

# 129th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening

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#### **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

##### **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DEPT PROCEDURES**

LR: 2815 Sponsor: Representative Cuddy, S of Winterport  
Title: An Act To Protect the Property of Maine Farmers  
Comment: This bill would allow the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to establish a procedure for releasing back to the original farmers meat products that have been found to be unadulterated and misbranded.

##### **ANIMAL WELFARE LAYING HENS**

LR: 2897 Sponsor: Representative O'Neil, M of Saco  
Title: An Act Prohibiting Certain Confinement of Egg-laying Hens and the Sale of Their Eggs  
Comment: This bill would prohibit confinement of egg-laying hens and the sale of their eggs, with certain exceptions.

##### **ANIMAL WELFARE PULLING**

LR: 2962 Sponsor: Senator Carpenter, M of Aroostook  
Title: An Act To Ban Commercial Horse Pulling  
Comment: This bill would ban commercial horse pulling.

##### **FARMS PROMOTION**

LR: 3085 Sponsor: Representative Hickman, C of Winthrop  
Title: An Act To Update the Maine Food Sovereignty Act  
Comment: This bill would amend the home rule authority and definition of "direct producer-to-consumer transaction" in the Maine Food Sovereignty Act.

##### **FOOD REGULATIONS**

LR: 2730 Sponsor: Senator Black, R of Franklin  
Title: An Act To Define the Terms "Local Milk" and "Local Cider"  
Comment: This bill would define the term "local milk" as milk from Maine and the term "local cider" as cider from Maine that is made at a Maine farm and that is not juice.

##### **FORESTRY FIRE CONTROL**

LR: 2693 Sponsor: Representative Stewart, T of Presque Isle  
Title: An Act Relating to the Northeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact  
Comment: This bill would amend the Northeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact.

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#### AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

##### FORESTRY

##### FIRE CONTROL

##### PESTICIDES

##### HERBICIDES

LR: 2637 Sponsor: Representative Gramlich, L of Old Orchard Beach

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Sale and Distribution of Certain Herbicides

Comment: This bill would prohibit the sale, distribution and use of certain herbicides, including glyphosate and products containing glyphosate and herbicides identified as pesticides by the Board of Pesticides Control in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2898 Representative Gramlich, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2907 Representative Gramlich, L

LR: 2898 Sponsor: Representative Gramlich, L of Old Orchard Beach

Title: An Act To Protect Children from Toxic Chemicals

Comment: This bill would ban the use of herbicides classified as pesticides by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control, including glyphosate and other nonselective herbicides, within 75 feet of school grounds, public playgrounds and day care centers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2637 Representative Gramlich, L

LR: 2907 Sponsor: Representative Gramlich, L of Old Orchard Beach

Title: An Act To Protect Maine's Waters and Wetlands by Banning the Use of Certain Aquatic Herbicides

Comment: This bill would ban the use of glyphosates and other aquatic herbicides as classified as pesticides by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides within 125 feet of any body of water or wetlands.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2637 Representative Gramlich, L

##### PESTICIDES

##### PEST MANAGEMENT

LR: 2691 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick, G of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Restrict the Use of Chlorpyrifos in Farming

Comment: This bill would restrict the use of chlorpyrifos in farming.

LR: 2736 Sponsor: Representative Zeigler, S of Montville

Title: An Act To Minimize the Damage to Honeybee Populations from Neonicotinoid Pesticides

Comment: This bill would require that persons who use neonicotinoid pesticides apply those pesticides in accordance with guidance designed to minimize the adverse impact of those pesticides on honeybee populations.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 3083 Representative Grohoski, N

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#### AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

##### PESTICIDES

###### PEST MANAGEMENT

LR: 3083 Sponsor: Representative Grohoski, N of Ellsworth

Title: An Act To Improve Agricultural Productivity through the Protection of Native Pollinator Species

Comment: This bill would prohibit the use by any person of any product containing the neonicotinoid insecticides dinotefuran, clothianidin, imidacloprid or thiamethoxam, regardless of application method, on pollinator-attractive plant species within the State.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2736 Representative Zeigler, S

##### PRODUCTS

###### HEMP

LR: 2806 Sponsor: Representative DeVeau, J of Caribou

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Hemp To Specifically Authorize the Interstate and International Sale and Transfer of Hemp

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing hemp to specifically authorize the interstate and international sale and transfer of hemp.

LR: 2871 Sponsor: Representative Roberts, T of South Berwick

Title: An Act To Study Strategies for Increasing Uniformity of Hemp Testing

Comment: This bill would direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to determine the most effective way to test hemp for THC in order to ensure that testing is being conducted in a uniform way throughout the State. The department would then be required to report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

##### PUBLIC LANDS

###### CONVEYANCES

LR: 2903 Sponsor: Senator Black, R of Franklin

Title: An Act To Require a Lease of Public Lands To Be Based on Reasonable Market Value

Comment: This bill would require the review of all leases of public lands by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry within the last 5 years to determine whether those leases were based on reasonable market value and whether they complied with the requirement in the Constitution of Maine that all such leases be approved by a 2/3 vote of the Legislature.

##### PUBLIC LANDS

###### HISTORIC SITES

LR: 2733 Sponsor: Representative Campbell, D of Orrington

Title: An Act To Provide Resources To Allow Access by Water to Fort Knox State Historic Site in Prospect

Comment: This bill would provide resources to allow water access to Fort Knox State Historic Site in Prospect.

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#### AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

##### PUBLIC LANDS

##### HISTORIC SITES

##### PUBLIC LANDS

##### LAND FOR MAINE'S FUTURE BOARD

LR: 2707      Sponsor: Representative Moriarty, S of Cumberland  
Title:          An Act To Fund the Land for Maine's Future Program  
Comment:      This bill would allocate \$10,000,000 annually to the Land for Maine's Future Program from the end of the fiscal year cascade.

##### PUBLIC LANDS

##### LAND FOR MAINES FUTURE BOARD

LR: 3081      Sponsor: Representative Stetkis, J of Canaan  
Title:          An Act To Require Payments in Lieu of Taxes to Certain Municipalities from the Land for Maine's Future Fund and Change the Threshold for Requiring Municipal Approval for Land Acquisition by the Land for Maine's Future Program  
Comment:      This bill would require that if a municipality's median household income is less than 90% of the State's median household income, payments in lieu of taxes that are greater than or equal to property taxes that would otherwise be assessed by the municipality are required to be paid to the municipality from the Land for Maine's Future Fund. The bill would also decrease from 1% to 0.1% the amount of the municipality's state valuation considered for acquisition that triggers the requirement of approval by the municipality.

##### PUBLIC LANDS

##### STATE PARKS

LR: 2627      Sponsor: Representative Kinney, M of Knox  
Title:          An Act To Allow Physically Disabled Maine Residents Access to State Parks  
Comment:      This bill would give disabled residents fee-free day access to state parks.

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#### APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

##### BOND ISSUES

###### EDUCATION

LR: 2656 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide New Facilities at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics  
Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to fund new facilities at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics in Limestone.

##### BOND ISSUES

###### LAW ENFORCEMENT

LR: 2800 Sponsor: Representative Dunphy, M of Old Town  
Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Repair Maine Forest Service Aircraft  
Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to repair Maine Forest Service aircraft.

##### BOND ISSUES

###### RECREATION

LR: 2921 Sponsor: Senator Carson, B of Cumberland  
Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Promote Outdoor Recreation and Land Conservation  
Comment: This bill would authorize a general fund bond issue to promote outdoor recreation and land conservation.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 911 Senator Breen, C

#### STATE FINANCES

##### BONDED DEBT

LR: 2876 Sponsor: Representative Corey, P of Windham  
Title: An Act To Authorize Increased Borrowing by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority To Support the Completion of the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham  
Comment: This bill would increase by \$50,000,000 the ceiling on outstanding securities for correctional facilities issued by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority and require the securities to be used to complete the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham.

LR: 2959 Sponsor: Representative Fecteau, R of Biddeford  
Title: An Act To Fund Capital Improvements to Career and Technical Education Centers  
Comment: This bill would fund capital improvements to career and technical education centers using securities issued by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority.

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#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

##### CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

###### EMPLOYEES

LR: 2960 Sponsor: Representative Pluecker, B of Warren

Title: An Act To Reform Correctional Officer Compensation in Maine

Comment: This bill would address a shortage of correctional officers by increasing their pay and benefits to make the positions more competitive in the job market.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 802 Representative Warren, C

##### CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

###### MANAGEMENT

LR: 2989 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act To Ensure Access to Reproductive Health Care in Maine Jails, County Correctional Facilities and State Correctional and Detention Facilities

Comment: This bill would establish and maintain access to comprehensive reproductive health care and ensure prenatal, perinatal and postnatal care to a female or person with a uterus upon admission to and throughout that person's incarceration within a correctional or detention facility, jail facility or other county correctional facility.

##### CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

###### PRISONERS

LR: 2601 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act To Reduce the Number of Signatures Required for an Incarcerated Person To Petition for the Adoption or Modification of Rules

Comment: This bill would reduce the number of signatures required for an incarcerated person to petition for the adoption or modification of rules.

##### CORRECTIONS DEPT

###### ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2778 Sponsor: Representative Collings, B of Portland

Title: An Act To Require Breaks for State Prison Guards

Comment: This bill would require state prison guards to receive an 8-hour break after any work shift that is more than 12 hours.

##### CORRECTIONS DEPT

###### POWERS

LR: 2719 Sponsor: Representative Stewart, T of Presque Isle

Title: An Act To Make Comprehensive Changes to Maine's Criminal Justice System To Reduce Recidivism and Improve Mental Health across the State

Comment: This bill would make comprehensive changes to Maine's criminal justice system to reduce recidivism and improve mental health across the State.

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#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

##### CRIMES

###### AGGRAVATED OFFENSES

LR: 2762 Sponsor: Representative McCreight, J of Harpswell  
Title: An Act To Enhance the Prosecution of Suffocation as Aggravated Assault in the Maine Criminal Code  
Comment: This bill would recognize suffocation as an act that manifests extreme indifference to the value of human life by adding the act of suffocation to the aggravated assault laws.

##### CRIMES

###### DRUG OFFENSES

LR: 3067 Sponsor: Senator Woodsome, D of York  
Title: An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Drug Paraphernalia That Encourage Drug Use by Young People  
Comment: This bill would prohibit the sale by Maine retailers of so-called "stash cans" marketed as being able to conceal controlled substances.

##### CRIMES

###### ENDANGERING

LR: 2887 Sponsor: Representative Doudera, V of Camden  
Title: An Act To Amend the Statute Regarding Endangering the Welfare of a Child To Include Allowing Children Access to Loaded Firearms without Permission  
Comment: This bill would keep Maine children safer by expanding the statute concerning endangering the welfare of a child to cover a person's allowing a child access to a loaded firearm without permission.

#### CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

##### ARREST

LR: 2831 Sponsor: Representative Tuell, W of East Machias  
Title: An Act To Correct Inconsistencies in the Laws Governing Statutory Arrest without a Warrant  
Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing warrantless arrests by law enforcement officers in the provision that allows such arrests for a violation of a sex offender registration provision to add a reference to the most recent law governing sex offender registration and notification.

LR: 3080 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland  
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Summonses for Certain Misdemeanor Offenses

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#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

##### CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

###### ARREST

Comment: This bill would amend the laws regarding summonses for criminal offenses and warrantless arrests to narrow the misdemeanors that are subject to arrest without a warrant. It would also narrow the violations of conditions of pretrial release that are arrestable so that technical violations of conditions of release are dealt with by summons rather than arrest and would not be considered new crimes. The bill would narrow the conditions that may be imposed when someone is given pretrial bail to those that implicate public safety and likelihood of return to court.

##### CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

###### FEES AND SURCHARGES

LR: 2807 Sponsor: Representative Stanley, S of Medway

Title: An Act Regarding the Payment of Witness Fees to Police Officers

Comment: This bill would require that witness fees for police officers be paid by their employers. Current law requires that these fees be paid by the counties.

##### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

###### SYSTEM

LR: 2607 Sponsor: Representative Dillingham, K of Oxford

Title: Resolve, To Establish the Working Group To Review Emergency Medical Services in the State

Comment: This resolve would establish the Working Group To Review Emergency Medical Services in the State to perform a comprehensive review of the State's emergency medical services system.

LR: 2721 Sponsor: Representative Ackley, K of Monmouth

Title: An Act To Support Rural Volunteer First Responders

Comment: This bill would waive the fee assessed by the State to a municipality that sponsors voluntary emergency medical services.

LR: 2824 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Authorize Emergency Medical Services Personnel To Provide Treatment within Their Scope of Practice in a Hospital Setting with the Permission of the Hospital

Comment: This bill would authorize emergency medical services personnel to provide treatment within their scope of practice in a hospital setting with the permission of the hospital.

LR: 3075 Sponsor: Representative Martin, D of Sinclair

Title: An Act To Improve Response to Sudden Cardiac Arrest by Requiring Training in Telephone Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

Comment: This bill would require that all emergency services personnel responsible for communicating with callers on emergency telephone calls be trained in telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation.



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##### FIRE SAFETY

###### FIRE MARSHAL

LR: 2788 Sponsor: Representative Hall, R of Wilton  
Title: An Act To Require Permits from the Office of the State Fire Marshal for Truck and Tractor Pull Events  
Comment: This bill would require permits from the Office of the State Fire Marshal for truck and tractor pull events at state and county fairs.

LR: 2834 Sponsor: Representative Reckitt, L of South Portland  
Title: An Act Regarding the Use of Propane and Natural Gas Detectors  
Comment: This bill would require the use of propane and natural gas detectors in appropriate buildings.

##### FIRE SAFETY

###### FIREWORKS

LR: 2677 Sponsor: Representative Keschl, D of Belgrade  
Title: An Act To Prohibit the Use of Fireworks over Lakes and Ponds Greater than 10 Acres in Size  
Comment: This bill would prohibit the use of fireworks over lakes and ponds greater than 10 acres in size.

LR: 2913 Sponsor: Representative Fay, J of Raymond  
Title: An Act To Protect Water Quality by Prohibiting Consumer Fireworks in the Shoreland Zone  
Comment: This bill would ban the use of consumer fireworks in the shoreland zone except on certain holidays.

##### FIRE SAFETY

###### VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

LR: 2722 Sponsor: Representative Ackley, K of Monmouth  
Title: An Act To Provide a Death Benefit for Volunteer and Part-time Firefighters  
Comment: This bill would establish a death benefit for volunteer and part-time firefighters.

##### JAILS

###### ASSESSMENTS

LR: 2808 Sponsor: Representative Stanley, S of Medway  
Title: An Act To Remove the Tax Cap on County Jail Funding  
Comment: This bill would remove the tax cap on county jail funding.

Potential JR 217: LD 755 Representative Riley, T

Potential JR 217: LD 1321 Representative Stanley, S

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##### JAILS

###### ASSESSMENTS

LR: 2823 Sponsor: Representative Martin, D of Sinclair  
Title: An Act To Waive the Limit on the Assessment for Correctional Services for Aroostook County for One Year  
Comment: This bill would waive the limit on the assessment for correctional services for Aroostook County for one year.

##### JAILS

###### FURLOUGH PROGRAMS

LR: 2930 Sponsor: Representative Costain, D of Plymouth  
Title: An Act To Facilitate Implementation of a Day Reporting Program by Extending the Time Period for Which Furloughs from County Jails May Be Granted  
Comment: This bill would facilitate implementation of a day reporting program by extending from 3 days to 10 days the period for which a furlough from a county jail may be granted.

##### JUVENILE OFFENDERS

###### JUVENILE COURT

LR: 2605 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland  
Title: An Act To Limit Access to Juvenile Case Records and Protect the Confidentiality of Juvenile History Record Information  
Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to protect the confidentiality of juvenile history record information.

##### LAW ENFORCEMENT

###### CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY

LR: 2797 Sponsor: Representative Nadeau, C of Winslow  
Title: An Act To Require Forest Rangers To Be Trained at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy  
Comment: This bill would require new forest rangers to complete the basic training course at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

##### LAW ENFORCEMENT

###### LOCAL POLICE

LR: 2789 Sponsor: Senator Dill, J of Penobscot  
Title: An Act To Allow Retired Law Enforcement Officers To Serve as School Resource Officers  
Comment: This bill would allow school administrative units to employ as a school resource officer an individual who previously served full time as a certified law enforcement officer in good standing at a state, municipal, county or federal law enforcement agency and has retired. These individuals would be required to undergo a comprehensive background check.

##### PAROLE

###### COMMUNITY INTEGRATION

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#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

##### PAROLE

###### COMMUNITY INTEGRATION

LR: 2742 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland  
Title: An Act To Establish a Structured Reentry Program for the Reentry of Persons from Correctional Facilities into the Community  
Comment: This bill would establish a structured reentry program for the reentry of persons from correctional facilities into the community.

##### PRISONERS

###### TRANSITIONING

LR: 2731 Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth, D of Portland  
Title: An Act To Improve Prisoner Transport Safety by Specifically Authorizing Transport of Prisoners by Transport Officers  
Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing the transporting of prisoners to specifically authorize transport of prisoners by transport officers.

