1100	Resolve, to Modify Security Screenings in the State House and Implement Security Screenings in the Burton M. Cross Building	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/9/23					S1
SLG	1102	An Act to Authorize a Recall Election for a School Board Member	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/9/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1117	An Act to Ensure That the Will of the Voters Is Reflected in Interim Appointments of United States Senators	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		5/11/23	Died Between Houses				S1
SLG	1136	An Act to Clarify Term Limitations for Legislators, Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	289		S1
SLG	1155	An Act to Address Legislative Salaries	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/31/23	Enacted	PL	446		S1
SLG	1173	An Act Directing the Bureau of General Services to Ensure Adequate Air Quality in All State-owned and State-leased Buildings	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	392		S1

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SLG	1181	An Act to Allow for the Recall of an Elected Municipal Official for Any Reason	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/17/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1195	An Act to Provide That Documents Obtained by Subpoena by the Government Oversight Committee May Be Reviewed by Committee Members and Staff	Reported Out	ONTP		5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1233	An Act Regarding the Maine State Cemetery Preservation Commission	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
SLG	1239	An Act to Make General Election Day a State Holiday and to Allow Certain Employees an Opportunity to Vote	Reported Out	ONTP		5/11/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1243	Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Propose a State Calendar	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP/ OTP-AM		6/13/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	91		S1
SLG	1260	Resolve, to Study Expansion of Civics Education and Engagement Through the Secretary of State	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/26/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	42		S1
SLG	1275	An Act to Clarify the Powers of the Government Oversight Committee and Enable Committee Access to Department of Health and Human Services Documents Related to Investigations of Child Deaths	Reported Out	ONTP		5/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1297	An Act to Notify School Boards and Select Boards That Lobbying Associations Are Not Governmental Agencies	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/31/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1307	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Constitutional Officers to Be Elected by Statewide Election	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/9/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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SLG	1336	An Act to Increase Transparency in Municipal Ballot Referenda Expenditures	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/14/23	Enacted	PL	314		S1
SLG	1348	An Act to Modernize Executive Branch and Legislative Branch Compensation	Reported Out	ONTP		5/11/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1350	An Act Regarding the Composition of the Budget Advisory Committee and the Finality of the Budget in the Franklin County Budget Process	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/9/23	Enacted	PL	262		S1
SLG	1356	An Act to Improve the Local Referendum Process by Increasing the Percentage of the Population Required to Submit a Local Referendum Question	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/9/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
SLG	1409	An Act to Require Reimbursement When a Municipality Hires First Responders Whose Training Costs Were Incurred by Another Municipality	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23					S1
SLG	1432	An Act to Amend the Law Governing Racial Impact Statements	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23					S1
SLG	1442	An Act to Expand Health Insurance Options to Child Care Providers	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/21/23					S1
SLG	1443	An Act to Establish a Recall Process for Public School Board Members	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM		6/15/23	Indefinitely Postponed				S1
SLG	1553	An Act to Mitigate So-called Forever Chemicals in Decommissioned Schools by Establishing a Fund for Mitigation Projects	Reported Out	ONTP		5/11/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1616	An Act to Make the Description of the State Seal Gender-neutral and to Depict One of the Human Images on the State Flag as Female	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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SLG	1667	An Act Regarding Recommendations for Changing Place Names in the State	Carry Over			Carried in Comm	7/25/23				SL
SLG	1668	An Act to Provide Staffing for Ongoing Study Commissions During Legislative Sessions and to Support the Work of the Legislature	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		Carried On Approps Table	6/6/23				SL
SLG	1669	An Act to Require That Copies of Deeds and Survey Plans Be Provided to Municipal Assessors	Reported Out	ONTP			5/11/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			SL
SLG	1687	An Act to Improve Geographic Information System Data Acquisition and Maintenance	Reported Out	OTP-AM			6/20/23	Enacted	PL	471	SL
SLG	1704	An Act Regarding Incarcerated Individuals and Legislative Apportionment	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP			6/9/23	Enacted	PL	373	SL
SLG	1725	An Act to Strengthen Legislative Oversight of Government Agencies and Programs by Providing the Government Oversight Committee Access to Confidential Records	Carry Over			Carried in Comm	7/25/23				SL
SLG	1734	An Act to Clarify the Authority of Municipalities to Regulate Short-term Rentals	Reported Out	ONTP			5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			SL
SLG	1738	An Act to Create Lodging for Legislators	Reported Out	ONTP			5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			SL
SLG	1744	An Act to Strengthen Accountability in Rulemaking by Providing for Legislative Oversight	Reported Out	ONTP			5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			SL

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SLG	1758	An Act to Require a Municipality to Pay a Homeless Shelter on a Per Capita Basis for Persons Released or Delivered by the Municipality to the Shelter	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1772	An Act to Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and to Provide Voters More Information Regarding That Borrowing	Reported Out	ONTP		5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1821	An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by the City of Bath	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		5/31/23	Emergency Enacted	P&S	9		S1
SLG	1825	An Act to Clarify Licensing Jurisdiction for Manufactured Housing Communities	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/16/23	Died Between Houses				S1
SLG	1840	An Act to Reform the State's Administrative and Rule-making Procedures	Reported Out	ONTP		5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1854	An Act to Complete and Implement the Comprehensive Review of the Classification and Compensation System for Executive Branch Employees	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM		6/21/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
SLG	1862	An Act to Restore Balanced Powers During a State of Emergency	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/9/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1872	An Act to Restore Balanced Emergency Powers	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/9/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1876	An Act to Enhance Legislative Participation in the Governor's Use of Emergency Powers	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/21/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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SLG	1885	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Improve Representation by Simplifying Legislative Redistricting for the Maine House of Representatives	Reported Out	ONTP		5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1934	Resolve, to Improve the Coordination and Delivery of Planning Grants and Technical Assistance to Communities in Maine	Reported Out	OTP		6/1/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	51		S1
SLG	1939	An Act to Amend the Membership of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	415		S1
SLG	1948	An Act to Amend the State's Data Governance Program Regarding Proprietary Data	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
SLG	1983	An Act to Establish the Maine Buy American and Build Maine Act	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
SLG	2011	An Act Regarding the State Auditor's Reporting Requirements on State Agencies' Financial Activities	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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LD 49 An Act to Authorize the Deorganization of Drew Plantation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 2 provides for the deorganization of Drew Plantation in Penobscot County, subject to approval by the voters at a local special election.

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 2 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 10, 2023.

LD 87 An Act to Permit Emergency Funding For Food Banks When a State of Emergency is Declared

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 424 authorizes the Governor to distribute up to \$400,000 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund during a state of emergency to nonprofit entities, including food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens, that provide or distribute food to low-income, indigent or unemployed individuals or households without charge if the state of emergency lasts more than 10 days.

Public Law 2023, chapter 424 directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to adopt rules to prescribe the manner in which the emergency funding for nonprofit entities must be disbursed and authorizes the commissioner to leverage emergency funding for nonprofit entities to match any relevant federal funding available for qualifying food programs in the State.

Public Law 2023, chapter 424 prevents the Governor from suspending the adopted rules during a state of emergency.

LD 119 An Act to Clarify the Boundary Between Waldo and Knox Counties in Penobscot Bay

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 1 clarifies and describes a portion of the common boundary between Waldo County and Knox County located in Penobscot Bay to resolve a discrepancy between the legislative history of the boundary line and recent maps of the boundary line.

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LD 133 An Act to Include a Representative of Newspaper and Other Press Interests on the Archives Advisory Board and to Require the Member Representing a Historical Society to Have Expertise in Archival Records

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 24 makes the following changes to the Archives Advisory Board, established in Title 5, section 12004-I and described in Title 5, section 96.

1. It adds a member to the board who represents newspaper and other press interests recommended by a statewide professional news organization.
2. It requires the member representing newspaper and other press interests have expertise in journalism.
3. It requires the member representing a state or local historical society have expertise in archival records.

LD 138 An Act Regarding the Terms of Trustees of the Phippsburg Cemetery District

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 4 reduces the term of the trustees of the Phippsburg Cemetery District from five years to three years beginning with the trustees elected to serve in 2024.

LD 153 An Act to Allow Electronic Distribution of Certain Documents to Municipalities and Electronic Acknowledgment of Receipt of Certain Documents as Acceptable Communications

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 87 makes the following changes in those sections of Title 30-A, chapter 3 that require a county provide a written estimate of proposed county taxes and a notice of the public hearing on proposed county taxes to all municipalities located in the county.

1. It requires a county to deliver the written estimate of proposed county taxes and notice of public hearing to each municipality within the county either by email or regular mail, or deliver the written estimate and notice in person.
2. It authorizes a municipality to request that a county send the written estimate and notice of public hearing to a municipality by email or regular mail.

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3. If the written estimate and notice of public hearing are delivered by email or regular mail, it requires that the municipal clerk must confirm receipt of each.

LD 166 An Act to Provide Revenue for Property Tax Relief and Capital Infrastructure Projects

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 14 allows a municipality to use the revenue collected from parking meters within the municipality for property tax relief and to pay the costs of constructing, maintaining and operating capital infrastructure projects.

LD 205 An Act to Update the Reimbursement for Travel-related Expenses Incurred as a Result of the Performance of Legislative Duties

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 2 increases the travel-related expenses paid to members of the Legislature and members of the Penobscot Indian Nation, the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians elected to represent their tribes in the Legislature in the following ways.

1. It sets the mileage reimbursement rate at 55 cents per mile or the federal standard mileage rate, whichever is lower, for travel by the most reasonable direct route to and from a member's place of abode.
2. It sets the meal allowance at \$50 for each day in attendance at session.
3. It sets the housing allowance at \$70 for each day in attendance at session and for each day a member occupies overnight accommodations away from home either immediately before or after attendance at a daily session of the Legislature.
4. It sets the amount a member is entitled to receive as a daily meal allowance in lieu of the meal and housing allowance at \$50 per day.

Public Law 2023, chapter 2 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 13, 2023.

LD 239 An Act to Establish the Pink-edged Sulphur as the State Butterfly

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 88 establishes the Pink-edged Sulphur (*Colias interior*) as the official state butterfly.

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LD 269 An Act to Designate Granitic Pegmatite as the Maine State Rock

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 15 establishes granitic pegmatite as the official state rock.

LD 292 An Act to Establish Maine Needham Day

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 10 establishes the last Saturday in September as Maine Needham Day and requires the Governor to issue an annual proclamation recognizing the needham's place in the State's culture and culinary traditions.

LD 344 An Act to Establish Maine Alewife Day

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 11 designates the Saturday before Memorial Day as Maine Alewife Day and requires the Governor issue an annual proclamation encouraging observation of this day.

LD 354 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Use of Licensed Professional Engineers on Certain Public Works Projects

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 174 repeals and replaces the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 1254. It exempts certain public works construction projects that otherwise require the services of a licensed professional engineer from the need for a professional engineer if: an authorized representative of a department of this State or any of this State's political subdivisions or any county, city, town, township or plantation engaged in the construction of the public works project issues a written determination that the life, health and property of the public will be adequately protected without the services of a licensed professional engineer; and the contemplated expenditure for the completed project does not exceed \$250,000. For purposes of issuing the written determination, the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services is the authorized representative of a department of this State engaged in public works that constitute public improvements under Title 5, chapter 153. The law also clarifies that a department of this State or any of this State's political subdivisions or any county, city, town, township or plantation may still require the services of a licensed professional engineer for any public works project that meets both conditions.

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LD 461 An Act Regarding Private Ways and Private Roads

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 387 makes the following changes to the duties of the Maine Abandoned and Discontinued Roads Commission, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 3036.

1. It requires the commission to review the use of the following terms in the Maine Revised Statutes: "private way"; "public way"; "private road"; and "public easement".
2. It directs the commission to determine whether changes to current law would improve understanding and use of these terms throughout the Maine Revised Statutes.
3. It requires the commission to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by January 5, 2024 that includes the Commissions conclusions and recommendations.

Public Law 2023, chapter 387 gives the commission the authority to meet more than six times in 2023 to complete this work.

Public Law 2023, chapter 387 changes the definition of "repairs and maintenance" as it applies to road associations established and operating in accordance with Title 23, chapter 305 to include paving in locations where pavement does not exist if the paving is approved by an affirmative vote of at least 3/4 of the owners of all the parcels benefited by the private road, private way or bridge at a meeting called in accordance with Title 23, section 3101, subsection 2. It adds installing reclaimed asphalt or grinding existing asphalt pavement for reuse within the definition of "repairs and maintenance." It allows road associations to establish a reserve account to hold funds for repairs and maintenance, and it changes the expiration date of a notice of claim recorded with the registry of deeds from 18 months to six years.

LD 628 An Act to Designate Maine Irish Heritage Day

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 47 designates March 17th as Irish Heritage Day and requires the Governor to issue an annual proclamation encouraging observation of this day

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LD 670 An Act to Protect Birds in the Construction, Renovation and Maintenance of Public Buildings

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 221 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to develop, by December 31, 2024, guidance regarding the integration of bird collision risk management into public improvements.

The guidance must be available on the bureau's publicly accessible website and must be developed in consultation with expert stakeholders and must include an explanation of: architectural design threats and landscape design threats to birds; the cost differentials and the comparative effectiveness of materials, designs and other methods for reducing bird collisions; and other considerations for reducing bird collisions.

Public Law 2023, chapter 221 requires the guidance be considered in the construction of public improvements and renovations of public improvements in which more than 50% of a building facade is substantially altered. The guidance does not apply to public buildings, landscapes or districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places or determined to be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, including the State House and the Blaine House.

Public Law 2023, chapter 221 requires the Bureau of General Services submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government no later than December 31, 2024 detailing the guidance developed. Beginning December 31, 2026, and biennially thereafter, the Bureau of General Services must submit a report detailing use of the guidance during the previous 2-year period.

The committee may submit legislation relating to the subject matter of each report received.

LD 735 An Act to Require the State to Hold a Public Hearing in a Municipality Before the State Constructs a Solar Project in That Municipality

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 177 requires the Department of Transportation, the Maine Turnpike Authority and any state agency installing a solar energy project that disturbs more than 1,000 square feet of land area to hold a public hearing in the municipality where the project is to be located.

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LD 884 Resolve, to Study the Creation of a State Employee and Legislative Child Care Center

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 55 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to complete a study of the creation of a state employee and legislative child care center. The study must be done within existing resources and a report must be submitted, by October 1, 2024, to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

LD 893 An Act to Amend the Legislative Membership of the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 148 provides that, by October 1, 2023, and by October 1st of every odd-numbered year thereafter, the Hancock County legislative delegation must select, by majority vote, a member of the delegation to serve on the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee for a period of 2 years. If the selected member resigns from the Legislature or the budget advisory committee prior to the expiration of the 2-year term, the delegation may select another member to fulfill the remaining term of office. The delegation may also replace its selected member by a 2/3 vote of the delegation.

Public Law 2023, chapter 148 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 12, 2023.

LD 917 An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by the City of Rockland

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 10 validates the referendum conducted in the City of Rockland on November 8, 2022. It authorizes the City of Rockland to enter into contracts and issue bonds or notes of the city in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 to finance roads and sidewalk improvements, \$2,400,000 to finance the permanent closure of the city landfill and \$15,000,000 to finance storm water projects, plus up to 2% for costs of issuance.

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 10 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 16, 2023.

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LD 1007 An Act to Ban the Video Hosting Service TikTok on All State-owned Devices

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 385 bans TikTok on computers or other electronic devices owned or controlled by any branch of State Government, unless access is necessary for life, health, safety or investigative purposes in accordance with agency policy.

Public Law 2023, chapter 385 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 6, 2023.

LD 1029 Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 126 establishes the 15-member Commission to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States and the nonlapsing Maine Semiquincentennial Fund. Commission members serve until December 31, 2026 and may receive reimbursement for necessary expenses related to the performance of the member's duties on the commission. The fund terminates on December 31, 2027 with any unexpended balance in the fund being transferred to the General Fund.

The resolve requires the Secretary of State to administer the fund; chair the commission; appoint five members of the commission to constitute an executive committee; and convene the first meeting of the commission no later than December 1, 2023. The Secretary of State also has authority to employ staff to serve the commission; with advice from the commission, appoint honorary members to the commission; establish an advisory council composed of people who are especially interested in the celebration of the United States Semiquincentennial; and request additional appropriations from the Legislature for necessary expenses of the commission.

The commission is directed to develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States through educational and historical events, activities and programs throughout the State. The Commission must submit an annual report on its activities to the Governor and the Legislature. All state agencies and political subdivisions of the State are required to cooperate with the commission and may grant funds, property and services to the commission to carry out the purposes of this resolve. The Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House serve as ex officio members of the commission.

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LD 1136 An Act to Clarify Term Limitations for Legislators, Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 289 provides that for purposes of the Term Limitation Act of 1993, a consecutive term does not include a term that begins after the 3rd Wednesday in June in an odd-numbered year.

Public Law 2023, chapter 289 takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature and applies to Legislators and constitutional officers currently serving in office.

LD 1155 An Act to Address Legislative Salary

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 446 increases the salary of Legislators to \$25,000 in the first year of each biennium and to \$20,000 in the 2nd year of each biennium, beginning with the 132nd Legislature.

LD 1173 An Act Directing the Bureau of General Services to Ensure Adequate Air Quality in All State-owned and State-leased Buildings

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 392 makes the following changes to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1742-G.

1. It adds radon to the list of substances that may be harmful to human health that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services must test for in state-owned and state-leased building.
2. It requires the bureau to develop mitigation plans when harmful levels of radon are found in these buildings.
3. It requires the bureau to conduct radon tests in the State House and report the findings with mitigation recommendations to the Legislative Council of the Legislature by January 15, 2024.

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LD 1243 Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Propose a State Calendar

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 91 requires the Secretary of State, or the Secretary's designee, to propose a calendar, to be known as the "state calendar", that includes important religious days and holidays of the State's residents and the citizens of the United States. The calendar shall be developed within existing resources and in consultations with persons representing religious traditions practiced in this state; the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations; and the federally recognized Indian nations, tribes or bands in the State based on the joint recommendation of the tribal governments.

Resolve 2023, chapter 91 requires the Secretary of State to submit a proposed state calendar to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by January 31, 2024. The committee may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature adopting a state calendar.

LD 1260 Resolve, to Study Expansion of Civics Education and Engagement Through the Secretary of State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 42 requires the Secretary of State to study the efficacy, feasibility and benefits of appointing a deputy secretary of state to coordinate civics engagement and education matters.

The law also requires the Secretary of State to study the efficacy, feasibility and benefits of moving staffing and administrative services for the Maine Commission for Community Service, established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7501, from the Department of Education to the office of the Secretary of State in consultation with the Commissioner of Education.

The report must be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by December 6, 2023, including any recommendations and suggested legislation. The committee may report out a bill relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature based on the report.

LD 1336 An Act to Increase Transparency in Municipal Ballot Referenda Expenditures

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 314 makes the following changes related to municipal ballot referenda expenditures.

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1. It requires a ballot question committee that spends more than \$5,000 to influence a municipal referendum campaign in a town or city with a population of less than 15,000 to register and file reports with the Commission of Governmental Ethics and Election Practices established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 1002, using the Commission's electronic filing system.
2. It requires the Commission of Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to be responsible to oversee the filing of registrations or campaign finance reports related to municipal campaigns in towns or cities with a population under 15,000.
3. It applies the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, chapter 13, subchapter 4 to all municipal referenda campaign finance reporting.

LD 1350 An Act Regarding the Composition of the Budget Advisory Committee and the Finality of the Budget in the Franklin County Budget Process

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 262 makes the following changes to the Franklin County Budget Advisory Committee, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 873, effective November 5, 2024.

1. It establishes that the term of office of Franklin County Budget Advisory Committee members elected from the three county commissioner districts expires on November 5, 2024, which is the date Franklin County is divided into five county commissioner districts.
2. Beginning on November 5, 2024, it authorizes the municipal caucus for each of the five county commissioner districts to elect two members to the budget advisory committee to serve a three-year term.
3. Beginning November 5, 2024, it requires that an additional member must be elected to the budget advisory committee to serve a one-year term. The member must be elected, on a rotating basis, from among the five districts.
4. It requires that the election of members to the budget advisory committee must occur before April 1st of each year an election is required.
5. It requires that the final adoption of the Franklin County budget necessitates a 3/5 vote of the entire membership of the budget advisory committee.

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LD 1687 An Act to Improve Geographic Information System Data Acquisition and Maintenance

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 471 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to review the Office of Information Technology, the Office of Geographic Information Systems and the Maine Library of Geographic Information to determine whether the current organizational structure of these three entities provides state agencies, the Legislature and the public with relevant, up-to-date information in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

LD 1704 An Act Regarding Incarcerated Individuals and Legislative Apportionment

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 373 makes the following changes for purposes of apportionment pursuant to the Maine Constitution and the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, chapter 15.

1. It requires that a person who resides in a correction facility under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections, excluding county and municipal detention facilities and facilities used to house county prisoners, at the time of the Federal Decennial Census, must be counted by the Legislative Apportionment Commission as residing at the person's residential address immediately prior to incarceration, if such an address is contained in the records of the Department of Corrections.
2. It requires that the Department of Corrections provide to the Legislative Apportionment Commission, within 30 days of the first meeting of the commission, the preincarceration address and other demographic data of persons incarcerated in a correctional facility as of the date of the most recent Federal Decennial Census to the extent the Department possesses or has access to such data.

LD 1821 An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by the City of Bath

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 9 validates the referendum conducted in the City of Bath on November 8, 2022. It authorizes the City of Bath to enter into contracts and issue bonds or notes of the city in an amount not to exceed \$13,050,000 to finance the construction and equipping of a new fire station.

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 9 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 15, 2023.

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LD 1934 Resolve, to Improve the Coordination and Delivery of Planning Grants and Technical Assistance to Communities in Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 51 requires the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to review opportunities and structural changes in the organization of State Government that will result in the improved coordination and implementation of planning grants and technical assistance programs for Maine communities and regional planning and development organizations. The office must conduct the review in consultation with diverse stakeholders including municipal and regional planning entities.

The law requires the office to make recommendations in coordination with state agencies that manage programs and grant funds across the State supporting community planning and technical assistance and to make recommendations regarding budget and staffing matters in consultation with the Department of Administration and Financial Services. The office must submit a report with regard to the review and consultation that includes proposed legislation and financial and staffing implications of the recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by December 6, 2023.

LD 1939 An Act to Amend the Membership of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 415 makes the following changes to the membership of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission.

1. It increases the membership of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission from eight members to 12 members.
2. It increases the membership of the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission from four members from Maine to eight members from Maine.
3. It requires the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to appoint legislative members to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission equally from the two parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature.

Public Law 2023, chapter 415 was enacted as an emergency effective July 19, 2023.

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ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this Digest; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 86 An Act to Restore the Former State of Maine Flag

This bill was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of this bill will be determined during the next legislative session.

LD 165 An Act to Increase the Governor's Salary

This bill was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of this bill will be determined during the next legislative session.

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**Not
Enacted**

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**Not
Enacted**

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**Not
Enacted**

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Enacted

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Enacted**

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**Not
Enacted**

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**Not
Enacted**

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Property Tax - Valuation

Not Enacted	LD 2006	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Adjustments for Sudden and Severe Disruption of Municipal Valuation	CARRIED OVER
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Property Tax Relief Programs

Not Enacted	LD 37	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens to Eliminate the Requirement for an Annual Application	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 89	An Act to Clarify Eligibility for Property Tax Stabilization for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older	ONTP
	LD 130	An Act to Eliminate Senior Citizen Property Tax Stabilization and Expand the Homestead Property Tax Exemption	Died On Adjournment
	LD 149	An Act to Amend the Definition of "Homestead" Under the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Laws	ONTP
	LD 167	An Act Regarding Eligibility for the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption	ONTP
	LD 191	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Business Equipment Tax Benefits	CARRIED OVER

LD 529	An Act to Remove the Annual Filing Requirement in the Property Tax Stabilization Laws	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 984	An Act to Expand Access to the Homestead Property Tax Exemption	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1202	An Act to Increase the Homestead Exemption to \$50,000	ONTP
LD 1225	An Act to Protect Housing by Increasing the Property Tax Fairness Credit	ONTP
LD 1335	An Act to Amend the Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens Law	CARRIED OVER
LD 1345	An Act to Permit Municipalities to Establish by Ordinance a Program for Partial Deferral of Property Taxes for Seniors	CARRIED OVER
LD 1380	An Act to Fund Municipal Administrative Costs Associated with the Senior Property Tax Stabilization Program	ONTP
LD 1386	An Act to Require That a Completed Form for the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Be Provided to a Person Purchasing a Home	ONTP
LD 1413	An Act to Amend the Laws Establishing a Property Tax Stabilization Program for Senior Citizens	ONTP
LD 1582	An Act to Clarify What Constitutes a Homestead for the Homestead Property Tax Exemption	ONTP
LD 1650	An Act to Create a Tiered Senior Resident Homestead Exemption	ONTP
LD 1945	An Act to Provide a Property Tax Exemption to All Veterans Who Are 62 Years of Age or Older and Increase the Current Exemption	ONTP

Sales and Use Tax

**Not
Enacted**

LD 88	An Act to Provide Qualifying Municipalities a Percentage of Adult Use Cannabis Sales and Excise Tax Revenues	Died On Adjournment
LD 713	An Act to Require the Transfer to the Highway Fund of 50 Percent of Sales Tax Collected from Automobile Dealers and Sales and Use Tax Collected from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles	Died On Adjournment
LD 793	An Act to Support Municipal Services with Revenue Sharing	ONTP

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LD 996	An Act to Allow a Municipality to Establish a Local Option Sales Tax	CARRIED OVER
LD 1027	An Act to Prohibit Local Sales Taxes	CARRIED OVER
LD 1212	Resolve, to Study the Economic Effects of Instituting a Seasonal Sales Tax	ONTP
LD 1298	An Act to Allow a Local Option Sales Tax on Short-term Lodging to Fund Affordable Housing	CARRIED OVER
LD 1445	An Act to Enact a Seasonal Sales Tax to Provide Income Tax Relief to Maine Residents	ONTP
LD 1747	An Act to Return the Sales Tax Rate to 5 Percent	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1755	An Act to Exempt Certain Youth Development Nonprofit Organizations from Sales Tax and the Service Provider Tax	CARRIED OVER
LD 1852	An Act to Eliminate the Lodging Tax on Campground Sites and Revert to Using the Current Sales Tax	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1893	An Act to Allow a Municipality to Impose a Fee on Short-term Rentals for the Benefit of That Municipality	CARRIED OVER
LD 1946	An Act to Amend the Income Tax Law to Expand the Middle Tax Bracket, Increase the Lodging Tax and Increase the Short-term Automobile Rental Tax	ONTP
LD 2000	An Act to Change the Taxation of Rental Tangible Personal Property to Make It Consistent with the Predominant Method in Other States' Rental Industry Laws for Sales and Use Tax	CARRIED OVER

Sales Tax Exemptions, Exclusions or Refunds

Enacted

LD 68	Resolve, Directing the Office of Tax Policy to Study the Impact of Exempting Certain Nonprofit Organizations from the Sales and Use Tax and the Service Provider Tax	RESOLVE 88
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Not Enacted

LD 66	An Act to Prohibit the Taxation of Drinking Water	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 287	An Act to Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Diapers	CARRIED OVER
LD 541	An Act to Create Parity in the Taxation of Medicine	Died On Adjournment

LD 695	An Act to Exempt Nonprofit Land Trusts from Sales Tax	CARRIED OVER
LD 708	An Act to Establish a Sales Tax Holiday Weekend	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 805	An Act to Provide That a Licensed Motor Vehicle Dealer May Claim a Credit for Sales Tax on the Purchase and Installation of Equipment to Be Used for the Charging of Electric Vehicles	ONTP
LD 1051	An Act to Protect Maine People from Inflation by Exempting Gold and Silver Coins and Bullion from the State Sales and Use Tax	Died Between Houses
LD 1118	An Act to Reduce the Sales Tax on Automobiles	ONTP
LD 1184	An Act to Exempt Certain Prescribed Home Medical Supplies from Sales Tax	CARRIED OVER
LD 1303	An Act to Exempt Utility Vehicles Purchased for Qualified Commercial Fishing or Commercial Farming from State Sales Tax	CARRIED OVER
LD 1493	An Act to Increase Affordable Housing by Expanding Tax Increment Financing	CARRIED OVER
LD 1504	An Act to Exempt Broadband Equipment from the Sales and Use Tax	ONTP
LD 1689	An Act to Exempt Prescription Pet Medications from Sales Tax	Died Between Houses

Tax Expenditure Review

Enacted	LD 849	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group to Review the Process for Ongoing Review of Tax Expenditures by the Legislature	PUBLIC 417
Not Enacted	LD 1804	An Act to Provide Transparency and Accountability for Corporate Tax Expenditures	CARRIED OVER

Tax Increment Financing

Enacted	LD 286	An Act to Authorize the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for Constructing or Renovating Local Central Administrative Offices	PUBLIC 142
	LD 1182	An Act to Make Revisions to the Tax Increment Financing and Development District Laws	PUBLIC 377

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	LD 1644	An Act to Permit the Expenditure of Accumulated Tax Increment Revenues	PUBLIC 203
	LD 1739	An Act to Extend Development District Tax Increment Financing Districts	PUBLIC 472
Not Enacted	LD 1493	An Act to Increase Affordable Housing by Expanding Tax Increment Financing	CARRIED OVER

Tax Reform - Tax and Spending

Not Enacted	LD 1434	An Act to Abolish the Maine Income Tax and Establish a Zero-based Budget	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Unorganized Territory

Enacted	LD 6	Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory	RESOLVE 11
	LD 1308	An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2023-24	PUBLIC 150

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TAX	6	Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/12/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	11		S1
TAX	7	An Act to Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes and Change the Standard Deduction and References in the Dependent Exemption Tax Credit	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/7/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1
TAX	37	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens to Eliminate the Requirement for an Annual Application	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/7/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TAX	66	An Act to Prohibit the Taxation of Drinking Water	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/13/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TAX	68	Resolve, Directing the Office of Tax Policy to Study the Impact of Exempting Certain Nonprofit Organizations from the Sales and Use Tax and the Service Provider Tax	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/21/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	88		S1
TAX	88	An Act to Provide Qualifying Municipalities a Percentage of Adult Use Cannabis Sales and Excise Tax Revenues	Reported Out	OTP-AMONTP		5/5/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
TAX	89	An Act to Clarify Eligibility for Property Tax Stabilization for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older	Reported Out	ONTP		4/7/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	101	An Act to Return to the Former Owner Any Excess Funds Remaining After the Sale of Foreclosed Property	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/23/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	358		S1
TAX	130	An Act to Eliminate Senior Citizen Property Tax Stabilization and Expand the Homestead Property Tax Exemption	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM		6/22/23	Died On Adjournment				S1

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TAX	144	An Act Regarding the Monitoring of Municipal Abandoned Property	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		3/13/23	Enacted	PL	26		S1
TAX	149	An Act to Amend the Definition of "Homestead" Under the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Laws	Reported Out	ONTP		4/7/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	167	An Act Regarding Eligibility for the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption	Reported Out	ONTP		4/7/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	191	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Business Equipment Tax Benefits	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	195	An Act to Exempt Gold Star Parents from Income Tax	Reported Out	ONTP		2/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
TAX	210	An Act to Expand the List of Persons Exempt from the Real Estate Transfer Tax	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	3/27/23					S1
TAX	283	An Act to Make Technical Changes to the Maine Tax Laws	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP		6/22/23	Enacted	PL	360		S1
TAX	286	An Act to Authorize the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for Constructing or Renovating Local Central Administrative Offices	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/19/23	Enacted	PL	142		S1
TAX	287	An Act to Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Diapers	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	4/19/23					S1
TAX	341	An Act to Amend the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law to Encourage Housing Construction	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/25/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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TAX	457	An Act to Amend Maine's Tax Laws	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	499	An Act to Change Maine's Tax Laws	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	517	An Act to Allow Maine Families to Deduct Vehicle Excise Taxes on State Income Tax Returns	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	529	An Act to Remove the Annual Filing Requirement in the Property Tax Stabilization Laws	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/4/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TAX	533	An Act to Exempt Overtime Pay from Individual Income Tax	Reported Out	ONTP		5/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	541	An Act to Create Parity in the Taxation of Medicine	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		4/25/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
TAX	633	An Act to Dedicate Revenue from Alcohol Tax to Alcohol Use Disorder Treatment	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	641	An Act to Combat Hunger by Creating an Income Tax Credit for Businesses Engaged in Food Production for Donations to Qualified Organizations	Reported Out	ONTP		4/28/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	643	An Act to Promote Research and Development in the State by Increasing the Research Expense Tax Credit	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	667	An Act to Impose a Tax Surcharge on Certain Incomes	Reported Out	ONTP		5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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TAX	695	An Act to Exempt Nonprofit Land Trusts from Sales Tax	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/25/23					S1
TAX	708	An Act to Establish a Sales Tax Holiday Weekend	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		4/19/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TAX	713	An Act to Require the Transfer to the Highway Fund of 50 Percent of Sales Tax Collected from Automobile Dealers and Sales and Use Tax Collected from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
TAX	758	An Act to Account for the Impact of Inflation on the Taxation of Capital Gains and Losses	Reported Out	ONTP		6/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	792	An Act to Provide a Turnpike Gasoline Fairness Credit for Maine Turnpike Drivers	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/13/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TAX	793	An Act to Support Municipal Services with Revenue Sharing	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	802	An Act to Increase the Maine Exclusion Amount for Estate Tax Exemptions	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/14/23	Accepted Report B (ONTP)				S1
TAX	803	An Act Regarding Taxation	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	805	An Act to Provide That a Licensed Motor Vehicle Dealer May Claim a Credit for Sales Tax on the Purchase and Installation of Equipment to Be Used for the Charging of Electric Vehicles	Reported Out	ONTP		4/7/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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TAX	835	An Act to Phase Out the Income Tax	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/15/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TAX	843	An Act to Improve Income Tax Progressivity by Establishing a New Top Individual Income Tax Rate	Reported Out	ONTP		4/7/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	849	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group to Review the Process for Ongoing Review of Tax Expenditures by the Legislature	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/14/23	Enacted	PL	417		S1
TAX	854	An Act to Fund the Protection and Restoration of Riparian and Estuarine Ecosystems and to Impose an Excise Tax on Certain Bottled Water Operators	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TAX	916	An Act to Establish a Windfall Profits Tax on Electric Utilities to Assist with Residential Heating Costs	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	971	An Act to Establish the Income Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents	Reported Out	ONTP		5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	984	An Act to Expand Access to the Homestead Property Tax Exemption	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TAX	996	An Act to Allow a Municipality to Establish a Local Option Sales Tax	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	1010	An Act to Provide Tax Relief for Working Families	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	1027	An Act to Prohibit Local Sales Taxes	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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TAX	1051	An Act to Protect Maine People from Inflation by Exempting Gold and Silver Coins and Bullion from the State Sales and Use Tax	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/5/23	Died Between Houses				S1
TAX	1060	An Act to Support Municipal Public Safety by Increasing State-Municipal Revenue Sharing to 7 Percent	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/14/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TAX	1063	An Act to Provide Equitable Tax Treatment to State-licensed Cannabis Businesses	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	444		S1
TAX	1075	An Act to Promote Economic Growth Through Increased Film Incentives	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	1118	An Act to Reduce the Sales Tax on Automobiles	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1135	An Act to Ensure that Carbon Credits Can Be Sold on Forest Land Enrolled in the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law	Reported Out	ONTP		4/28/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1147	An Act to Exempt Gold and Silver Coins and Bullion from the State Income Tax	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1153	An Act to Allow Municipalities to Tax Personal Solar Energy Equipment Under 5 Megawatts	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	1168	An Act to Adjust Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Rates	Reported Out	ONTP		5/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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TAX	1176	An Act to Create Municipal Cannabis Revenue Sharing	Reported Out	ONTP		4/28/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1182	An Act to Make Revisions to the Tax Increment Financing and Development District Laws	Reported Out	OTP		6/14/23	Enacted	PL	377		S1
TAX	1184	An Act to Exempt Certain Prescribed Home Medical Supplies from Sales Tax	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	1202	An Act to Increase the Homestead Exemption to \$50,000	Reported Out	ONTP		4/19/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1212	Resolve, to Study the Economic Effects of Instituting a Seasonal Sales Tax	Reported Out	ONTP		5/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1213	An Act to Reform Income Taxes by Reducing Tax Rates for Each of the 3 Income Tax Brackets	Reported Out	ONTP		6/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1222	An Act to Expand Child Care Services Through an Employer- supported Tax Credit	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	1225	An Act to Protect Housing by Increasing the Property Tax Fairness Credit	Reported Out	ONTP		5/2/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1231	An Act to Bring Fairness in Income Taxes to Maine Families by Adjusting the Tax Brackets	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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TAX	1258	An Act to Increase the Personal Property Tax Exemption for Farm Machinery	Reported Out	OTP-AM		Carried On Approps Table	5/24/23					S1
TAX	1268	An Act to Provide for a Local Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption for Qualifying Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons	Reported Out	ONTP			5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1276	An Act to Create and Sustain Jobs and Affordable Housing Through the Development of Cooperatives and Employee-owned Businesses	Reported Out	OTP-AM		Carried On Approps Table	6/20/23					S1
TAX	1298	An Act to Allow a Local Option Sales Tax on Short-term Lodging to Fund Affordable Housing	Carry Over Approved			Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	1303	An Act to Exempt Utility Vehicles Purchased for Qualified Commercial Fishing or Commercial Farming from State Sales Tax	Reported Out	OTP-AM		Carried On Approps Table	6/13/23					S1
TAX	1308	An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2023-24	Reported Out	OTP-AM			5/17/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	150		S1
TAX	1313	An Act to Amend the Tax Credit for Major Business Headquarters Expansions Regarding Employees' Location and Time of Hire for Purposes of the Credit	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP			5/15/23	Enacted	PL	157		S1
TAX	1328	An Act to Fund a Public Defender's Office Through a Tax on University Endowment Income	Reported Out	ONTP			5/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1335	An Act to Amend the Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens Law	Carry Over Approved			Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	1337	An Act to Require a Corporation That Files a Tax Return in the State to File a Tax Disclosure Statement	Carry Over Approved			Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	1338	An Act to Amend the Maine Exclusion Amount in the Estate Tax	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM			6/16/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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TAX	1345	An Act to Permit Municipalities to Establish by Ordinance a Program for Partial Deferral of Property Taxes for Seniors	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	1355	An Act to Establish a Behavioral Health Employment Income Tax Credit for Student Loan Payments	Reported Out	ONTP		5/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1380	An Act to Fund Municipal Administrative Costs Associated with the Senior Property Tax Stabilization Program	Reported Out	ONTP		5/2/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1381	An Act to Create Fairness in Maine's Motor Vehicle Excise Tax by Basing the Tax on the Sale Price	Reported Out	ONTP		5/15/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1384	An Act to Promote Fairness in the Taxation of Adult Use Cannabis	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/21/23					S1
TAX	1386	An Act to Require That a Completed Form for the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Be Provided to a Person Purchasing a Home	Reported Out	ONTP		6/7/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1392	An Act to Change How the Adult Use Cannabis Excise Tax Is Calculated	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/22/23	Died Between Houses				S1
TAX	1405	An Act to Change How Adult Use Cannabis Excise Tax Is Calculated	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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TAX	1413	An Act to Amend the Laws Establishing a Property Tax Stabilization Program for Senior Citizens	Reported Out	ONTP		5/2/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1434	An Act to Abolish the Maine Income Tax and Establish a Zero-based Budget	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/14/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TAX	1445	An Act to Enact a Seasonal Sales Tax to Provide Income Tax Relief to Maine Residents	Reported Out	ONTP		5/15/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1454	An Act Regarding the Distribution of Revenue from the Real Estate Transfer Tax	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	1475	An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Promote Biomanufacturing and Biotechnology Development	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/21/23					S1
TAX	1486	An Act to Exempt Tractor Trailer Trucks from the Excise Tax	Reported Out	ONTP		5/15/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1493	An Act to Increase Affordable Housing by Expanding Tax Increment Financing	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/20/23					S1
TAX	1504	An Act to Exempt Broadband Equipment from the Sales and Use Tax	Reported Out	ONTP		6/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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TAX	1524	An Act to Eliminate the Excise Tax on Recreational Vehicles and Permit Municipal Adoption of Fees to Cover the Cost of Municipal Services to Campgrounds and Recreational Vehicle Parks	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/14/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TAX	1538	An Act to Provide Tax Benefits to Persons Constructing Accessory Dwelling Units	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	1544	An Act to Improve Economic Security for Maine Children by Amending the Maine Dependent Exemption Tax Credit	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/22/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
TAX	1569	An Act to Exempt Certain Disabled Veterans from Property Taxes in Accordance with Their Disability Ratings	Reported Out	ONTP		5/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1573	An Act to Provide Financial Relief for Certain Volunteers Receiving Certain Education Benefits in Recognition of Their Volunteer Service	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/16/23					S1
TAX	1582	An Act to Clarify What Constitutes a Homestead for the Homestead Property Tax Exemption	Reported Out	ONTP		6/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1595	An Act to Exempt the Estates of Veterans Who Were Disabled in the Line of Duty from Property Taxes	Reported Out	ONTP		5/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1600	An Act to Improve Property Tax Relief for Certain Disabled Veterans	Reported Out	LTW		5/15/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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TAX	1631	An Act to Establish the Gas Tax Fairness Credit	Reported Out	ONTP		5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1638	An Act to Lower the State's Individual Income Tax	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/14/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TAX	1644	An Act to Permit the Expenditure of Accumulated Tax Increment Revenues	Reported Out	OTP		5/31/23	Enacted	PL	203		S1
TAX	1648	An Act to Make Changes to the Farm and Open Space Tax Law	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	1650	An Act to Create a Tiered Senior Resident Homestead Exemption	Reported Out	ONTP		5/2/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1651	An Act to Reduce the State Income Tax	Reported Out	ONTP		5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1671	An Act to Reduce the Income Tax to 4.5 Percent on the Lowest Tax Bracket and Remove Low-income Families from Taxation	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Accepted Report B (ONTP)				S1
TAX	1681	An Act to Encourage Residential Water Testing by Providing an Income Tax Deduction	Reported Out	ONTP		5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1685	An Act to Increase Acreage Eligibility and Change Requirements for Filing Plans Under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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TAX	1689	An Act to Exempt Prescription Pet Medications from Sales Tax	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/14/23	Died Between Houses				S1
TAX	1714	An Act to Create a Sustainable Funding Source for Recovery Community Centers Using a Percentage of the Adult Use Cannabis Tax Revenue	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/20/23					S1
TAX	1717	An Act to Provide a Property Tax Exemption for All Veterans over 62 Years of Age	Reported Out	ONTP		5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1720	An Act to Phase Out the Insurance Premium Tax on Annuities	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/14/23					S1
TAX	1737	An Act to Provide up to \$5,000 in Property Tax Relief to Veterans	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	1739	An Act to Extend Development District Tax Increment Financing Districts	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	472		S1
TAX	1743	An Act to Eliminate the Personal Property Tax	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/22/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TAX	1747	An Act to Return the Sales Tax Rate to 5 Percent	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TAX	1755	An Act to Exempt Certain Youth Development Nonprofit Organizations from Sales Tax and the Service Provider Tax	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/14/23					S1
TAX	1774	An Act Exempting Certain Emergency Distributions and Emergency Savings Accounts from Taxation	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	1804	An Act to Provide Transparency and Accountability for Corporate Tax Expenditures	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	1808	An Act to Amend the State Tax Laws	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/21/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	441		S1

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TAX	1810	An Act to Expand the Maine Historic Rehabilitation Credit and Establish a Weatherization Tax Credit	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	1852	An Act to Eliminate the Lodging Tax on Campground Sites and Revert to Using the Current Sales Tax	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TAX	1853	An Act to Conform the Mining Excise Tax Laws to the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act and Set the Mining Excise Tax at 10 Percent	Reported Out	ONTP		5/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1855	Resolve, Directing the Office of Tax Policy to Study Maine's Mining Excise Tax	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/15/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	83		S1
TAX	1866	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Fair, Equitable and Competitive Income Tax Policy for Maine's Families and Small Businesses	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/21/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
TAX	1873	An Act to Provide Heating Relief with Tax-free Home Energy Savings Accounts	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	1882	An Act to Increase the Deduction from Income for Pension Benefits	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/14/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
TAX	1891	An Act to Support Maine Businesses Through a Child Care Tax Credit and a Pass-through Entity Tax	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	1893	An Act to Allow a Municipality to Impose a Fee on Short-term Rentals for the Benefit of That Municipality	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	1894	An Act to Establish a Home Heating Income Tax Deduction	Reported Out	ONTP		5/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1900	An Act to Establish a Tax Credit for Employers Who Employ Persons Recovering from Substance Use Disorder	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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TAX	1928	An Act to Protect Maine Taxpayers from Unconstitutional Federal Expenditures	Reported Out	ONTP		5/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1945	An Act to Provide a Property Tax Exemption to All Veterans Who Are 62 Years of Age or Older and Increase the Current Exemption	Reported Out	ONTP		5/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1946	An Act to Amend the Income Tax Law to Expand the Middle Tax Bracket, Increase the Lodging Tax and Increase the Short-term Automobile Rental Tax	Reported Out	ONTP		6/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TAX	1954	An Act to Address the Recent Mill Closure in the Town of Jay by Providing Funds to Offset Property Tax Loss	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
TAX	1958	An Act to Revise the Tax Laws Regarding the Mi'kmaq Nation	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/20/23					S1
TAX	1961	An Act to Support Potato Processing in Maine	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	1974	An Act to Reauthorize Maine's New Markets Tax Credit Program	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	1979	An Act Regarding Surplus Lines Insurance Tax	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	372		S1
TAX	1999	An Act to Ensure the Equitable Treatment of Military Retirement Plan Income	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	2000	An Act to Change the Taxation of Rental Tangible Personal Property to Make It Consistent with the Predominant Method in Other States' Rental Industry Laws for Sales and Use Tax	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TAX	2005	An Act to Eliminate the Aircraft Excise Tax	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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TAX	2006	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Adjustments for Sudden and Severe Disruption of Municipal Valuation	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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LD 6 Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 11 authorizes the State Tax Assessor to convey the interest of the State in parcels of real estate in the Unorganized Territory acquired by the State through the foreclosure of tax liens for nonpayment of property taxes.

LD 68 Resolve, Directing the Office of Tax Policy to Study the Impact of Exempting Certain Nonprofit Organizations from the Sales and Use Tax and the Service Provider Tax

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 88 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services, Office of Tax Policy to study the legislative history of entity-based sales tax exemptions and service provider tax exemptions provided to qualifying nonprofit organizations, including but not limited to review of the entities currently covered and those excluded, the impact of changes to statutes if criteria were broadened and exemptions in other states. The department is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation no later than January 15, 2024. The committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature regarding the report.

LD 101 An Act to Return to the Former Owner Any Excess Funds Remaining After the Sale of Foreclosed Property

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 358 provides a process that requires a municipality to return to the former owner of property excess proceeds from the sale of property which has been acquired by the municipality by foreclosure due to the failure of the former owner to pay property taxes. The new process amends the current process that applies to a homestead owned by a person 65 years of age or older by expanding coverage to property owners regardless of age and without regard to whether the property is a homestead and makes changes to facilitate administration of the process for foreclosure and return of excess proceeds to the former owner of the property. Public Law 2023, chapter 358 also creates a Working Group to Study Equity in the Property Tax Foreclosure Process under the direction of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services, and directs the working group to study and report to the Legislature by January 15, 2024 on issues associated with the process regarding foreclosure for failure to pay property tax.

Public Law 2023, chapter 358 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 30, 2023.

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LD 144 An Act Regarding the Monitoring of Municipal Abandoned Property

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 26 requires a municipality that certifies abandoned property to submit the address and parcel data for the property to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority for use in determining opportunities for redevelopment of the property instead of to the Maine State Housing Authority to support first time home buyers and similar programs.

LD 283 An Act to Make Technical Changes to the Maine Tax Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 360 makes a number of technical changes to Maine tax laws.

Part A of Public Law 2023, chapter 360 makes the following changes to the property tax law.

1. It allows disclosure of certain confidential information to the State Board of Property Tax Review.
2. It clarifies that a municipality's equalized tax rate of residential property is the equalized full value tax rate when calculating qualification for sudden and severe disruption assistance.
3. It removes the requirement that updates to the property tax assessment manual be made by the State Tax Assessor by rule;
4. It clarifies that the fixed-dollar parsonage and personal property exemptions for houses of religious worship are based on just value.
5. It clarifies that only individuals qualify for certain property tax exemptions for veterans and removes gender-specific terms in those provisions.
6. It facilitates the repeal of the Circuitbreaker Program, which has expired, by moving definitions from that program to current provisions.
7. It clarifies that the income and asset limitations of the state property tax deferral program apply to all owners of the property.
8. It makes other technical and grammatical changes to improve the clarity of property tax provisions.

Part B of Public Law 2023, chapter 360 makes the following changes to the income tax law.

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1. It clarifies that a petition for reconsideration related to a determination issued by Maine Revenue Services must be filed within the specified time period with Maine Revenue Services in order to be available for review in Superior Court or by the Maine Board of Tax Appeals.
2. It repeals the Maine income modifications related to the expired federal domestic production activities deduction.
3. It repeals the Maine income modification for the expired federal unemployment compensation deduction.
4. It repeals the Maine income modification for the expired federal deferral of income from discharge of indebtedness.
5. It repeals the expired Maine income modification for insurance premiums for long-term care insurance;
6. It repeals the expired Maine income modification for federal recovery amounts included in federal adjusted gross income.
7. It clarifies Maine Revenue Services' rule-making authority regarding the Maine research expense income tax credit by correcting an erroneous reference to the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, removing unnecessary and confusing language and making the rule-making requirement discretionary.
8. It clarifies that the benefit base under the property tax fairness credit includes property tax payments, and not payments of rent constituting property taxes, under the State's property tax deferral program.
9. It Provides that the additional credit for permanently and totally disabled veterans under the property tax fairness credit is limited to the total taxes paid by the taxpayer and by the State on behalf of the taxpayer pursuant to the property tax deferral program, if any.
10. It clarifies that the due dates applicable to income tax estimated tax installment payments required to be made by individuals, trusts, estates, corporations and financial institutions are based on a taxpayer's taxable year.

Part C of Public Law 2023, chapter 360 makes the following changes to provisions regarding the sales tax.

1. It removes the word “pickup” from the phrase “pickup trucks” in the Multimodal Transportation Fund transfer to align with the removal of the word in the corresponding sales tax provisions by Public Law 2021, chapter 578.
2. It clarifies the confidentiality exemption for disclosing registration, revocation of registration or exemption certificate information by providing that the allowable disclosure is limited to the disclosure of information applicable to the previous six years.

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3. It updates gender-specific language with regard to persons who fish commercially.

LD 286 An Act to Authorize the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for Constructing or Renovating Local Central Administrative Offices

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 142 provides that tax increment financing funds may be spent for 50% of the capital costs for construction or renovation of a central administrative office of a municipality or plantation, the need for which is related to general economic development within the municipality or plantation, and provides that tax increment financing funds used for the project may not exceed 15% of the captured assessed value of the development district.

LD 849 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group to Review the Process for Ongoing Review of Tax Expenditures by the Legislature

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 417 implements the following recommendations of the Working Group To Review the Process for Ongoing Review of Tax Expenditures by the Legislature established in 2021 by joint order, S.P. 578.