##### PUBLIC SAFETY

###### COMMUNICATIONS

LR: 2965 Sponsor: Senator Woodsome, D of York  
Title: An Act To Eliminate Existing Emergency Fire Dispatch Protocols and Establish a Task Force To Study Public Safety Answering Point Systems in the State  
Comment: This bill would eliminate existing emergency fire dispatch protocols and establish a task force to study public safety answering point systems in the State.

##### PUBLIC SAFETY DEPT

###### ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2629 Sponsor: Representative Caiazza, C of Scarborough  
Title: An Act To Enhance the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code  
Comment: This bill would provide for adequate staffing and funding to allow the Department of Public Safety to enforce Maine's building codes.

##### PUBLIC SAFETY DEPT

###### PROCEDURES

LR: 3093 Sponsor: Representative Dillingham, K of Oxford  
Title: An Act To Update Worker Protection for Public Safety Employees  
Comment: This bill would update worker protection for public safety employees.

##### SENTENCES

###### ALTERNATIVES

LR: 2609 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland

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#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

##### SENTENCES

###### ALTERNATIVES

Title: An Act To Create Community-based Sentencing Alternatives for Nonviolent Primary Caretakers of Dependent Children

Comment: This bill would create community-based sentencing alternatives for nonviolent primary caretakers of dependent children.

##### VICTIMS OF CRIME

###### NOTIFICATIONS

LR: 2660 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act To Establish a Statewide Electronic Victim Notification System

Comment: This bill would provide funding for an automated, integrated, statewide victim notification system to notify victims of certain crimes when the offenders are released or escape from incarceration.

##### WEAPONS

###### CONCEALED WEAPONS

LR: 2901 Sponsor: Representative Morris, J of Turner

Title: An Act To Allow Retired Police Officers with a Federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act Clearance To Carry Concealed Firearms on School Grounds

Comment: This bill would allow retired officers with a federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act clearance to carry concealed firearms on school grounds. Currently, a retired officer cannot carry in gun-free zones like public schools. This bill would allow retired officers that are compliant with the federal law to carry concealed firearms on school grounds.

##### WEAPONS

###### POSSESSION

LR: 2645 Sponsor: Representative Cooper, J of Yarmouth

Title: An Act To Require a Person Who Owns a Firearm To Purchase Liability Insurance

Comment: This bill would require a person who owns a firearm to purchase liability insurance covering compensation for personal injury caused by the intentional or negligent acts of the owner or person to whom the owner loaned the firearm.

LR: 2692 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick, G of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Safeguard Children by Aligning the Laws Concerning the Possession of Firearms on Nursery School and Child Care Facility Properties with the Laws Governing the Possession of Firearms on School Property

Comment: This bill would safeguard children by aligning the laws concerning the possession of firearms on nursery school and child care facility properties with the laws governing the possession of firearms on school property.

LR: 2829 Sponsor: Representative Doudera, V of Camden

Title: An Act To Amend the Definition of the Term "Machine Gun"

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##### WEAPONS

##### POSSESSION

Comment: This bill would define the term "bump stock device" and amend the definition of the term "machine gun" to include bump stock devices.

##### WEAPONS

##### SALES

LR: 2812 Sponsor: Representative Reckitt, L of South Portland

Title: An Act To Ban the Distribution of Assault Weapons without Proper Authority

Comment: This bill would prohibit the sale, purchase, transfer or distribution of assault weapons. This prohibition would not apply to authorized sales, purchases, transfers or distributions to or from the military or law enforcement.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Representative Morales, V

LR: 2953 Sponsor: Representative Morales, V of South Portland

Title: An Act To Prevent Mass Shootings in Maine by Banning Assault-style Weapons

Comment: This bill would ban the sale of assault-style weapons and high-capacity magazines and amend the laws governing firearm licensing and storage.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2812 Representative Reckitt, L

Potential JR 217: LD 1071 Representative Cardone, B

LR: 3071 Sponsor: Representative Gramlich, L of Old Orchard Beach

Title: An Act To Stop the Trafficking of Firearms

Comment: This bill would prohibit an individual from purchasing a firearm for someone who would otherwise be prohibited from making such a purchase. It would make it an explicit crime to act as a "straw" purchaser of firearms. It also would create tough penalties for anyone who transfers a firearm with reasonable cause to believe that it will be used in a drug crime, crime of violence or act of terrorism.

Potential JR 217: LD 747 Representative Cardone, B

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#### EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

##### APPLIED TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

###### ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2875 Sponsor: Senator Herbig, E of Waldo  
Title: An Act To Provide Funding for Capital Improvements and Equipment for Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions  
Comment: This bill would appropriate \$4,000,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Education to make capital improvements to and purchase equipment that has a useful life of at least 5 years for career and technical education centers and regions.  
Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1606 Senator Dill, J

##### APPLIED TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

###### REGIONS

LR: 2770 Sponsor: Representative Stanley, S of Medway  
Title: An Act To Support Technical Education in the Katahdin Region  
Comment: This bill would support technical education in the Katahdin region by moving Regional School Unit No. 89 from career and technical education region 2 to career and technical education region 3.

#### COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

##### SEXUAL ASSAULTS

LR: 3066 Sponsor: Representative Larsen-Daughtry, M of Brunswick  
Title: An Act To Require Transparency in Postsecondary Institutions with Regard to Sexual Assaults  
Comment: This bill would require public and private postsecondary institutions to report the amount of reported sexual assaults that occur on campus to the Department of Education.

#### COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

##### STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

LR: 2684 Sponsor: Senator Woodsome, D of York  
Title: An Act To Provide Veterans with Educational Benefits  
Comment: This bill would provide free tuition at state universities to veterans who are residents of the State.

LR: 2803 Sponsor: Senator Libby, N of Androscoggin  
Title: An Act To Provide Student Debt Forgiveness To Support Attraction and Retention of First Responders, Home Health Care Providers and Public School Teachers  
Comment: This bill would establish a student loan forgiveness program for first responders, home health care providers and public school teachers. To qualify for loan forgiveness, an individual must live in Maine and work for 5 years as a first responder, home health care provider or public school teacher. The maximum amount of forgiveness would be \$10,000 per individual.

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#### EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

##### COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

###### QUALITY CENTERS

LR: 2966 Sponsor: Representative Wadsworth, N of Hiram  
Title: An Act To Provide Funding to the Maine Quality Centers within the Maine Community College System  
Comment: This bill would provide funding in the amount of \$2,500,000 to the Maine Community College System's Maine Quality Centers for fiscal year 2019-20.

LR: 2967 Sponsor: Representative Wadsworth, N of Hiram  
Title: An Act To Support Maine's Workforce Initiatives within the Maine Community College System  
Comment: This bill would provide funding in the amount of \$5,000,000 to the Maine Community College System's Maine Quality Centers for fiscal year 2020-21.

##### EDUCATION DEPT

###### ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2946 Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin  
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Amend Its Certification Requirement Rules  
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Education to amend its certification rules to allow certificate-eligible pathways for the assistant administrator of special education position to include master's degrees or higher credentials as well as the current bachelor's degree requirement.

##### EDUCATION DEPT

###### POWERS

LR: 2862 Sponsor: Senator Libby, N of Androscoggin  
Title: An Act To Increase High School Graduation Rates for Students Experiencing Homelessness or in Foster Care  
Comment: This bill would increase high school graduation rates for students experiencing homelessness or in foster care by facilitating the process for those students to obtain a diploma, allowing such students who change schools to receive a diploma from their previous school under certain circumstances and ensuring the appropriate award of partial credits and maximizing progress toward earning full credit.

##### EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

###### CHARTER SCHOOLS

LR: 2865 Sponsor: Representative Andrews, J of Paris  
Title: An Act To Meet the Needs of Maine Students on Public Charter School Waiting Lists  
Comment: This bill would increase the number of public charter schools from 10 to 12 to address the needs of students on waiting lists in the State.

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#### EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

##### EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

###### MAGNET SCHOOLS

LR: 2635 Sponsor: Representative Stewart, T of Presque Isle  
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine School of Science and Mathematics  
Comment: This bill would allow the Maine School of Science and Mathematics to enroll day students.  
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2657 President Jackson, T

LR: 2657 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title: An Act To Allow Day Students at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics  
Comment: This bill would allow day students at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics in Limestone.  
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2635 Representative Stewart, T

LR: 2885 Sponsor: Senator Herbig, E of Waldo  
Title: An Act To Strengthen Maritime Education  
Comment: This bill would repeal the law terminating the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature, allow the school to admit nonresidential students and address funding issues.

##### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

###### BOARDS

LR: 2676 Sponsor: Representative Cloutier, K of Lewiston  
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding School Administrative District Reserve Funds  
Comment: This bill would allow a school administrative district board of directors to expend reserve funds for an emergency necessitating immediate expenditures when obtaining voter permission would be cost-prohibitive or when the expenditure is required by law.

LR: 2786 Sponsor: Representative Tepler, D of Topsham  
Title: An Act To Allow the Spouses of Certain School Employees To Be School Board Members  
Comment: This bill would allow a spouse of a school district employee to be a school board member if the employee receives only a stipend from the school district and meets other criteria.

LR: 2861 Sponsor: Representative Brennan, M of Portland  
Title: An Act Regarding the Negotiation of Educational Policies by School Boards  
Comment: This bill would authorize a school board to adopt a policy that establishes the educational policies that the school board may negotiate.

##### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

###### BUDGETS

LR: 2961 Sponsor: Senator Bellows, S of Kennebec



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##### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

###### BUDGETS

Title: An Act To Increase Voter Participation in School Budget Voting

Comment: This bill would require that ballots for school budget votes be made available to voters within the same time frames as absentee ballots in statewide elections.

##### SCHOOL FACILITIES

###### CONSTRUCTION

LR: 2729 Sponsor: Representative Campbell, D of Orrington

Title: An Act To Amend the Qualifications and Hiring Process for an Owner's Representative for a School Construction Project

Comment: This bill would amend the qualifications needed to be an owner's representative for a school construction project to expand the pool of qualified applicants and change the hiring process for owner's representatives.

##### SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

###### ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

LR: 2820 Sponsor: Representative Tuell, W of East Machias

Title: An Act To Reduce Pay Disparity in Maine Schools

Comment: This bill would modify the regional adjustment component of the essential programs and services formula for all school administrative units that are under the state average, which is 1.0 in the EPS formula, by increasing all units under 1.0 incrementally over a 3-year period.

##### SCHOOL PERSONNEL

###### APPLICANTS

LR: 2849 Sponsor: Representative Fecteau, J of Augusta

Title: An Act To Protect Students from Individuals Convicted of Sex Crimes

Comment: This bill would bar a person for life from employment by any school administrative unit if the person has been convicted of a sex crime or is registered on the sex offender registry. It would require the Department of Education to develop a review process for individuals who have had their sex crime convictions overturned, sealed or expunged or were wrongfully placed on the sex offender registry.

##### SCHOOL PERSONNEL

###### HOURLY EMPLOYEES

LR: 2777 Sponsor: Representative Collings, B of Portland

Title: An Act To Set a Minimum Wage for School Support Staff

Comment: This bill would require a minimum wage of \$16 per hour for school support staff.

##### SCHOOL PERSONNEL

###### NURSES

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##### SCHOOL PERSONNEL

###### NURSES

LR: 2653 Sponsor: Representative Dodge, J of Belfast

Title: An Act To Establish a Fund To Provide an Increase in Salary To School Nurses Who Achieve National Board Certification

Comment: This bill would establish a fund to provide an increase in salary to school nurses who achieve national board certification.

LR: 2976 Sponsor: Representative Terry, M of Gorham

Title: An Act To Require All Public Schools To Have a Nurse on Site

Comment: This bill would require each school board to appoint at least one school nurse for each school within the school administrative unit.

##### SCHOOL POLICIES

###### ATTENDANCE

LR: 2633 Sponsor: Representative McCreight, J of Harpswell

Title: An Act To Include Student Absences for Mental Health or Behavioral Health Needs as Excusable Absences

Comment: This bill would require Maine schools to accept student absences for mental health and behavioral health needs as excused absences.

##### SCHOOL POLICIES

###### CURRICULUM

LR: 2978 Sponsor: Representative Terry, M of Gorham

Title: An Act To Authorize Physical Education Course Credit for Athletic Program Participation

Comment: This bill would allow students to receive physical education course credit for participating in extracurricular athletic programs.

##### SCHOOL POLICIES

###### ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

LR: 2606 Sponsor: Representative Tipping, R of Orono

Title: An Act Regarding Immunizations for Students

Comment: This bill would exempt students who attend virtual charter schools and postsecondary students who attend all of their classes online from immunization requirements. It also would expand the universal vaccine program to include coverage for students who are enrolled in or have been offered enrollment in a postsecondary school in this State.

LR: 2845 Sponsor: Senator Chenette, J of York

Title: An Act To Authorize Naturopathic Doctors To Provide Medical Exemptions from the Laws Governing Immunization Requirements

Comment: This bill would allow naturopathic doctors to provide medical exemptions from the laws governing immunization requirements.

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#### EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

##### SCHOOL POLICIES

##### ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

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##### SUSPENSIONS

LR: 2948 Sponsor: Representative Morales, V of South Portland  
Title: An Act Regarding School Discipline for Maine's Youngest Students  
Comment: This bill would prohibit out-of-school suspensions and the withholding of recess as disciplinary options for prekindergarten to grade 5 students and provide for legal representation for indigent children at disciplinary and manifestation determination hearings.

##### SCHOOL PROGRAMS

##### CURRICULUM

LR: 2724 Sponsor: Representative Kornfield, V of Bangor  
Title: An Act To Establish a Process for the Consideration and Implementation of Changes to School Curricula  
Comment: This bill would establish a consistent process for the consideration and implementation of changes to school curricula. Under this bill, a review committee established by the Commissioner of Education and composed of teachers, administrators and content specialists would review proposals to add to, or change, school curricula and would provide its findings to the sponsor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters.

LR: 2974 Sponsor: Representative Dunphy, M of Old Town  
Title: An Act To Promote Outdoor Recreational Opportunities for Maine Students  
Comment: This bill would allow state-approved public and private kindergarten to grade 12 schools and state-approved public and private postsecondary education institutions to conduct, without a guide license, back-country trips for students and adults associated with those institutions. The bill would allow for approved schools and institutions to apply for the youth camp trip leader permit.

##### SCHOOL PROGRAMS

##### POSTSECONDARY PLANNING ASSISTANCE

LR: 2893 Sponsor: Representative Wadsworth, N of Hiram  
Title: An Act To Educate Students about the Financial Costs and Opportunities Associated with Various Types of Postsecondary Education and Careers  
Comment: This bill would require that high schools in the State provide to students information and education regarding the financial costs and opportunities that are associated with different types of postsecondary education, including information about student loans, and information concerning career opportunities in the State.

LR: 2902 Sponsor: Representative Rykerson, D of Kittery  
Title: An Act Regarding Student Privacy

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##### SCHOOL PROGRAMS

###### POSTSECONDARY PLANNING ASSISTANCE

Comment: This bill would require public schools to provide to military recruiters the same access to school buildings and student information as is provided to other recruiting representatives. It would allow a student to request that the student's information not be released to military recruiters.

##### SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

###### BUS DRIVERS

LR: 2685 Sponsor: Senator Woodsome, D of York

Title: An Act To Help Retain School Bus Drivers

Comment: This bill would exempt laid-off employees from work search requirements in Maine's unemployment insurance laws for up to 6 weeks if their employers set a specific date for the employees to return to their jobs after no more than 12 weeks.

##### SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

###### BUSES

LR: 2925 Sponsor: Senator Vitelli, E of Sagadahoc

Title: An Act To Incentivize the Purchase of Electric Public School Buses

Comment: This bill would provide incentives to municipalities and other purchasers of school buses to replace aging vehicles with electric buses. It would also create a pilot program to work with a large municipality or county to create the infrastructure needed to create vehicle-to-grid energy systems for charging electric buses and feed stored energy back to the grid.

##### TEACHERS

###### CERTIFICATION

LR: 2674 Sponsor: Representative McCrea, D of Fort Fairfield

Title: An Act To Protect Teachers from Certification Changes

Comment: This bill would provide that when a teacher becomes initially certified under the State's certification programs, the grade spans or subjects the teacher is eligible to teach may not be changed in future years for that teacher. The State may change the recertification requirements, and a teacher seeking recertification may be subject to additional course work in order to meet the new certification requirements, but the grade spans or subjects the teacher is eligible to teach will remain regardless of teacher certification changes instituted by the State.

LR: 2842 Sponsor: Representative Fecteau, J of Augusta

Title: An Act To Modify Teacher Certification Expiration Dates for Teachers Who Use Medical Leave or Family Medical Leave

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##### TEACHERS

###### CERTIFICATION

Comment: This bill would allow a teacher with a professional, provisional or conditional certification who uses medical or family medical leave within the teacher's final year of certification to have the certification expiration date extended by the exact number of days the teacher was on leave. A request for extension would be sent to the Department of Education by the school administrative unit. A request would be automatically approved if the department receives sufficient proof documenting the medical leave or family medical leave used by the teacher.