1. Beginning with the 132nd Legislature, it changes the membership of the Government Oversight Committee by requiring that the membership of that committee must include at least one member who is member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters and at least one member who is a member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters and provides that no two members may be members of the same joint standing committee or members of the same political party.
2. It authorizes the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters to meet throughout the year as determined to be necessary by the chairs to perform tax expenditure review functions.
3. It repeals expedited review of tax expenditures.
4. It prioritizes full review of business incentive tax expenditures over tax expenditures directed primarily toward individual tax relief.
5. It requires that the schedule for review of full review tax expenditures take into consideration any statutory expiration dates.

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6. It establishes a procedure for review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters of legislation under consideration by another joint standing committee that would enact a full review tax expenditure. The review is for the purposes of identifying and recommending provisions to facilitate tax expenditure review.
7. It establishes a process for the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters to request 2 limited analysis projects per year to be completed by the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability for the purpose of assisting consideration of legislation before the committee.
8. It directs the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and the Office of Fiscal and Program Review to assess and report to the Legislative Council regarding the need for additional staff to perform the additional functions contained in the law.

LD 1063 An Act to Provide Equitable Tax Treatment to State-licensed Cannabis Businesses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 444 provides an income tax deduction for expenses related to carrying on a business as a cannabis establishment or a testing facility and compensates for the loss of tax revenue by requiring a transfer to the General Fund from the Adult Use Cannabis Public Health and Safety and Municipal Opt-in Fund.

LD 1182 An Act to Make Revisions to the Tax Increment Financing and Development District Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 377 amends the laws governing tax increment financing by removing the requirement that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Department of Transportation review proposals for the designation of downtown tax increment financing districts. The law also clarifies the approval condition related to a property being suitable for commercial or arts district uses.

LD 1308 An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2023-24

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 150 establishes municipal cost components for state and county services provided to the unorganized territory that would normally be paid for by a municipality. The municipal cost components establish the property tax for the unorganized territory.

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Public Law 2023, chapter 150 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 12, 2023.

LD 1313 An Act to Amend the Tax Credit for Major Business Headquarters Expansions Regarding Employees' Location and Time of Hire for Purposes of the Credit

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 157 amends the credit for major business headquarters expansions to allow employees of the applicant working anywhere in the State, not just at the applicant's headquarters, to be counted as employees of the applicant for purposes of the credit. The law also changes the time for determining the number of new employees added to January 1, 2018 or later; it is currently the first day of the first year for which the tax credit is claimed. The changes provided in this law are retroactive to January 1, 2021.

LD 1644 An Act to Permit the Expenditure of Accumulated Tax Increment Revenues

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 203 authorizes tax increment financing revenues to be used for certain identified purposes after the date a development district ends. Funds remaining in a “project cost account” may be used only to pay debt service on certain bonds and notes. Funds remaining in a “development sinking fund account” may be used only to pay approved project costs that are described in the development plan. Funds remaining after the expiration of time for authorized uses must be returned to the municipality or plantation general fund and corresponding tax shift adjustments must be made by Maine Revenue Services.

LD 1739 An Act to Extend Development District Tax Increment Financing Districts

ENACTED LAW

Public Law 2023, chapter 472 provides that for the 10 calendar years following the law’s effective date, a development district that is a tax increment financing district may be extended for an additional 20 years if the district uses at least 75% of the state tax increment revenue for affordable housing or transit-oriented development.

LD 1808 An Act to Amend the State Tax Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 441 makes minor substantive changes to the tax laws.

Part A of Public Law 2023, chapter 441 makes the following changes to the sales tax law.

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1. It requires a marketplace facilitator to collect recycling assistance fees on sales that the marketplace facilitator facilitates.
2. It adds the definition of "low-income" as used by the sales tax exemption for sales to a nonprofit housing development organization in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1760, subsection 72 to the corresponding exemption under the service provider tax.

Part B of Public Law 2023, chapter 441 makes the following changes to the property tax law:

1. It simplifies eligibility for the property tax exemption for veterans who served in a federally recognized war period or received an expeditionary medal by removing the distinction between different expeditionary medals.
2. It simplifies and broadens eligibility for the property tax exemption for veterans with specially adapted housing units to include all veterans who receive grants for specially adapted housing.
3. It adjusts the personal property factor calculation used to determine state business equipment tax exemption reimbursement rates to exclude business personal property exempt from property taxation for reasons other than the business equipment tax exemption.
4. It clarifies the three approaches to valuation.
5. It changes the payment due date for the homestead property tax deferral program for senior citizens from April 30th of the calendar year following the year in which the property exited the program to 12 months after the property exited the program and changes the date by which an extension must be requested from August 15th of the calendar year following the year in which the property exited the program upon a death to 12 months after the property exited the program.

Part C of Public Law 2023, chapter 441 makes the following changes to the income tax law.

1. It provides that each required estimated tax payment for nonadmitted insurance premiums be based on contracts written during the estimated tax period.
2. It clarifies that the nonadmitted insurance premiums tax is based on premiums on contracts written by insurers, rather than on premiums paid to insurers.
3. It retroactively repeals the Maine modification related to the federal exclusion of benefits for volunteer firefighters and emergency responders.
4. It eliminates a duplication of benefits by requiring that the military survivor benefits subtraction modification be reduced by the amount of those benefits claimed as a pension deduction under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph M-2.

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5. It provides that the interest associated with an installment sale of property for which an election is made by a nonresident individual taxpayer to pay the Maine tax on the gain in the year of the sale or in a subsequent year is excluded from Maine taxable income in the year of the election and any year subsequent to the election.
6. It removes the credit for certain homestead modifications for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, but allows taxpayers to carry forward unused credit amounts for up to four years following the first year of eligibility.
7. It establishes the extended due dates for filing income tax returns of taxable corporations and franchise tax returns of financial institutions as 30 days following the extended due date for filing the related federal income tax return. This change applies to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.
8. It replaces a reference to "Maine income tax withholding" in the employment tax increment financing program with a reference to "gross wages paid" in order to reflect a recent change in the program to base the benefit on gross wages paid rather than on income tax withholding.

Part D of Public Law 2023, chapter 441 makes the following changes to the property tax stabilization for senior citizens program.

1. It clarifies the property tax year for which individuals request stabilization.
2. It clarifies the form municipalities must use to apply for reimbursement.
3. It authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services to audit municipal applications for reimbursement and provides for municipal appeal rights.

Part E of Public Law 2023, chapter 441 makes the following changes to the tobacco tax law.

1. It enacts a definition of "remote seller" to mean a seller of premium cigars and pipe tobacco selling directly to consumers located in the State.
2. It enacts a definition of "remote sale" to clearly establish when an economic nexus exists for purposes of regulation and taxation of distributors and remote sellers of tobacco products located outside of the State.
3. It makes other technical changes throughout to ensure clarity and consistency regarding the imposition of the tax and the many different types of distributors who bring or cause to be brought tobacco products into this State for sale.

Part F of Public Law 2023, chapter 441 allows the disclosure of a taxpayer's current mailing address to the Treasurer of State for purposes of returning unclaimed or abandoned property.

Public Law 2023, chapter 441 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 26, 2023.

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LD 1855 Resolve, Directing the Office of Tax Policy to Study Maine's Mining Excise Tax

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 83 directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services, Office of Tax Policy to examine and evaluate the State's taxation of metallic mineral mining business activity and to report by January 15, 2024 to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation with its findings and recommendations. The committee is authorized to submit related legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 1979 An Act Regarding Surplus Lines Insurance Tax

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 372 removes statutory provisions imposing a higher rate of insurance premium tax on premiums for direct insurance and annuity considerations for insurers incorporated outside of the State. Under the law, all premiums attributable to nonadmitted insurers are subject to a 3% tax rate. The change is retroactive to January 1, 2023.

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ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this Digest; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 7 An Act to Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes

This bill, submitted by Maine Revenue Services, proposed to update the date of tax conformity with the United States Internal Revenue Code contained in the Maine Revised Statutes. Although the bill was not enacted, its provisions were incorporated in the biennial budget bill, enacted as Public Law 2023, chapter 412. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part ZZZ.

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Not Enacted	LD 125	An Act to Allow Driver Education Instructors to Administer Driver's License Road Tests	ONTP
	LD 1090	An Act to Require Driver Education Programs to Include Education Regarding the Risks of Impaired Driving Due to the Use of Alcohol, Cannabis or Other Substances	ONTP
	LD 1374	An Act to Improve Driver Safety by Requiring the Completion of a Defensive Driving Course for Certain Violations	ONTP

Electric Vehicles

Enacted	LD 467	Resolve, to Study Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	RESOLVE 53
Not Enacted	LD 1572	An Act to Ensure Proper Funding of the Highway Fund by Imposing a Surcharge on Electric Vehicle Registration	ONTP

Fees

Enacted	LD 21	Resolve, Designating Maine Turnpike Approach Road in South Portland as Samantha Smith Way	RESOLVE 5
	LD 30	An Act to Increase the Statutory Fee for Defensive Driving Courses	PUBLIC 58

	LD 556	An Act to Limit the Driver's License Reinstatement Fee in Certain Circumstances	PUBLIC 363
Not Enacted	LD 334	An Act to Ensure the Full Value of the Balance of Registration Fees Is Retained by the Seller of Used Motor Vehicles	ONTP
	LD 639	An Act to Protect Vehicle Buyers by Limiting Vehicle Document Preparation Fees	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 704	An Act to Replace Annual Vanity Plate Administrative Fees with a One-time Fee	ONTP

General Issuance

Enacted	LD 1965	An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Provide a New General Issue of License Plates	PUBLIC 421
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Inspection

Not Enacted	LD 623	An Act to Modify Maine Motor Vehicle Inspection Standards to Permit Nonstructural Corrosion That Does Not Directly Affect the Passenger Compartment	ONTP
	LD 746	An Act to Modernize the State's Vehicle Inspection System by Requiring Inspections Biennially and Allowing for an Electronic Inspection Program	ONTP
	LD 900	An Act to Modernize the State Motor Vehicle Inspection Program	Minority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1242	An Act to Eliminate Certain Motor Vehicle Inspections	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1587	An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Inspection Law to Exempt Certain Motor Vehicles Less than 3 Years Old	ONTP

Marine Transportation

Not Enacted	LD 235	An Act to Promote Economic Development in the Fishing Industry by Funding a Dredging Project in Portland Harbor	CARRIED OVER
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Micromobility

Not Enacted	LD 1245	An Act to Require Registration of Motorized Bicycles or Tricycles or Motorized Scooters	ONTP
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LD 1780 An Act to Regulate the Operation of Micromobility Devices on Public Ways ONTP

Miscellaneous

Enacted

LD 17 An Act to Amend the Membership Requirements of the State Claims Commission PUBLIC 54

LD 1463 An Act to Amend the Definition of "Farming" Under the Motor Vehicle Laws to Include Equines Not Raised for Racing PUBLIC 403

Not Enacted

LD 777 An Act to Align the Minimum Rate of Pay for Manufacturers of Maine License Plates at the Maine State Prison with Maine's Minimum Wage Laws Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 1045 An Act to Allow the Use of Enhanced Driver's Licenses ONTP

Miscellaneous, Transportation

Not Enacted

LD 298 An Act to Study the Shared Use of the Public Right of Way ONTP

LD 932 An Act Requiring Climate Impact Notes on Proposed Transportation Legislation and Agency Rules CARRIED OVER

LD 1093 An Act to Create a Seasonal Gas Tax Exemption and Rate ONTP

LD 1140 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Allow All-terrain Vehicle Traffic on a Section of Trail in the City of Caribou ONTP

LD 1177 An Act to Assess an Impact Fee on Megayachts CARRIED OVER

LD 1245 An Act to Require Registration of Motorized Bicycles or Tricycles or Motorized Scooters ONTP

LD 1351 Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Create a Program to Promote Transit and Transportation Research and Funding ONTP

LD 1640 An Act to Require Industry Training and Certification for Persons Undertaking Corrosion Prevention and Mitigation for Bridges CARRIED OVER

LD 1711 An Act to Provide for Safe Roadway Construction Design Criteria ONTP

Transportation

Operator's License

Not Enacted	LD 272	An Act Regarding the Issuance of Driver's Licenses to Persons with Obstructive Sleep Apnea	ONTP
	LD 933	An Act Requiring Proof of a Motorcycle License Endorsement or Learner's Permit in Order to Register a Motorcycle	ONTP
	LD 1180	An Act to Add an Exception to the Law Regarding Intermediate Driver's Licenses Regarding Passengers	ONTP
	LD 1899	An Act to Establish a Maine Commercial Driver's License for Use Within State Borders	ONTP

Public Safety

Enacted	LD 528	An Act to Improve Road Safety for Waste and Recycling Collection Employees	PUBLIC 68
	LD 980	An Act Regarding Passing Stationary Motor Vehicles on Public Ways	PUBLIC 122
	LD 1120	Resolve, to Install a Suicide Barrier on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge	RESOLVE 90
	LD 1296	An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Allow Firefighters to Have Increased Lighting on Their Personal Vehicles	PUBLIC 131
Not Enacted	LD 110	An Act to Prohibit Leaving a Child Under 10 Years of Age Alone in a Motor Vehicle	ONTP
	LD 135	An Act to Require Manure Bags for Horse-drawn Vehicles	ONTP

Public Transportation

Not Enacted	LD 408	An Act to Expand Bus Service	Died On Adjournment
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Railroads

Enacted	LD 404	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council	RESOLVE 89
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Transportation

**Not
Enacted**

LD 754	Resolve, Directing the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission to Examine Restoring Passenger Rail from Boston to Montreal	RESOLVE 101
LD 407	An Act to Support Recreational Trails	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 605	An Act to Enhance Commuter-oriented Rail Service	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 860	An Act to Identify the Railroad Lines from Portland to Bangor as a Major Corridor and to Fund a Feasibility Study	CARRIED OVER
LD 861	An Act to Identify the Canadian Pacific Railway Railroad Lines from Hermon Station Through Brownville and Jackman to Quebec and Montreal as a Major Corridor and to Fund a Feasibility Study	ONTP
LD 862	An Act to Move Jurisdiction over Railroad Lines from the Department of Transportation to an Independent Rail Authority	ONTP
LD 880	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Initiate a Service Development Plan for Commuter and Passenger Train Service Between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area	ONTP
LD 1170	Resolve, to Promote Passenger Rail for Commuters	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1450	An Act to Fund the Recommendations of the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council	CARRIED OVER
LD 1750	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Complete a Service Plan and Determine the Scope of Work for Restoration of Rail Use of the Berlin Subdivision Rail Corridor from Downtown Portland to Auburn	CARRIED OVER
LD 1813	Resolve, to Provide for One Month of Free Passenger Rail Service in Maine	Majority (ONTP) Report

Registration Plates

Enacted

LD 128	An Act to Remove the Limit on Sets of Special Veterans Registration Plates	PUBLIC 85
LD 966	An Act to Align the Automobile Title Requirements with Those of Antique Automobiles	PUBLIC 402
LD 1822	An Act to Amend the Specialty License Plate Laws and Extend the Moratorium on Approval of Specialty License Plates and Remove the Authority of Municipalities to Issue Driver's Licenses	PUBLIC 271

Transportation

	LD 1965	An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Provide a New General Issue of License Plates	PUBLIC 421
Not Enacted	LD 560	An Act Regarding County Sheriff Vehicle Registration Plates	ONTP
	LD 704	An Act to Replace Annual Vanity Plate Administrative Fees with a One-time Fee	ONTP
	LD 729	Resolve, Regarding Traffic Lights in Turner	ONTP
	LD 743	An Act to Provide Free or Reduced-cost Vehicle Registration to All Disabled Veterans	ONTP
	LD 1142	An Act to Eliminate Motor Vehicle Registration Fees for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Emergency Medical Services Providers	ONTP
	LD 1288	An Act to Create a 2-year Motor Vehicle Registration	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 1938	An Act to Require a Reminder for Vehicle Registration Renewal	ONTP

Roads

Enacted	LD 607	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Examine Improving Highway Connections from Interstate 95 to the St. John Valley	RESOLVE 63
Not Enacted	LD 124	An Act to Ensure the Maintenance of Circular Intersections on State and State Aid Highways	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 413	An Act to Require the Department of Transportation to Upgrade Route 1 from Fort Kent to Van Buren	ONTP

School Buses

Enacted	LD 62	An Act to Require Antipinch Sensors on School Bus Doors	PUBLIC 423
	LD 1030	Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Report on the School Bus Driver Shortage	RESOLVE 40

Not Enacted	LD 381	An Act to Increase School Bus Safety by Requiring Monitors	ONTP
	LD 918	An Act to Decrease the Minimum Age to Operate a School Bus	Majority (ONTP) Report

Secretary of State

Enacted	LD 575	An Act Regarding a Seat Belt Exemption for Persons with a Medical Condition	PUBLIC 364
	LD 652	An Act to Allow the Reinstatement of Certain Commercial Driver's Licenses	PUBLIC 108
	LD 819	An Act to Reduce the Penalty for Operating a Motor Vehicle Under a Suspended License in Certain Situations	PUBLIC 312
	LD 1072	An Act Regarding the Bureau of Motor Vehicles	PUBLIC 257
	LD 1341	An Act to Modernize the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' Mobile Services	PUBLIC 418
	LD 1390	An Act to Provide Self-service Motor Vehicle Services	PUBLIC 419
	LD 1463	An Act to Amend the Definition of "Farming" Under the Motor Vehicle Laws to Include Equines Not Raised for Racing	PUBLIC 403
	LD 1822	An Act to Amend the Specialty License Plate Laws and Extend the Moratorium on Approval of Specialty License Plates and Remove the Authority of Municipalities to Issue Driver's Licenses	PUBLIC 271

Signs

Enacted	LD 397	An Act to Allow Signs at Outdoor Athletic Facilities	PUBLIC 214
Not Enacted	LD 480	An Act to Clarify Laws Regarding the Placement of Signs on Public Ways	ONTP
	LD 488	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Supplemental Guide Signs on Highways for Colleges and Universities	ONTP
	LD 866	An Act to Improve Visibility and Restore the Beauty of Maine's Roadways by Limiting Signs in the Public Right-of-way	Majority (ONTP) Report

Traffic Regulations

Enacted	LD 31	An Act to Allow the Commissioner of Transportation to Reduce Speed Limits at Construction Sites with Input from Municipalities and Utilities	PUBLIC 19
	LD 522	An Act to Require That Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Snow and Ice When Operated on Public Ways	PUBLIC 107
	LD 552	An Act Regarding the Definition of "Reportable Accident"	PUBLIC 27
	LD 598	An Act to Require a Vehicle Operator to Notify an Owner or Law Enforcement Officer of an Accident Involving a Dog, a Cat or Livestock	PUBLIC 302
	LD 686	An Act to Enhance Safety for Animal-drawn Vehicles on Highways	PUBLIC 301
	LD 687	An Act to Increase the Allowable Width of a Snowplow	PUBLIC 72
	LD 819	An Act to Reduce the Penalty for Operating a Motor Vehicle Under a Suspended License in Certain Situations	PUBLIC 312
	LD 1296	An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Allow Firefighters to Have Increased Lighting on Their Personal Vehicles	PUBLIC 131
	Not Enacted	LD 63	An Act to Clarify That Certain Imported Motor Vehicles Are Not Off-road Vehicles
LD 145		An Act to Increase the Penalties for Operation of a Motor Vehicle While Using a Handheld Electronic Device or Mobile Telephone	ONTP
LD 161		An Act to Modify the Law Regarding Tinted Glass in Motor Vehicles	ONTP
LD 527		An Act to Allow Municipalities to Create Bicycle and Pedestrian Zones with Reduced Speed Limits	CARRIED OVER
LD 729		Resolve, Regarding Traffic Lights in Turner	ONTP
LD 800		An Act to Allow Hitchhiking at Night	Died On Adjournment
LD 1025		An Act to Improve Maine's Economy by Changing the Hours of Operation for Oversize Loads	ONTP

LD 1076	An Act to Expand the Use of Traffic Cameras for School and Work Zones	ONTP
LD 1566	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Recommend Strategies to Achieve the Goal of Eliminating Traffic Fatalities and Serious Injuries	ONTP
LD 1634	An Act to Grant Municipalities the Authority to Set Certain Lower Motor Vehicle Speed Limits Without a Department of Transportation Speed Study	ONTP

Trails

Not Enacted	LD 209	An Act to Authorize an Interim Use Trail on the Berlin Subdivision Rail Corridor	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1450	An Act to Fund the Recommendations of the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council	CARRIED OVER

Transportation Department

Enacted	LD 1019	An Act Regarding Water Testing Related to Storage Facilities	PUBLIC 367
	LD 1559	An Act to Advance the State's Public Transit Systems by Reinvigorating the Public Transit Advisory Council	PUBLIC 319
	LD 1674	An Act to Require and Encourage Safe and Interconnected Transportation	PUBLIC 237
Not Enacted	LD 76	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Study the Width of Road Shoulders	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 1694	An Act to Improve the Rest Stop Facilities Located on Interstate 95 in Medway	ONTP

Transportation Funding

Enacted	LD 259	An Act Making Unified Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025	PUBLIC 189
	LD 260	An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023	PUBLIC 50

Transportation

	LD 1120	Resolve, to Install a Suicide Barrier on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge	RESOLVE 90
	LD 1200	Resolve, to Convene a Driver Education Working Group to Evaluate Hardships to Underserved Populations and Low-income Families	RESOLVE 94
Not Enacted	LD 1210	An Act to Establish a Maine Highway Capital Fund to Provide Consistent Funding for the Construction and Repair of Maine's Roads and Bridges	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1897	An Act to Improve Public Roadways on Unbridged Islands Not Served by the Maine State Ferry Service	ONTP

Turnpike Authority

Enacted	LD 72	An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2024	P & S 13
Not Enacted	LD 85	Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority to Study Adding Exits off the Maine Turnpike to Aid Economic Development	ONTP

Vehicle Regulations

Not Enacted	LD 102	An Act to Increase the Length of Registration for Antique Autos	ONTP
	LD 369	An Act to Allow Repurposed Military Vehicles to Be Registered and Operated on Maine Roads	CARRIED OVER
	LD 875	An Act to Allow Mini-trucks to Be Operated on Roads in the State	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1455	An Act to Establish the Weighing Point Preclearance Program	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1542	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Study the Use of Micromobility Devices	ONTP

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								Law	Ch		
TRA	17	An Act to Amend the Membership Requirements of the State Claims Commission	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/20/23	Enacted	PL	54		S1
TRA	21	Resolve, Designating Maine Turnpike Approach Road in South Portland as Samantha Smith Way	Reported Out	OTP		3/6/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	5		R1
TRA	30	An Act to Increase the Statutory Fee for Defensive Driving Courses	Reported Out	OTP		4/13/23	Enacted	PL	58		S1
TRA	31	An Act to Allow the Commissioner of Transportation to Reduce Speed Limits at Construction Sites with Input from Municipalities and Utilities	Reported Out	OTP		3/7/23	Enacted	PL	19		R1
TRA	38	Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Freeport the Matthew MacMillan Memorial Bridge	Reported Out	LTW		2/7/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
TRA	44	Resolve, to Rename the Bridge Between Bingham and Concord Township on Route 16 the Jason Dore Memorial Bridge	Reported Out	OTP		3/6/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	4		R1
TRA	62	An Act to Require Antipinch Sensors on School Bus Doors	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/19/23	Enacted	PL	423		S1
TRA	63	An Act to Clarify That Certain Imported Motor Vehicles Are Not Off-road Vehicles	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	72	An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2024	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/6/23	Enacted	P&S	13		S1
TRA	76	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Study the Width of Road Shoulders	Reported Out	LTW		2/7/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
TRA	85	Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority to Study Adding Exits off the Maine Turnpike to Aid Economic Development	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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TRA	102	An Act to Increase the Length of Registration for Antique Autos	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	110	An Act to Prohibit Leaving a Child Under 10 Years of Age Alone in a Motor Vehicle	Reported Out	ONTP		3/15/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
TRA	124	An Act to Ensure the Maintenance of Circular Intersections on State and State Aid Highways	Reported Out	LTW		2/7/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
TRA	125	An Act to Allow Driver Education Instructors to Administer Driver's License Road Tests	Reported Out	ONTP		3/15/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
TRA	128	An Act to Remove the Limit on Sets of Special Veterans Registration Plates	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/27/23	Enacted	PL	85		S1
TRA	135	An Act to Require Manure Bags for Horse-drawn Vehicles	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	145	An Act to Increase the Penalties for Operation of a Motor Vehicle While Using a Handheld Electronic Device or Mobile Telephone	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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								Law	Ch		
TRA	161	An Act to Modify the Law Regarding Tinted Glass in Motor Vehicles	Reported Out	ONTP		3/15/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
TRA	209	An Act to Authorize an Interim Use Trail on the Berlin Subdivision Rail Corridor	Reported Out	ONTP/ REF TO TRA		6/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TRA	235	An Act to Promote Economic Development in the Fishing Industry by Funding a Dredging Project in Portland Harbor	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	259	An Act Making Unified Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/13/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	189		S1
TRA	260	An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/21/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	50		S1
TRA	272	An Act Regarding the Issuance of Driver's Licenses to Persons with Obstructive Sleep Apnea	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	298	An Act to Study the Shared Use of the Public Right of Way	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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								Law	Ch		
TRA	318	Resolve, to Designate the Route 170 Bridge Located in Webster Plantation the Gary "Swampy" Worster Memorial Bridge	Reported Out	OTP		3/6/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	3		R1
TRA	331	Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Canaan After Staff Sergeant Richard Gerald Salsbury	Reported Out	OTP		3/7/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	2		R1
TRA	334	An Act to Ensure the Full Value of the Balance of Registration Fees Is Retained by the Seller of Used Motor Vehicles	Reported Out	ONTP		3/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
TRA	369	An Act to Allow Repurposed Military Vehicles to Be Registered and Operated on Maine Roads	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	381	An Act to Increase School Bus Safety by Requiring Monitors	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	382	Resolve, Naming Portions of a Highway in St. George	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/19/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	30		S1
TRA	397	An Act to Allow Signs at Outdoor Athletic Facilities	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/2/23	Enacted	PL	214		S1
TRA	401	An Act to Improve Transportation in Maine	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	402	An Act to Change Maine's Transportation Laws	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	404	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM		6/16/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	89		S1
TRA	406	An Act to Expand Passenger Rail Service	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		7/6/23	Indefinitely Postponed				S1
TRA	407	An Act to Support Recreational Trails	Reported Out	LTW		6/13/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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TRA	408	An Act to Expand Bus Service	Voted	Ant. Div. Rep.		6/1/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
TRA	409	An Act to Improve Pedestrian Safety	Reported Out	LTW		6/13/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	413	An Act to Require the Department of Transportation to Upgrade Route 1 from Fort Kent to Van Buren	Reported Out	ONTP		6/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	456	An Act to Support the Safe Use of Bicycles and Roller Skis	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	334		S1
TRA	467	Resolve, to Study Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/31/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	53		S1
TRA	480	An Act to Clarify Laws Regarding the Placement of Signs on Public Ways	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	488	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Supplemental Guide Signs on Highways for Colleges and Universities	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	502	Resolve, Designating the Desert of Maine Overpass the Matthew MacMillan Overpass	Reported Out	OTP		3/6/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	1		R1
TRA	522	An Act to Require That Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Snow and Ice When Operated on Public Ways	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/4/23	Enacted	PL	107		S1
TRA	527	An Act to Allow Municipalities to Create Bicycle and Pedestrian Zones with Reduced Speed Limits	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	528	An Act to Improve Road Safety for Waste and Recycling Collection Employees	Reported Out	OTP		4/13/23	Enacted	PL	68		S1