LR: 2843 Sponsor: Representative Fecteau, J of Augusta

Title: An Act To Establish a Lifetime Substitute Teacher Certification for Successful and Established Maine Teachers

Comment: This bill would allow any teacher who taught in the State under a professional certification for at least 10 school years to be granted a lifetime certification to substitute teach, so long as the teacher's certification was never revoked or suspended, the teacher can successfully pass regular criminal history checks and the teacher is up to date with current special education course requirements for general teacher certification.

LR: 2857 Sponsor: Representative Fecteau, J of Augusta

Title: An Act To Waive Certain Standardized Assessment Requirements for Teacher Certification for Individuals Who Successfully Complete Bachelor's Degree Programs, Teacher Preparation Programs or Teacher Probationary Mentoring Programs

Comment: This bill would waive certain standardized assessment requirements for teacher certification for individuals who successfully complete bachelor's degree programs, teacher preparation programs or teacher probationary mentoring programs.

LR: 2919 Sponsor: Representative Sampson, H of Alfred

Title: An Act To Establish Transparency and Clarity Regarding Educator Credentialing

Comment: This bill would clarify requirements for teacher credentials and make all required documentation for certified teachers, education technicians, behavioral health professionals, administrators and contracted employees working within school districts searchable and publicly accessible.

LR: 3061 Sponsor: Representative Landry, S of Farmington

Title: An Act Regarding Teacher Certification

Comment: This bill would amend the laws regarding teacher certification.

##### TEACHERS

###### EVALUATIONS

LR: 2673 Sponsor: Representative McCrea, D of Fort Fairfield

Title: An Act To Protect Teachers from Punitive Transfers

Comment: This bill would prohibit a school administrative unit from transferring a teacher for punitive reasons or as an act of retaliation.

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#### EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

##### TRUANTS AND DROPOUTS

###### INTERVENTION

- LR: 2853      Sponsor: Representative McDonald, G of Stonington
- Title:            An Act To Promote School Attendance for Maine Students Who Are Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holders
- Comment:       This bill would authorize the Commissioner of Marine Resources to revoke the student lobster and crab fishing license of a student who is truant pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 5051-A, subsection 1.

##### UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

###### AUGUSTA

- LR: 2611      Sponsor: Senator Cyrway, S of Kennebec
- Title:            An Act To Reestablish the Maine Community Policing Institute at the University of Maine at Augusta
- Comment:       This bill would reestablish the Maine Community Policing Institute at the University of Maine at Augusta.

##### UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

###### LABOR RELATIONS

- LR: 2896      Sponsor: Representative Dodge, J of Belfast
- Title:            An Act To Establish a Career Path for Adjunct Professors in Maine's Public University and College System
- Comment:       This bill would change the definition of "regular employee" under the laws governing labor relations in public institutions of higher education to include any person who has taught at least 8 credits per year over a 3-year period. Additionally, this bill would make it a prohibited practice for any institution to deny a professor additional credits solely for the purpose of denying the professor the opportunity to achieve the status of a regular employee.

##### UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

###### SOUTHERN MAINE

- LR: 2934      Sponsor: Senator Libby, N of Androscoggin
- Title:            An Act To Rename the University of Southern Maine the University of Maine at Portland and To Codify the Establishment of Lewiston-Auburn College
- Comment:       Consistent with the naming of the other campuses of the University of Maine System, this bill would change the name of the University of Southern Maine to the University of Maine at Portland and would add its Lewiston-Auburn branch campus to the laws governing the University of Maine System.

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#### ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

##### AIR QUALITY

##### ASSESSMENT

LR: 3064 Sponsor: Representative Morales, V of South Portland

Title: An Act To Protect Maine's Air Quality by Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Environmental Protection To Place More Focus on Public Health

Comment: This bill would create a new clean air fund administered by the Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of investing in health impact assessments and improving air quality. The bill would also amend laws regarding air quality regions, licenses and penalties and repeal certain laws regarding variances and limitations on the Commissioner of Environmental Protection's ability to request air quality data.

##### ASBESTOS

##### REMEDIATION

LR: 2816 Sponsor: Representative Harnett, T of Gardiner

Title: An Act To Protect State Workers from Exposure to Carcinogens

Comment: This bill would provide for the collection and cataloging of data on the history of public buildings regarding abatement and contaminant testing, create new standards regarding the level of contaminants allowed in the workplace, improve testing requirements and better reinforce oversight regarding problem buildings. This bill also would seek to improve the ability of workers in public buildings to raise and resolve safety concerns.

##### CONTAINERS - RETURNABLE

##### DEPOSIT SYSTEM

LR: 2972 Sponsor: Representative Andrews, J of Paris

Title: An Act To Extend the Moratorium on New Redemption Centers and Adjust the Reporting Requirements for Initiators of Deposit

Comment: This bill would extend the moratorium on new redemption centers and adjust the reporting requirements for initiators of deposit.

##### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPT

##### PROCEDURES

LR: 2884 Sponsor: Representative Ingwersen, H of Arundel

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Investigate Potential Sources of High-level Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination of Land and Drinking Water

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Environmental Protection to test land sites no later than January 1, 2021 for contamination by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances that may have resulted from historic spreading of sludge from industrial and other sources. It would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to require all public drinking water suppliers to test for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances and, based on those test results, the Department of Environmental Protection to conduct additional testing and source investigation if they are detected in soils or drinking water.

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#### ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

##### LAND USE

###### SHORELAND ZONING

- LR: 2618 Sponsor: Speaker Gideon, S of Freeport  
Title: An Act To Amend the Shoreland Zoning Rules Regarding Stream and Tributary Setbacks  
Comment: This bill would direct the Department of Environmental Protection to make the definition and setbacks of tributary and other streams the same for the Natural Resources Protection Act and the laws governing shoreland zoning, removing the inconsistency between the permit by rule for a setback reduction and the municipal requirement of an undue hardship variance.
- LR: 2680 Sponsor: Representative Perry, A of Calais  
Title: An Act To Amend the Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Laws To Provide for Clear and Operable Language in Municipal Land Use Guidelines  
Comment: This bill would amend the mandatory shoreland zoning laws to clarify definitions regarding wetlands and rivers and to require clear and operable language in the minimum guidelines for municipal zoning and land use controls adopted by the Board of Environmental Protection.

##### OILS

###### ABOVEGROUND TANKS

- LR: 2700 Sponsor: Senator Millett, R of Cumberland  
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Evaluate Emissions from Heated Aboveground Petroleum and Storage Tanks  
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Environmental Protection to evaluate emissions from heated aboveground petroleum and storage tanks.

##### WASTE FACILITIES

###### INCINERATORS

- LR: 2743 Sponsor: Representative Campbell, D of Orrington  
Title: An Act To Amend the Solid Waste Management Laws Relating to Waste-to-energy Facilities  
Comment: This bill would amend the solid waste management laws relating to waste-to-energy facilities.

##### WASTES

###### CONTAINERS

- LR: 2715 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title: An Act To Ensure Fairness in the Application of the Laws Banning the Use of Polystyrene Containers  
Comment: Under current law, a food establishment that purchases meat that is prepackaged at wholesale in a container that contains polystyrene is not required to repackage that meat prior to sale. This bill would enact measures designed to ensure fairness in the application of those laws.



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#### ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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##### OMNIBUS

LR: 2744 Sponsor: Representative Campbell, D of Orrington

Title: An Act To Create a Sustainable Solution to the Handling, Management and Disposal of Solid Waste in the State

Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to create a sustainable solution to the handling, management and disposal of solid waste in the State.

##### WASTES

##### PLASTICS

LR: 2708 Sponsor: Senator Miramant, D of Knox

Title: An Act To Ban Single-use Plastic Straws, Splash Sticks and Beverage Lid Plugs

Comment: This bill would prohibit the manufacture and provision to customers of single-use plastic straws, splash sticks and beverage lid plugs.

##### WATER QUALITY

##### OVERBOARD DISCHARGES

LR: 2663 Sponsor: Senator Miramant, D of Knox

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Purging of Volatile Organic Compound Gases from Oil Tankers in the Waters of Maine

Comment: This bill would prohibit the purging of volatile organic compound gases from oil tankers in the waters of the State.

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#### ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

##### ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

###### RENEWABLE RESOURCES

LR: 2617 Sponsor: Representative Berry, S of Bowdoinham

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Renewable Portfolio Standards

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing renewable portfolio standards concerning thermal renewable energy credits to provide an exemption for existing supply contracts and standard-offer service arrangements.

LR: 2924 Sponsor: Senator Vitelli, E of Sagadahoc

Title: An Act To Authorize Separate Alternative Compliance Payment Rates for Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard

Comment: This bill would authorize the Public Utilities Commission to set separate alternative compliance payment rates for Class 1 and Class 1A resources and thermal renewable energy credits.

LR: 3079 Sponsor: Representative Riley, T of Jay

Title: An Act To Promote Renewable Energy Resources

Comment: This bill would promote renewable energy resources by encouraging the storage and conversion of low-cost and renewable energy without increasing the need for construction of transmission lines in the State. The bill would create a power-to-gas pilot program that would allow for a maximum of 3 power-to-gas projects, each up to 10 megawatts in size. The bill would stipulate siting requirements that maximize the use and availability of otherwise curtailed renewable electricity. The bill would also direct that a power-to-gas facility that qualifies for this pilot program is exempt from transmission and distribution charges for delivery of electric power, including volumetric, demand and standby charges.

##### ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

###### WIND ENERGY

LR: 2985 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: Resolve, To Establish Guidelines for the Creation of Offshore Wind Projects That Include the Protection of Fisheries and Wildlife and the Creation of High-quality Local Jobs

Comment: This bill would establish guidelines for the creation of offshore wind projects that include the protection of fisheries and wildlife and the creation of high-quality local jobs. Under the bill, the guidelines will be developed with the input and assistance of stakeholders.

##### ELECTRIC UTILITIES

###### DELIVERY

LR: 3060 Sponsor: Representative Landry, S of Farmington

Title: An Act Relating to Energy Storage

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#### ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

##### ELECTRIC UTILITIES

###### DELIVERY

Comment: This bill would create an energy storage customer bill of rights by directing the creation of a statewide peak demand reduction period for nonutility owned residential, commercial and industrial buildings' behind-the-meter energy storage resources. The bill would also create a storm outage and response management program that would provide rebate funds sufficient to enhance the resiliency of the homes of emergency services personnel, critical facility workers, outage-impacted customer homes and critical facilities such as hospitals and fire stations.

##### ELECTRIC UTILITIES

###### TRANSMISSION LINES

LR: 2767 Sponsor: Representative Grohoski, N of Ellsworth

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Requirements for the Construction of Transmission Lines by Incumbent Transmission and Distribution Utilities

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing approval of construction of transmission lines when the party seeking approval from the Public Utilities Commission is an incumbent transmission and distribution utility and the proposed transmission line would not be built for reliability purposes and would not serve Maine retail customers. Under such circumstances, in addition to the existing requirements in law, applicants seeking commission approval would be required to demonstrate (1) that the applicant, upon request, provided equal access to information about the transmission line to any transmission developer seeking to compete with the applicant to construct that transmission line; and (2) that the proposed transmission line will not use ratepayer-funded assets. If ratepayer-funded assets will be used for the proposed transmission line, the applicant would be required to establish that such ratepayer-funded assets were made available on equal terms to any transmission developer seeking to compete with the applicant to construct that transmission line.

#### ENERGY

##### EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST

LR: 3089 Sponsor: Representative Caiazzo, C of Scarborough

Title: An Act Regarding Projects That Improve Industrial Energy Efficiency and Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Comment: This bill would require the Efficiency Maine Trust to issue one or more program opportunity notices seeking applications for projects that improve industrial energy efficiency or reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with industrial processes in Maine without requiring applicants to provide a minimum 50% cost share for the project and with applications evaluated by the trust without respect to the amount of cost sharing provided by the applicant.

#### ENERGY CONSERVATION

##### HEAT PUMPS

LR: 2916 Sponsor: Representative Grignon, C of Athens

Title: An Act To Promote the Installation of Ground Source Heat Pumps

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#### **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

##### **ENERGY CONSERVATION**

###### **HEAT PUMPS**

Comment: This bill would increase rebates provided by the State for the installation of ground source heat pumps.

##### **FUELS**

###### **LIQUID PROPANE**

LR: 3052 Sponsor: Representative Matlack, A of St. George

Title: An Act To Protect Maine Propane Consumers

Comment: This bill would require that when a consumer ends a contract with a propane company with more than 5 gallons of propane in the consumer's tank that the customer has already paid for, the propane company is required to compensate the customer for the propane at the current market price of propane or the price the consumer paid for it, whichever is less. The reimbursement would be limited to once per consumer per 12-month period.

##### **GAS UTILITIES**

###### **NATURAL GAS**

LR: 2714 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Ensure Equitable Pricing for Fuel Delivered to Energy Markets

Comment: This bill would ensure equitable pricing for fuel delivered to energy markets.

##### **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

###### **POWERS**

LR: 2833 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Prohibit Certain Wheeling Charges for the Transmission of Electricity

Comment: This bill would prohibit a transmission and distribution utility in northern Maine from instituting a wheeling charge for the transmission of electricity to and from Canada.

##### **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

###### **PROCEDURES**

LR: 2628 Sponsor: Representative Berry, S of Bowdoinham

Title: An Act Regarding Utility-related Fees

Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to report annually on any utility-related fees that have not been updated or adjusted in the previous 5 years and to provide the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters the specific legislation necessary to update each fee set in statute based on the Consumer Price Index.

##### **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

###### **9-1-1 EMERGENCY SYSTEM**

LR: 3076 Sponsor: Representative Riley, T of Jay

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#### ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

##### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

###### 9-1-1 EMERGENCY SYSTEM

Title: An Act To Amend the Funding Mechanism for the E-9-1-1 System

Comment: This bill would revise the mandates imposed to fund the E-9-1-1 system in response to a report being conducted by the Public Utilities Commission.

##### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

###### BROADBAND SERVICES

LR: 2602 Sponsor: Senator Bellows, S of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Protect Consumer Privacy from Providers of Online Content, Applications or Service

Comment: This bill would prohibit a provider of any content, application or service over the Internet from selling or sharing customer information without affirmative consent.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2878 Representative Brennan, M

LR: 2668 Sponsor: Representative Dillingham, K of Oxford

Title: An Act To Create the Broadband Work Plan

Comment: This bill would create a broadband work plan.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1563 Senator Bellows, S

LR: 2874 Sponsor: Senator Herbig, E of Waldo

Title: An Act To Provide Funding for Broadband Internet Infrastructure in Unserved and Underserved Areas

Comment: This bill would appropriate \$15,000,000 from the General Fund to the ConnectME Authority for the provision of broadband Internet infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 173 Representative McCrea, D

LR: 2878 Sponsor: Representative Brennan, M of Portland

Title: An Act To Expand Protections for the Privacy of Online Consumer Information

Comment: This bill would ensure all citizens of Maine have consistent protections for their personal information when it is collected and used online, regardless of the entity collecting or using their information. It would expand current privacy law, which applies only to broadband Internet access service providers, to apply to all providers of websites and online services. It also would make amendments to the law to address operational barriers faced by companies during implementation and technical fixes to focus privacy protections on citizens' personal information.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2602 Senator Bellows, S

##### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

###### CELLULAR PHONES

LR: 2712 Sponsor: Senator Carpenter, M of Aroostook

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#### ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

##### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

###### CELLULAR PHONES

Title: An Act To Ensure a Consumer's Right To Repair Certain Electronic Products

Comment: This bill would require that manufacturers of certain consumer electronic products sold in the State make available to independent repair facilities and owners of the products the same diagnostic and repair information that the manufacturers make available to their own authorized repair providers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2735 Representative Zeigler, S

LR: 2735 Sponsor: Representative Zeigler, S of Montville

Title: An Act To Establish a Right To Repair for Digital Electronic Products

Comment: This bill would require that manufacturers of certain consumer electronic products sold in the State make available to independent repair facilities and owners of the products the same diagnostic and repair information that the manufacturers make available to their own authorized repair providers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2712 Senator Carpenter, M

##### UTILITY DISTRICTS

###### CHARTER CHANGES

LR: 2796 Sponsor: Representative Rykerson, D of Kittery

Title: An Act To Amend the Kittery Water District Charter

Comment: This bill would describe the present geographic boundaries of the Kittery Water District, allow all customers in the district to vote in district elections and require that district board nominees reside in the district.

LR: 2822 Sponsor: Representative Pickett, R of Dixfield

Title: An Act To Amend the Canton Water District Charter

Comment: This bill would update and modernize the charter of the Canton Water District and clarify that it is a standard district.

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#### HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

##### FINANCIAL PRACTICES

###### CONSUMER CREDIT

LR: 2694 Sponsor: Representative Pierce, T of Falmouth  
Title: An Act To Support Maine Businesses by Authorizing the Imposition of a Surcharge on the Use of a Debit or Credit Card  
Comment: This bill would authorize the imposition of a surcharge on the use of a debit or credit card.

##### FINANCIAL PRACTICES

###### MORTGAGES

LR: 2746 Sponsor: Senator Moore, M of Washington  
Title: An Act To Clarify the Rights of Parties in Certain Foreclosure Actions  
Comment: This bill would provide that a mortgage loan returns to the status quo if the mortgagee does not prevail in a foreclosure action, except that the court may impose sanctions against a mortgagee who has acted with malfeasance. The mortgagor would have no liability for interest or penalties or other fees or costs incurred as a result of the foreclosure action.