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TRA	534	An Act to Allow Commercial Driver's License Holders Who Are 18 to 20 Years of Age to Haul Hazardous Materials Intrastate	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/4/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TRA	552	An Act Regarding the Definition of "Reportable Accident"	Reported Out	OTP		3/15/23	Enacted	PL	27		S1
TRA	556	An Act to Limit the Driver's License Reinstatement Fee in Certain Circumstances	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/27/23	Enacted	PL	363		S1
TRA	560	An Act Regarding County Sheriff Vehicle Registration Plates	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	575	An Act Regarding a Seat Belt Exemption for Persons with a Medical Condition	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/20/23	Enacted	PL	364		S1
TRA	598	An Act to Require a Vehicle Operator to Notify an Owner or Law Enforcement Officer of an Accident Involving a Dog, a Cat or Livestock	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/31/23	Enacted	PL	302		S1
TRA	605	An Act to Enhance Commuter-oriented Rail Service	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TRA	607	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Examine Improving Highway Connections from Interstate 95 to the St. John Valley	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	63		S1
TRA	623	An Act to Modify Maine Motor Vehicle Inspection Standards to Permit Nonstructural Corrosion That Does Not Directly Affect the Passenger Compartment	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	639	An Act to Protect Vehicle Buyers by Limiting Vehicle Document Preparation Fees	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		4/19/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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TRA	652	An Act to Allow the Reinstatement of Certain Commercial Driver's Licenses	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/4/23	Enacted	PL	108		S1
TRA	686	An Act to Enhance Safety for Animal-drawn Vehicles on Highways	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/31/23	Enacted	PL	301		S1
TRA	687	An Act to Increase the Allowable Width of a Snowplow	Reported Out	OTP		4/13/23	Enacted	PL	72		S1
TRA	704	An Act to Replace Annual Vanity Plate Administrative Fees with a One-time Fee	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	729	Resolve, Regarding Traffic Lights in Turner	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	736	An Act to Remove the Requirement That Certain Motor Vehicles Be Equipped with a Front License Plate	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	743	An Act to Provide Free or Reduced-cost Vehicle Registration to All Disabled Veterans	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	746	An Act to Modernize the State's Vehicle Inspection System by Requiring Inspections Biennially and Allowing for an Electronic Inspection Program	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	754	Resolve, Directing the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission to Examine Restoring Passenger Rail from Boston to Montreal	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	101		S1

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TRA	777	An Act to Align the Minimum Rate of Pay for Manufacturers of Maine License Plates at the Maine State Prison with Maine's Minimum Wage Laws	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/6/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TRA	800	An Act to Allow Hitchhiking at Night	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/8/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
TRA	819	An Act to Reduce the Penalty for Operating a Motor Vehicle Under a Suspended License in Certain Situations	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/14/23	Enacted	PL	312		S1
TRA	842	An Act to Strengthen the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority by Inviting Participation on the Board of Directors by and Negotiating for Funding from the State of New Hampshire and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	860	An Act to Identify the Railroad Lines from Portland to Bangor as a Major Corridor and to Fund a Feasibility Study	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	861	An Act to Identify the Canadian Pacific Railway Railroad Lines from Hermon Station Through Brownville and Jackman to Quebec and Montreal as a Major Corridor and to Fund a Feasibility Study	Reported Out	ONTP		6/7/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	862	An Act to Move Jurisdiction over Railroad Lines from the Department of Transportation to an Independent Rail Authority	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	866	An Act to Improve Visibility and Restore the Beauty of Maine's Roadways by Limiting Signs in the Public Right-of-way	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/11/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TRA	875	An Act to Allow Mini-trucks to Be Operated on Roads in the State	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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TRA	880	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Initiate a Service Development Plan for Commuter and Passenger Train Service Between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	900	An Act to Modernize the State Motor Vehicle Inspection Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/13/23	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
TRA	918	An Act to Decrease the Minimum Age to Operate a School Bus	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		4/13/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TRA	932	An Act Requiring Climate Impact Notes on Proposed Transportation Legislation and Agency Rules	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	933	An Act Requiring Proof of a Motorcycle License Endorsement or Learner's Permit in Order to Register a Motorcycle	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	966	An Act to Align the Automobile Title Requirements with Those of Antique Automobiles	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/12/23	Enacted	PL	402		S1
TRA	980	An Act Regarding Passing Stationary Motor Vehicles on Public Ways	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/12/23	Enacted	PL	122		S1
TRA	1017	Resolve, to Increase Commercial Driver's License Examiner Capacity	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1019	An Act Regarding Water Testing Related to Storage Facilities	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/2/23	Enacted	PL	367		S1

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TRA	1025	An Act to Improve Maine's Economy by Changing the Hours of Operation for Oversize Loads	Reported Out	ONTP		5/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1030	Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Report on the School Bus Driver Shortage	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/24/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	40		S1
TRA	1045	An Act to Allow the Use of Enhanced Driver's Licenses	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1072	An Act Regarding the Bureau of Motor Vehicles	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	257		S1
TRA	1076	An Act to Expand the Use of Traffic Cameras for School and Work Zones	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1090	An Act to Require Driver Education Programs to Include Education Regarding the Risks of Impaired Driving Due to the Use of Alcohol, Cannabis or Other Substances	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1093	An Act to Create a Seasonal Gas Tax Exemption and Rate	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1120	Resolve, to Install a Suicide Barrier on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	90		S1

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TRA	1122	Resolve, to Rename Bridges in the Town of Cornish	Reported Out	ONTP		5/9/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1138	An Act to Improve Work and Family Mobility by Altering and Removing Certain Requirements for Driver's Licenses and Nondriver Identification Cards	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	1140	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Allow All-terrain Vehicle Traffic on a Section of Trail in the City of Caribou	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1141	An Act to Improve Access and System Preservation by Providing Shoulders and Bicycle Lanes on State Roadways Leading to State Parks and Other Significant Destinations	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1142	An Act to Eliminate Motor Vehicle Registration Fees for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Emergency Medical Services Providers	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1170	Resolve, to Promote Passenger Rail for Commuters	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/14/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TRA	1177	An Act to Assess an Impact Fee on Megayachts	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/12/23					S1
TRA	1180	An Act to Add an Exception to the Law Regarding Intermediate Driver's Licenses Regarding Passengers	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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TRA	1200	Resolve, to Convene a Driver Education Working Group to Evaluate Hardships to Underserved Populations and Low-income Families	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/4/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	94		S1
TRA	1210	An Act to Establish a Maine Highway Capital Fund to Provide Consistent Funding for the Construction and Repair of Maine's Roads and Bridges	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	1242	An Act to Eliminate Certain Motor Vehicle Inspections	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/2/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TRA	1245	An Act to Require Registration of Motorized Bicycles or Tricycles or Motorized Scooters	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1288	An Act to Create a 2-year Motor Vehicle Registration	Reported Out	LTW		4/3/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1296	An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Allow Firefighters to Have Increased Lighting on Their Personal Vehicles	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/15/23	Enacted	PL	131		S1
TRA	1341	An Act to Modernize the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' Mobile Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/14/23	Enacted	PL	418		S1
TRA	1351	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Create a Program to Promote Transit and Transportation Research and Funding	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1374	An Act to Improve Driver Safety by Requiring the Completion of a Defensive Driving Course for Certain Violations	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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TRA	1390	An Act to Provide Self-service Motor Vehicle Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/19/23	Enacted	PL	419		S1
TRA	1450	An Act to Fund the Recommendations of the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/12/23					S1
TRA	1455	An Act to Establish the Weighing Point Preclearance Program	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	1463	An Act to Amend the Definition of "Farming" Under the Motor Vehicle Laws to Include Equines Not Raised for Racing	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		5/31/23	Enacted	PL	403		S1
TRA	1542	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Study the Use of Micromobility Devices	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1551	An Act to Increase Bicycle Safety by Allowing Cyclists to Treat Stop Signs as Yield Signs and Red Lights as Stop Signs	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/12/23	Died Between Houses				S1
TRA	1559	An Act to Advance the State's Public Transit Systems by Reinvigorating the Public Transit Advisory Council	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/15/23	Enacted	PL	319		S1
TRA	1566	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Recommend Strategies to Achieve the Goal of Eliminating Traffic Fatalities and Serious Injuries	Reported Out	ONTP		5/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1572	An Act to Ensure Proper Funding of the Highway Fund by Imposing a Surcharge on Electric Vehicle Registration	Reported Out	ONTP		5/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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TRA	1587	An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Inspection Law to Exempt Certain Motor Vehicles Less than 3 Years Old	Reported Out	ONTP		5/9/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1634	An Act to Grant Municipalities the Authority to Set Certain Lower Motor Vehicle Speed Limits Without a Department of Transportation Speed Study	Reported Out	ONTP		5/9/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1640	An Act to Require Industry Training and Certification for Persons Undertaking Corrosion Prevention and Mitigation for Bridges	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	1674	An Act to Require and Encourage Safe and Interconnected Transportation	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Enacted	PL	237		S1
TRA	1694	An Act to Improve the Rest Stop Facilities Located on Interstate 95 in Medway	Reported Out	ONTP		5/9/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1711	An Act to Provide for Safe Roadway Construction Design Criteria	Reported Out	ONTP		5/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1750	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Complete a Service Plan and Determine the Scope of Work for Restoration of Rail Use of the Berlin Subdivision Rail Corridor from Downtown Portland to Auburn	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	1780	An Act to Regulate the Operation of Micromobility Devices on Public Ways	Reported Out	ONTP		5/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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								Law	Ch		
TRA	1813	Resolve, to Provide for One Month of Free Passenger Rail Service in Maine	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TRA	1822	An Act to Amend the Specialty License Plate Laws and Extend the Moratorium on Approval of Specialty License Plates and Remove the Authority of Municipalities to Issue Driver's Licenses	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	271		S1
TRA	1843	Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Bremen the Kitty Breskin Memorial Bridge	Reported Out	OTP		6/8/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	64		S1
TRA	1848	Resolve, to Designate the Route 15 Bridge Located in the Town of Kenduskeag the William S. Pullen Bridge	Reported Out	OTP		6/8/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	72		S1
TRA	1897	An Act to Improve Public Roadways on Unbridged Islands Not Served by the Maine State Ferry Service	Reported Out	ONTP		5/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1899	An Act to Establish a Maine Commercial Driver's License for Use Within State Borders	Reported Out	ONTP		5/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1938	An Act to Require a Reminder for Vehicle Registration Renewal	Reported Out	ONTP		5/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1965	An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Provide a New General Issue of License Plates	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	421		S1

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LD 17 An Act to Amend the Membership Requirements of the State Claims Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 54 allows a real estate appraiser whose license has lapsed to be appointed to the State Claims Commission as long as the real estate appraiser was licensed as a certified real estate appraiser within the 5 years prior to the date of appointment.

LD 21 Resolve, Designating Maine Turnpike Approach Road in South Portland as Samantha Smith Way

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 5 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Maine Turnpike Approach Road from Route 1 in the City of South Portland to the Maine Turnpike in the City of South Portland as Samantha Smith Way.

LD 30 An Act to Increase the Statutory Fee for Defensive Driving Courses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 58 increases from \$35 to \$65 the registration fee for defensive driving courses conducted under the auspices of the Department of Public Safety.

LD 31 An Act to Allow the Commissioner of Transportation to Reduce Speed Limits at Construction Sites with Input from Municipalities and Utilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 19 allows the Commissioner of Transportation to implement the guidance of a municipality or utility engaging in a construction project on a public way to temporarily reduce the posted speed limit where the municipal or utility construction project is located when construction workers are present. It directs the commissioner to adopt routine technical rules, including rules setting forth the criteria that must be met before the commissioner may reduce a posted speed limit.

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LD 44 Resolve, to Rename the Bridge Between Bingham and Concord Township on Route 16 the Jason Dore Memorial Bridge

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 4 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 3236 on Route 16 between the Town of Bingham and Concord Township the Jason Dore Memorial Bridge.

LD 62 An Act to Require Antipinch Sensors on School Bus Doors

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 423 requires school buses to be equipped with technology to prevent the door from closing on a person's limb or other body part if manufactured in 2025 or later.

LD 72 An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2024

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 13 makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2024 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

LD 128 An Act to Remove the Limit on Sets of Special Veterans Registration Plates

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 85 removes the limit on the number of motor vehicles and the number of motorcycles for which a veteran may request special veteran's registration plates.

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LD 259 An Act Making Unified Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 189 does the following.

1. Part A makes allocations of funds for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025.
2. Part B authorizes the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to issue up to \$50,000,000 of GARVEE bonds for highway and bridge needs.
3. Part C sets the attrition rate for the 2024-2025 biennium from 1.6% to 5% for executive branch departments and agencies.
4. Part D requires the State Controller to transfer amounts exceeding \$100,000 from the unallocated balance in the Highway Fund after all commitments to the Highway and Bridge Capital, Highway Light Capital and Maintenance and Operations programs within the Department of Transportation for capital needs.
5. Part E authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation to transfer Highway Fund Personal Services balances available at the end of fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 to the Department of Transportation Highway and Bridge Capital, Highway Light Capital and Maintenance and Operations programs for capital or all other needs. The funds may be allocated by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and the approval of the Governor.
6. Part F authorizes the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, at the request of the Department of Transportation, to issue up to \$200,000,000 in TransCap Trust Fund revenue bonds to support capital improvements to the State's transportation infrastructure.
7. Part G increases the amount of fuel tax revenue dedicated to the TransCap Trust Fund beginning in fiscal year 2023-24.
8. Part H changes the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund to reflect the retirement of liquor operation revenue bonds in fiscal year 2022-23 and directs the first \$7,000,000 in profits received pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A, section 90 be deposited as undedicated revenue in the General Fund and any additional profits received pursuant to Title 28-A, section 90 be deposited as undedicated revenue in the Highway Fund. This Part also eliminates the Health Care Liability Retirement Fund.
9. Part I with requires that 40% of the revenue from the 5.5% sales tax collected on sales of automobiles by dealers licensed by the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles and 40% of the 5.5% sales and use tax collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles attributable to the sales and use tax collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles be transferred

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to the Highway Fund. The transfer of sales tax revenue is done after the reduction for the transfer to the Local Government Fund so it does not affect the amount provided under so-called revenue sharing. It does not include revenue from the taxes imposed on short-term rentals of automobiles. It also adds Highway Fund allocations to the Department of Transportation for capital projects and also adds an appropriation to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to provide funding for computer system upgrades for the sales and use tax diversion.

Public Law 2023, chapter 189 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 16, 2023.

LD 260 An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 50 does the following.

1. Part A makes allocations.
2. Part B requires the State Controller to carry forward any unexpended balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, after all financial commitments for obligations and budgetary adjustments have been made, at the end of fiscal year 2022-23 and at the end of fiscal year 2023-24 to the next fiscal year to the All Other line category in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, of which up to \$2,000,000 is to be used for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles modernization project and up to \$7,000,000 is to be used for the new license plate general issue project.
3. Part C authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation to implement a program to develop the expertise of transportation workers and ferry service workers. The program must provide that upon successful completion of the program and demonstration of prescribed competencies, employees in these classifications may immediately progress to the next level in the respective classification series.

Public Law 2023, chapter 50 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 5, 2023.

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LD 318 Resolve, to Designate the Route 170 Bridge Located in Webster Plantation the Gary "Swampy" Worster Memorial Bridge

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 3 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 5116 on Route 170 in Webster Plantation the Gary "Swampy" Worster Memorial Bridge.

LD 331 Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Canaan After Staff Sergeant Richard Gerald Salisbury

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 2 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 6116 on Moores Mills Road in the Town of Canaan the Staff Sergeant Richard Gerald Salisbury Memorial Bridge.

LD 382 Resolve, Naming Portions of a Highway in St. George

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 30 directs the Department of Transportation to name two portions of Route 131 in the Town of St. George for Deputy Sheriff Frank J. Buzynski and Deputy Sheriff Frank E. Ross, Jr. and are designated notwithstanding any previous legislatively designated name.

LD 397 An Act to Allow Signs at Outdoor Athletic Facilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 214 allows a municipality to build and maintain an advertising sign visible to the traveling public from a public way at an outdoor athletic facility as long as the sign is oriented inward to the persons visiting or using the facility, is secured to a fence, scoreboard or accessory structure, does not exceed the height of the structure on which it is located and does not exceed 4 feet by 8 feet. Revenue collected from advertising fees under this section by a municipality must be used for purposes related to the construction, maintenance, operation or programming of the athletic facility.

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LD 404 Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 89 directs the Department of Transportation, subject to available funding resources, permitting and municipal agreements, to remove 31 miles of state-owned inactive existing railroad track between the Town of Standish and the Town of Fryeburg and replace the track with an interim 10-foot-wide bicycle and pedestrian trail, surfaced with either pavement or stone dust on the existing rail bed.

LD 456 An Act to Support the Safe Use of Bicycles and Roller Skis

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 334 clarifies that traffic includes bicycles and roller skis when making a left turn on 2-way roads. It prohibits a person operating a motor vehicle near a person operating a bicycle or roller skis and proceeding in the opposite direction from making a left turn unless the turn can be made with reasonable safety and without interfering with the safe and legal operation of the bicycle or roller skis.

LD 467 Resolve, to Study Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 53 directs the Commissioner of Transportation to convene a working group on accessible electric vehicle charging stations. The working group consists of at least nine members appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation. The commissioner must appoint two chairs from the members. The working group must develop a document that simplifies and standardizes the U.S. Access Board's Design Recommendations for Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for use by contractors and other parties interested in design and installation. This document may include user accessibility, charging station aisle width and design, equipment placement, signs and other elements. The working group must develop standards regarding accessibility for local code enforcement. The Department of Transportation must provide necessary staffing services to the working group. No later than January 3, 2024, the working group must submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation that includes its recommendations, including suggested legislation. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may submit legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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LD 502 Resolve, Designating the Desert of Maine Overpass the Matthew MacMillan Overpass

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 1 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 5741 on Desert Road in the Town of Freeport the Matthew MacMillan Overpass.

LD 522 An Act to Require That Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Snow and Ice When Operated on Public Ways

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 107 requires the operator of a vehicle with a registered weight under 10,000 pounds to take reasonable measures to prevent snow or ice from falling off the vehicle while it is being operated on a public way and provides for a fine of not more than \$50 for a first offense and of not less than \$150 and not more than \$250 for each subsequent offense. It also adds snow and ice to the definition of "load" in the provisions of law governing unsecured loads.

LD 528 An Act to Improve Road Safety for Waste and Recycling Collection Employees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 68 adds requirements for persons attempting to pass business vehicles used to transport refuse, garbage, compost, recycling or trash. It also clarifies that business vehicles used to transport compost or recycling may be equipped with auxiliary lights that emit a flashing amber light.

Current law requires persons attempting to pass vehicles used to assist members of the public or law enforcement officers with disabled vehicles or to remove debris from a roadway, including wreckers, or vehicles used to construct, maintain, inspect or repair utility infrastructure to do so in a nonadjacent lane when possible or at a careful and prudent speed if the vehicles are using their authorized lights.

LD 552 An Act Regarding the Definition of "Reportable Accident"

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 27 changes the threshold amount of apparent property damage after which an accident must be reported from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

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LD 556 An Act to Limit the Driver's License Reinstatement Fee in Certain Circumstances

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 363 requires the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles to collect only a single reinstatement fee of \$50, instead of two or more reinstatement fees in certain circumstances.

LD 575 An Act Regarding a Seat Belt Exemption for Persons with a Medical Condition

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 364 allows a physician to designate the duration of the applicant's medical condition for the purpose of allowing an exemption from the seat belt requirements for adult drivers and passengers for a period not to exceed six years, beginning January 1, 2024.

LD 598 An Act to Require a Vehicle Operator to Notify an Owner or Law Enforcement Officer of an Accident Involving a Dog, a Cat or Livestock

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 302 clarifies under the law governing accidents involving property damage that property includes dogs, cats and livestock. It adds a requirement that when the property damaged is a dog, a cat or livestock, the property owner cannot be located and a report is not required under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29 A, section 2251, the operator must take reasonable steps to immediately report the incident to a law enforcement officer or animal control officer.

LD 607 Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Examine Improving Highway Connections from Interstate 95 to the St. John Valley

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 63 directs the Department of Transportation to convene a stakeholder group to identify and develop strategies to address highway mobility and transportation needs in northern Maine. The stakeholder group consists of 11 members appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation. The stakeholder group is directed to determine to what extent the Aroostook County Transportation Study recommendations have been or will be implemented; review the previous studies analyzing the feasibility of connecting Interstate 95 to the St. John Valley and Aroostook County with a new 90-mile divided highway or with improvements to existing highways; review the conceptual benefits, costs, permitting process and feasible funding sources of a highway connecting Interstate 95 to the St. John Valley and unorganized territory of Central Aroostook; review current and future highway improvement plans that include Aroostook County;

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recommend highway improvements that will substantially improve safety, mobility and economic opportunity in northern Maine; and identify the economic and social benefits and costs of improved integration between highway systems in Canada and Maine. By December 31, 2023, the department must submit a report that includes the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The committee is allowed to report out legislation based on the recommendations of the stakeholder group to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 652 An Act to Allow the Reinstatement of Certain Commercial Driver's Licenses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 108 allows for the reinstatement, in accordance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 383.51(a)(6) (2023), of a commercial license of any driver who has been disqualified for life from operating a commercial motor vehicle for offenses described in paragraphs (b)(1) to (b)(8) of Table 1 to 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 383.51 (2023).

LD 686 An Act to Enhance Safety for Animal-drawn Vehicles on Highways

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 301 allows for a slow-moving vehicle emblem to be used instead of the requirement for an animal-drawn vehicle to be equipped with reflective tape.

LD 687 An Act to Increase the Allowable Width of a Snowplow

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 72 increases from 108 inches to 126 inches the maximum allowable width of a vehicle with a snowplow and equipment mounted on the vehicle traveling from one work location to another work location during a storm event or from the point of purchase to a storage location.

LD 754 Resolve, Directing the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission to Examine Restoring Passenger Rail from Boston to Montreal

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 101 directs the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission to examine restoring passenger rail from Boston, Massachusetts to Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The commissions are directed to

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submit a report with their findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by December 6, 2023.

LD 819 An Act to Reduce the Penalty for Operating a Motor Vehicle Under a Suspended License in Certain Situations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 312 provides that a person commits a traffic infraction when operating while a license is suspended if the sole basis for suspension is failure to provide proof of insurance to the Secretary of State, failure to pay child support, failure to appear in court or failure to comply with a medical examination request from the Secretary of State.

LD 966 An Act to Align the Automobile Title Requirements with Those of Antique Automobiles

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 402 exempts all vehicles from title requirements when they are more than 25 years old, except when the Secretary of State determines it is in the best interest of the State and the applicant to issue a title to a vehicle more than 25 years old.

LD 980 An Act Regarding Passing Stationary Motor Vehicles on Public Ways

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 122 requires an operator of a vehicle passing a stationary vehicle that is disabled or using flashing lights to pass in a nonadjacent lane or at a careful and prudent speed. The fine for violating this requirement is not less than \$275.

LD 1019 An Act Regarding Water Testing Related to Storage Facilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 367 includes private water supplies that are hydrogeologically downgradient from a state-owned salt storage facility in the law governing the contamination of private water supplies adjacent to state or state aid highways. It requires the Department of Transportation to arrange for and pay the cost of testing the private water supplies for any contaminants that may derive from the department constructing, reconstructing or maintaining a state aid or state-owned highway or storing salt in a state-owned salt storage facility upon request by the landowner.

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LD 1030 Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Report on the School Bus Driver Shortage

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 40 directs that the Secretary of State must, by January 3, 2024, submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation with any findings related to the school bus driver shortage, the efforts the Secretary of State has made to alleviate the shortage and any recommendations, including suggested legislation, to alleviate the shortage. The committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 1072 An Act Regarding the Bureau of Motor Vehicles

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 257 does the following.

1. It allows the Secretary of State or the secretary's designee to waive a penalty or fee if it is determined that the circumstances that caused the penalty or fee justify the waiver.
2. It reallocates the provisions of law governing the issuance of temporary license plates from the laws governing motor vehicle registration to the laws governing motor vehicle dealers, who issue the plates. It also changes cross-references as needed and makes a change for consistency with current law.
3. It repeals the honorary consul license plate as the Federal Government has advised states not to issue them.
4. It specifies that the issuance of a temporary registration permit for the transportation of a tiny home is for occasional transportation only.
5. It requires a lienholder who participates in the electronic lien titling program to register with the Secretary of State.
6. It requires the Secretary of State to permanently revoke, without preliminary hearing, the commercial driver's license of a person who has been convicted of a felony involving an act or practice of severe forms of human trafficking in which a commercial motor vehicle was used. This requirement is mandated by federal law.
7. It allows the Secretary of State to provide social security numbers within the Department of the Secretary of State to implement the federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993, the

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federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 or other federal election law within the central voter registration system.

8. It extends the fingerprinting requirement for driver education instructors from every 5 years to every 6 years, to coincide with their instructor license renewals, which are every 2 years.
9. It clarifies that the Secretary of State may provide databases of records pertaining to applications, registrations and certifications of vehicles and to driver's licenses to individuals, businesses and other entities only as allowed by law.
10. It amends the laws governing the issuance of special veteran's registration plates for motor vehicles and motorcycles by adding an eligibility for National Guard members who have served a minimum of 20 years and have been honorably discharged to qualify for the plates.
11. It changes the categories of instructor licensure for driver education schools from Class A and Class B to Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 and specifies that a Class 3 instructor license authorizes the holder to teach only the classroom phase of driver education as an employee or affiliate of a licensed driver education school.
12. It provides that when a person has operated a motor vehicle in such a manner as to cause the death of a person or has been convicted of criminal homicide or attempted criminal homicide, the Secretary of State may revoke that person's driver's license for at least 5 years without further hearing upon receipt of an attested copy of the court records as long as the attested copy is received within one year of the date of conviction.
13. It updates provisions in the bill to reflect the changes made in Public Law 2023, chapter 85 regarding the number of motor vehicles and motorcycles for which a veteran may request special veterans' registration.
14. It makes technical changes to those sections of the bill amending the laws governing commercial driver's licenses and the confidentiality of driver's license information.

LD 1120 Resolve, to Install a Suicide Barrier on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 90 directs the Department of Transportation to construct and maintain pedestrian barrier fences on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge for the purpose of suicide prevention and requires the department to report on its progress every 6 months until the installation of the fences is complete.

Resolve 2023, chapter 90 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 30, 2023.

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LD 1200 Resolve, to Convene a Driver Education Working Group to Evaluate Hardships to Underserved Populations and Low-income Families

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 94 directs the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles to convene a working group to study potential solutions regarding the cost of and access to driver education for underserved populations and low-income families. The working group is required to submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, which is authorized to submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 1296 An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Allow Firefighters to Have Increased Lighting on Their Personal Vehicles

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 131 changes the length of the red-light bar allowed on vehicles of active members of municipal or volunteer fire departments to 12 inches up to the width between the tops of the doors.

LD 1341 An Act to Modernize the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' Mobile Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 418 directs the Secretary of State to modernize the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles' mobile services including traveling units, computer tablets, computers, printers, vehicle expenses and other information technology by establishing and operating a program to provide mobile services for certain bureau services. It provides that the program must be funded with up to \$1,000,000 in available prior year balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, Highway Fund account in accordance with Public Law 2023, chapter 50, Part B. It requires the funds to be distributed by financial order upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor.

LD 1390 An Act to Provide Self-service Motor Vehicle Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 419 directs the Secretary of State to establish and operate eight self-service kiosks to provide vehicle registration renewals and renewals or replacements of driver's licenses or nondriver identification cards. It also directs the Secretary of State to investigate the various types of self-service kiosks that provide services offered by the Department

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of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles that are available to the State, including those self-service kiosks that are offered at no cost to the State and to provide a report that includes the findings of the investigation and any recommendations, including any proposed statutory changes, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by January 3, 2024. It authorizes the committee to report out a bill related to self-service kiosks that provide services offered by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature. It provides that to fund the leasing of eight self-service kiosks, including for technology costs to provide certain motor vehicle services, the Secretary of State may use up to \$1,000,000 in available prior year balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, Highway Fund account as authorized for this purpose in Public Law 2023, chapter 50, Part B. The funds may be allotted by financial order upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor.

LD 1463 An Act to Amend the Definition of "Farming" Under the Motor Vehicle Laws to Include Equines Not Raised for Racing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 403 changes the definition of "farming" in the motor vehicle statutes to include raising equines not raised for commercial racing. It requires the Secretary of State to provide a report that describes the financial impact to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles from including "equines not raised for racing at a commercial track" in the definition of "farming" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 23 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by November 6, 2024. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may submit legislation relating to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

LD 1559 An Act to Advance the State's Public Transit Systems by Reinvigorating the Public Transit Advisory Council

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 319 does the following.

1. It specifies that the Department of Transportation's duty to facilitate and support the public transportation systems in the State to achieve accessibility, affordability and convenience is for the average person's mobility needs.
2. It amends the membership of the Public Transit Advisory Council.
3. It directs that the council shall annually elect a chair and vice chair from among its members, each of whom serve for a term of one year.

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4. It requires the council to meet 3 times a year and allows the council to create subcommittees.
5. It changes the council's report provided each year to include an assessment of the infrastructure provided in each geographic region. It adds that the report must include recommendations for supporting infrastructure that should be provided and an estimate of the cost of providing that infrastructure and a recommendation for including additional funding as needed.

LD 1674 An Act to Require and Encourage Safe and Interconnected Transportation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 237 does the following.

1. It directs the Department of Transportation to adopt rules to ensure that all persons, including bicyclists, pedestrians, persons of all ages and abilities, transit users and motor vehicle users are safe on the State's public ways and that all persons have safe and efficient access to the transportation system. It directs the department, in adopting those rules, to use the Complete Streets Policy completed in 2014 and revised in June 2019 and all policy documents and standard practices related to the following community-based initiatives: the Municipal Partnership Initiative, the Village Partnership Initiative, the Business Partnership Initiative and the Planning Partnership Initiative.
2. It adds safety metrics and crash data to the considerations under the department's priorities, service levels, asset management goals and reporting.
3. It provides that, at the request of a municipality, the department must perform a road safety evaluation.
4. It requires, by January 3, 2024, that the department report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation on the department's evaluation of how speed limits are set; provide recommendations for changes to state, county and municipal street design standards, state laws and municipal ordinances to achieve the goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2035; and report any findings related to speed limits or traffic fatalities and recommendations, including suggested legislation. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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LD 1822 An Act to Amend the Specialty License Plate Laws and Extend the Moratorium on Approval of Specialty License Plates and Remove the Authority of Municipalities to Issue Driver's Licenses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 271 does the following.

1. It removes language that anticipated that municipal offices would issue driver's licenses and nondriver identification cards.
2. It amends the laws regarding specialty license plates regarding fees, duplicate numbers, the preliminary approval process and mechanisms for limiting the number of specialty license plates issued.
3. It extends the moratorium on approval of new specialty or recognition license plates to June 30, 2025.

Public Law 2023, chapter 271 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 23, 2023.

LD 1843 Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Bremen the Kitty Breskin Memorial Bridge

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 64 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 6472 on Waldoboro Road in the Town of Bremen the Kitty Breskin Memorial Bridge.

LD 1848 Resolve, to Designate the Route 15 Bridge Located in the Town of Kenduskeag the William S. Pullen Bridge

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 72 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 2967 on Route 15 in the Town of Kenduskeag the William S. Pullen Bridge.

Resolve 2023, chapter 72 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 23, 2023.

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LD 1965 An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Provide a New General Issue of License Plates

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 421 provides that the Secretary of State may issue a new general issuance plate. The plate may have one of two designs. It requires the Secretary of State to evaluate how frequently new registration plates are issued and submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The committee is authorized to report out a bill related to the report. It provides that the Secretary of State must implement the new license plate general issue project, including project contractor costs; technology and programming costs; plate material, production and manufacturing costs; and mailing costs, with up to \$7,000,000 in available prior year balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, Highway Fund account as authorized for this purpose in Public Law 2023, chapter 50, Part B. The funds may be allotted by financial order upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor.

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	LD 1477	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Align the Proceedings for Circulating Written Petitions for People's Vetoes and Direct Initiatives with Federal Law	CON RES 3
Not Enacted	LD 1109	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Create Consistent Election Dates for Citizen-initiated Referenda in Even-numbered Election Years	ONTP
	LD 1416	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Increase the Percentage of the Population Required to Submit a State Referendum Question	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1604	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Extend the Time That a Signature on a Petition for a Direct Initiative of Legislation Is Valid	ONTP

Elections, Voter Qualifications and Registration

Enacted	LD 1344	An Act to Improve the State's Election Laws by Amending the Laws Relating to Automatic Voter Registration	PUBLIC 291
	LD 1653	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Persons Under Guardianship for Mental Illness to Be Electors	CON RES 4
Not Enacted	LD 34	An Act to Require a Person to Show Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting	ONTP
	LD 237	An Act to Require a Registered Voter to Update the Registration	Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 766	An Act Regarding the Residence of Incarcerated Persons for Voting Purposes	ONTP
LD 1032	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Specify the Qualifications of Electors	ONTP
LD 1365	An Act to Require Photograph Identification for Voting	Majority (ONTP) Report

Gambling, Beano and Games of Chance

Enacted	LD 147	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Raffles Conducted by Eligible Organizations	PUBLIC 86
	LD 1088	An Act to Update the Gambling Laws to Allow Once-annual Game Nights for Eligible Organizations and Registered Political Committees	PUBLIC 391
Not Enacted	LD 1292	An Act to Increase the Prize Limits Allowed for Raffles	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 1992	An Act to Legalize Historical Horse Racing and Electronic Beano to Allow Maine Gaming Licensees and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes to Compete with Other Gaming States	CARRIED OVER

Gambling, Casinos and Slot Machines

Not Enacted	LD 504	An Act Regarding Licensing Fees for Small Slot Machine Distributors	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1944	An Act Regarding Tribal Gaming	CARRIED OVER

Gambling, Harness Racing and Off-track Betting

Enacted	LD 311	An Act to Delay the Repeal of the Law Governing the Sale of Pari-Mutuel Pools for Simulcast Harness Racing	PUBLIC 51
	LD 731	An Act Regarding the Licensing of Persons to Conduct Advance Deposit Wagering	PUBLIC 440
Not Enacted	LD 1992	An Act to Legalize Historical Horse Racing and Electronic Beano to Allow Maine Gaming Licensees and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes to Compete with Other Gaming States	CARRIED OVER

Gambling, Lottery

Enacted	LD 1125	Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to Study Paying Bonuses to Agents for Selling Certain Winning Lottery Tickets	RESOLVE 22
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Gambling, Sports and Fantasy Contests

Not Enacted	LD 1777	An Act to Create Economic Opportunity for Wabanaki Nations Through Internet Gaming	CARRIED OVER
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Lobbying and Lobbyist Regulation

Enacted	LD 1357	An Act to Impose an Expanded Prohibition on Lobbying for Former Executive Branch Employees	PUBLIC 337
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	LD 1627	An Act to Improve Disclosure of Lobbyist Activities	PUBLIC 279
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Not Enacted	LD 737	An Act to Prohibit Government Contracting Organizations from Influencing Elections	ONTP
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	LD 833	An Act to Prohibit Persons Who Donate to a Governor's Transition Committee and Inaugural Committee from Registering as Lobbyists	CARRIED OVER
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Maine National Guard

Enacted	LD 230	Resolve, to Require the Maine National Guard to Sell Certain Property in Hallowell	RESOLVE 45
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	LD 569	An Act to Allow the Adjutant General to Sell the Houlton Armory	PUBLIC 33
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	LD 1523	An Act to Establish a Qualifying Condition Review Board to Provide Benefits to Certain Service Members	PUBLIC 202
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	LD 1783	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Governor's Advisory Council on Military Sexual Trauma	PUBLIC 474
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	LD 1987	An Act to Allow the Adjutant General to Sell the Calais Armory	PUBLIC 296
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Not Enacted	LD 1054	An Act to Prohibit the Maine National Guard from Combat Deployment Absent an Act of the United States Congress	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Medical Use of Cannabis

Enacted	LD 83	An Act to Clarify State Policy Regarding Cannabis Paraphernalia in the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act and the Cannabis Legalization Act	PUBLIC 6
	LD 832	An Act to Sustain the Medical Use of Cannabis Program	PUBLIC 365
	LD 978	An Act to Maintain Legislative Oversight of the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Program by Requiring Major Substantive Rulemaking	PUBLIC 96
Not Enacted	LD 40	An Act to Amend the Cannabis Laws	CARRIED OVER
	LD 94	An Act Regarding the Use of Medical Cannabis by Minors	ONTP
	LD 365	An Act to Support Compliance and Establish Graduated Sanctions Under the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act	ONTP
	LD 410	An Act Regarding the Nuisance of Cannabis Plants and Smoke in Residential Areas	ONTP
	LD 845	An Act to Require Labeling and Signs to Warn Consumers About the Harmful Effects of Cannabis on Animals	ONTP
	LD 1467	An Act to Establish the Maine Cannabis Research Committee and Facilitate Research into Alternative Therapeutics	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 1530	An Act to Support Patients by Permitting On-site Consumption of Medical Cannabis and Medical Cannabis Products	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1585	An Act to Amend Maine's Cannabis Laws to Protect Small and Medium-sized Cultivators	ONTP
	LD 1686	An Act to Eliminate Unconstitutional Restrictions on Access to Cannabis by Removing Certain Restrictions on Medical Use and Personal Use and to Recognize Cannabis and Hemp as Food Protected as a Right Under the Constitution of Maine	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1691	An Act to Provide Parity in State Energy Rate Relief Payments and Tax Exemptions for Maine Cannabis Businesses	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1819	An Act to Create the Maine Medical Cannabis Advisory Commission and the Medical Cannabis Alternative Health Board	CARRIED OVER

Miscellaneous

Not Enacted	LD 1914 An Act to Enact the Maine Psilocybin Health Access Act	CARRIED OVER
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Veterans

Enacted	LD 985 Resolve, to Provide Additional Funding to the Maine Veterans' Homes	RESOLVE 117
	LD 1523 An Act to Establish a Qualifying Condition Review Board to Provide Benefits to Certain Service Members	PUBLIC 202
	LD 1597 Resolve, to Establish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission	RESOLVE 95
Not Enacted	LD 265 An Act to Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1375 An Act to Provide Funding for a Chapel at the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Augusta	CARRIED OVER

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VLA	26	An Act to Provide Postage Prepaid Return Envelopes to Voters Who Send Absentee Ballots by Mail	Reported Out	ONTP		3/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
VLA	34	An Act to Require a Person to Show Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	40	An Act to Amend the Cannabis Laws	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	48	An Act to Clarify Provisions of the Cannabis Legalization Act Regarding Labels, Packaging and Testing	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	83	An Act to Clarify State Policy Regarding Cannabis Paraphernalia in the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act and the Cannabis Legalization Act	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/1/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	6		R1
VLA	94	An Act Regarding the Use of Medical Cannabis by Minors	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	141	An Act to Simplify the Sale of Food Requirement for Certain Licenses for the Sale of Liquor to Be Consumed on the Licensed Premises	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP		4/10/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	44		S1
VLA	147	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Raffles Conducted by Eligible Organizations	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/26/23	Enacted	PL	86		S1
VLA	192	An Act Concerning the Future of Clean Election Funding	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	201	An Act to Make Permanent the Ability of Certain Retailers and Distilleries to Sell Liquor for Off-premises Consumption and Cocktails for On-premises Consumption	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/6/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	34		S1

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VLA	202	An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Adult Use Cannabis Stores to Transact Sales at Specified Events	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	408		S1
VLA	230	Resolve, to Require the Maine National Guard to Sell Certain Property in Hallowell	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/19/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	45		S1
VLA	233	An Act to Ensure Efficiency in the Review of Petitions by the Secretary of State by Clarifying Deadlines Related to Those Petitions	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	342		S1
VLA	237	An Act to Require a Registered Voter to Update the Registration	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/19/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	246	An Act to Amend the Campaign Finance Laws	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	247	An Act Regarding Replacement Candidates Under the Maine Clean Election Act	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/6/23	Enacted	PL	211		S1
VLA	248	An Act to Amend the State's Liquor Laws	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	249	An Act to Amend the Campaign Finance Laws Regarding Political Action Committees	Reported Out	LTW		3/24/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	255	An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Reports	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	273		S1
VLA	265	An Act to Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	4/6/23					S1
VLA	311	An Act to Delay the Repeal of the Law Governing the Sale of Pari-Mutuel Pools for Simulcast Harness Racing	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		4/21/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	51		S1
VLA	332	An Act to Amend the State's Election Laws	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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VLA	355	An Act to Eliminate the Cannabis Advisory Commission	Reported Out	OTP-AM		Carried On Approps Table	4/24/23				S1
VLA	365	An Act to Support Compliance and Establish Graduated Sanctions Under the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act	Reported Out	ONTP			5/22/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	391	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 2: Hearing Procedures and Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, Major Substantive Rules of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM			5/12/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	21	S1
VLA	410	An Act Regarding the Nuisance of Cannabis Plants and Smoke in Residential Areas	Reported Out	ONTP			4/25/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	419	Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Study Polling Places at Schools in Order to Protect Security and Accessibility	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP			6/13/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	73	S1
VLA	504	An Act Regarding Licensing Fees for Small Slot Machine Distributors	Reported Out	OTP-AM		Carried On Approps Table	5/12/23				S1
VLA	555	An Act to Increase the Number of Mature Plants Allowed for the Home Cultivation of Cannabis	Reported Out	OTP			5/17/23	Enacted	PL	220	S1
VLA	561	An Act to Require a Military Service Member's Agent with Power of Attorney to Be Legally Responsible for Paying Bills During the Member's Deployment	Reported Out	ONTP			3/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			R1

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VLA	567	An Act to Provide for the Ethical Election of Constitutional Officers by Restricting Certain Campaign Contributions	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		4/21/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	569	An Act to Allow the Adjutant General to Sell the Houlton Armory	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/27/23	Enacted	PL	33		S1
VLA	656	An Act to Prevent Electioneering on General Election Ballots by Candidates Nominated by Petition	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		4/21/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	680	An Act Examining On-premises Liquor License Requirements	Reported Out	LTW		5/30/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	694	An Act to Lower the Signature Quantity Requirement for Certain Independent Candidates for Elected Office	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	726	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Political Action Committees Relating to Union, Business and Nonprofit Organizations	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/6/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	244		S1
VLA	731	An Act Regarding the Licensing of Persons to Conduct Advance Deposit Wagering	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	440		S1
VLA	737	An Act to Prohibit Government Contracting Organizations from Influencing Elections	Reported Out	ONTP		3/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
VLA	740	An Act to Clarify the Criteria for State Approval of Alcoholic Beverage Container Labels	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/6/23	Enacted	PL	219		S1
VLA	750	An Act to Eliminate the Limits on Candidates' Speech at the Polls	Reported Out	AM/OTP-AM/ONTP		5/4/23	Accepted Report C (ONTP)				S1

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VLA	764	An Act to Ensure That Effective Dates of First Special Session Direct Initiatives of Legislation Will Occur After the November 2023 Election	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	401		S1
VLA	766	An Act Regarding the Residence of Incarcerated Persons for Voting Purposes	Reported Out	ONTP		4/25/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	768	An Act to Authorize State Political Parties to Opt Out of Ranked-choice Voting for Primary Elections	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/4/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	769	An Act to Reduce the Enrollment Requirement for Minor Political Parties That Seek Official Party Status	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		5/12/23	Enacted	PL	400		S1
VLA	770	An Act to Prohibit Ballot Harvesting by Preventing a 3rd Person from Returning More than 2 Absentee Ballots per Day	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/3/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	790	An Act to Require Disclosure for Communications Paid for Using Maine Clean Election Act Funding	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/14/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	812	An Act to Assist Clerks in Facilitating Elections and to Improve Access to In-person Absentee Voting for Working People by Increasing Time for Absentee Ballot Processing and In-person Voting	Reported Out	ONTP		3/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
VLA	832	An Act to Sustain the Medical Use of Cannabis Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/22/23	Enacted	PL	365		S1
VLA	833	An Act to Prohibit Persons Who Donate to a Governor's Transition Committee and Inaugural Committee from Registering as Lobbyists	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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VLA	839	An Act to Allow On-premises Consumption of Adult Use Cannabis and Adult Use Cannabis Products on the Premises of Cannabis Store Licensees	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	845	An Act to Require Labeling and Signs to Warn Consumers About the Harmful Effects of Cannabis on Animals	Reported Out	ONTP		3/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
VLA	846	An Act to Require Direct Wine Shippers to Comply with Maine Beverage Container Laws	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/9/23	Enacted	PL	252		S1
VLA	852	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Change the Length of Legislators' Terms to 4 Years	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/14/23	Died Between Houses				S1
VLA	879	An Act to Place Restrictions on Candidate Speech and Clothing, Buttons and Other Items at Voting Places	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		5/5/23	Enacted	PL	109		S1
VLA	886	An Act to Allow Clerks to Issue Absentee Ballots After the 3rd Business Day Before Election Day to Voters with a Physical or Mental Disability and Certain Voters' Caregivers	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/12/23	Enacted	PL	128		S1
VLA	922	An Act to Clarify Required Disclosure of Personally Identifying Information for Certain Nominating Petitions	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/16/23	Enacted	PL	389		S1
VLA	978	An Act to Maintain Legislative Oversight of the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Program by Requiring Major Substantive Rulemaking	Reported Out	OTP		4/24/23	Enacted	PL	96		S1
VLA	985	Resolve, to Provide Additional Funding to the Maine Veterans' Homes	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/9/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	117		S1
VLA	1012	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Timing of Judicial Review of the Determination of the Validity of Written Petitions	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/13/23	Finally Passed	CONRES	2		S1

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VLA	1022	An Act to Extend the Time Allowed Between a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting and a Budget Validation Referendum	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	256		S1
VLA	1032	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Specify the Qualifications of Electors	Reported Out	ONTP		4/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1038	An Act to Reinstate Plurality Voting by Repealing the Ranked-choice Voting Laws	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		4/24/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1054	An Act to Prohibit the Maine National Guard from Combat Deployment Absent an Act of the United States Congress	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/14/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1055	An Act to Prohibit the Use of Ballot Drop Boxes	Reported Out	ONTP		4/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1066	An Act to Allow a Restaurant to Serve a Bottle of Wine to the Person Who Brought the Bottle	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP		4/27/23	Enacted	PL	103		S1
VLA	1070	An Act to Increase Ballot Transparency with Blockchain Technology	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1071	An Act to Allow Political Candidates to Be Nominated by Multiple Parties for the Same Office	Reported Out	ONTP		4/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1073	An Act to Streamline Label Registrations for Malt Liquor, Wine, Hard Cider and Low-alcohol Spirits	Reported Out	OTP		6/6/23	Enacted	PL	197		S1

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VLA	1088	An Act to Update the Gambling Laws to Allow Once-annual Game Nights for Eligible Organizations and Registered Political Committees	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	391		S1
VLA	1108	An Act to Require All Candidates for Any State or County Office to Follow the Same Rules for Submission of Signatures Regarding Deadlines and the Number of Signatures	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		4/21/23	Died Between Houses				S1
VLA	1109	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Create Consistent Election Dates for Citizen-initiated Referenda in Even-numbered Election Years	Reported Out	ONTP		4/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1125	Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to Study Paying Bonuses to Agents for Selling Certain Winning Lottery Tickets	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/4/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	22		S1
VLA	1132	An Act Regarding the Provision of Liquor at Taste-testing Events Held at an Off-premises Retail Licensee's Premises	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	349		S1
VLA	1221	An Act to Make Changes to the Distribution Amounts to Certain Maine Clean Election Act Candidates in Contested General Elections	Reported Out	ONTP		4/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1255	An Act to Improve the Security of Voting Places	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1292	An Act to Increase the Prize Limits Allowed for Raffles	Reported Out	LTW		5/4/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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VLA	1320	An Act to Improve Signature Requirements for Candidates by Allowing Unenrolled Voters to Sign Petitions for Party Candidates	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/19/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1327	An Act to Limit the Requirements Regarding Leadership Political Action Committees and to Promote Clean Election Transparency	Reported Out	ONTP		5/4/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1329	An Act to Allow Delivery of Maine Craft Beer	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/6/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1331	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Change Term Limit Time Periods and the Frequency of Elections of Legislators	Reported Out	ONTP		5/22/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1344	An Act to Improve the State's Election Laws by Amending the Laws Relating to Automatic Voter Registration	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	291		S1
VLA	1357	An Act to Impose an Expanded Prohibition on Lobbying for Former Executive Branch Employees	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/9/23	Enacted	PL	337		S1
VLA	1365	An Act to Require Photograph Identification for Voting	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1371	An Act to Amend Limits on the Direct Shipment of Wine	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/9/23	Enacted	PL	274		S1
VLA	1375	An Act to Provide Funding for a Chapel at the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Augusta	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP/ OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/2/23					S1

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VLA	1378	An Act Regarding Liquor Service by Catering Services for Special Events at Licensed Wineries, Small Wineries, Breweries, Small Breweries, Distilleries and Small Distilleries	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/13/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	269		S1
VLA	1391	An Act to Limit Cannabis Cultivation Licenses to Protect the Cannabis Market	Reported Out	ONTP		5/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1416	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Increase the Percentage of the Population Required to Submit a State Referendum Question	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/26/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1446	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on Cannabis Hospitality Establishments	Reported Out	LTW		5/19/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1466	An Act to Fund Adult Intellectual Disability and Autism Spectrum Disorder Services by Eliminating Certain Tax Funding from the Maine Clean Election Fund	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/13/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1467	An Act to Establish the Maine Cannabis Research Committee and Facilitate Research into Alternative Therapeutics	Reported Out	LTW		5/4/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1477	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Align the Proceedings for Circulating Written Petitions for People's Vetoes and Direct Initiatives with Federal Law	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/21/23	Finally Passed	CONRES	3		S1