#### HEALTH CARE SERVICES

##### BILLING

LR: 2662 Sponsor: Representative Hepler, A of Woolwich  
Title: An Act Regarding Health Insurance  
Comment: This bill would amend the ban on surprise billing to include emergency room visits and provide that the preauthorization number for mental health services be the same as the number for medical services. It would also allow appeals for denial of claims to be submitted via email and require the email address for filing appeals to be prominently displayed.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2881 Speaker Gideon, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2923 Senator Gratwick, G

LR: 2881 Sponsor: Speaker Gideon, S of Freeport  
Title: An Act To Protect Consumers from Surprise Emergency Medical Bills  
Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing medical billing to protect consumers from unexpected medical bills in emergency situations. Under this bill, consumers would be held harmless when a consumer receives emergency medical services from an out-of-network medical provider. When an issue arises regarding the differential cost between what the insurer will pay for the out-of-network services and what the out-of-network provider charged for the service, an independent dispute resolution mechanism based on an independent and transparent database would be used to encourage providers and insurers to negotiate in good faith without the consumer's being affected.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2662 Representative Hepler, A

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2923 Senator Gratwick, G

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#### HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

##### HEALTH CARE SERVICES

###### BILLING

LR: 2889 Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin

Title: An Act To Establish Patient Protections in Billing for Health Care

Comment: This bill would ensure patient protections in health care billing by prohibiting new patient fees charged to patients for transferring between doctors; prohibiting billing for the transfer of patient records between providers; requiring referrals to providers who are out-of-network for a patient receiving the referral to disclose that the provider is out-of-network; and requiring providers to disclose the average cost in the State for the service for which a patient has been scheduled and the providers offering the service at the highest and lowest rates in the State.

LR: 2923 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick, G of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Protect Maine Patients from Unwarranted Medical Bills

Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to protect patients in the State from unwarranted medical bills.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2662 Representative Hepler, A

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2881 Speaker Gideon, S

##### INSURANCE

###### DENTAL

LR: 2910 Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, H of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Facilitate Dental Treatment for Children

Comment: This bill would prohibit a health insurance or dental insurance issuer offering coverage in the group or individual market from imposing a benefit waiting period on any dental or oral health service or treatment for enrolled individuals 18 years of age and younger, except that this prohibition does not apply to orthodontic treatment.

##### INSURANCE

###### HEALTH

LR: 2621 Sponsor: Senator Davis, Sr., P of Piscataquis

Title: An Act To Repeal Laws That Require Health Insurers To Cover Abortion Services and That Require MaineCare Coverage for Abortion Services

Comment: Public Law 2019, chapter 274 requires insurers that provide health care insurance coverage for maternity services to provide coverage for abortion services and requires the Department of Health and Human Services to pay for abortion services for MaineCare members. This bill would repeal that law.

LR: 2641 Sponsor: Senator Libby, N of Androscoggin

Title: An Act To Ensure Timely Billing for Medical Care

Comment: This bill would ensure timely billing for medical care.

LR: 2690 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick, G of Penobscot



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#### HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

##### INSURANCE

###### HEALTH

Title: An Act Regarding Prior Medical Authorizations for Certain Medical Procedure

Comment: This bill would establish certain criteria and conditions that, if met, would eliminate the need for prior authorization for health insurance or prohibit an insurer from denying coverage for specified services.

##### INSURANCE

###### HEALTH INSURANCE

LR: 2766 Sponsor: Senator Chipman, B of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Require Health Insurance Coverage for Treatment of Infertility

Comment: This bill would require health insurance coverage for treatment of infertility.

LR: 2879 Sponsor: Speaker Gideon, S of Freeport

Title: An Act To Improve Care and Increase Efficiency in the Small Business Health Insurance Marketplace

Comment: This bill would require small group insurance plans sold in Maine to meet the same medical loss ratio as is generally required of large group insurance plans. Insurance companies would be required to expend at least 85% of premium dollars on medical claims and activities that improve the quality of care, leaving 15% of premium dollars to cover other expenses including administrative expenses, overhead and marketing costs.

LR: 2880 Sponsor: Speaker Gideon, S of Freeport

Title: An Act To Increase Fairness in Maine's Health Insurance Marketplace

Comment: This bill would allow the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to administratively lower or eliminate the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association assessment on a person covered by small or large group health insurance as long as the total remaining assessment is sufficient to cover the costs of operations of the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association.

LR: 2882 Sponsor: Speaker Gideon, S of Freeport

Title: Resolve, To Increase Transparency and Lower Health Insurance Costs for Small Businesses in Maine

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to create, publish and regularly update an online tool that would allow small businesses to view and compare premium rates and out-of-pocket costs and benefits of the various small group plans available to them based on their location and the number and age of employees or dependents they intend to cover. The online tool will also provide a direct link to the summary of benefits and coverage for each plan displayed.

LR: 2890 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Establish a Fully State-based Health Care Exchange

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###### HEALTH INSURANCE

Comment: This bill would establish a fully state-based health care exchange under a new Maine Health Care Commission, which would have full responsibility for and oversight of the exchange.

LR: 2891 Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, H of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Control Health Care Spending

Comment: This bill would establish an advisory group representing public payer plans that would make recommendations for saving money to the plans and to individuals covered by the plans, including lower premiums and lower cost-sharing, plan consolidation, global budgeting, reference-based pricing implementation and any other recommendations.

##### INSURANCE

###### LIABILITY

LR: 3088 Sponsor: Representative Moonen, M of Portland

Title: An Act To Increase the Minimum Amount of Insurance Coverage Required for Medical Payments for Vehicle Liability Insurance

Comment: This bill would increase the minimum amount of insurance coverage required for medical payments for vehicle liability insurance from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

##### INSURANCE

###### MOTOR VEHICLE

LR: 2725 Sponsor: Representative Faulkingham, B of Winter Harbor

Title: An Act To Require That Any Driver Specifically Excluded from an Automobile Insurance Policy Be Listed on the Required Evidence of Insurance or Financial Responsibility

Comment: This bill would require that any driver that is specifically excluded from an automobile insurance policy must be listed on the evidence of financial responsibility that a driver must produce when stopped by a law enforcement officer or when involved in an accident.

LR: 2931 Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, H of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Clarify Insurance Requirements under the Peer-to-peer Car Sharing Insurance Act

Comment: This bill would clarify insurance requirements for peer-to-peer car sharing.

##### INSURANCE

###### MOTOR VEHICLES

LR: 2720 Sponsor: Representative Foster, S of Dexter

Title: An Act To Allow a Qualifying Religious or Other Entity To Self-insure for Automobile Insurance

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#### HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

##### INSURANCE

###### MOTOR VEHICLES

Comment: This bill would allow a qualifying religious or other entity to self-insure for automobile insurance with proper proof of financial responsibility for a minimum and maximum number of automobiles. A minimum amount of \$175,000 must be deposited and approved by the Treasurer of State.

##### INSURANCE

###### PROPERTY

LR: 2939 Sponsor: Representative Foley, V of Biddeford

Title: An Act To Create the Limited Lines Self-Storage Insurance Act

Comment: This bill would establish a limited lines producer license for the sale of self-storage insurance.

##### INSURANCE PRACTICES

###### CLAIMS PROCESSING

LR: 2624 Sponsor: Senator Libby, N of Androscoggin

Title: An Act To Prohibit Insurance Carriers from Retroactively Reducing Payment on Clean Claims Submitted by Pharmacies

Comment: This bill would prohibit a health insurance carrier from retroactively reducing payment on a properly submitted claim by a pharmacy provider. The bill would also prohibit a carrier from charging or holding a pharmacy provider responsible for any fee related to a claim that is not apparent at the time the carrier processes the claim, that is not reported on the remittance advice or after the initial claim is adjudicated by the carrier.

##### INSURANCE PRACTICES

###### INSURANCE PRODUCERS

LR: 2702 Sponsor: Senator Foley, R of York

Title: An Act To Increase the Automatic Draft Authority for Licensed Insurance Producers

Comment: This bill would increase the current automatic draft authority of licensed insurance producers from \$5,000 to \$10,000, with a provision to temporarily raise it to \$20,000 for a severe weather event.

##### PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

###### AFFORDABILITY BOARD

LR: 2737 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Ensure Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs

Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to ensure access to affordable prescription drugs, including providing funding for the Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board established by Public Law 2019, chapter 471.

##### PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

###### FORMULARIES

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##### PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

###### FORMULARIES

LR: 2892 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Protect Consumers from Rising Drug Costs Resulting from Manipulation of Prescription Drug Formularies

Comment: This bill would prohibit a therapeutically interchangeable generic drug from being included on a tier higher than that of the brand-name alternative on an insurer's prescription drug formulary.

##### PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

###### REGULATION

LR: 2986 Sponsor: Representative Madigan, C of Waterville

Title: An Act To Assist Persons with Disabilities Who Are Subject to Pill Count Rules with Receiving Refills

Comment: This bill would allow a person with a physical disability who is subject to a pill count and whose prescription has run out to request that a pharmacist deliver the medication to the person rather than requiring the person to go to the pharmacy.

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#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

###### FOSTER CARE

LR: 2988 Sponsor: Representative Madigan, C of Waterville  
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Create an Alternative Network for Youth Homelessness in Rural Areas  
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services and contracted servicers to identify informal arrangements and community members across the State, but primarily in rural areas, that can informally house youth at risk of being placed in foster care or who are homeless, allowing them to stay in their communities.

##### DISABLED PERSONS

###### AUTISTIC PERSONS

LR: 2623 Sponsor: Senator Millett, R of Cumberland  
Title: An Act To Eliminate Waiting Lists for Home-based and Community-based Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities, Autism, Other Related Conditions and Brain Injury  
Comment: This bill would eliminate waiting lists for home-based and community-based services for adults with intellectual disabilities, autism, other related conditions and brain injury.

##### DISEASES

###### LYME DISEASE

LR: 2748 Sponsor: Senator Pouliot, M of Kennebec  
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Lyme Disease  
Comment: This bill would change the laws regarding the diagnosing of Lyme disease.

##### FOOD STAMPS

###### SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

LR: 3094 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland  
Title: An Act To Ensure That Persons Qualified To Receive Food Assistance Are Able To Receive Full Benefits  
Comment: This bill would ensure that a person qualified to receive food assistance is able to receive full benefits regardless of whether the person applies for and qualifies for benefits under the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program.

##### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

###### ADMINISTRATION

LR: 3068 Sponsor: Representative Keschl, D of Belgrade  
Title: An Act To Establish the Trust for a Healthy Maine  
Comment: This bill would establish the Trust for a Healthy Maine as the entity to receive and distribute funds paid to the State pursuant to the tobacco settlement and from other sources.

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##### POWERS

LR: 2682 Sponsor: Representative Cooper, J of Yarmouth

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Study the Average Potency of Medical Marijuana and Illegal Marijuana, the Adverse Health Effects of Marijuana Use and the Adverse Physical Effect of Using Vaping Devices To Inhale Marijuana

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a study, using available resources, to determine the average potency of marijuana, measured by tetrahydrocannabinol per unit, such as an ounce, that is currently being marketed in the State for medical purposes, the average potency of illegal marijuana sold prior to legalization, an analysis of studies concerning the negative health effects of marijuana, including incidence of schizophrenia and other serious mental illnesses associated with marijuana use, and findings concerning the adverse physical effect of inhaling marijuana using vaping devices. The study must also refer to such health effect findings done by or in other states and countries that have legalized the use of marijuana for medical or recreational use.

LR: 2855 Sponsor: Senator Libby, N of Androscoggin

Title: Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Case Management under the Behavioral Health Home Program and for Adults with Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to revise its rules so that behavioral health home case management is not considered duplicative of MaineCare Benefits Manual Chapters II and III, Section 13 case management, so individuals can receive both services simultaneously.

LR: 2883 Sponsor: Representative Gramlich, L of Old Orchard Beach

Title: An Act To Provide Timely Access to Behavioral Health Services for Maine Children and To Address Trauma and the Impacts of the Opioid Crisis

Comment: This bill would provide funding to increase rates in the Department of Health and Human Services rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services and Chapter III, Section 97, Appendix B, Principles of Reimbursement for Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities and Appendix D, Principles of Reimbursement for Child Care Facilities by 30% no later than July 1, 2020.

LR: 2947 Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin

Title: An Act To Improve Maine's Efforts To Decrease the Impact of Obesity

Comment: This bill would create and fund a position in the Department of Health and Human Services that would be responsible for optimizing Maine's efforts to combat the debilitating effects of obesity in the State. This position would be responsible for identifying and disseminating current best practices in Maine for the prevention and management of obesity, helping to coordinate various state and local efforts in the most cost-effective way possible and applying for and distributing any federal grant money.

Potential JR 217: LD 463 Representative Pierce, T

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###### PROCEDURES

LR: 2784 Sponsor: Representative Tepler, D of Topsham  
Title: An Act To Require the Establishment of a Contract Oversight Protocol by the Department of Health and Human Services  
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a protocol for contract oversight.

##### HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

###### HOSPITALS

LR: 2614 Sponsor: Representative Berry, S of Bowdoinham  
Title: An Act Regarding Surgical Smoke Evacuation Systems at Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Centers  
Comment: This bill would require surgical smoke evacuation systems at hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers.

##### HEALTH CARE SERVICES

###### CHILDREN

LR: 2912 Sponsor: Representative Carney, A of Cape Elizabeth  
Title: Resolve, To Establish the First 1,000 Days Committee To Improve Health and Life Outcomes for Children  
Comment: This bill would establish the First 1,000 Days Committee to examine and make recommendations relating to ways for the State to use the Children's Health Insurance Program to improve the cognitive, physical and social development of children; reduce adverse childhood experiences; and coordinate state systems that provide services to young children and their families.

LR: 3078 Sponsor: Representative Riley, T of Jay  
Title: An Act To Allow Parents of Minors Who Qualify for In-home Personal Care To Be Employed as Caregivers for Those Minors  
Comment: This bill would allow parents of minors who qualify for hours of in-home personal care staffing to be employed as the caregivers. This bill would allow the parents to work either as employees of the agency that provides the in-home services or as employees of the family member who is acting as the employer in the Family Provider Service Option program; the parent-employee would not be allowed to also function as the employer.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 3091 Representative Cloutier, K

LR: 3091 Sponsor: Representative Cloutier, K of Lewiston  
Title: An Act To Provide Compensation to Family Caregivers  
Comment: This bill would provide compensation to family caregivers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 3078 Representative Riley, T

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#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### HEALTH CARE SERVICES

###### COMMUNITY-BASED

LR: 2945 Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Convene a Study Group To Review the Potential Contribution of Community-based Health Workers and Consider Issues Relating to Credentialing and Compensation

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a study group to review the potential contribution of community-based health workers and consider issues relating to credentialing and compensation.

##### HEALTH CARE SERVICES

###### DELIVERY

LR: 2696 Sponsor: Representative Doudera, V of Camden

Title: An Act To Prohibit, Except in Emergency Situations, the Performance without Consent of Pelvic Examinations on Unconscious or Anesthetized Patients

Comment: This bill would prohibit, except in emergency situations, the performance without patient consent of a pelvic examination on an anesthetized or unconscious patient.

LR: 2888 Sponsor: Senator Pouliot, M of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Clarify Local Regulation of Medical Marijuana Facilities

Comment: This bill would clarify local regulation of medical marijuana facilities.

LR: 2894 Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin

Title: An Act Regarding the Implementation of Federal Requirements for Electronic Visit Verification of Personal Care and Home Health Assistance Visits

Comment: This bill would govern the implementation by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services of the recently enacted federal requirements for electronic visit verification of personal care and home health assistance visits. The bill would require that the electronic visit verification requirements are implemented in a manner that minimizes burdens that could have the effect of diminishing client care and contact time and would require that the perspectives and experiences of direct care workers and agencies be considered in the development of electronic visit verification requirements.

LR: 2943 Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin

Title: An Act To Improve the Medical Marijuana Laws Regarding the Transfer of Plants, Regulation Standards and Retail Sales Requirements

Comment: This bill would allow caregivers to transfer up to 100% of the mature marijuana plants grown, to allow them to focus on production. It would exempt them from new retail regulation standards and would remove the obligation to provide the product through retail sales.

LR: 3033 Sponsor: Representative McCreight, J of Harpswell

Title: An Act To Provide Access to Health Care



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###### DELIVERY

Comment: This bill would provide access to the most effective evidence-based health care, including preventative care, early intervention when problems occur and ongoing health care, to provide the best environment for the development of healthy families in which children can thrive, as well as a productive workforce.

##### HEALTH CARE SERVICES

###### PLANNING

LR: 2613 Sponsor: Representative Keschl, D of Belgrade

Title: An Act To Require a Referendum Regarding the Maine Death with Dignity Act

Comment: This bill would require a statewide referendum to repeal the Maine Death with Dignity Act.

##### HEALTH CARE SERVICES

###### PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

LR: 2768 Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, H of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Increase Access to and Reduce the Cost of Epinephrine Autoinjectors

Comment: This bill would establish a uniform definition of the term "epinephrine autoinjector" in 2 different Titles of the Maine Revised Statutes that would include devices approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration that deliver a specific dose of epinephrine by means other than automatic injection of epinephrine into the human body. The bill would also change references to "epinephrine pen" to "epinephrine autoinjector."