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VLA	1500	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Elections by Requiring Video Monitoring of Drop Boxes and Amending the Laws Regarding Voter Rolls and Absentee Voting Envelopes	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1502	An Act to Provide Consistency of Process for Maine's Electoral Votes by Prohibiting Enactment of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/6/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1517	An Act to Create Equity in the State's Cannabis Industry	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1523	An Act to Establish a Qualifying Condition Review Board to Provide Benefits to Certain Service Members	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/2/23	Enacted	PL	202		S1
VLA	1529	An Act to Reform the State's Adult Use Cannabis Seed-to-sale Tracking System to Allow for Canopy Tagging	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/15/23					S1
VLA	1530	An Act to Support Patients by Permitting On-site Consumption of Medical Cannabis and Medical Cannabis Products	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1548	An Act to Support Maine Craft Brewers by Amending the Law Regarding Breweries with Multiple Locations	Reported Out	LTW		4/25/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1568	An Act to Protect Access to Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/14/23	Enacted	PL	320		S1
VLA	1578	An Act to Adopt an Interstate Compact to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1585	An Act to Amend Maine's Cannabis Laws to Protect Small and Medium-sized Cultivators	Reported Out	ONTP		5/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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VLA	1590	An Act to Require Disclosure of Campaign Funding Sources	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1594	An Act to Provide for Voters Expressing Preferences in Ranked-choice Voting	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1597	Resolve, to Establish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/2/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	95		S1
VLA	1604	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Extend the Time That a Signature on a Petition for a Direct Initiative of Legislation Is Valid	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1610	An Act to Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/21/23	Veto Sustained				S1
VLA	1627	An Act to Improve Disclosure of Lobbyist Activities	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	279		S1
VLA	1630	An Act Regarding Campaign Finance and Lobbying Disclosure and Enforcement of Income Source Reporting Requirements	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/14/23	Enacted	PL	324		S1
VLA	1653	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Persons Under Guardianship for Mental Illness to Be Electors	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Finally Passed	CONRES	4		S1
VLA	1680	An Act to Allow Cannabis Advertising and to Allow Cannabis Delivery	Reported Out	ONTP		6/14/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1686	An Act to Eliminate Unconstitutional Restrictions on Access to Cannabis by Removing Certain Restrictions on Medical Use and Personal Use and to Recognize Cannabis and Hemp as Food Protected as a Right Under the Constitution of Maine	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/14/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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VLA	1690	An Act Regarding Ongoing Absentee Voting and Tracking of Absentee Ballots	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	404		S1
VLA	1691	An Act to Provide Parity in State Energy Rate Relief Payments and Tax Exemptions for Maine Cannabis Businesses	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/22/23					S1
VLA	1695	An Act to Provide for the Direct Shipment of Spirits to Consumers	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1698	An Act to Eliminate Private Donations to the Maine Clean Election Fund	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1757	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Reporting and Tracking of Adult Use Cannabis	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1765	An Act Authorizing the Governor to Enter into Interstate Agreements Regarding the Cannabis Industry	Reported Out	ONTP		5/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1777	An Act to Create Economic Opportunity for Wabanaki Nations Through Internet Gaming	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1783	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Governor's Advisory Council on Military Sexual Trauma	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	474		S1
VLA	1805	An Act to Increase State Oversight of Election Funding by Requiring Approval by the Legislature	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/26/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1811	An Act to Clarify Required Political Committees 24-hour Reports	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1819	An Act to Create the Maine Medical Cannabis Advisory Commission and the Medical Cannabis Alternative Health Board	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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VLA	1846	An Act to Amend a Circulator's Oath for Petitions and Nomination Papers by Including the Number of Signatures Collected	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/19/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1851	An Act to Allow Replacement Candidates to Qualify for Certification Under the Maine Clean Election Act	Reported Out	LTW		5/19/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1869	An Act to Prohibit the Private Funding of Elections	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1880	An Act to Amend the Adult Use Cannabis Laws	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	396		S1
VLA	1914	An Act to Enact the Maine Psilocybin Health Access Act	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1917	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Implement Ranked-choice Voting for Governor, State Senator and State Representative	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Final Passage Failed				S1
VLA	1944	An Act Regarding Tribal Gaming	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1952	An Act to Allow On-site Cannabis Consumption	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1959	An Act Regarding Open Primary Elections and Ranked-choice Voting	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1966	An Act to Allow Candidates for County Office to Participate in the Maine Clean Election Act	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1980	An Act to Improve Election Laws and Notarial Laws	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	304		S1
VLA	1984	An Act to Allow Golf Courses to Obtain a License to Conduct Off-premises Catering	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/14/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	285		S1
VLA	1987	An Act to Allow the Adjutant General to Sell the Calais Armory	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	296		S1

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VLA	1991	An Act Regarding Gubernatorial Primary Elections	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1992	An Act to Legalize Historical Horse Racing and Electronic Beano to Allow Maine Gaming Licensees and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes to Compete with Other Gaming States	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	2014	An Act Regarding Spirits Price Regulation	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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LD 83 An Act to Clarify State Policy Regarding Cannabis Paraphernalia in the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act and the Cannabis Legalization Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 6 defines the term "cannabis paraphernalia" for purposes of the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act, Title 22, chapter 558-C, and the Cannabis Legalization Act, Title 28, chapter 1 and makes the following clarifications.

1. A person may sell, offer to sell or furnish cannabis paraphernalia to a qualifying patient, caregiver or registered dispensary for a qualifying patient's medical use of cannabis.
2. A caregiver or registered dispensary, as defined in the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act, and a cannabis store, as defined in the Cannabis Legalization Act, may sell, offer to sell or furnish cannabis paraphernalia for the purpose of cannabis use.
3. A retail tobacco license is not required to sell, offer to sell or furnish cannabis paraphernalia.
4. A person is prohibited from selling, offering to sell or furnishing products containing tobacco, nicotine or synthetic nicotine without first obtaining a retail tobacco license.
5. A person may be in the vicinity of the medical use of cannabis.

Public Law 2023, chapter 6 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 15, 2023.

LD 141 An Act to Simplify the Sale of Food Requirement for Certain Licenses for the Sale of Liquor to Be Consumed on the Licensed Premises

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 44 makes the following changes to the sale of food requirement for on-premises licensees.

1. It adds indoor golf centers and outdoor golf centers to the list of establishments that may be licensed for the sale of spirits, wine or malt liquor to be consumed on or off the licensed premises. It also defines "indoor golf center" as a commercially operated indoor facility that offers golf simulator facilities to the public for a fee and that has adequate facilities for the sale and consumption of liquor and "outdoor golf center" as a commercially operated outdoor facility with areas for practicing golf shots with rentable golf clubs and balls, which may include a miniature golf course that has adequate facilities for the sale and consumption of liquor, but does not mean a golf course.
2. It adds "indoor golf center" and "outdoor golf center" to the section of statute that outlines the specific license requirements for similar types of recreational facilities and to the sections of

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statute that outline the types of eligible premises for each license type to correspond to those license types available to similar recreational facilities.

3. It eliminates the sale of food requirement for bowling centers, curling centers, disc golf courses, golf courses, indoor ice skating centers, indoor racquet centers, Class A lounges and taverns.
4. It changes the gross annual income requirements from the sale of food for Class A restaurants, Class A restaurant/lounges and year-round and part-time qualified catering services from an amount based on a municipality's population to 10% of the licensee's gross annual income.
5. It aligns the sale of food requirement for auxiliary licenses with those of the primary licensed premises.

Public Law 2023, chapter 44 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 1, 2023.

LD 147 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Raffles Conducted by Eligible Organizations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 86 makes the following changes to the laws governing certain raffles conducted by eligible organizations.

1. It increases the amount of the prize value for a 50/50 raffle held during a game of chance tournament from \$1,000 to \$2000.
2. It increases the amount of a noncash prize that can be offered by an eligible organization in a raffle from \$75,000 to \$150,000 and requires the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit to adjust every two years the noncash prize dollar value based on the Consumer Price Index as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and rounded to the nearest amount divisible by \$100.
3. Current law caps a cash prize offered by an eligible organization in a raffle at \$20,000 with no more than one \$10,000 cash prize per holder of a winning chance. Public Law 2023, chapter 86 keeps the cap per holder of a winning chance at \$10,000 but allows for an unlimited number of cash prizes to be awarded.
4. It allows an eligible organization to conduct more than one raffle at a time.
5. It designates lottery tickets as noncash prizes and determines that the total value of the lottery ticket as a noncash prize is based on the purchase price of the lottery ticket and not the potential or actual value of the lottery ticket winnings.

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6. It removes the requirement that the records kept by eligible organizations conducting raffles include an exact account of all gross revenue from the games, an itemization of all allowable expenses, including, but not limited to, the cost of prizes, printing, licenses and administration, and the disposition of all proceeds, including, but not limited to, all gifts, grants and payments to any person, firm, corporation, association or organization for any purpose whatsoever.

LD 201 An Act to Make Permanent the Ability of Certain Retailers and Distilleries to Sell Liquor for Off-premises Consumption and Cocktails for On-premises Consumption

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 34 makes permanent the changes to the liquor laws allowing qualified on-premises retailers and qualified distilleries to sell liquor for off-premises consumption under certain conditions and the sale of cocktails for on-premises consumption at distilleries and small distilleries. It also removes the requirement that wine and malt liquor sold for off-premises consumption be sold only in an original container and instead allows wine to be sold for off-premises consumption in an approved container, in an original container or as an ingredient in an approved cocktail and allows malt liquor to be sold for off-premises consumption in an approved container or in an original container. It makes a technical correction to the cross-reference for the definition of “full meal” in the definition of “food order” as well.

Public Law 2023, chapter 34 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 24, 2023.

LD 202 An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Adult Use Cannabis Stores to Transact Sales at Specified Events

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 408 makes the following changes to current provisions in Title 28-B, chapter 1 that allow a cannabis store to sell, on a temporary basis, adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products at the location of a specified event.

1. It creates new definitions for the terms "permitted premises for a specified event," "specified event" and "specified event permit."
2. It amends the application requirements for the issuance of a permit for cannabis stores to conduct sales at a specified event.
3. It changes the requirements for cannabis stores to account for authorized sales at a specified event.
4. It changes the limitations and conditions for cannabis stores to conduct sales at a specified event.

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5. It establishes the criteria for the suspension or revocation of a permit for a cannabis store to conduct sales at a specified event.
6. It provides criteria for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services' approval or denial of a permit application for cannabis stores to conduct sales at a specified event.
7. It repeals the department's rule-making authority regarding specified events which is provided for under the department's general rule-making authority under this chapter.
8. It amends the requirement that the department issue guidance documents to cannabis stores.

LD 230 Resolve, to Require the Maine National Guard to Sell Certain Property in Hallowell

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 45 requires the Adjutant General to sell a parcel of land to the City of Hallowell, by June 30, 2024, for \$40,000 to be paid by the city in 10 equal annual installments. The sale price is less than the appraised value because the appraisal did not account for upkeep to the property made by the city over several years and assumed the highest and best use of the property for residential development. The city plans to use this property for public recreational purposes.

LD 233 An Act to Ensure Efficiency in the Review of Petitions by the Secretary of State by Clarifying Deadlines Related to Those Petitions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 342 requires the Secretary of State to determine the validity of certain petitions within 30 business days of the date of filing of the petition, except for petitions that are filed in an even-numbered general election year within 30 calendar days before or 30 calendar days after the general election. In those cases, the Secretary of State is required to determine the validity within 30 business days after the 30th calendar day following the general election.

LD 247 An Act Regarding Replacement Candidates Under the Maine Clean Election Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 211 establishes the beginning of the qualifying period for any replacement candidate who wishes to qualify as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate as when the Secretary of State receives a notice of withdrawal or declares a vacancy, whichever occurs first. It requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to establish, by routine technical rule, a procedure to establish the end date for the qualifying period for a replacement candidate. It also requires the commission to establish, by routine technical rule, procedures for

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certification, disbursement of Maine Clean Election Fund revenues and return of unspent fund revenues for races involving vacancies, withdrawals or replacement candidates. The rules must provide that qualifying contributions collected by a replacement candidate may not be deposited into the Maine Clean Election Fund until the replacement candidate is nominated and that if the replacement candidate is not officially nominated, the commission must return the qualifying contributions to the contributors, unless the contributor authorizes the deposit of the qualifying contribution into the fund.

LD 255 An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Reports

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 273 changes the election law that requires all candidates for state or county office other than Governor to file a campaign finance report on the 42nd day before a general election to instead require the report to be filed on the 42nd day before any election. A municipal candidate must file a report 42 days before an election only if required by the candidate's municipality. A candidate participating in the Maine Clean Election Act program is exempt from the requirement to file a report on the 42nd day before a primary election.

LD 311 An Act to Delay the Repeal of the Law Governing the Sale of Pari-Mutuel Pools for Simulcast Harness Racing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 51 delays the repeal of the law governing the sale of pari-mutuel pools and common pari-mutuel pools for simulcast races from January 1, 2024 to January 1, 2026.

Public Law 2023, chapter 51 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 8, 2023.

LD 391 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 2: Hearing Procedures and Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, Major Substantive Rules of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 21 authorizes final adoption of portions of rule Chapter 2: Hearing Procedures and portions of rule Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, major substantive rules of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, subject to the removal of the changes in rule Chapter 3 governing when the qualifying period for replacement candidates begins and ends.

Resolve 2023, chapter 21 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 1, 2023.

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LD 419 Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Study Polling Places at Schools in Order to Protect Security and Accessibility

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 73 directs the Department of the Secretary of State to convene a working group to study the use of school buildings as polling places, to consider options to protect the security of school students and staff and election staff and voters and to consider polling place accessibility. The working group is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs by January 1, 2024. The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 555 An Act to Increase the Number of Mature Plants Allowed for the Home Cultivation of Cannabis

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 220 increases the number of mature cannabis plants a person is allowed to possess, cultivate or transport at any one time for personal use from three to six.

LD 569 An Act to Allow the Adjutant General to Sell the Houlton Armory

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 33 permits the Adjutant General to sell the Houlton Armory, located at 86 Pleasant Street, Houlton, by means of a quitclaim deed provided the purchaser agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State from all claims, including any environmental clean-up costs that may arise in connection with the land or the buildings constituting the armory. This sale does not require approval of the Legislature under Title 38-B, section 264, subsection B.

LD 726 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Political Action Committees Relating to Union, Business and Nonprofit Organizations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 244 repeals the changes made in Public Law 2021, chapter 274 and Public Law 2021, chapter 607. It makes the following changes to the campaign finance laws.

1. It removes the definitions of "business entity," "leadership political action committee" and "separate segregated fund committee."
2. It removes the prohibition on business entities making contributions to candidates.

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3. It provides that a political committee, political action committee, ballot question committee, other committee, firm, partnership, corporation, association or organization may not make contributions to a candidate in support of the candidacy of one person aggregating more than the amount that an individual may contribute to that candidate.
4. It updates the limits on contributions to candidates based on the current limits, which are adjusted every two years based on the Consumer Price Index as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and rounded to the nearest amount divisible by \$25.
5. It provides that contributions made by a for-profit or nonprofit corporation, including a parent, subsidiary, branch, division, department or local unit of a corporation, and contributions made by a political committee or political action committee whose contribution or expenditure activities are financed, maintained or controlled by a corporation are considered to be made by that corporation, political committee or political action committee. It clarifies when two or more entities are treated as a single entity and provides that a sole proprietorship and its owner are treated as a single entity.
6. It removes the limits on contributions to leadership political action committees and limits on contributions to separate segregated fund committees.

It also requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, in consultation with the Attorney General, to develop legislation necessary to regulate contributions made by business entities to candidates and political action committees and contributions accepted by leadership political action committees. The commission is directed to submit a report by February 1, 2024 to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, which may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Public Law 2023, chapter 244 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 22, 2023.

LD 731 An Act Regarding the Licensing of Persons to Conduct Advance Deposit Wagering

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 440 repeals the provision of law that directs the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board to award, through a competitive bidding process, one bidder the privilege to be licensed to conduct advance deposit wagering and instead allows commercial tracks, off-track betting facilities and account wagering providers, which are defined as business entities that offer advance deposit wagering on a horse race that is not a commercial track or an off-track betting facility licensed in this State, to obtain a license to conduct advance deposit wagering. It also provides the following.

1. Advance deposit wagering licensees are required to remit 5% of in-state gross wagering income and 5% of out-of-state gross wagering income to the board for distribution.

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2. Employees of advance deposit wagering licensees are required to be licensed.
3. Advance deposit wagering licensees that are business organization are required to be organized in this State, although that business organization may be a wholly or partially owned subsidiary of an entity organized pursuant to the laws of another state or a foreign country. Account wagering providers are exempt from this requirement.
4. In order to be licensed, a licensee must accept wagers for all live races conducted in this State and made available for simulcast.
5. Licenses to conduct advance deposit wagering are to be renewed annually and the fee for renewal is \$250.
6. A person who was a party to a contract with the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board as of January 1, 2023 authorizing that person to conduct advance deposit wagering in the State may continue to conduct advance deposit wagering pursuant to the provisions of the contract until the expiration of that contract or until that person receives a license. A party under that contract is entitled to apply for a renewal of an advance deposit wagering license without needing to pay an investigation fee.
7. The Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit is required to meet with and seek input from stakeholders on issues related to revenue implications for licensed harness racing tracks in Maine from the expansion of advance deposit wagering, including policies adopted in other states and technical capabilities of advance deposit wagering platforms. The Gambling Control Unit is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs no later than December 15, 2023.

Public Law 2023, chapter 440 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 26, 2023.

LD 740 An Act to Clarify the Criteria for State Approval of Alcoholic Beverage Container Labels

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 219 limits the approval of alcoholic beverage container labels by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to whether a label conforms to regulations of the United States Department of the Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau and criteria that prohibits labels that appeal to prurient interest, depict sexual or other lewd acts, lack serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value or that targets minors.

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LD 764 An Act to Ensure That Effective Dates of First Special Session Direct Initiatives of Legislation Will Occur After the November 2023 Election

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 401 provides that direct initiatives of legislation pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 and identified as L.D. 1610, "An Act to Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution," L.D. 1611, "An Act to Create the Pine Tree Power Company, a Nonprofit, Customer-owned Utility," and L.D. 1772, "An Act to Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and to Provide Voters More Information Regarding That Borrowing," if enacted during the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature, have an effective date of January 1, 2024, unless the direct initiative provides for an effective date later than January 1, 2024.

Public Law 2023, chapter 401 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 9, 2023.

LD 769 An Act to Reduce the Enrollment Requirement for Minor Political Parties That Seek Official Party Status

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 400 reduces from 10,000 to 5,000 the minimum number of voters required to be enrolled in a party for the party to qualify to participate in an election.

LD 832 An Act to Sustain the Medical Use of Cannabis Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 365 makes the following changes to provisions in the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act.

1. It amends the rulemaking authority of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy.
2. It amends the rulemaking process the Office of Cannabis Policy must employ when adopting or amending rules under the Act.
3. It amends the required content of a registry identification card.
4. It amends the revenue generated by application and renewal fees.

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5. It amends the identification necessary to constitute evidence of lawful conduct in the possession or use of cannabis for medical purposes and for defense to prosecution for possession or use of cannabis.
6. It clarifies the method to calculate cannabis weight.
7. It amends the penalties the Office of Cannabis Policy may impose for different violations of the Act and rules adopted pursuant to the Act.
8. It clarifies the applicability of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act to the Office of Cannabis Policy's imposition of penalties under the Act.
9. It clarifies the reporting, record-keeping and labeling requirements.
10. It clarifies the inspection process.
11. It clarifies the process for the surrender and destruction of cannabis plants, cannabis or cannabis products.
12. It amends the Office of Cannabis Policy's reporting obligation.

LD 846 An Act to Require Direct Wine Shippers to Comply with Maine Beverage Container Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 252 requires wine shipped by direct wine shippers to comply with Maine beverage container laws beginning July 1, 2025.

LD 879 An Act to Place Restrictions on Candidate Speech and Clothing, Buttons and Other Items at Voting Places

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 109 allows a candidate, or no more than one representative of a candidate, at a voting place, to greet a voter if the candidate or representative of the candidate does not state the name of the office that the candidate is seeking in that election year or wear any button, name tag, apparel or label or have or use any item or sign displaying the candidate's name or the name of the office the candidate is seeking or otherwise express support for or opposition to a party, a candidate or a ballot question.

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LD 886 An Act to Allow Clerks to Issue Absentee Ballots After the 3rd Business Day Before Election Day to Voters with a Physical or Mental Disability and Certain Voters' Caregivers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 128 expands the list of persons who may receive an absentee ballot after the third business day before election day to include voters who self-certify as a person with a physical or mental disability and to include a voter's caregiver, who, as a result of the voter's incapacity or illness, is unable to attend the polls during the entire time the polls are open on election day. It also expands the current provision regarding voters who are residents of a coastal island ward or precinct to include any island ward or precinct.

LD 922 An Act to Clarify Required Disclosure of Personally Identifying Information for Certain Nominating Petitions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 389 requires a candidate, on primary petitions and nonparty nomination petitions, to provide a municipality of residence and removes the requirement to provide a place of residence. It also provides that upon written request by a candidate to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State may treat the candidate's street name and number in connection with the candidate's consent for primary and nonparty candidates as confidential as long as the street name and number are not material to the candidate's qualifications to serve.

LD 978 An Act to Maintain Legislative Oversight of the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Program by Requiring Major Substantive Rulemaking

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 96 makes the following changes to the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act.

1. It requires that rules provisionally adopted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Title 22, chapter 558-C may not be finally adopted by the department unless the legislation authorizing final adoption is enacted into law.
2. It classifies as major substantive rules those rules adopted to establish procedures for suspending or terminating the registration of a registered dispensary or registered caregiver.

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LD 985 Resolve, to Provide Additional Funding to the Maine Veterans' Homes

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 117 provides one-time funding from the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account, in the amount of \$2,600,000, to fund ongoing operations of Maine Veterans' Homes.

LD 1012 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Timing of Judicial Review of the Determination of the Validity of Written Petitions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 2 proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to change the time period for judicial review of the validity of written petitions from within 100 days from the date of filing to within 100 business days from the date of filing unless the petition is filed within 30 calendar days before or after a general election, in which case the judicial review must be completed within 100 business days after the 30th calendar day following that general election.

Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 2 as finally passed by the Legislature is contingent upon the approval of the voters at a statewide election to be held November 7, 2023.

LD 1022 An Act to Extend the Time Allowed Between a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting and a Budget Validation Referendum

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 256 extends the period of time allowed between a regional school unit budget meeting and the budget referendum from on or before the 30th calendar day following the scheduled date of the regional school unit budget meeting to on or before the 45th calendar day following the scheduled date of the regional school unit budget meeting.

LD 1066 An Act to Allow a Restaurant to Serve a Bottle of Wine to the Person Who Brought the Bottle

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 103 allows a restaurant, Class A restaurant or Class A restaurant/lounge licensed by the State to sell wine on the premises to allow a person who has purchased a full meal to provide a bottle of wine to consume on the premises. A restaurant, Class A restaurant or Class A restaurant/lounge may charge a fee, not to exceed \$100 per bottle. The person may remove and transport the partially consumed bottle of wine in a manner consistent with the provisions of law

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regarding the removal and transport of a partially consumed bottle of wine purchased from a restaurant, Class A restaurant or Class A restaurant/lounge.

LD 1073 An Act to Streamline Label Registrations for Malt Liquor, Wine, Hard Cider and Low-alcohol Spirits

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 197 adds to the exceptions to the registration requirement for labels of malt liquor, wine, hard cider or low-alcohol spirits products sold in the State labels approved by the United States Department of the Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau. A manufacturer of products sold in this State that bear such a label is required to notify the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations of that fact.

LD 1088 An Act to Update the Gambling Laws to Allow Once-annual Game Nights for Eligible Organizations and Registered Political Committees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 391 establishes the requirements for conducting a once-annual game night and authorizes the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit to accept a once-annual game night registration from an eligible organization, the proceeds from which are dedicated to a charitable purpose, or from a registered party committee, political action committee or ballot question committee, the proceeds from which are for the purpose of fund-raising. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices is required to adopt rules regarding the reporting of proceeds from a game night.

LD 1125 Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to Study Paying Bonuses to Agents for Selling Certain Winning Lottery Tickets

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 22 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to study paying bonuses to persons licensed to sell lottery tickets for winning Powerball tickets, Mega Millions tickets and Lotto America tickets that are not grand prize winners and develop a system to pay bonuses to persons selling winning Powerball tickets, Mega Millions tickets and Lotto America tickets with prizes over \$10,000 that are not grand prize winners. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations shall submit a report, including any recommended legislation, no later than December 6, 2023, to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

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LD 1132 An Act Regarding the Provision of Liquor at Taste-testing Events Held at an Off-premises Retail Licensee's Premises

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 349 allows for spirits served at a taste-testing event held at an agency liquor store to be provided by the agency liquor store, purchased at the retail price by a licensed sales representative participating in the taste-testing event from the existing stock of the agency liquor store or provided by a licensed sales representative or a spirits supplier participating in the taste-testing event if the spirits were purchased in the State at the retail price. A record of the transaction must be maintained and made available to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations.

It also allows for wine and malt liquor served at a taste-testing event held on the premises of an off-premises retail licensee to be purchased by the retail licensee from a wholesale licensee, to be purchased at the retail price by a licensed sales representative participating in the taste-testing event from existing stock available for purchase at the retail licensee's premises or to be provided by a licensed sales representative or licensed manufacturer participating in the taste-testing event if the malt liquor or wine was purchased in the State at the retail price. A record of the transaction must be maintained and made available to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations.

It also provides that if the liquor, wine or malt liquor provided for the taste-testing event comes from a source other than the agency liquor store or the retail licensee, the products must be removed from the premises at the conclusion of the taste-testing event.

LD 1344 An Act to Improve the State's Election Laws by Amending the Laws Relating to Automatic Voter Registration

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Effective February 1, 2024, Public Law 2023, chapter 291 makes the following changes to the laws relating to automatic voter registration.

1. It provides that the deadline for receipt of voter registration applications transmitted by the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles or by a source agency other than the Bureau of Motor Vehicles under the automatic voter registration law is midnight on the 7th day before election day.
2. It makes additional changes regarding when registration applications must be transmitted to the appropriate registrar's office and when registration applications must be entered into the central voter registration system and placed on the incoming voting list to align with the deadline for receipt of voter registration applications transmitted by the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles or by a source agency other than the Bureau of Motor Vehicles under the automatic voter registration law.