##### HOMELESS PERSONS

###### ACCESS TO SERVICES

LR: 3086 Sponsor: Representative Morales, V of South Portland

Title: An Act To Create a Frequent Users Systems Engagement Collaborative

Comment: This bill would bring together the Maine State Housing Authority, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Statewide Homeless Council, the county jail system, the Department of Corrections and other stakeholders to wrap services and housing around the 500 highest users of high-cost services, such as emergency shelters, emergency rooms, policing, jails and prisons, so that these users can be stabilized in permanent housing and supported by services in the community.

##### HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

###### POWERS

LR: 2764 Sponsor: Representative Sampson, H of Alfred

Title: An Act To Require an Assessment of the Role of Vaccination in Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Cases during Postmortem Examinations

Comment: This bill would require postmortem examinations to include an assessment of the role of vaccinations in sudden infant death syndrome cases.

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#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### INJURIES

###### HEAD INJURIES

- LR: 2728 Sponsor: Representative Hepler, A of Woolwich  
Title: An Act To Comply with Recommendations of the Federal Traumatic Brain Injury State Partnership Program by Changing the Membership of the Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Council  
Comment: This bill would expand the membership of the Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Council who are persons with acquired brain injury or family caregivers to half the membership of the council and add representatives from the long-term care ombudsman program, an aging and disability resource center and a center for independent living.

##### MEDICAID

###### MAINECARE

- LR: 2640 Sponsor: Representative Craven, M of Lewiston  
Title: An Act Concerning MaineCare Coverage for Donor Breast Milk  
Comment: This bill would provide MaineCare reimbursement for donated breast milk when determined to be medically necessary.
- LR: 2738 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick, G of Penobscot  
Title: An Act To Promote Telehealth in the Targeted Case Management Program  
Comment: This bill would promote the use of voice and video calls over the Internet by case managers to reach families in remote locations across Maine.
- LR: 2751 Sponsor: Senator Pouliot, M of Kennebec  
Title: An Act To Extend MaineCare's Nonemergency Transportation Program  
Comment: This bill would extend the nonemergency transportation program offered to MaineCare members to those who are on the qualified Medicare beneficiary program.
- LR: 2760 Sponsor: Senator Keim, L of Oxford  
Title: An Act To Provide MaineCare to Disabled Veterans  
Comment: This bill would provide MaineCare to disabled veterans.
- LR: 2782 Sponsor: Representative Tepler, D of Topsham  
Title: An Act To Expand Eligibility for Home Accessibility Adaptation Benefits under the MaineCare Program  
Comment: This bill would expand eligibility for home accessibility adaptation benefits under the MaineCare program.
- LR: 2783 Sponsor: Representative Tepler, D of Topsham  
Title: An Act To Review the Structure of MaineCare Waivers

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##### MEDICAID

##### MAINECARE

Comment: This bill would establish a stakeholder group to advise the Department of Health and Human Services on the structure of MaineCare waivers.

LR: 2895 Sponsor: Representative Meyer, M of Eliot

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Targeted Case Management To Reflect Inflation

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules governing MaineCare reimbursement for targeted case management services to provide an increase reflecting cost increases from 2010 to 2019.

LR: 2909 Sponsor: Representative Gattine, D of Westbrook

Title: An Act To Promote Cost-effectiveness in the MaineCare Program and Improve the Oral Health of Maine Adults and Children

Comment: This bill would authorize access to comprehensive, medically necessary preventive, diagnostic and restorative dental services for MaineCare members 21 years of age and older. It would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to develop strategies relating to dental coverage for parents and to educate persons transitioning from MaineCare children's services to adult services.

LR: 2915 Sponsor: Representative Carney, A of Cape Elizabeth

Title: An Act To Provide Maine Women MaineCare Coverage for Postpartum Care

Comment: This bill would change the maximum period of time following delivery, from 60 days to 12 months, that a qualified woman with a family income equal to or below 200% of the poverty line or a woman who is a noncitizen legally admitted to the United States may receive Medicaid services.

LR: 2928 Sponsor: Representative Mastraccio, A of Sanford

Title: Resolve, To Support Individuals with Acute Mental Health Needs

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 45.03 to provide reimbursement for patients discharged from Southern Maine Health Care's psychiatric inpatient unit in the amount of \$13,396.47 per distinct discharge. It would make the change take effect on July 1, 2020.

LR: 2929 Sponsor: Representative Perry, A of Calais

Title: An Act To Reduce Barriers to Health Care for Low-income Homeowners

Comment: This bill would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to take the state option to perform estate recovery in the MaineCare program only for people 55 years of age or older who receive health care services that are mandated to be included in the estate recovery program by federal statute. Those services mandated in federal statute are nursing facility services, home and community-based services and related hospital and prescription drug services.

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##### MEDICAID

###### MAINECARE

LR: 2990 Sponsor: Representative Stover, H of Boothbay

Title: An Act Regarding the Process for Obtaining Prior Authorization for Health Insurance Purposes for Medicaid Recipients

Comment: This bill would apply the prohibition against a private carrier's requiring the prior authorization of medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder under Public Law 2019, Chapter 273 to the MaineCare Program.

##### MEDICAID

###### REIMBURSEMENT

LR: 2727 Sponsor: Representative Craven, M of Lewiston

Title: An Act To Advance Palliative Care Utilization in the State

Comment: This bill would require the adoption of rules that define, standardize and support palliative care delivery, the implementation of reimbursement policies and quality measures within Medicaid to promote high-value care, the incorporation of palliative care into public health and public education strategies and the convening of stakeholders to inform policy and programmatic changes.

#### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

##### PATIENTS RIGHTS

LR: 2987 Sponsor: Representative Madigan, C of Waterville

Title: An Act To Create a Consumer Affairs Representative for Mental Health Services Position within the Department of Health and Human Services

Comment: This bill would create a consumer affairs representative for mental health services position within the Department of Health and Human Services.

#### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

##### PERSONNEL

LR: 2968 Sponsor: Representative McCreight, J of Harpswell

Title: An Act To Maintain and Enhance the Behavioral Health Workforce in Maine

Comment: To meet the increased need for behavioral health care treatment, this bill would provide for an expansion of Maine's qualified workforce. It would provide for greater access to qualified supervision, a requirement for clinical behavioral health licensure and oversight of nonclinical licensed workers.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH

##### DISEASE CONTROL

LR: 2841 Sponsor: Senator Chenette, J of York

Title: An Act To Protect the Public from Legionnaires' Disease

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#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### PUBLIC HEALTH

###### DISEASE CONTROL

Comment: This bill would require any health care facilities receiving state dollars or subsidies to implement a water management safety plan in accordance with the expectations established in a memo issued by the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; this bill would require that such water management safety plans include monthly facility water sample testing for Legionella pneumophila and that all plans be submitted to the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention for analysis of standards being met.

##### PUBLIC SAFETY

###### SAFE DRINKING WATER

LR: 3073 Sponsor: Representative Gramlich, L of Old Orchard Beach

Title: An Act To Protect Drinking Water for Low-income Maine Residents

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to revise its maximum contamination levels for arsenic in light of recent research regarding toxicity and levels suitable for consumption. It would further require the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory in the department to offer free well water testing for low-income Maine residents without those Maine residents being required to provide additional justification from a geologist or a physician.

##### SMOKING

###### ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES

LR: 2763 Sponsor: Representative Cooper, J of Yarmouth

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Vaping Devices and Similar Electronic Smoking Devices

Comment: This bill would prohibit the sale of vaping devices and similar electronic smoking devices.

LR: 2765 Sponsor: Senator Millett, R of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Enact Restrictions on Electronic Smoking Devices

Comment: This bill would allow electronic smoking devices to be dispensed only with a doctor's prescription as part of a smoking cessation program and only after these devices receive approval from the federal Food and Drug Administration.

LR: 2837 Sponsor: Representative Hutchins, S of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Addition of Tetrahydrocannabinol and of Cannabidiol to Liquids Used in Vaping Devices

Comment: This bill would prohibit the addition of tetrahydrocannabinol and of cannabidiol to liquids used in vaping devices.

##### SMOKING

###### MINORS

LR: 2969 Sponsor: Senator Dow, D of Lincoln

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##### SMOKING

###### MINORS

Title: An Act To Ban Persons under 21 Years of Age from Purchasing, Possessing or Using Vaping Products

Comment: This bill would ban persons under 21 years of age from purchasing, possessing or using vaping products.

##### SMOKING

###### PUBLIC FACILITIES

LR: 2655 Sponsor: Representative Cooper, J of Yarmouth

Title: An Act To Ban Smoking, Including the Use of Vaping Devices, at Public Transportation Stops

Comment: This bill would ban the smoking of tobacco, marijuana and similar products producing smoke or vapor, including vaping devices and other delivery systems, in all enclosed and uncovered bus stops and other regular transportation system stops.

##### SMOKING

###### PUBLIC PROTECTION

LR: 2920 Sponsor: Representative Sampson, H of Alfred

Title: An Act To Establish as a Civil Violation the Use by Adults of Tobacco Products or Electronic Smoking Devices on School Grounds

Comment: This bill would establish as a civil violation the use by adults of tobacco products or electronic smoking devices on school grounds.

#### SUBSTANCE ABUSE

##### DRUG ABUSE

LR: 2625 Sponsor: Representative Kinney, M of Knox

Title: An Act To Protect the People of Maine from Drug Overdoses

Comment: This bill would protect the people of Maine from drug overdoses.

LR: 2793 Sponsor: Representative Roberts, T of South Berwick

Title: An Act To Address the Needs of Expectant Mothers Affected by Opioid Abuse

Comment: This bill would create a grant program for the treatment of expectant mothers affected by opioid abuse. The program would be administered by the Department of Health and Human Services.

#### SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

##### TREATMENT

LR: 2982 Sponsor: Representative Terry, M of Gorham

Title: Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Assist Women Recovering from Substance Use Disorder

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#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

##### TREATMENT

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a task force to develop a program specifically designed to help women recover from substance use disorder.

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#### **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**

##### **BUSINESS PRACTICES**

###### **BULK PURCHASING**

LR: 2942 Sponsor: Representative Morales, V of South Portland

Title: An Act To Promote Retail Bulk Purchasing

Comment: This bill would allow individuals to bring their own containers to purchase bulk food items in retail establishments.

##### **BUSINESS PRACTICES**

###### **SALES**

LR: 2750 Sponsor: Senator Pouliot, M of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Prohibit Vendors from Requiring Electronic Payments

Comment: This bill would prohibit vendors from requiring electronic payments.

##### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

###### **BUSINESS ASSISTANCE**

LR: 2792 Sponsor: Representative Roberts, T of South Berwick

Title: An Act To Establish a Grant Program To Promote the Development of Remote Work Opportunities and Arrangements

Comment: This bill would establish a program that provides grants to promote the development of remote work opportunities and arrangements in the State.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2951 Senator Chipman, B

Potential JR 217: LD 813 Senator Chenette, J

LR: 2951 Sponsor: Senator Chipman, B of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Create Incentives for Employers To Allow Employees to Work Remotely in Rural Maine

Comment: This bill would create incentives for employers to allow employees to work remotely in rural parts of the State.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2792 Representative Roberts, T

##### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

###### **PLANNING**

LR: 2832 Sponsor: Representative Campbell, D of Orrington

Title: An Act To Increase the Number of Employees and To Encourage Higher Starting Pay in the Construction Trades

Comment: This bill would increase the number of employees and encourage employers to pay higher starting wages to employees in the construction trades.

LR: 2970 Sponsor: Senator Bellows, S of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Create the Maine SpacePort Complex



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##### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

###### **PLANNING**

Comment: This bill would establish the Maine SpacePort Complex Leadership Council to work toward creating the Maine SpacePort Complex.

##### **INDUSTRIES**

###### **CONSTRUCTION**

LR: 2984 Sponsor: Representative Morales, V of South Portland

Title: An Act To Reduce Carbon Emissions in New Construction and Paving

Comment: This bill would work to ensure new construction is constructed to significantly reduce the carbon footprint of each building, requiring electrical connections, electric vehicle charging stations, mandatory home energy rating system index disclosures and research regarding pavement additives.

##### **JOB TRAINING**

###### **PROGRAMS**

LR: 2852 Sponsor: Representative Brennan, M of Portland

Title: An Act To Ensure State Agency Coordination and Workforce Development

Comment: This bill would appropriate funds to the Department of Labor for the purchase of services related to language acquisition programs and workforce training programs. It would also establish an interagency task force to develop a plan for responding to and assisting persons who have moved to the State from other states or countries.

Potential JR 217: LD 647 Representative Cloutier, K

Potential JR 217: LD 1107 Representative Brennan, M

##### **LICENSING**

###### **BUILDING CONTRACTORS**

LR: 2979 Sponsor: Representative Terry, M of Gorham

Title: An Act To Protect Consumers by Creating a Voluntary Contractor Licensing Program

Comment: This bill would create a contractor licensing program under which contractors could voluntarily apply for a license to demonstrate reliability to potential clients.

Potential JR 217: LD 896 Senator Chenette, J

##### **LICENSING**

###### **DENTAL PERSONNEL**

LR: 2873 Sponsor: Senator Woodsome, D of York

Title: An Act To Remove Barriers to Entry to the Profession of Dental Therapy and Expand Access for the Underserved Dental Patient Population

Comment: This bill would propose changes to the laws governing dental therapy designed to remove barriers to entry to the profession of dental therapy and to expand access for the underserved dental patient population.

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#### **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**

##### **LICENSING**

###### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

LR: 2802 Sponsor: Representative Stewart, T of Presque Isle  
Title: An Act To Establish the Universal Occupational and Professional License Reciprocity and Recognition Act  
Comment: This bill would grant reciprocal occupational or professional licenses for licenses earned out of state for individuals who live in this State and spouses of active duty military members who have relocated to this State with their spouses under military orders and grant an occupational or professional license to an applicant based on work experience in another state that does not require a license.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2864 Representative Andrews, J

LR: 2864 Sponsor: Representative Andrews, J of Paris  
Title: An Act To Recognize Occupational Licenses from Other States To Attract New Residents and Business to Maine  
Comment: This bill would recognize occupational licenses from other states to attract new residents and business to Maine.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2802 Representative Stewart, T

##### **LICENSING**

###### **REAL ESTATE AGENTS**

LR: 2679 Sponsor: Representative Keschl, D of Belgrade  
Title: An Act To Provide for an Appeals Process for Decisions of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Real Estate Commission  
Comment: This bill would create an appeals process for decisions of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Real Estate Commission.

##### **LICENSING**

###### **SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS**

LR: 2964 Sponsor: Senator Bellows, S of Kennebec  
Title: An Act To Facilitate Speech-Language Therapy  
Comment: This bill would direct the Board of Speech, Audiology and Hearing to adopt rules to permit speech-language pathology assistants serving children in school districts to practice under the supervision of more than one speech-language pathologist and to allow speech-language pathologists to supervise more than 2 speech-language pathology assistants on their license.

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#### INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

##### HUNTING

##### LICENSES

LR: 2863 Sponsor: Representative Ordway, L of Standish  
Title: An Act To Enhance Funding To Support Maine Operation Game Thief  
Comment: This bill would allow a person buying a hunting license to donate to Maine Operation Game Thief.

##### HUNTING

##### TURKEY

LR: 2981 Sponsor: Representative Terry, M of Gorham  
Title: An Act To Prevent Hunting Accidents by Suspending Turkey Hunting on Maine Youth Deer Hunting Day  
Comment: This bill would suspend turkey hunting on Maine Youth Deer Hunting Day.

#### INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE DEPT

##### ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2669 Sponsor: Representative Dillingham, K of Oxford  
Title: An Act To Create Administrative Review of Hunting and Fishing License Violations  
Comment: This bill would create administrative review of hunting and fishing license violations.

#### RECREATION

##### SNOWMOBILES

LR: 2689 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick, G of Penobscot  
Title: An Act To Require a Person To Carry Liability Insurance on a Snowmobile  
Comment: This bill would apply to snowmobiles the same requirements for insurance and financial responsibility that apply to automobiles.

#### RECREATION

##### WATERCRAFT

LR: 2678 Sponsor: Representative Keschl, D of Belgrade  
Title: An Act Establishing a Commission To Examine the Effects of Wake Boats in the State  
Comment: This bill would establish a commission to gather information on the positive and negative effects of wake boats regarding invasive aquatic species, erosion, economic impact and safety.

#### REGULATIONS

##### VIOLATIONS

LR: 2854 Sponsor: Representative Warren, C of Hallowell

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**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

**REGULATIONS**

**VIOLATIONS**

Title: An Act To Reclassify Certain Offenses under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws and Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System as It Relates to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws

Comment: This bill would reclassify certain offenses under the inland fisheries and wildlife laws and increase the efficiency of the criminal justice system as it relates to the inland fisheries and wildlife laws.

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#### JUDICIARY

##### ABORTION

###### LATE TERM

LR: 2630 Sponsor: Representative Kinney, M of Knox

Title: An Act To Protect Infants Who Are Born Alive Immediately following Birth

Comment: This bill would require that necessary lifesaving measures be used for any child born alive immediately following the birth of that child, regardless of the mother's decision to keep the child.

##### ABUSE

###### PROTECTION ACTIONS

LR: 2710 Sponsor: Representative Bailey, D of Saco

Title: An Act To Amend the Protection from Abuse Laws Concerning Consent Agreements

Comment: This bill would allow consent agreements, approved by the court, in protection from abuse cases involving sexual assault, stalking and sex trafficking, removing the requirement of a hearing if the parties agree.

##### ABUSE

###### SEXUAL

LR: 2847 Sponsor: Representative Brennan, M of Portland

Title: An Act To Promote Justice for Victims of Sexual Abuse by Suspending the Statute of Limitations

Comment: This bill would temporarily suspend the statute of limitations for one year to allow victims of sexual abuse to file civil cases.

##### ATTORNEY GENERAL DEPT

###### POWERS

LR: 2771 Sponsor: Representative Corey, P of Windham

Title: Resolve, Directing the Office of the Attorney General To Study Recidivism of Persons Convicted of Engaging the Services of a Prostitute and Make Recommendations for the Establishment of a School for Persons Convicted of Engaging the Services of a Prostitute

Comment: This bill would direct the Attorney General to study recidivism of persons convicted of engaging the services of a prostitute and submit a report including recommendations for the establishment of a school for persons convicted of engaging the services of a prostitute and any suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by October 15, 2020.

##### ATTORNEYS

###### PRACTICE OF LAW

LR: 2798 Sponsor: Representative Bailey, D of Saco

Title: An Act To Increase Access to Justice and Maine's Rural Lawyer Workforce by Expanding Student Attorney Practice Opportunities

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#### JUDICIARY

##### ATTORNEYS

###### PRACTICE OF LAW

Comment: This bill would clarify the law permitting law students to practice law pursuant to a rule adopted by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court by changing the requirement that a student be a "senior" law student to the requirement that a student have completed 3 or more full semesters or the equivalent at and remain currently enrolled in a law school approved by the American Bar Association.

##### CRIMINAL HISTORIES

###### CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS

LR: 2636 Sponsor: Senator Miramant, D of Knox

Title: An Act To Expunge Records for Certain Cannabis Convictions

Comment: This bill would expunge records for certain cannabis convictions.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 991 Senator Dill, J

LR: 2791 Sponsor: Senator Dill, J of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Authorize the Expungement of Records of Nonviolent Crimes

Comment: This bill would allow a person convicted of a Class E, Class D or Class C crime to petition the court where the person was convicted to expunge all records of the crime 5 years after the completion of the person's sentence. Expungement would not be available for persons who have subsequent convictions or pending criminal charges; for crimes involving violence or sex offenses; or crimes that had as an element of the offense victims who were minors or are 65 years of age or older.

##### CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

###### NOT CRIMINALLY RESPONSIBLE

LR: 2872 Sponsor: Senator Rosen, K of Hancock

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Persons Who Are Found Not Criminally Responsible by Reason of Insanity

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing persons who are found not criminally responsible by reason of insanity. It would provide a review of laws regarding supervised and unsupervised release from facilities to ensure the safety of the community.

##### DOMESTIC RELATIONS

###### CHILD SUPPORT

LR: 2675 Sponsor: Representative Ackley, K of Monmouth

Title: An Act To Update Noncustodial Parental Support

Comment: This bill would provide for an annual review of a noncustodial parent's financial status when the parent has a history of noncompliance and would also provide for a review of the penalties for that parent for repeated nonpayment of child support.

LR: 2701 Sponsor: Senator Pouliot, M of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Child Support

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#### JUDICIARY

##### DOMESTIC RELATIONS

###### CHILD SUPPORT

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing child support to require that all income and benefits received by the parties be taken into account when determining child support obligations.

##### DOMESTIC RELATIONS

###### MARRIAGE

LR: 2704 Sponsor: Senator Woodsome, D of York

Title: An Act To Establish Common Law Marriage in Maine

Comment: This bill would establish common law marriage in the State. Under the law persons cohabitating and acknowledging each other as spouses, and generally reputed to be spouses, for a period of 3 years and until one of them is deceased, must be deemed to have been legally married.

##### DOMESTIC RELATIONS

###### NAME CHANGES

LR: 2705 Sponsor: Senator Diamond, B of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Streamline the Process for Change of Name for a Divorced Person

Comment: This bill would eliminate the requirements for changing a name for a person who has gone through a divorce, but who did not change that person's name at the time of the divorce.

#### HUMAN RIGHTS

##### PRIVACY

LR: 3082 Sponsor: Senator Bellows, S of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Prohibit Video Surveillance on Private Property without Property Owner Consent

Comment: This bill would prohibit video surveillance on private property without property owner consent.

#### NATIVE AMERICANS

##### PENOBSCOT AND PASSAMAQUODDY

LR: 2671 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act To Restore to the Penobscot Nation and Passamaquoddy Tribe the Authority To Exercise Jurisdiction under the Federal Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010

Comment: This bill would restore to the Penobscot Nation and Passamaquoddy Tribe the authority to exercise jurisdiction under the federal Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010.

#### REAL ESTATE

##### ABANDONED PROPERTY

LR: 2799 Sponsor: Representative Martin, J of Eagle Lake

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**JUDICIARY**

**REAL ESTATE**

**ABANDONED PROPERTY**

Title: An Act To Preserve the Value of Abandoned Properties by Allowing Entry by Mortgagees

Comment: This bill would allow mortgagees to enter abandoned properties for inspections, repairs and maintenance.

**TORTS**

**DAMAGES**

LR: 2620 Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, H of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Generalized Reduction Based on Race, Ethnicity or Gender of Damages for Lost Earnings Potential or Impaired Earnings Capacity

Comment: This bill would prohibit the generalized reduction based on race, ethnicity or gender of damages for lost earnings potential or impaired earnings capacity.

**UNCLAIMED PROPERTY**

**PROVISIONS REVISED**

LR: 2632 Sponsor: Representative Cardone, B of Bangor

Title: An Act To Implement Recent Changes to the Laws Regarding Unclaimed Property in Lawyer's Trust Accounts

Comment: This bill would amend the new unclaimed property laws to include the changes made in Public Law 2019, chapter 496.

LR: 2790 Sponsor: Senator Dill, J of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Amend the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act

Comment: This bill would remove the presumption of abandonment for gift cards and prefunded bank cards in the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act.



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#### LABOR AND HOUSING

##### COMPENSATION

###### MINIMUM WAGE

LR: 2780 Sponsor: Representative Collings, B of Portland

Title: An Act To Increase the Minimum Wage

Comment: Starting in 2021, this bill would increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour for employers with more than 100 employees. For employers with 100 or fewer employees the minimum wage would be increased by 50¢ per hour each year until \$15 per hour is reached.

Potential JR 217: LD 670 Representative Collings, B

LR: 3092 Sponsor: Representative Fecteau, R of Biddeford

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Subminimum Wage

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing the subminimum wage.

##### EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

###### LEAVE POLICIES

LR: 2664 Sponsor: Representative Stearns, P of Guilford

Title: An Act To Include Grandparents in the Laws Governing Family Medical Leave

Comment: This bill would allow persons taking care of their grandchildren to have the same employment protections as parents under the family medical leave laws.

##### EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

###### HIRING

LR: 2603 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act To Enact the Maine Fair Chance Employment Act

Comment: This bill would prohibit an employer from requesting criminal history record information, including arrests, convictions or sentences, on an initial employment application form except when the application is for a position for which state or federal law creates a mandatory or presumptive disqualification for employment, based on convictions for certain offenses, or the employer is subject to an obligation imposed by state or federal law not to employ an individual convicted of certain offenses.

LR: 2681 Sponsor: Senator Bellows, S of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Protect Job Applicants from Identity Theft

Comment: This bill would prohibit employers from requesting the social security numbers of prospective employees.

##### EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

###### LEAVE

LR: 3057 Sponsor: Representative Larsen-Daughtry, M of Brunswick

Title: An Act To Provide for Leave from Work for Victims of Domestic Violence or Stalking

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#### LABOR AND HOUSING

##### EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

###### LEAVE

Comment: This bill would provide for leave from work for victims of domestic violence or stalking.

##### EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

###### SEXUAL HARASSMENT

LR: 3058 Sponsor: Representative Larsen-Daughtry, M of Brunswick

Title: An Act To Protect Independent Contractors from Sexual Harassment

Comment: This bill would protect independent contractors from sexual harassment.

#### HOUSING

##### ZONING AND LAND USE RESTRICTIONS

LR: 2958 Sponsor: Representative Fecteau, R of Biddeford

Title: Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions

Comment: This resolve would establish a commission to increase housing opportunities in Maine by studying zoning and land use restrictions.

#### HOUSING AUTHORITIES

##### STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY

LR: 2900 Sponsor: Representative Gattine, D of Westbrook

Title: An Act To Support Emergency Shelter Access for Persons Experiencing Homelessness in Maine

Comment: This bill would provide ongoing supplemental funding for emergency homeless shelters to support operations and capacity in response to the increased demand for emergency shelter across the State. This funding would be supplemental to the Emergency Shelter and Housing Assistance Program and would be delivered outside of the funding formula set forth in the Maine State Housing Authority rule under 99-346 C.M.R. Chapter 19, Homeless Solutions Rule. This funding would support operations and capacity at low-barrier emergency homeless shelters across the State. It would include an ongoing appropriation of \$3,000,000.

LR: 2952 Sponsor: Representative Morales, V of South Portland

Title: Resolve, Directing the Maine State Housing Authority To Remove Barriers to Housing for Foster Care, Section 8 Applicants and Persons Experiencing Homelessness

Comment: This resolve would direct the Maine State Housing Authority to create a program for the installation of egress casement windows for foster care families and building owners willing to accept Section 8 applicants and to remove barriers for those seeking housing vouchers that require that the person be currently homeless by accepting an affidavit from a person or service provider who knows of that person's homelessness.

#### LABOR DEPARTMENT

##### POWERS

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#### LABOR AND HOUSING

##### LABOR DEPARTMENT

###### POWERS

- LR: 2661 Sponsor: Senator Vitelli, E of Sagadahoc  
Title: An Act To Create an Apprenticeship Housing Permit for Persons 18 to 20 Years of Age  
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Labor to create a card or verifying letter for people participating in apprenticeship programs who are under 21 years of age. The apprentices would show this document to hotels so that they may rent a room near their work site and the hotels would know which company to go to with any complaints of misuse of rooms by the apprentices.
- LR: 2954 Sponsor: Representative Morales, V of South Portland  
Title: An Act To Create MaineCorps  
Comment: This bill would create MaineCorps, a volunteer program for Maine youth focused on community service and workforce development.

##### LABOR DEPT

###### POWERS

- LR: 2755 Sponsor: Senator Dow, D of Lincoln  
Title: Resolve, To Study Certain Issues Regarding Compensatory Time for Salaried Employees  
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Labor to study a requirement for employers to allow salaried employees to use time worked over 2,080 full-time equivalent hours as compensatory time.
- LR: 2757 Sponsor: Senator Bellows, S of Kennebec  
Title: An Act To Protect Workers by Amending the Laws Regarding Classification of Workers as Independent Contractors  
Comment: This bill would provide that a person providing labor or services for remuneration is considered an employee rather than an independent contractor unless the hiring entity can demonstrate that the person is free of the entity's control, works outside the usual course of business and usually works independently.
- Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2779 Representative Collings, B
- LR: 2779 Sponsor: Representative Collings, B of Portland  
Title: An Act To Classify Certain Persons as Employees Rather Than Independent Contractors  
Comment: This bill would provide that for purposes of labor protection laws certain persons, such as Uber and Lyft drivers, providing labor or services for remuneration are considered employees rather than independent contractors.
- Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2757 Senator Bellows, S

##### LABOR RELATIONS

###### ARBITRATION

- LR: 2717 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

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##### LABOR RELATIONS

###### ARBITRATION

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Arbitration under Certain Public Employees Labor Relations Laws

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing arbitration under certain public employees labor relations laws.

##### LABOR RELATIONS

###### COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

LR: 2844 Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin

Title: An Act To Extend to Other Public Sector Employees the Same Protections Provided to State Employees upon the Expiration of Contracts

Comment: Public Law 2019, chapter 393 provides protections to state employees upon the expiration of labor contracts. This bill would extend those same protections to other public sector employees including municipal employees, public higher education employees and judicial employees.

##### LABOR RELATIONS

###### LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

LR: 2828 Sponsor: Representative Bradstreet, D of Vassalboro

Title: An Act To Conform State Labor Law with Federal Labor Law

Comment: This bill would remove a provision allowing a nonunion employee to be required to pay a service fee for representation by a bargaining agent.

Potential JR 217: LD 1232 Representative Lockman, L

##### LABOR RELATIONS

###### PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

LR: 3100 Sponsor: Representative Sylvester, M of Portland

Title: An Act To Protect Communications between Bargaining Agents and Union Members

Comment: This bill would prohibit public employers and their agents from accessing private communications between unions and their members.

##### LANDLORD AND TENANT

###### RENT

LR: 2801 Sponsor: Representative Kessler, C of South Portland

Title: An Act To Prohibit Residential Rental Application Fees and Limit Security Deposits

Comment: This bill would prohibit a landlord from charging a fee to apply to enter into a residential rental agreement. It would also limit the security deposit a landlord may require.

##### MANUFACTURED HOUSING

###### TENANTS RIGHTS

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#### LABOR AND HOUSING

##### MANUFACTURED HOUSING

###### TENANTS RIGHTS

LR: 2794 Sponsor: Representative Roberts, T of South Berwick

Title: An Act To Provide Protections to Residents of Manufactured Housing Communities

Comment: This bill would require that the owner of a manufactured home community give notice to the residents and to any resident association and a number of governmental offices within 14 days after any advertisement, multiple listing or public notice advertises the community for sale. The bill would also encourage the owner to negotiate in good faith with the residents for the sale of the community and provide a tax incentive if the owner sells the community to the residents or a local government, local housing authority, nonprofit community or neighborhood-based organization, federally recognized Indian tribe or regional or statewide nonprofit housing assistance organization.

##### STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

###### ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2846 Sponsor: Representative Brennan, M of Portland

Title: An Act Regarding Socially Responsible Investing by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

Comment: This bill would direct the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to develop a socially responsible investment policy including divestment from for-profit prisons and fossil fuel companies.

##### STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

###### BENEFITS

LR: 2781 Sponsor: Senator Black, R of Franklin

Title: An Act To Modify Retirement Plans for Oil and Hazardous Materials Responders and Supervisors

Comment: This bill would provide that oil and hazardous materials responders and supervisors in the Department of Environmental Protection qualify for a service retirement benefit after completing 20 years of creditable service in that capacity with no age limit.

LR: 2821 Sponsor: Senator Libby, N of Androscoggin

Title: An Act To Make Clarifying Corrections to Recently Enacted Laws Governing the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program

Comment: This bill would clarify and correct language contained in Public Law 2019, c. 446 governing contributions under the open enrollment provisions of the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program.

##### STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

###### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

LR: 2756 Sponsor: Senator Bellows, S of Kennebec

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#### LABOR AND HOUSING

##### STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

###### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Title: An Act To Expand the Membership of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

Comment: This bill would add a representative of the Maine Association of Retirees to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

##### STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

###### DISABILITY

LR: 2648 Sponsor: Senator Miramant, D of Knox

Title: An Act To Improve the Disability Retirement Program of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

Comment: This bill would require the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to use independent hearing officers for disability retirement appeals, would abolish medical board reviews in favor of independent medical examinations to help in decision making and would make other changes to the disability retirement program.

##### STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

###### MEMBERSHIP

LR: 2866 Sponsor: Representative Cuddy, S of Winterport

Title: An Act To Amend the Retirement Laws Pertaining to Certain Educational Technicians

Comment: This bill would specify that certain educational technicians are not required to become members of the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program.

##### STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

###### RETURN TO SERVICE

LR: 2932 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick, G of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Allow Certain Law Enforcement Officers To Return to Participation in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

Comment: This bill would allow 7 members of the Bangor Police Department who are former participants in the Maine State Retirement System, now the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, to buy their way back into the retirement system.

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#### MARINE RESOURCES

##### AQUACULTURE

###### LEASE SITE

LR: 2718 Sponsor: Senator Miramant, D of Knox  
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Aquaculture Leases  
Comment: This bill would make changes to the laws governing the granting of aquaculture leases. This bill would:

1. Require an applicant for an aquaculture lease to demonstrate that no practical alternative exists in size or location that would accommodate the proposed aquaculture activities but have a lesser impact on existing or surrounding uses;
2. Create a presumption that an aquaculture lease should not be granted if it causes interference with existing or surrounding uses;
3. Eliminate the exemption for aquaculture leases from compliance with the site location and development law;
4. Reduce the maximum acreage of leases one person may hold from 1,000 acres to 50 acres; and
5. Reduce the maximum lease term from 20 years to 7 years and require a public hearing upon renewal.

#### FISH

##### FISHWAYS

LR: 2752 Sponsor: Senator Moore, M of Washington  
Title: An Act To Restore Fish Passage for Anadromous Fish  
Comment: This bill would create a fund at the Department of Marine Resources to construct, restore or enhance dams for anadromous fish passage. It would also provide an appropriation for restoring the Whiting Mill Pond Dam located at the head of the tide in Whiting and installing a fishway to allow for anadromous fish passage.