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3. It changes the deadline for online registration applications to be transmitted by the Department of the Secretary of State to the appropriate registrar's office from daily to the next business day following receipt and provides the same deadline for those voter registration applications transmitted by the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles or by a source agency other than the Bureau of Motor Vehicles under the automatic voter registration law.
4. It excludes registration applications transmitted by the deadline for registration by the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles or by a source agency other than the Bureau of Motor Vehicles under the automatic voter registration law from the 20-day closed period for outside registrations.

LD 1357 An Act to Impose an Expanded Prohibition on Lobbying for Former Executive Branch Employees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 337 prohibits, beginning with the convening of the 132nd Legislature, former executive branch employees and officers, including former officers or employees in the classified service, former employees in the unclassified service and persons who held a position for which the salary is subject to adjustment by the Governor or that is a major policy-influencing position, from engaging in compensated lobbying until one year after the termination of the executive branch employment.

It also provides that a person may file a complaint with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices specifying an alleged violation of the prohibition on former executive branch employee lobbying. The commission is required to notify the person against whom the complaint has been filed and may undertake the investigation of the alleged violation. The commission may direct commission staff to undertake an investigation of an alleged violation on its own motion. A person who intentionally violates the prohibition on former executive branch employee lobbying is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000, payable to the State and recoverable in a civil action.

LD 1371 An Act to Amend Limits on the Direct Shipment of Wine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 274 changes the minimum allowable shipment limit for a container of wine to not less than 250 milliliters. It also clarifies that a direct shipper may ship no more than 9,000 milliliters per shipment no more than 12 times to any one recipient address in a calendar year.

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LD 1378 An Act Regarding Liquor Service by Catering Services for Special Events at Licensed Wineries, Small Wineries, Breweries, Small Breweries, Distilleries and Small Distilleries

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 269 allows a qualified catering service to provide liquor at functions or events held at wineries, small wineries, breweries, small breweries, distilleries or small distilleries as long as the catering service files an application at least 24 hours in advance of the function or event on a form provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations. A winery, small winery, brewery, small brewery, distillery or small distillery may host on the premises up to four times in a seven-day period a function or event where a qualified catering service provides the service of liquor.

Public Law 2023, chapter 269 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 23, 2023.

LD 1477 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Align the Proceedings for Circulating Written Petitions for People's Vetoes and Direct Initiatives with Federal Law

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 3 proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to remove the requirement that a circulator of a citizen's initiative or people's veto petition be a resident of this State and a registered voter in this State, which have been found to be unconstitutional by a federal court.

Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 3 as finally passed by the Legislature is contingent upon the approval of the voters at a statewide election to be held November 7, 2023.

LD 1523 An Act to Establish a Qualifying Condition Review Board to Provide Benefits to Certain Service Members

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 202 establishes the Qualifying Condition Review Board to accept and review applications from veterans with a discharge characterization of less than an honorable discharge who believe the discharge characterization was based on the veteran's sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression; conduct associated with a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder or acquired brain injury; or conduct or circumstances relating to being a victim of military sexual assault. The board has three members, appointed by the Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, all of whom must have relevant clinical experience working with veterans. A veteran whose

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application is approved by the Qualifying Condition Review Board and the Director is eligible for all the rights, privileges and benefits granted to veterans under Maine law.

LD 1568 An Act to Protect Access to Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 320 provides that interfering with a voter attempting to cast a vote, which is a Class E crime, includes knowingly blocking or attempting to block a voter's access to a secured drop box. It also provides that, during the absentee voting period, to the extent possible, a municipality must ensure that a path to each secured drop box is clear of all barriers.

LD 1597 Resolve, to Establish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 95 establishes the 10-member Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission to study the impacts of exposure to harmful chemicals on veterans who served at the Canadian military support base in Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada. The commission shall submit a report, no later than December 6, 2023, to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs with its findings, recommendations and any suggested legislation.

LD 1627 An Act to Improve Disclosure of Lobbyist Activities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 279 reduces the number of days lobbyists, lobbyist associates and employers have to register as lobbyists after lobbying more than eight hours in a calendar month on behalf of an employer from 15 business days to 10 calendar days.

LD 1630 An Act Regarding Campaign Finance and Lobbying Disclosure and Enforcement of Income Source Reporting Requirements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 324 makes the following changes to the administration of campaign finance and lobbyist disclosure laws by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices and the enforcement of income reporting requirements.

1. It provides for a preliminary penalty for when a Legislator or a legislative candidate does not file a statement of sources of income on time, which may be waived by the commission, of \$100 for a legislative candidate or \$250 for a Legislator.

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2. It increases penalties by \$50 per report when a lobbyist repeatedly files monthly reports late during a lobbying year.
3. It eliminates authority for the commission to meet by telephone and the requirement for the commission to be open during the last weekend before elections.
4. It amends the standard by which the commission may disclose financial or campaign information in a commission decision or investigative report by staff.
5. It authorizes the Office of the Attorney General to collect three times the amount owed when a court action is necessary to collect an unpaid penalty or repayment of Maine Clean Election Act funds.
6. It requires text messages that advocate for the election or defeat of a candidate and that are transmitted through a paid-for mass distribution technology to disclose the person that paid for the messages.
7. It directs the commission to consider the text and other objective elements of a communication distributed close to an election, including, if the communication is a digital communication, any links to publicly accessible websites related to the nomination, election or defeat of a candidate, when deciding whether the costs of the communication qualify as independent expenditures.
8. It eliminates the \$25,000 limit an individual may contribute in aggregate to state candidates in a calendar year.
9. It allows a person filing an independent expenditure report to make an online affirmation that the expense was not coordinated with the candidate named in the report rather than submitting a statement made under oath or affirmation.
10. It authorizes the automatic waiver of penalties of less than \$25 for filing a campaign finance report late.
11. It eliminates the authorization for candidates and political committees to file a campaign finance report after a deadline if a faxed version is submitted before the deadline.
12. It requires a political communication to influence ballot question elections that is a digital communication costing more than \$500 and includes a link to a publicly accessible website expressly advocating for or against an initiative or referendum that is on the ballot to clearly and conspicuously state the name of the person who made or financed the expenditure, unless the digital communication is excluded from this requirement because compliance is impracticable due to size or character limitations.
13. It confirms that a candidate's submission of fraudulent qualifying contributions is a violation of the Maine Clean Election Act.

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14. It requires a Maine Clean Election Act candidate to obtain and submit a record of labor performed by any member of campaign staff each day the member of the campaign staff is compensated more than \$3,000.

A provision authorizing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to deposit penalties for late filing by political action committees and ballot question committees in an existing special revenue account to pay for improvements to the commission's electronic filing systems, which was proposed in the original version of LD 1630, was not included in Public Law 2023, chapter 324, but was instead incorporated into the biennial budget, enacted as Public Law 2023, chapter 412, part SSS. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, LD 258.

LD 1653 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Persons Under Guardianship for Mental Illness to Be Electors

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 4 proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to allow persons under guardianship to be electors for Governor, Senators and Representatives by removing the provision prohibiting such action, which has been found by the United States District Court for the District of Maine to violate the United States Constitution and federal law.

Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 4 as finally passed by the Legislature is contingent upon the approval of the voters at a statewide election to be held November 7, 2023.

LD 1690 An Act Regarding Ongoing Absentee Voting and Tracking of Absentee Ballots

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Effective December 31, 2025, Public Law 2023, chapter 404 makes the following changes to the provisions of law regarding ongoing absentee voter status.

1. It removes the requirement that an ongoing absentee voter be a voter who will be at least 65 years of age by the next election or who self identifies as having a disability.
2. It removes the requirement that the procedures for application for status as an ongoing absentee voter must include a process for notifying the voter that if the voter moves out of the municipality, that voter's status as an ongoing absentee voter in that municipality terminates.
3. It removes the requirement that the clerk or Secretary of State shall terminate a voter's ongoing absentee voter status upon the failure of the voter to vote by absentee ballot for a general election.

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LD 1783 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Military Sexual Trauma

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 474 implements the following recommendations of the Governor's Advisory Council on Military Sexual Trauma.

1. The Adjutant General is required to submit an annual report, beginning December 6, 2023, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans affairs that includes the following information.
 - A. The aggregate number of new members of the Maine National Guard in the previous year, broken down by gender.
 - B. The aggregate discharge numbers of Maine National Guard members in the previous year, broken down by gender.
 - C. The aggregate promotion rates of Maine National Guard members in the previous year, broken down by gender.
 - D. The aggregate data or coded reason for discharge of all Maine National Guard members discharged in the previous year, broken down by gender.
 - E. The percentage of Maine National Guard member reporting sexual harassment and sexual assault in the previous year as measured by an anonymous survey, broken down by gender.
 - F. The number of restricted and unrestricted reports of sexual harassment and sexual assault in the Maine National Guard by year, broken down by gender of the reporting party.
2. A full-time or part-time member of the Maine National Guard in active status who reports being a victim of a sexual assault or sexual harassment by another member of the Maine National Guard must be granted paid leave, upon request, pending completion of the investigation.
3. A full-time or part-time member of the Maine National Guard in active status who is the responding party in an investigation of sexual assault or sexual harassment by another member of the Maine National Guard must be placed on paid leave pending completion of the investigation, unless an alternative arrangement is agreed to by the reporting party.
4. A current or former member of the Maine National Guard who submits an unrestricted report of sexual harassment or sexual assault to the Maine National Guard is entitled to compensation under the Victims' Compensation Fund established in Title 5, chapter 316-A.

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Public Law 2023, chapter 474 provides one-time funding to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, in the amount of \$80,000, for paid leave costs that are not otherwise reimbursed by another entity.

LD 1880 An Act to Amend the Adult Use Cannabis Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 396 makes the following changes to the Cannabis Legalization Act and the provisions of Title 28-B applicable to the personal use and cultivation of adult use cannabis and cannabis products.

1. It makes the home address, telephone number and e-mail address of an applicant under the Cannabis Legalization Act, an employee of an applicant and all natural persons having a direct or indirect financial interest in the applied-for licenses confidential.
2. It allows cannabis plants, cannabis flower, cannabis trim, adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products to be returned by a licensee to the licensee from whom the item was received provided the licensee returning the item tracks the item until it is transferred.
3. It allows a cannabis store, cultivation facility or products manufacturing facility to deliver immature cannabis plants, seedlings, adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products to any location in a municipality, except locations within a safe zone designated by a municipality under Title 30-A, section 3253.
4. It provides that a cannabis store, cultivation facility or products manufacturing facility may deliver to a hotel or business only if written consent to such delivery is given by an authorized employee of the hotel or business.
5. It provides that a municipality may not prohibit delivery of adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products authorized to be delivered under Title 28-B, section 504.
6. It provides that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services may limit, by rule, the mandatory testing required for adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis returned pursuant to Title 28-B, chapter 1.
7. It establishes the per package THC limit for edible cannabis products at 200 milligrams.
8. It sets the amount of cannabis concentrate in cannabis or combination of cannabis and cannabis concentrate that may be used, possessed or transported at any one time for personal use to 10 grams.
9. It allows the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to adopt rules with specific limitations on signs, advertising and marketing to minimize the appeal to persons under 21 years of age.

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10. It allows advertisements and marketing of a cannabis business, cannabis and cannabis products to include the display of a sign on the licensed premises and on the exterior of a motor vehicle of a cannabis business.

LD 1980 An Act to Improve Election Laws and Notarial Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 304 makes the following changes, including other necessary technical changes, to the laws governing elections and notarial acts.

1. Part A does the following.
 - A. It provides that the elections division of the Secretary of State's office is responsible for processing voter registration applications for voters enrolled in the Address Confidentiality Program and for creating the voter records in the central voter registration system. It also provides that the elections division is responsible for mailing the absentee ballots for statewide elections to the voters in the Address Confidentiality Program, while the municipal clerk must mail the absentee ballots for local elections to these voters.
 - B. It changes the effective date and implementation date of the laws governing online voter registration to no later than February 1, 2024.
 - C. It removes the requirement for municipal clerks to attend the biennial party caucuses in the even-numbered years.
 - D. It allows political parties to hold virtual biennial municipal caucuses rather than in-person caucuses.
 - E. It provides that primary candidates may file their candidate consent either with their primary petitions or prior to filing their primary petitions with the Secretary of State.
 - F. It provides that nonparty candidates may file their candidate consent either with their nomination petitions or prior to filing their nomination petitions with the Secretary of State.
 - G. It allows for the candidate consent and certificate of nomination for a replacement candidate to be submitted to the Secretary of State via scanned image or facsimile.
 - H. It allows for candidates to submit a withdrawal notice to the Secretary of State via scanned image or facsimile.
 - I. It prohibits a person from taking a photograph of another person in the voting place if the person taking the photograph is closer than 15 feet from the person being photographed.

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- J. It clarifies how a voter must mark a ballot to cast a write-in vote.
- K. It changes the deadline for a write-in candidate to file that candidate's written declaration of write-in candidacy to either with the candidate's nomination or petition or at any earlier time during which signatures may be collected.
- L. It removes batch elimination from the ranked-choice voting process and requires the Secretary of State to post the complete cast vote record on its publicly accessible website as soon as the certified results are reported.
- M. It requires the Secretary of State to use sworn law enforcement officers for the secure retrieval of ballots prior to a recount. It clarifies that ballot retrieval may be conducted in stages for a recount that involves multiple counties.
- N. It changes the effective date and implementation date of the laws governing ongoing absentee ballots to no later than February 1, 2024.
- O. It removes the requirement that the list of absentee voters created for each election must contain a notation of whether the application was accepted or rejected.
- P. It changes the reference from denial of an absentee ballot application to rejection of an application and provides that the voter may be notified of the rejection in writing or by e-mail.
- Q. It provides that a municipal clerk may begin processing absentee ballots starting at 7 a.m. on any day that the clerk processes ballots prior to election day.
- R. It requires the Secretary of State to post the list of municipalities that have opted to process absentee ballots prior to election day on the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website at least one week prior to the date on which early processing of absentee ballots may begin.
- S. It allows the Secretary of State to adopt major substantive rules related to the inspection of absentee ballot applications and envelopes before they are processed.
- T. It changes the deadline by which a member of the public must submit that member's request to a municipal clerk to inspect absentee ballots and envelopes before they are processed to 4 p.m. on the day prior to each day the clerk will process absentee ballots.
- U. It changes the deadline by which uniformed service voters or overseas voters may register to vote to prior to noon on the day before election day.
- V. It changes the deadline by which uniformed service voters or overseas voters may request an absentee ballot to prior to noon on the day before election day.
- W. It removes the requirement that a circulator for a citizen's initiative or people's veto petition be a Maine resident and a registered Maine voter.

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2. Part B does the following.
 - A. It provides that if a notarial act regarding a tangible record is performed by a notarial officer, an official stamp may be affixed to or embossed on the certificate and that if a notarial act regarding an electronic record is performed by a notary public and the certificate contains certain information, an official stamp must be attached to or logically associated with the certificate.
 - B. It provides for a fee of \$25 for filing a new or renewal application for a marriage officiant license.
 - C. It provides for a fee of \$250 for filing a new or renewal application for approval to be a provider of communication technology used to perform remote or electronic notarization.
3. Part C removes the provision of law requiring plantations to submit the names of the elected assessors and clerks to the Secretary of State.

Public Law 2023, chapter 304 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 26, 2023.

LD 1984 An Act to Allow Golf Courses to Obtain a License to Conduct Off-premises Catering

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 285 allows golf courses licensed to provide liquor to obtain a license to conduct off-premises catering with the same type of liquor that the golf course is licensed to provide.

Public Law 2023, chapter 285 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 23, 2023.

LD 1987 An Act to Allow the Adjutant General to Sell the Calais Armory

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 296 authorizes the Adjutant General to sell the Calais Armory, located at 53 Calais Avenue in Calais, Maine, by means of a quitclaim deed provided the purchaser agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State from all claims, including any environmental clean-up costs that may arise in connection with the land or the buildings constituting the armory.

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Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

**BILLS NOT REFERRED TO OR REPORTED BY A
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DIGEST OF BILLS
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Bills not referred to any committee

Comm	LD	Title	Comm Action		Carried over?	Date of last Comm Action	Final Disposition	Enacted Laws		Analyst Note?	Session
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	1	An Act to Provide Funding for Winter Emergency Energy Relief and to Finalize the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program					Indefinitely Postponed				S1
	668	An Act to Protect Maine Taxpayers by Requiring a Person to Be a United States Citizen to Receive General Assistance Benefits and to Ensure Municipal Compliance with Federal Immigration Laws					Died Between Houses				S1
	1907	An Act to Increase the Transfer Fees on Petroleum Products and Direct the Proceeds to Efficiency Programs for Low-income Energy Consumers and Financial Assistance to Low-income Utility Ratepayers and Prevent Profiteering in and Hoarding of Fuel					Died Between Houses				S1
	1912	An Act to Establish Consumer Protections Regarding Small Dollar Loans					Indefinitely Postponed				S1
	2008	Resolve, to Remove the Prohibition Against Live Plants in State-owned Buildings					Finally Passed	RESLV	85		S1
	2015	Resolve, Approving the 2023 Draft and Arrangement of the Constitution of Maine Made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court and Providing for Its Publication and Distribution					Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	86		S1
	2017	An Act to Fund Collective Bargaining Agreements with Executive Branch Employees					Emergency Enacted	PL	406		S1
	2018	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 301: Fee Schedule and Administrative Procedures for Payment of Court or Commission Assigned Counsel, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services					Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	96		S1
	2019	An Act to Authorize Funding for Collective Bargaining Agreements with Certain Judicial Department Employees					Emergency Enacted	PL	407		S1

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LD 2008 Resolve, to Remove the Prohibition Against Live Plants in State-owned Buildings

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 85 was finally passed without reference to a Committee.

Resolve 2023, chapter 85 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to amend its rules to allow live plants in state-owned buildings unless the plants develop mold or bacteria or are contributing to an insect infestation.

LD 2015 Resolve, Approving the 2023 Draft and Arrangement of the Constitution of Maine Made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court and Providing for Its Publication and Distribution

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve, 2023, chapter 86 was finally passed without reference to committee.

Pursuant to Article X, Section 6 of the Constitution of Maine, through the passage of Resolve 2023, chapter 86, the Legislature approves the 2023 draft and arrangement of the Constitution of Maine by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Resolve 2023, chapter 86 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 27, 2023.

LD 2017 An Act to Fund Collective Bargaining Agreements with Executive Branch Employees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 406 was enacted without reference to a committee.

Public Law 2023, chapter 406 implements the cost items in the collective bargaining agreements reached between the State and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the Maine State Troopers Association, the Maine State Law Enforcement Association, the Maine Service Employees Association, the Fraternal Order of Police and any other certified bargaining representative for an executive branch bargaining unit and provides for equitable treatment for confidential employees and certain other employees excluded from collective bargaining.

The law specifies the costs from the General Fund and Highway Fund to fund salary increases and authorizes the transfer by financial order of available General Fund and Highway Fund balances as necessary.

The law provides for the adjustment of certain salary schedules in fiscal year 2023-24 and in fiscal year 2024-25 consistent with agreements ratified by December 31, 2023. The law also provides for similar

BILLS NOT REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

and equitable treatment of confidential employees, probationary employees and other employees excluded from collective bargaining.

The law authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to be reimbursed up to \$1,200,000 for finalization of the ongoing comprehensive review of the classification and compensation system for executive branch employees and for a market pay study comparing state salaries with those of employees performing comparable work of a sampling of certain private and public employees.

Public Law 2023, chapter 406 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 10, 2023.

LD 2018 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 301: Fee Schedule and Administrative Procedures for Payment of Court or Commission Assigned Counsel, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 96 was finally passed without reference to committee.

Resolve 2023, chapter 96 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 301: Fee Schedule and Administrative Procedures for Payment of Court or Commission Assigned Counsel, a major substantive rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

Resolve 2023, chapter 96 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 10, 2023.

LD 2019 An Act to Authorize Funding for Collective Bargaining Agreements with Certain Judicial Department Employees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 407 was enacted without reference to committee.

Public Law 2023, chapter 407 authorizes funding for collective bargaining agreements ratified by December 31, 2023 by the Judicial Department and the 4 bargaining units representing Judicial Department employees.

Public Law 2023, chapter 407 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 10, 2023.

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131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



Additional information relating to certain bills

ANALYST NOTES

October 2023

ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this Digest; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 2 An Act to Address Chronic Homelessness by Creating the Housing First Fund

Although this bill was not enacted, the majority amendment to LD 2 as reported out by the Joint Select Committee was incorporated into LD 258, An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025, which became Public Law 2023, chapter 412.

The committee amendment to LD 2 established the Housing First Program within the Department of Health and Human Services to facilitate the delivery of stabilization and support services to residents of properties established or developed to provide permanent housing to persons who have been experiencing chronic homelessness and to fund technical assistance, administered by the Maine State Housing Authority, for the development of housing consistent with the program. The amendment required the department to ensure that funding supplements existing and future services provided under associated programs such as the MaineCare program and the housing outreach and member engagement provider program. The program is funded from the real estate transfer tax by depositing half of the funds that would otherwise be deposited into the General Fund into the Housing First Fund created by the amendment. The amendment authorized 2 positions within the Department of Health and Human Services under the Housing First Fund. The amendment directed the Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine State Housing Authority to jointly adopt rules to administer the program and requires them to report annually to the joint standing committee or joint select committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of the program. The amendment also directed the Department of Health and Human Services to apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for state plan amendments to align certain MaineCare rules with the Housing First Program.

LD 7 An Act to Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes

This bill, submitted by Maine Revenue Services, proposed to update the date of tax conformity with the United States Internal Revenue Code contained in the Maine Revised Statutes. Although the bill was not enacted, its provisions were incorporated in the biennial budget bill, enacted as Public Law 2023, chapter 412. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part ZZZ.

LD 18 An Act to Provide Ongoing Funding for up to 2 Years of Community College for Certain Maine Students

Although this bill was not enacted, funding and eligibility and conditions for the Maine Community College System 2-year free community college tuition program was

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incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part QQQ.

LD 41 An Act to Increase the Hourly Reimbursement Rate of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Lawyers to \$150 per Hour

Although this bill was not enacted, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the First Regular Session directed the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services (MCILS) to adopt major substantive rules on an emergency basis increasing the reimbursement rate for assigned counsel to up to \$150 per hour effective March 1, 2023. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 206, Part Q. Additional funding to support the increased reimbursement rate was included in the biennial budget bill enacted in the First Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 424, §A-38 and Part T.

LD 112 An Act to Increase the State's Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance

Though this bill was not enacted, a majority of the substance of the bill was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part OOOOO.

LD 86 An Act to Restore the Former State of Maine Flag

This bill was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of this bill will be determined during the next legislative session.

LD 165 An Act to Increase the Governor's Salary

This bill was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of this bill will be determined during the next legislative session.

LD 197 An Act to Address Employee Retention at the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory and the Computer Crimes Unit in the Department of Public Safety

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of the bill was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part IIII.

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LD 226 An Act to Address Maine's Affordable Housing Crisis

LD 226, which was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table, was reported out of committee with a unanimous Ought to Pass as Amended recommendation (emergency). The committee amendment would have provided \$80 million to support programs administered by the Maine State Housing Authority to support homeownership for single-family homes and for first-time homebuyers and the development of affordable housing in the State. Initial funding for the programs would have come from the General Fund with ongoing funding from the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund. LD 258, An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025, which became Public Law 2023, chapter 412, included a provision (see Part TT) providing \$70 million to the Maine State Housing Authority to fund the Rural Affordable Rental Housing Program and the Low-income Housing Tax Credit Program.

LD 279 An Act to Protect Against Discrimination by Public Entities

This bill was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of this bill will be determined during the next legislative session.

LD 346 An Act To Clarify the Requirements for Family Caregivers

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to request approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to reimburse parents of minor children who are eligible for home health under services under the MaineCare program for providing those services under the Medicaid home health benefit was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part GGG.

LD 418 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization

Although this resolve was not finally passed, the major substantive rule that it relates to was properly submitted during the statutorily defined legislative rule acceptance period, so, under that governing statute, the agency may finally adopt the rule.

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LD 492 An Act to Repurpose Vacant Shopping Mall and Retail Space to Mixed-use Housing and Retail

This bill was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of this bill will be determined during the next legislative session.

LD 564 An Act to Improve Access to Civil Legal Services

Although this bill was not enacted, one-time funding of \$4,000,000 for distribution by the Civil Legal Services Fund Commission was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Section A-26, the biennial budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part A.

LD 582 An Act to Enhance Certain Penalties for Possession of Firearms by Prohibited Persons

This bill was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of this bill will be determined during the next legislative session.

LD 612 An Act to Create a Green Schools Coordinator in the Department of Education

Although this bill was not enacted, funding for contracted services to support school districts in the State seeking to implement energy efficiency, clean energy, clean transportation and other general sustainability programs was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part A.

LD 659 An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to implement a MaineCare home and community-based lifespan program was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. Rules initially adopted are major substantive rules and subsequent rules are routine technical. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part LLLLL.

LD 957 An Act Requiring Water Bottle Filling Stations in New and Renovated Public Schools

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LD 1077 An Act to Fund Consultation Services to Ensure Affordable Health Care for Maine Residents

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of the bill was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. Public Law 2023, chapter 412 included one-time allocations of \$300,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 and fiscal year 2024-2025, respectively, for the Attorney General to contract with a designated nonprofit and independent health insurance consumer assistance entity to continue to operate the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part A.

LD 1116 An Act to Provide Rural Recovery Residences for Families

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of the bill was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part LLL.

LD 1159 An Act to Establish a Pilot Project Regarding Harm Reduction Health Centers

Although this bill was not enacted, the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future was directed to convene a working group to evaluate options for, identify barriers to and develop findings and recommendations regarding the prevention of opioid overdose deaths by authorizing harm reduction health centers in the State in Resolve 2023, chapter 120. See Criminal Justice and Public Safety, Enacted Law Summary, LD 1364.