#### LOBSTERS

##### LICENSING

LR: 2716 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title: An Act Regarding State Subsidies for the Seafood Industry and To Clarify Inconsistencies in the Laws Governing Lobster Dealership Licensing  
Comment: This bill would provide that if the State provides a subsidy for an asset in the seafood industry in the form of a tax incentive or grant or by another method and that asset is sold to an entity located outside of the State within 10 years, the subsidy must be repaid to the State. This bill would also clarify inconsistencies in the laws governing the licensing of lobster dealerships.

LR: 2774 Sponsor: Representative Hepler, A of Woolwich  
Title: An Act To Provide Recreational Lobster and Scallop Licenses to Disabled Veterans at No Cost  
Comment: This bill would allow a resident disabled veteran or nonresident disabled veteran who is a resident of another state to obtain upon application, at no cost, noncommercial licenses for lobstering and scalloping.

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##### PROMOTION

LR: 3096 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Protect the Lobster Industry

Comment: This bill would protect the lobster industry by improving labeling of lobsters and the traceability of lobsters to where they are caught and improving information provided to consumers regarding where lobsters are caught and how they are processed.

#### MARINE POLLUTION

##### ACIDIFICATION

LR: 2619 Sponsor: Representative Devin, M of Newcastle

Title: Resolve, To Require Maine To Become an Affiliate of the International Alliance To Combat Ocean Acidification

Comment: This resolve would require the Commissioner of Marine Resources to carry out the process for the State to become a member of the International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification.

#### SHELLFISH

##### HARVESTING

LR: 2769 Sponsor: Representative Matlack, A of St. George

Title: An Act to Ensure Equity in the Shellfish Depuration Compensation Process for Municipalities

Comment: This bill would amend the laws concerning the shellfish depuration harvesting process to raise the rate of reimbursement paid to the municipality by the depuration certificate holder from 50¢ for each bushel of soft-shelled clams to \$2.00 for each bushel.



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#### STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

##### COUNTIES

###### HOME RULE

LR: 2810 Sponsor: Representative Stanley, S of Medway  
Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide Home Rule for Counties  
Comment: This resolution proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Maine to provide home rule for counties.

##### COUNTY GOVERNMENT

###### DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

LR: 2835 Sponsor: Representative Tuell, W of East Machias  
Title: An Act To Establish Separate Prosecutorial Districts in Downeast Maine  
Comment: Currently, Hancock and Washington counties share a district attorney. This bill would allow the voters of both counties to decide whether to continue the current arrangement or establish separate prosecutorial districts during a referendum at the November 2020 general election. If the establishment of separate prosecutorial districts is approved by a majority of voters in both counties, Prosecutorial District Number 7 would be dissolved following the 2022 election of a new district attorney in each new prosecutorial district. Each county could also opt to form a new prosecutorial district with other counties prior to January 1, 2022.

##### LEGISLATURE

###### IMPACT STATEMENTS

LR: 2983 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland  
Title: An Act To Authorize the Preparation of Racial Impact Statements for Certain Legislation  
Comment: This bill would authorize the preparation of racial impact statements for certain legislation. Implementation of this bill would be contingent on available resources, funding and training.

##### LEGISLATURE

###### PROCEDURES

LR: 2975 Sponsor: Representative Stewart, T of Presque Isle  
Title: Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Study Reforming the Legislative Process  
Comment: This resolve would establish a commission to study reforming the legislative process.

##### MUNICIPALITIES

###### CEMETERIES

LR: 2658 Sponsor: Representative Hanington, S of Lincoln  
Title: An Act To Impose Penalties for the Failure of Municipalities To Keep the Grave Sites of Veterans in Public Burying Grounds in Good Condition and Repair

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##### MUNICIPALITIES

###### CEMETERIES

Comment: This bill would impose penalties upon municipalities that fail, after notice, to keep the grave sites of veterans in public burying grounds maintained in good condition and repair.

##### MUNICIPALITIES

###### ORDINANCES

LR: 2650 Sponsor: Representative Cooper, J of Yarmouth

Title: An Act To Encourage Infill and Higher-Density Residential Area Housing

Comment: This bill would encourage infill and higher-density residential area housing by barring zoning that restricts residential lots to one unit and reducing restrictions on accessory dwelling units.

LR: 2686 Sponsor: Senator Woodsome, D of York

Title: An Act To Ensure Maine Cable Service Franchises Are Nonexclusive

Comment: This bill would amend the law authorizing municipal officers pursuant to ordinances to contract to prohibit exclusive cable service franchises in compliance with 47 United States Code, Section 541.

##### MUNICIPALITIES

###### PERSONNEL

LR: 3101 Sponsor: Representative Sylvester, M of Portland

Title: An Act Regarding the Definition of "Public Employee"

Comment: This bill would remove the exemption for a person who has been employed less than 6 months from the definition of "public employee" in the municipal public employees labor relations laws.

##### MUNICIPALITIES

###### PLANNING BOARDS

LR: 2758 Sponsor: Senator Carson, B of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Municipal Conservation Commissions

Comment: This bill would amend the appointment process for and duties and powers of conservation commissions established by municipalities.

#### STATE BOARDS

##### MAINE-CANADIAN LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY

LR: 2649 Sponsor: Senator Lawrence, M of York

Title: An Act To Allow Public Members of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission To Receive Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Comment: This bill would allow public members of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission to receive reimbursement for travel expenses.

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#### STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

##### STATE GOVERNMENT

###### PROPERTY

- LR: 2804 Sponsor: Senator Libby, N of Androscoggin  
Title: An Act To Require the Installation of Solar Panels on or Adjacent to State-owned Buildings  
Comment: This bill would require the installation of solar panels on or adjacent to state-owned buildings. The bill would first require the completion of a cost estimate and feasibility analysis, would give preference in awarding the installation contract to a Maine-based solar installer and would phase in the installation over a 10-year period.

##### STATE GOVERNMENT

###### PUBLIC WORKS

- LR: 3099 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title: An Act To Require 3rd-party Certification for Employees Performing Blasting and Coating on Public Works Projects for Water Treatment Plants, Water Tanks and Bridges  
Comment: This bill would require 3rd-party certification for employees performing blasting and coating on public works projects for water treatment plants, water tanks and bridges. The certification program would be designed to ensure that corrosion protection systems are properly designed, built and maintained and to promote quality, consistency and the use of recognized industry standards and practices.

##### STATE GOVERNMENT

###### PURCHASES

- LR: 3077 Sponsor: Representative Riley, T of Jay  
Title: An Act To Base the Cost for the Purchase of State Vehicles on the Total Cost of Operation  
Comment: This bill would require that fleet vehicle purchases by the State or with state funds are considered based on the total cost of operation of those vehicles rather than just the upfront cost.

##### STATE GOVERNMENT

###### STATE COMMEMORATIONS

- LR: 2819 Sponsor: Representative Tuell, W of East Machias  
Title: An Act To Establish First Responders Day as a State Holiday on September 11  
Comment: This bill would designate September 11th of each calendar year as First Responders Day, a state holiday to honor active military, veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars and victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.
- LR: 2877 Sponsor: Representative Keschl, D of Belgrade  
Title: An Act To Establish the Last Saturday in October as the Official Day for "Trick or Treat" in Maine  
Comment: This bill would establish the last Saturday in October as the official day for trick or treat.

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##### STATE GOVERNMENT

##### STATE PERSONNEL

LR: 2773 Sponsor: Senator Davis, Sr., P of Piscataquis

Title: An Act To Authorize a Department of State Government To Share with Another Department of State Government Background Check Screening Results and Documentation Provided to It by a Person Seeking Licensing or Certification from Both Departments

Comment: This bill would authorize a department of State Government to share with another department of State Government background check screening and documentation provided to it by a person seeking licensing or certification from both departments.

##### STATE OFFICERS

##### GOVERNOR

LR: 2839 Sponsor: Representative Cooper, J of Yarmouth

Title: An Act To Increase the Salary of Legislators and the Governor

Comment: This bill would increase the salary of Legislators to \$30,000 for the first year of the biennium and \$25,000 for the 2nd year of the biennium. It would also increase the Governor's salary to \$125,000 per year.

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#### TAXATION

##### INCOME TAX

###### CHECKOFFS

LR: 2980 Sponsor: Representative Terry, M of Gorham  
Title: An Act To Provide Funding To End Hunger by Allowing Taxpayers To Make Donations on Their Tax Returns  
Comment: This bill would require Maine Revenue Services to add a line on state tax forms giving taxpayers the option of donating \$6 to fund programs that are working to end hunger.

##### INCOME TAX

###### CORPORATIONS

LR: 2886 Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, H of Cumberland  
Title: An Act To Clarify the Law Relating to Corporate Income Tax Nexus and the Shipment of Spirits into the State  
Comment: This bill would clarify that the act of shipping spirits into the State for bailment and sale pursuant to the terms of the State's liquor contract does not constitute nexus for the purposes of corporate income taxes.

##### INCOME TAX

###### CREDITS

LR: 2713 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title: An Act To Provide Tax Credits for Employers Who Employ Qualified Apprentices  
Comment: This bill would offer tax credits to employers who hire qualified apprentices.  
Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 70 Senator Herbig, E

LR: 2795 Sponsor: Representative Roberts, T of South Berwick  
Title: An Act To Provide a Food Donation Tax Credit for Farms and Certain Restaurants  
Comment: This bill would provide a tax credit for charitable donations to food banks and food pantries by Maine restaurants and farms.

LR: 3084 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title: An Act To Create Fairness in the Revitalization of Maine's Paper Industry  
Comment: This bill would create a refundable Maine income tax credit for a paper manufacturer that is located in an area of the State with high unemployment, that makes qualifying investments of at least \$15,000,000 and not more than \$40,000,000 to modernize and improve paper-making equipment to secure the long-term viability of the business, that is not located in a low-income community that qualifies under the federal New Markets Tax Credit program and that does not receive a Maine new markets capital investment credit for the same investment. Various restrictions and limitations would apply. The refundable credit would be equal to 4% of the qualifying investment per year for 10 years, subject to certain limitations.

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#### TAXATION

##### MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

###### EXCISE TAX

LR: 2940 Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin  
Title: An Act Regarding the Manufacture and Taxation of Marijuana  
Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing the manufacture of marijuana by amending the taxation process and the definition of "manufacture."

##### MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

###### TRANSFER TAX

LR: 2941 Sponsor: Representative Morales, V of South Portland  
Title: An Act To Provide for Fairer Taxation for Middle-income and Lower-income Earners  
Comment: This bill would increase the real estate transfer tax for properties with a fair market value of \$1,000,000 or more by 1 percent. The increase would be dedicated to the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund to support affordable and workforce housing initiatives. It would amend individual income tax rates and allow certain households to deduct 50 percent of student loan payments, child care costs and medical debt.

#### OMNIBUS

##### TAX REFORM

LR: 2956 Sponsor: Representative Fecteau, R of Biddeford  
Title: Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Fair, Equitable and Competitive Tax Policy for Maine's Working Families and Small Businesses  
Comment: This resolve would establish the Commission To Study Fair, Equitable and Competitive Tax Policy for Maine's Working Families and Small Businesses.

#### PROPERTY TAX

##### EXEMPTION

LR: 2699 Sponsor: Senator Black, R of Franklin  
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Property Tax Exemptions for Veterans  
Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing property tax exemptions for veterans to provide an exemption for a homestead of a veteran who has a service-connected, permanent and total disability. It also would provide an exemption for a homestead of the surviving spouse of a veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty and for a homestead of a veteran who is quadriplegic or paraplegic, hemiplegic or permanently and totally disabled who must use a wheelchair for mobility or is legally blind. It also would provide a partial property tax exemption for a homestead of a veteran who is partially disabled.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 163 Senator Farrin, B  
Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1042 Representative Roberts, T  
Potential JR 217: LD 35 Representative O'Connor, B  
Potential JR 217: LD 1271 President Jackson, T  
Potential JR 217: LD 1448 Representative Collings, B

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#### TAXATION

##### PROPERTY TAX

###### EXEMPTION

LR: 2745 Sponsor: Senator Pouliot, M of Kennebec

Title: An Act Regarding the Property Tax Exemption on Residential Real Estate Owned by Persons Who Are Legally Blind

Comment: This bill would increase the property tax exemption on the residential real estate of a person who is legally blind to 20% of the value of the real estate if the real estate is over \$20,000 in value. Otherwise, the current exemption of \$4,000 would apply.

##### PROPERTY TAX

###### RELIEF

LR: 2723 Sponsor: Representative Ackley, K of Monmouth

Title: An Act To Allow Municipalities To Set Below-market Interest Rates for Senior Citizen Property Tax Deferral Programs

Comment: This bill would allow a municipality to set a below-market interest rate on deferred taxes under a senior citizen property tax deferral program.

##### PROPERTY TAX

###### TREE GROWTH TAX

LR: 3098 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act Regarding the Transportation of Products in the Forest Products Industry

Comment: This bill would provide that a landowner who owns 50,000 acres or more and allows the intrastate transportation of forest products by foreign drivers is ineligible for the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law or any other state tax incentive or grant program.

##### REVENUE SERVICES BUREAU

###### PROCEDURES

LR: 2867 Sponsor: Senator Deschambault, S of York

Title: An Act To Promote Economic Development by Increasing Incentives for the Film Industry

Comment: This bill would promote economic development by increasing tax incentives for the film industry.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2917 Representative Grignon, C

LR: 2917 Sponsor: Representative Grignon, C of Athens

Title: An Act To Revive Film Production in the State by Providing Financial Incentives That Encourage Visual Media Production

Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to revive film production in the State by providing financial incentives that encourage visual media production.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2867 Senator Deschambault, S

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#### TAXATION

##### REVENUE SHARING DISTRIBUTION

LR: 2809 Sponsor: Representative Stanley, S of Medway  
Title: An Act To Provide Revenue Sharing for Counties  
Comment: This bill would provide revenue sharing for counties.

##### SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPT ITEMS

LR: 2851 Sponsor: Representative Fecteau, J of Augusta  
Title: An Act To Establish a Tax-free Weekend in Maine  
Comment: This bill would make the 2nd Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each August free of sales tax for items sold for under \$2,000 that are subject to the 5.5% general sales tax but not for items purchased at a different rate of sales tax, such as meals and lodging.

LR: 2856 Sponsor: Representative Fecteau, J of Augusta  
Title: An Act To Establish a Tax-free Day in November for Sales by Businesses with 50 or Fewer Employees  
Comment: This bill would provide that sales of items under \$2,000 by businesses with fewer than 50 employees are exempt from sales tax on the Saturday following Thanksgiving.

LR: 3054 Sponsor: Senator Millett, R of Cumberland  
Title: An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Textbooks  
Comment: This bill would provide a sales tax exemption for textbooks.

##### SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPT PURCHASERS

LR: 3062 Sponsor: Representative Landry, S of Farmington  
Title: An Act To Assist Maine's Ski Industry  
Comment: This bill would add the Sugarloaf Ski Club to the list of organizations exempt from sales tax in Maine.

##### SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPT SELLERS

LR: 2703 Sponsor: Representative Dunphy, M of Old Town  
Title: An Act To Exempt Religious Nonprofit Thrift Stores from Collection of Sales and Use Taxes  
Comment: This bill would exempt religious nonprofit thrift stores from collection of sales and use taxes.

Potential JR 217: LD 22 Representative Craven, M



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#### TAXATION

##### SALES AND USE TAX

###### ITEMS TAXED

LR: 2665 Sponsor: Representative Stearns, P of Guilford  
Title: An Act To Repeal the Tax on the Rental of All-terrain Vehicles  
Comment: This bill would repeal the tax on the rental of all-terrain vehicles.

##### TAX ASSESSMENT

###### VALUATION

LR: 3056 Sponsor: Representative Tipping, R of Orono  
Title: An Act Relating to Property Tax Assessments Based on Comparable Sales and Market Segments  
Comment: This bill would require assessors to consider as comparable to property being assessed sales or rentals of properties with the same or a similar highest and best use and sales or rentals of properties with similar physical and economic characteristics and provide that a property is not comparable to the property being assessed if the seller has placed restrictions on its highest and best use or if the property is vacant or unoccupied beyond a normal period of time and the property being assessed is not.

##### TAX INCREMENT FINANCING

###### USES EXPANDED

LR: 2651 Sponsor: Representative Meyer, M of Eliot  
Title: An Act Regarding the Financing of Elder Care Facilities  
Comment: This bill would include elder care facilities in the law governing tax increment financing in the same way child care facilities are included under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30 -A, section 5225, relating to authorized project costs for municipal development districts.

LR: 2906 Sponsor: Representative Skolfield, T of Weld  
Title: An Act To Authorize the Use of Tax Increment Financing District Funds for Law Enforcement Purposes  
Comment: This bill would authorize the use by counties of tax increment financing district funds for public safety purposes, such as hiring deputy sheriffs and purchasing gear for law enforcement personnel.