LD 1282 An Act to Streamline Income Verification Requests for Income Supplementation and Assistance Programs

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to electronically provide income records and program enrollment information of recipients of the department's income supplementation and assistance programs when requested by entities for the purposes of facilitating administration of LIHEAP, LIAP, subsidized housing programs, energy assistance and other programs was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part VV.

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LD 1309 An Act to Clarify Requirements for Payment of Tuition for Children with Disabilities by the Department of Education's Child Development Services System

Although this bill was not enacted, a majority of the substance of the bill was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part YYY.

LD 1367 An Act Regarding the Funding Formula for Adult Education

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of the bill was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part RRR.

LD 1499 An Act Regarding Penalties for Early Retirement for Certain Members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of the bill was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part DD.

LD 1522 An Act to Provide Economic Justice to Historically Disadvantaged Older Citizens by Amending the Laws Governing the Medicare Savings Program and the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program

Although this bill was not enacted, the asset test for eligibility was removed for the elderly low-cost drug program and the Medicare savings program was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. That law also established income eligibility for qualified Medicare beneficiaries at no more than 185% of the federal poverty level and for qualified individuals at more than 185% and no more than 250% of the federal poverty level. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part EEEEE.

LD 1609 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Develop a Pilot Program to Help Maine Students Avoid Homelessness

Although LD 1609 was not enacted, the amendment to LD 1609, was incorporated into LD 258, An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025, which became Public Law 2023, chapter 412 (see Part KKKK).

The committee amendment to LD 1609 directed the Department of Education to develop a 2-year pilot program to provide McKinney-Vento liaisons with access to emergency

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financial assistance funds for students at risk of homelessness. It provided \$3 million to be used to provide direct assistance, up to \$750, to students at risk of homelessness.

LD 1719 An Act to Establish Substance Use Disorder Treatment Centers

Although this bill was not enacted, funding to support a new substance use disorder treatment center, in either Washington or Kennebec County, was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. \$400,000 for development costs was appropriated for fiscal year 2023-2024 and \$1,600,000 was appropriated for ongoing operations in both fiscal year 2023-2024 and fiscal year 2024-2025.

LD 1726 An Act to Build Maine's Economy by Supporting Child Care for Working Families

Although this bill was not enacted, the Maine Child Care Affordability Program within the Department of Health and Human Services encompassing the former child care subsidy program and establishing new eligibility for child care providers was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. That law also doubled the monthly wage supplement for child care workers and directed the department to amend its procedures regarding eligibility, promote the program, streamline and simplify the online invoicing and billing systems for child care providers and, by 2030, implement a program to achieve affordable child care. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part VVV.

LD 1773 An Act to Increase the State's Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers

Although this bill was carried over in committee, an almost identical bill, LD 112, was passed by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. Subsequently, a majority of the substance of the bill was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part OOOOO.

LD 1898 An Act to Ensure that a Teacher Who Participates in the Prevention of Dangerous Behavior is Protected Under a Collective Bargaining Agreement

This bill was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of this bill will be determined during the next legislative session.

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LD 1918 An Act to Modernize Maine's Business Incentive Programs by Creating the Dirigo Business Incentives Program and Eliminating Certain Other Tax Incentive Programs

Although this bill died on adjournment on July 26, 2023, the version of the bill represented in the committee amendment was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, part J, which creates the Dirigo business incentives program to provide a tax credit to qualified businesses. The program provides an exemption from the requirement for confidentiality of tax records for information disclosed as part of certain reports to the Department of Economic and Community Development and legislative committees regarding the Dirigo business incentives program. It extends the end date of the Pine Tree Development Zone program by one year, eliminates the Pine Tree Recreation Zone program and eliminates the Maine capital investment credit as of January 1, 2025. It allows a business participating in the Dirigo business incentives program to qualify for certain benefits currently available to businesses participating in the Pine Tree Development Zone program, including electricity discount rates and exemption from certain requirements for the sale of electricity. It prohibits issuing a certificate of approval for employment tax increment financing after December 31, 2024 and eliminates the employment tax increment financing benefits as of December 31, 2034.

LD 1964 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of the bill was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part AAA.

APPENDIX A

SESSION STATISTICS

OVERALL AND

BY INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE

**131st LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee		
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	1673	82.9%
<i>Bills carried over to next session</i>	333 *	16.5%
Total Bills referred	2006	99.4%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee (LD 2012 and LD 2013)	2	0.1%
C. Bills introduced without reference	9	0.4%
D. Bills referred, but not reported out (LDs 1516 and 408)	2	0.1%
Total Bills considered by Legislature	2019	100.0%
E. Orders and Resolutions Referred to Committee		
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out (H.P. 1058)</i>	1	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and not reported out</i>	3 **	0.1%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over to next session (S.P. 705)</i>	1	0.0%
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	5	0.2%
II. BILLS AND PAPERS REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEES	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports		
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	81	4.8%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	412	24.6%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	62	3.7%
<i>Ought Not to Pass</i>	486	29.0%
Total unanimous reports	1041	62.1%
B. Divided committee reports		
<i>Two-way reports</i>	596	35.6%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	33	2.0%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	5	0.3%
<i>Five-way report</i>	1	0.1%
Total divided reports	635	37.9%
Total Committee reports	1676 ***	83.3%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	112	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Rules</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed		
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	486	24.1%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	16	0.8%
<i>Resolves</i>	125	6.2%
<i>Constitutional Resolutions</i>	4	0.2%
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	631	31.3%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules		
Rules authorized without legislative changes	7	58.3%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	4	33.3%
<i>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</i>	1	8.3%
Total number of rules reviewed	12	100.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor		
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	4	0.2%
<i>Held by the Governor</i>	7	0.3%
Total	11	0.5%

* Total number of bills carried over to any regular or special session, or both, by S.P. 847 is 482 bills. Of the 482 bills, 333 were carried over in committee, 140 were carried over on the Special Appropriations Table, 1 was carried over on the Special Study Table and 8 were carried over on the floor.

** Includes three joint orders referred to the Rules Committee, S.P. 11, H.P. 7 and H.P. 53.

*** Total includes one joint resolution, H.B. 1058, referred and reported out of the SLG Committee.

**131st LEGISLATURE
AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	Number	% of Comm Activity	% of All Bills/Papers
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	64 *	83.1%	3.2%
<u><i>Bills Carried Over to next session</i></u>	<u>13</u>	<u>16.9%</u>	<u>0.6%</u>
Total Bills referred	77	100.0%	3.8%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee			
	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	77	100.0%	3.8%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over to next session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS			
	Number	% of this Committee's Reports	% of All Committee Reports
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	2	3.1%	0.1%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	31	48.4%	1.8%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Ought Not to Pass</i>	20	31.3%	1.2%
Total unanimous reports	53	82.8%	3.2%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	11	17.2%	0.7%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Four-way reports</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	11	17.2%	0.7%
Total committee reports	64	83.1%	3.8%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS			
	9	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION			
	Number	% of Comm Bills/Papers	% of All Bills/Papers
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	18	23.4%	0.9%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	8	10.4%	0.4%
<u><i>Constitutional Resolutions</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	26	33.8%	1.3%
B. Major substantive rules			
Authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Authorized with legislative changes	1	100.0%	8.3%
Rules carried over to next session	0		
<u>Not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	1	100.0%	8.3%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Held by the Governor</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

* Total number of bills referred and reported out of the ACF Committee includes 13 bills referred and reported out of the committee and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S.P. 847.

**131st LEGISLATURE
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	10	30.3%	0.5%
<u><i>Bills Carried Over to next session</i></u>	<u>23</u>	<u>69.7%</u>	<u>1.1%</u>
Total Bills referred	33	100.0%	1.6%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	33	100.0%	1.6%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over to next session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
		% of this Committee's Reports	% of All Committee Reports
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>		
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	4	40.0%	0.2%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Ought Not to Pass</i></u>	<u>4</u>	<u>40.0%</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
Total unanimous reports	8	80.0%	0.5%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	2	20.0%	0.1%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Four-way reports</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	2	20.0%	0.1%
Total committee reports	10	30.3%	0.6%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	0	N/A	N/A
		% of Comm Bills/Papers	% of All Bills/Papers
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>		
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	5	15.2%	0.2%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Constitutional Resolutions</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	5	15.2%	0.2%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Held by the Governor</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

**131st LEGISLATURE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	103 *	86.6%	5.1%
<u><i>Bills Carried Over to next session</i></u>	<u>16</u>	<u>13.4%</u>	<u>0.8%</u>
Total Bills referred	119	100.0%	5.9%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee			
	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	119	100.0%	5.9%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over to next session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	1	1.0%	0.1%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	25	24.3%	1.5%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	3	2.9%	0.2%
<u><i>Ought Not to Pass</i></u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16.5%</u>	<u>1.0%</u>
Total unanimous reports	46	44.7%	2.7%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	50	48.5%	3.0%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	6	5.8%	0.4%
<u><i>Four-way reports</i></u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1.0%</u>	<u>0.1%</u>
Total divided reports	57	55.3%	3.4%
Total committee reports	103	86.6%	6.1%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS			
	2	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	37	31.1%	1.8%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	6	5.0%	0.3%
<u><i>Constitutional Resolutions</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	43	36.1%	2.1%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Held by the Governor</i></u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0.8%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	1	0.8%	0.0%

* Total number of bills referred and reported out of the CJPS Committee includes 4 bills referred and reported out of the committee and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S.P. 847 and 1 bill referred and reported out of committee and then carried over on the floor by S.P. 847.

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131st Legislature, First Regular and First Special Sessions

**131st LEGISLATURE
EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	165 *	93.2%	8.2%
<u>Bills Carried Over to next session</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6.8%</u>	<u>0.6%</u>
Total Bills referred	177	100.0%	8.8%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee			
	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	177	100.0%	8.8%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over to next session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	2	1.2%	0.1%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	33	20.0%	2.0%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	2	1.2%	0.1%
<u>Ought Not to Pass</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>29.1%</u>	<u>2.9%</u>
Total unanimous reports	85	51.5%	5.1%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	78	47.3%	4.7%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	2	1.2%	0.1%
<u>Four-way reports</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	80	48.5%	4.8%
Total committee reports	165	93.2%	9.8%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS			
	17	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	30	16.9%	1.5%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	2	1.1%	0.1%
<i>Resolves</i>	18	10.2%	0.9%
<u>Constitutional Resolutions</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	50	28.2%	2.5%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	1	50.0%	8.3%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	1	50.0%	8.3%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	2	100.0%	16.7%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Held by the Governor</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1.1%</u>	<u>0.1%</u>
Total	2	1.1%	0.1%

* Total number of bills referred and reported out of the EDU Committee includes 24 bills referred and reported out of the committee and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S.P. 847

**131st LEGISLATURE
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	70 *	86.4%	3.5%
<u><i>Bills Carried Over to next session</i></u>	<u>11</u>	<u>13.6%</u>	<u>0.5%</u>
Total Bills referred	81	100.0%	4.0%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee			
	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	81	100.0%	4.0%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over to next session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	6	8.6%	0.4%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	16	22.9%	1.0%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	5	7.1%	0.3%
<u><i>Ought Not to Pass</i></u>	<u>25</u>	<u>35.7%</u>	<u>1.5%</u>
Total unanimous reports	52	74.3%	3.1%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	17	24.3%	1.0%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	1	1.4%	0.1%
<u><i>Four-way reports</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	18	25.7%	1.1%
Total committee reports	70	86.4%	4.2%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS			
	1	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	24	29.6%	1.2%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	6	7.4%	0.3%
<u><i>Constitutional Resolutions</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	30	37.0%	1.5%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	3	100.0%	25.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	3	100.0%	25.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	1	1.2%	0.0%
<u><i>Held by the Governor</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	1	1.2%	0.0%

* Total number of bills referred and reported out of the ENR Committee includes 1 bill reported out of the committee and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S.P. 847 and 1 bill referred and reported out of committee and then carried over on the floor by S.P. 847.

131st LEGISLATURE
ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	80 *	79.2%	4.0%
<i>Bills carried over to next session</i>	<u>19</u>	<u>18.8%</u>	<u>0.9%</u>
Total Bills referred	99	98.0%	4.9%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee			
	2	2.0%	0.1%
Total Bills considered by Committee	101	100.0%	5.0%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over to next session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	5	6.1%	0.3%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	21	25.6%	1.3%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	1	1.2%	0.1%
<i>Ought Not to Pass</i>	<u>16</u>	<u>19.5%</u>	<u>1.0%</u>
Total unanimous reports	43	52.4%	2.6%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	36	43.9%	2.1%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	3	3.7%	0.2%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	39	47.6%	2.3%
Total committee reports	82	81.2%	4.9%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS			
	5	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	30	29.7%	1.5%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	6	5.9%	0.3%
<i>Resolves</i>	9	8.9%	0.4%
<i>Constitutional Resolutions</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	45	44.6%	2.2%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules carried over to next session	0		
<i>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Held by the Governor</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

* Total number of bills referred and reported out of the EUT Committee includes 1 bill referred and reported out of the committee and then carried over on the floor by S.P. 847.

**131st LEGISLATURE
HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	112 *	84.8%	5.5%
<i><u>Bills carried over to next session</u></i>	<u>20</u>	<u>15.2%</u>	<u>1.0%</u>
Total Bills referred	132	100.0%	6.5%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee			
	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	132	100.0%	6.5%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over to next session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	4	3.6%	0.2%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	31	27.7%	1.8%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	4	3.6%	0.2%
<i><u>Ought Not to Pass</u></i>	<u>34</u>	<u>30.4%</u>	<u>2.0%</u>
Total unanimous reports	73	65.2%	4.4%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	36	32.1%	2.1%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	3	2.7%	0.2%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	39	34.8%	2.3%
Total committee reports	112	84.8%	6.7%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS			
	4	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	48	36.4%	2.4%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	3	2.3%	0.1%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	51	38.6%	2.5%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	1	50.0%	8.3%
<i><u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>1</u>	<u>50.0%</u>	<u>8.3%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	2	100.0%	16.7%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-riden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

* Total number of bills referred and reported out of the HCIFS Committee includes 1 bill referred and reported out of the committee and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S.P. 847 and 1 bill referred and reported out of committee and then carried over on the Special Study Table by S.P. 847.

**131st LEGISLATURE
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	219 *	86.9%	10.8%
<u><i>Bills carried over to next session</i></u>	<u>33</u>	<u>13.1%</u>	<u>1.6%</u>
Total Bills referred	252	100.0%	12.5%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee			
	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	252	100.0%	12.5%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over to next session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	19	8.7%	1.1%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	76	34.7%	4.5%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	16	7.3%	1.0%
<u><i>Ought Not to Pass</i></u>	<u>67</u>	<u>30.6%</u>	<u>4.0%</u>
Total unanimous reports	178	81.3%	10.6%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	40	18.3%	2.4%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	1	0.5%	0.1%
<u><i>Four-way reports</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	41	18.7%	2.4%
Total committee reports	219	86.9%	13.1%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	0	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	44	17.5%	2.2%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	21	8.3%	1.0%
<u><i>Constitutional Resolutions</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	65	25.8%	3.2%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	1	100.0%	8.3%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	1	100.0%	8.3%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Held by the Governor</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

* Total number of bills referred and reported out of the HHS Committee includes 38 bills referred and reported out of the committee and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S.P. 847 and 2 bills referred and reported out of committee and then carried over on the floor by S.P. 847.

**131st LEGISLATURE
JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	36 *	62.1%	1.8%
<i>Bills carried over to next session</i>	<u>22</u>	<u>37.9%</u>	<u>1.1%</u>
Total Bills referred	58	100.0%	2.9%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee			
	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	58	100.0%	2.9%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over to next session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	1	2.8%	0.1%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	9	25.0%	0.5%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	6	16.7%	0.4%
<i>Ought Not to Pass</i>	<u>12</u>	<u>33.3%</u>	<u>0.7%</u>
Total unanimous reports	28	77.8%	1.7%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	7	19.4%	0.4%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	1	2.8%	0.1%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	8	22.2%	0.5%
Total committee reports	36	62.1%	2.1%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS			
	0	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	7	12.1%	0.3%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	2	3.4%	0.1%
<i>Constitutional Resolutions</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	9	15.5%	0.4%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
<i>Rules authorized without legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules authorized with legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoes over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoes sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Held by the Governor</i>	<u>1</u>	<u>1.7%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	1	1.7%	0.0%

* Total number of bills referred and reported out of the HOU Committee includes 3 bills referred and reported out of the committee and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S.P. 847.

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**131st LEGISLATURE
INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	52 *	75.4%	2.6%
<u><i>Bills carried over to next session</i></u>	<u>17</u>	<u>24.6%</u>	<u>0.8%</u>
Total Bills referred	69	100.0%	3.4%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	69	100.0%	3.4%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over to next session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
		% of this Committee's Reports	% of All Committee Reports
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>		
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	4	7.7%	0.2%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	19	36.5%	1.1%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Ought Not to Pass</i></u>	<u>15</u>	<u>28.8%</u>	<u>0.9%</u>
Total unanimous reports	38	73.1%	2.3%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	14	26.9%	0.8%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Four-way reports</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	14	26.9%	0.8%
Total committee reports	52	75.4%	3.1%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	23	N/A	N/A
		% of Comm Bills/Papers	% of All Bills/Papers
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>		
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	14	20.3%	0.7%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	1	1.4%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	8	11.6%	0.4%
<u><i>Constitutional Resolutions</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	23	33.3%	1.1%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	1	100.0%	8.3%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	1	100.0%	8.3%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Held by the Governor</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

* Total number of bills referred and reported out of the IDEA Committee includes 6 bills referred and reported out of the committee and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S.P. 847.

**131st LEGISLATURE
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	60	88.2%	3.0%
<u><i>Bills carried over to next session</i></u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11.8%</u>	<u>0.4%</u>
Total Bills referred	68	100.0%	3.4%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	68	100.0%	3.4%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over to next session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	3	5.0%	0.2%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	18	30.0%	1.1%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Ought Not to Pass</i></u>	<u>23</u>	<u>38.3%</u>	<u>1.4%</u>
Total unanimous reports	44	73.3%	2.6%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	16	26.7%	1.0%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Four-way reports</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	16	26.7%	1.0%
Total committee reports	60	88.2%	3.6%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	2	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	19	27.9%	0.9%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	7	10.3%	0.3%
<u><i>Constitutional Resolutions</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	26	38.2%	1.3%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Held by the Governor</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

**131st LEGISLATURE
JUDICIARY**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	155 *	85.2%	7.7%
<u><i>Bills carried over to next session</i></u>	<u>26</u>	<u>14.3%</u>	<u>1.3%</u>
Total Bills referred	181	99.5%	9.0%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills referred and not reported out (LD 1516)	1	0.5%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	182	100.0%	9.0%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over to next session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	2	1.3%	0.1%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	15	9.7%	0.9%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	4	2.6%	0.2%
<u><i>Ought Not to Pass</i></u>	<u>33</u>	<u>21.3%</u>	<u>2.0%</u>
Total unanimous reports	54	34.8%	3.2%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	83	53.5%	5.0%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	13	8.4%	0.8%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	4	<u>2.6%</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
<u><i>Five-way reports</i></u>	<u>1</u>		
Total divided reports	101	65.2%	6.0%
Total committee reports	155	85.6%	9.2%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	19	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	63	34.6%	3.1%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	1	0.5%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	2	1.1%	0.1%
<u><i>Constitutional Resolutions</i></u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0.5%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	67	36.8%	3.3%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules carried over to the next session	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	1	0.5%	0.0%
<u><i>Held by the Governor</i></u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0.5%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	2	1.1%	0.1%

* Total number of bills referred and reported out of the JUD Committee includes 5 bills referred and reported out of the committee and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S.P. 847.

**131st LEGISLATURE
LABOR AND HOUSING**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	93 *	84.5%	4.6%
<i>Bills carried over to next session</i>	<u>17</u>	<u>15.5%</u>	<u>0.8%</u>
Total Bills referred	110	100.0%	5.4%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	110	100.0%	5.4%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over to next session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	7	7.5%	0.4%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	13	14.0%	0.8%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	3	3.2%	0.2%
<i>Ought Not to Pass</i>	<u>19</u>	<u>20.4%</u>	<u>1.1%</u>
Total unanimous reports	42	45.2%	2.5%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	51	54.8%	3.0%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	51	54.8%	3.0%
Total committee reports	93	84.5%	5.5%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	18	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	27	24.5%	1.3%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	4	3.6%	0.2%
<i>Constitutional Resolutions</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	31	28.2%	1.5%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	1	0.9%	0.0%
<i>Held by the Governor</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	1	0.9%	0.0%

* Total number of bills referred and reported out of the LBHS Committee includes 18 bills referred and reported out of the committee and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S.P. 847.

**131st LEGISLATURE
MARINE RESOURCES**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	19	79.2%	0.9%
<i>Bills carried over to next session</i>	<u>5</u>	<u>20.8%</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
Total Bills referred	24	100.0%	1.2%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	24	100.0%	1.2%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over to next session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	7	36.8%	0.4%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	3	15.8%	0.2%
<i>Ought Not to Pass</i>	<u>7</u>	<u>36.8%</u>	<u>0.4%</u>
Total unanimous reports	17	89.5%	1.0%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	2	10.5%	0.1%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	2	10.5%	0.1%
Total committee reports	19	79.2%	1.1%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	0	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	7	29.2%	0.3%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Constitutional Resolutions</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	7	29.2%	0.3%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Held by the Governor</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

**131st LEGISLATURE
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	92 *	85.2%	4.6%
<i><u>Bills carried over to next session</u></i>	16	14.8%	0.8%
Total Bills referred	108	100.0%	5.3%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee			
	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	108	100.0%	5.3%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out (H.P. 1058)</i>	1	100.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over to next session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	1	100.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	8	8.6%	0.5%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	18	19.4%	1.1%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	1	1.1%	0.1%
<i><u>Ought Not to Pass</u></i>	<u>23</u>	<u>24.7%</u>	<u>1.4%</u>
Total unanimous reports	50	53.8%	3.0%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	42	45.2%	2.5%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	1	1.1%	0.1%
<i><u>Four-way reports</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	43	46.2%	2.6%
Total committee reports	93 **	85.3%	5.5%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS			
	6	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	24	22.2%	1.2%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	5	4.6%	0.2%
<i>Resolves</i>	5	4.6%	0.2%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	34	31.5%	1.7%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
<i>Rules authorized without legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules authorized with legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>2</u>	<u>1.9%</u>	<u>0.1%</u>
Total	2	1.9%	0.1%

* Total number of bills carried referred and reported out of the SLG Committee includes 5 bills referred and reported out of the committee and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S.P. 847.

** Total number of committee reports include one joint resolution, HP 1058, referred and reported out of the SLG Committee.

**131st LEGISLATURE
TAXATION**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	107 *	73.8%	5.3%
<i>Bills carried over to next session</i>	38	26.2%	1.9%
Total Bills referred	145	100.0%	7.2%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee			
	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	145	100.0%	7.2%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over to next session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	2	1.9%	0.1%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	14	13.1%	0.8%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	1	0.9%	0.1%
<i>Ought Not to Pass</i>	<u>45</u>	<u>42.1%</u>	<u>2.7%</u>
Total unanimous reports	62	57.9%	3.7%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	45	42.1%	2.7%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	45	42.1%	2.7%
Total committee reports	107	73.8%	6.4%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS			
	2	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	13	9.0%	0.6%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	3	2.1%	0.1%
<i>Constitutional Resolutions</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	16	11.0%	0.8%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Held by the Governor</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

* Total number of bills referred and reported out of the TAX Committee includes 14 bills referred and reported out of the committee and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S.P. 847

**131st LEGISLATURE
TRANSPORTATION**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	120 *	88.9%	5.9%
<i>Bills carried over to next session</i>	<u>14</u>	<u>10.4%</u>	<u>0.7%</u>
Total Bills referred and voted out	134	99.3%	6.6%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills referred and not reported out (LD 408)	<u>1</u>	<u>0.7%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Bills considered by Committee	135	100.0%	6.7%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over to next session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
		<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>		
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	12	10.0%	0.7%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	32	26.7%	1.9%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	6	5.0%	0.4%
<i>Ought Not to Pass</i>	<u>51</u>	<u>42.5%</u>	<u>3.0%</u>
Total unanimous reports	101	84.2%	6.0%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	19	15.8%	1.1%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	19	15.8%	1.1%
Total committee reports	120	89.6%	7.2%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	2	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	31	23.0%	1.5%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	1	0.7%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	15	11.1%	0.7%
<i>Constitutional Resolutions</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	47	34.8%	2.3%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Held by the Governor</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

* Total number of bills referred and reported out of the TRA Committee includes 2 bills referred and reported out of the committee and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S.P. 847.

**131st LEGISLATURE
VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	116 *	83.5%	5.7%
<i>Bills carried over to next session</i>	23	16.5%	1.1%
Total Bills referred	139	100.0%	6.9%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	139	100.0%	6.9%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over to next session (S.P. 705)</i>	1	100.0%	0.0%
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	1	100.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	3	2.6%	0.2%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	30	25.9%	1.8%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	7	6.0%	0.4%
<i>Ought Not to Pass</i>	27	23.3%	1.6%
Total unanimous reports	67	57.8%	4.0%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	47	40.5%	2.8%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	2	1.7%	0.1%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total divided reports	49	42.2%	2.9%
Total committee reports	116	82.9%	6.9%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	2	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	41	29.5%	2.0%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	6	4.3%	0.3%
<i>Constitutional Resolutions</i>	3	2.2%	0.1%
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	50	36.0%	2.5%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	1	100.0%	8.3%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total number of rules reviewed	1	100.0%	8.3%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	1	0.7%	0.0%
<i>Held by the Governor</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total	1	0.7%	0.0%

* Total number of bills referred and reported out of the VLA Committee includes 6 bills referred and reported out of the committee and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S.P. 847.