##### TAXATION BUREAU

###### POWERS

LR: 2772 Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, H of Cumberland  
Title: An Act Regarding Taxes on Energy Projects

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Comment: This bill would make the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services the assessor for ad valorem valuation purposes where the agency is already performing assessment to all or a portion of an energy generation project and its appurtenant facilities within the unorganized territory. Maine Revenue Services would then allocate or otherwise establish the valuation for adjacent taxing jurisdictions where the project assets are located, while considering any unique features or assets located within those jurisdictions exclusively. Maine Revenue Services would apply its powers to request any and all necessary information from the taxpayer under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 706-A. Any valuation determined by Maine Revenue Services assigned to an incorporated municipality in which a portion of the project is located would be subject to that municipality's assessment ratio, as applicable. Abatements or appeals of valuations would be directed through Maine Revenue Services, rather than the taxpayer engaging separate appeals with each municipal jurisdiction.

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#### TRANSPORTATION

##### MOTOR CARRIERS REGULATIONS

- LR: 2957 Sponsor: Representative Fecteau, R of Biddeford  
Title: An Act To Protect Consumers during Severe Weather and Emergencies  
Comment: This bill would prohibit a transportation network company from increasing the price of a prearranged ride to more than two and one-half times the usual price charged for such a prearranged ride in an area that is the subject of any disaster emergency declaration issued by the Governor, any transportation emergency declaration issued by the Governor or any major disaster or emergency declaration issued by the President of the United States.
- LR: 3095 Sponsor: Senator Vitelli, E of Sagadahoc  
Title: An Act To Exempt Truck Drivers Transporting Live Lobsters from Certain Restrictions  
Comment: This bill would exempt truck drivers transporting live lobsters from certain restrictions on hours of operation.

##### MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU PROCEDURES

- LR: 2697 Sponsor: Representative Kinney, M of Knox  
Title: An Act To Require the Bureau of Motor Vehicles To Notify Municipalities of Residents Who Are Required To File Certain Certificates of Insurance in Order To Register a Motor Vehicle  
Comment: This bill would require the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles to notify municipalities of residents who are required to file a certificate from an insurance company stating that the resident has at least the minimum amount of insurance required by state law in order to register a motor vehicle.
- LR: 2749 Sponsor: Senator Pouliot, M of Kennebec  
Title: An Act To Provide Wreckers with Their Own Registration Plate and Class  
Comment: This bill would provide for wreckers to have their own registration plate and class.

##### MOTOR VEHICLES CHILD SAFETY SEATS

- LR: 2753 Sponsor: Senator Cyrway, S of Kennebec  
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Motor Vehicle Child Restraint Systems To Allow Certain Exceptions  
Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing motor vehicle child restraint systems to provide exceptions for children who exceed a manufacturer's recommended height limit and for children who have a medical condition that necessitates a different child restraint system.

##### MOTOR VEHICLES DRIVERS EDUCATION

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##### MOTOR VEHICLES

###### DRIVERS EDUCATION

LR: 2811 Sponsor: Representative Stanley, S of Medway

Title: An Act Regarding Learner's Permits for the Operation of a Motor Vehicle

Comment: This bill would prohibit a person with a learner's permit for the operation of a motor vehicle from being charged with a crime or cited for a traffic infraction on the basis of the fact that the accompanying licensed operator is under the influence of alcohol or drugs when the licensed operator is the parent of the person with a learner's permit.

##### MOTOR VEHICLES

###### MODIFICATIONS

LR: 2971 Sponsor: Senator Bellows, S of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Require Employee Safety within the Funeral Industry

Comment: This bill would require any added platform in a vehicle being used as a hearse to be level with the bottom of the front seats of the vehicle and to be attached to the vehicle.

##### MOTOR VEHICLES

###### NUMBER PLATES

LR: 2695 Sponsor: Senator Guerin, S of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Prevent Vulgar License Plates

Comment: This bill would require the Secretary of State to reject all vanity license plates considered to have vulgar or offensive language.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2944 Senator Claxton, N

LR: 2761 Sponsor: Senator Keim, L of Oxford

Title: An Act To Broaden Eligibility for Disabled Veteran License Plates

Comment: This bill would allow veterans who have a disability rating of 50 percent to obtain disabled veteran license plates.

LR: 2850 Sponsor: Representative Fecteau, J of Augusta

Title: An Act To Restore the Previous Version of the Veteran License Plate

Comment: This bill would require that all veteran license plates be restored to the previous version within 2 years, that all fees that were paid for the current plates be refunded and that all veterans reverting back to the old plate be given the plate without requiring them to pay a fee.

LR: 2944 Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin

Title: An Act To Minimize Potentially Objectionable License Plates

Comment: This bill would adopt changes similar to those in other states to minimize potentially objectionable license plates.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2695 Senator Guerin, S

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##### MOTOR VEHICLES

###### NUMBER PLATES

LR: 2955 Sponsor: Representative Wadsworth, N of Hiram

Title: An Act To Establish a Specialty License Plate To Increase Funding for Multiple Sclerosis Research

Comment: This bill would establish a specialty license plate to increase funding for multiple sclerosis research.

##### MOTOR VEHICLES

###### REGISTRATION

LR: 2836 Sponsor: Representative Rudnicki, S of Fairfield

Title: An Act Regarding the Definition of the Term "Wrecker"

Comment: This bill would amend the definition of the term "wrecker" so that a wrecker may simultaneously pull one vehicle and carry 2 vehicles, for a total of 3 vehicles.

Potential JR 217: LD 1075 Representative McCrea, D

LR: 2859 Sponsor: Representative Corey, P of Windham

Title: An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws To Authorize Registration and Issuance of Certificates of Title for Tiny Mobile Houses

Comment: This bill would authorize the Secretary of State to register and issue certificates of title for tiny mobile houses that are mounted on or affixed to a trailer or camp trailer and would make associated changes to the motor vehicle laws.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2949 Senator Carpenter, M

##### MOTOR VEHICLES

###### TITLES

LR: 2949 Sponsor: Senator Carpenter, M of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Revise Regulations Concerning Tiny Houses

Comment: This bill would define what a tiny house is and allow for their titling as camp trailers or trailers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2859 Representative Corey, P

##### MOTORCYCLES

###### MOTORIZED SCOOTERS

LR: 2670 Sponsor: Representative Hobbs, D of Wells

Title: An Act To Require Operators of Motorized Scooters To Wear Helmets

Comment: This bill would require operators of motorized scooters to wear helmets.

##### NAVIGATION

###### FERRIES

LR: 2899 Sponsor: Representative Rykerson, D of Kittery

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#### TRANSPORTATION

##### NAVIGATION

###### FERRIES

- Title: Resolve, To Lower the Costs and Environmental Impact of the Islesboro Ferry
- Comment: This resolve would require that when a request for proposals is issued for a new Islesboro ferry, it must require the new ferry to be electric-powered.
- LR: 2950 Sponsor: Representative McDonald, G of Stonington
- Title: Resolve, To Reduce the Operational Costs of Ferries in the State
- Comment: This resolve would require a feasibility study for the use of electric ferries by the Maine State Ferry Service.

##### OPERATORS LICENSES

###### DRIVER EDUCATION

- LR: 2626 Sponsor: Representative Kinney, M of Knox
- Title: An Act To Allow Homeschooling for Driver Education
- Comment: This bill would allow driver education using homeschooling methods.

##### OPERATORS LICENSES

###### SUSPENSION

- LR: 2741 Sponsor: Representative Moonen, M of Portland
- Title: An Act Regarding Driver's License Suspensions for Nondriving Violations
- Comment: This bill would remove the sunset on the prohibition on driver's license suspensions for nonpayment of fines for nondriving violations. It also repeals the provision governing restricted licenses for nonpayment of fines.
- LR: 2818 Sponsor: Senator Keim, L of Oxford
- Title: An Act To Provide an Appeals Process for Administrative Suspensions of Provisional Driver's Licenses
- Comment: This bill would provide a process to appeal administrative suspensions of provisional driver's licenses.

##### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

###### OMNIBUS

- LR: 2858 Sponsor: Representative McLean, A of Gorham
- Title: An Act To Require Publicly Subsidized Transit Agencies To Publish Ridership and Financial Data
- Comment: This bill would require publicly subsidized transit agencies to publish ridership and financial data.

##### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

###### TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES

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##### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

###### TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES

LR: 2647 Sponsor: Representative Fecteau, R of Biddeford  
Title: An Act To Improve Roads and Public Infrastructure  
Comment: This bill would impose a 50-cent surcharge on the rider of every prearranged ride provided by a transportation network company that originates and terminates in the State, except that a rider in a shared prearranged ride is only charged a 25-cent surcharge. It excludes from the surcharge transportation services provided by social service organizations and companies, such as transportation to medical appointments. The money generated from this surcharge would be deposited into a fund for road repair and improvement.

#### ROADS

##### BRIDGES

LR: 2652 Sponsor: Representative Doore, D of Augusta  
Title: Resolve, To Rename the Sibley Pond Bridge the William Harris Memorial Bridge  
Comment: This bill would rename the Sibley Pond Bridge, connecting Canaan and Pittsfield, the William Harris Memorial Bridge.

LR: 2666 Sponsor: Representative Hepler, A of Woolwich  
Title: Resolve, To Name Bridge Number 3880 in the Town of Dresden the Veterans Memorial Bridge  
Comment: This resolve would name bridge number 3880 in the Town of Dresden the Veterans Memorial Bridge.

LR: 3053 Sponsor: Representative White, B of Waterville  
Title: An Act Regarding the Naming of Bridges and Designating Bridge 5818 as the Specialist Wade A. Slack Memorial Bridge  
Comment: This bill would designate Bridge 5818 on northbound Interstate 95 in Waterville the Specialist Wade A. Slack Memorial Bridge and require the naming of twin parallel bridges on the same route with the same name.

#### ROADS

##### SCENIC

LR: 2830 Sponsor: Senator Deschambault, S of York  
Title: An Act To Designate and Erect Highway Markers To Commemorate and Recognize the Lafayette Trail  
Comment: This bill would designate the route followed by the Marquis de Lafayette while he was in Maine as the Lafayette Trail. The bill would direct the Department of Transportation to erect and maintain suitable signs or other markers at or near each portion of the Lafayette Trail.

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##### TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

###### CELL PHONE USE

LR: 2734 Sponsor: Representative Bryant, M of Windham  
Title: An Act Regarding Penalties for Distracted Driving  
Comment: This bill would set as maximum penalties the current minimum penalties for text messaging while operating a motor vehicle and using mobile telephones and handheld electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2739 Senator Diamond, B

LR: 2739 Sponsor: Senator Diamond, B of Cumberland  
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Prohibiting the Use of Handheld Phones and Devices While Driving  
Comment: This bill would simplify the definition of "handheld electronic device" in recently enacted law prohibiting the use of handheld electronic devices while driving. It would add parking areas to the places where the use of mobile telephones and handheld electronic devices while driving is prohibited. It would change the penalty provisions to provide a fine of \$50 for the first offense and \$250 for a 2nd or subsequent offense.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2734 Representative Bryant, M

LR: 2869 Sponsor: Senator Lawrence, M of York  
Title: An Act To Prohibit a Person from Using or Interacting with a Handheld Electronic Device or Mobile Telephone While Riding a Bicycle on a Public Way  
Comment: This bill would extend to bicyclists riding on a public way the prohibition on using, manipulating, talking into or otherwise interacting with a handheld electronic device or mobile telephone.

##### TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

###### ENFORCEMENT

LR: 2860 Sponsor: Representative O'Connor, B of Berwick  
Title: An Act To Require That 10 Percent of the Revenue Collected for Each Motor Vehicle Violation Be Retained by the Law Enforcement Agency That Issued the Citation To Be Used To Enable Law Enforcement Vehicles To Comply with Hands-free Technology Requirements

Comment: This bill would require that 10% of the revenue collected for each motor vehicle violation be retained by the law enforcement agency that issued the citation to be used to enable law enforcement vehicles to comply with hands-free technology requirements.

##### TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

###### PARKING

LR: 2785 Sponsor: Representative Tepler, D of Topsham  
Title: An Act To Restrict Parking in Areas Reserved for Charging Electric Motor Vehicles  
Comment: This bill would prohibit parking by a vehicle that does not have electric charging capacity in an area reserved for charging motor vehicles.



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#### TRANSPORTATION

##### TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

###### PARKING

LR: 3087 Sponsor: Representative Moonen, M of Portland

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Parking for Vehicles with Disability Placards and Plates

Comment: Current law authorizes a vehicle with a disability placard or registration plate to park at a parking meter with no charge. This bill would extend this authorization to parking areas without parking meters.

##### TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

###### SCHOOL BUSES

LR: 2840 Sponsor: Senator Chenette, J of York

Title: Resolve, To Study School Bus Safety

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Education to study implementation of statewide mandatory use of lap or shoulder seat belts on school buses. It would require the department to study the cost to the State and local districts of new buses and to retrofit buses and require the department to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

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#### VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

##### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

###### LICENSING

LR: 2870 Sponsor: Representative Andrews, J of Paris  
Title: An Act To Prohibit Municipal License or Other Fees on Breweries and Spirits, Wine and Cider Manufacturers  
Comment: This bill would prohibit municipalities from assessing licensing or other fees on breweries and spirits, wine and cider manufacturers.

##### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

###### LIQUOR AND LOTTERY COMMISSION

LR: 3065 Sponsor: Representative Larsen-Daughtry, M of Brunswick  
Title: An Act To Properly Fund Early Childhood Education and Postsecondary Grant Opportunities  
Comment: This bill would require that when the State renegotiates the state liquor contract the State allocate 25% of the profits to a trust generating interest that can be used to fund early childhood education and postsecondary grant opportunities.

##### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

###### LIQUOR SALES

LR: 2646 Sponsor: Representative Strom, S of Pittsfield  
Title: An Act To Extend the Hours for Serving Alcohol  
Comment: This bill would extend the hours for serving alcohol to 2:00 a.m.

LR: 2838 Sponsor: Representative Crockett, E of Portland  
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Dual Liquor Licenses  
Comment: This bill would make changes to the laws governing dual liquor licenses. It would allow a licensee to serve wine until 10 p.m., rather than until 8 p.m. It would remove the restriction that wine be served only to be consumed on the premises when accompanied by a full meal and instead require only that a full meal be available for purchase. It would remove the requirement that a licensee have 2 employees in order to have both the retail store and lounge open.

LR: 2868 Sponsor: Representative Andrews, J of Paris  
Title: An Act To Allow the Sale of Privately Held Fine and Rare Spirits by Auction  
Comment: This bill would allow the sale of privately held fine and rare spirits by auction.

LR: 2973 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title: An Act To Encourage Innovation in Maine's Craft Beverage Industries  
Comment: This bill would define the term "mixed beverages," which will have no more than 24% alcohol by volume, and allow mixed beverages to be produced by brewers, sold by wholesalers and taxed with an excise tax set at 35¢ per gallon.

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#### VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

##### ELECTIONS

###### ABSENTEE VOTING

LR: 3063 Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, L of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Authorize the Automatic Continuation of Absentee Voter Status until the Termination of That Status

Comment: This bill would provide a statewide process for a voter to request permanent absentee voter status allowing the voter to automatically receive an absentee ballot for each statewide and municipal election until the status is terminated.

Potential JR 217: LD 753 Representative Fecteau, R

##### ELECTIONS

###### CAMPAIGN FINANCE

LR: 2667 Sponsor: Senator Chenette, J of York

Title: An Act To Define the Term "Caucus Political Action Committee"

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing the financing of political campaigns and the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices by defining "caucus political action committee" to mean a committee designated by a party leader in the Legislature to promote the election of nominees of their political party to the House or Senate.

LR: 2759 Sponsor: Representative Ackley, K of Monmouth

Title: An Act To Restrict Maine Clean Election Act Candidates from Seeking Employment with Vendors

Comment: This bill would restrict a Maine Clean Election Act candidate from seeking employment with or being employed by a vendor to whom the candidate has paid \$10,000 or more in connection with the candidate's campaign for a period of 3 years after the election. The restriction would be a condition of the candidate's participation in the Maine Clean Election Act.

##### ELECTIONS

###### CAMPAIGNS

LR: 2604 Sponsor: Representative Devin, M of Newcastle

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Use of the State Seal in Political Advertisements and Campaign Materials

Comment: This bill would prohibit the use of the seal of the State of Maine in political advertisements and campaign materials.

LR: 2747 Sponsor: Senator Millett, R of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Fabrication of a Deceptive Video with the Intent To Influence the Outcome of an Election

Comment: This bill would prohibit the fabrication of a deceptive video with the intent to influence the outcome of an election.

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#### VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

##### ELECTIONS

###### CITIZEN INITIATIVES

LR: 2642 Sponsor: Representative Corey, P of Windham

Title: An Act To Exempt Citizen Initiatives and People's Vetoes from Presidential Primary Elections

Comment: This bill would exempt citizen initiatives and people's vetoes from being held during a presidential primary election.

LR: 2817 Sponsor: Representative Faulkingham, B of Winter Harbor

Title: An Act To Remove the Requirement Regarding Unique Identifying Numbers on Petitions for Direct Initiatives

Comment: This bill would remove the requirement that a unique identifying number be included on a petition for a direct initiative of legislation.

##### ELECTIONS

###### MUNICIPAL

LR: 2698 Sponsor: Senator Libby, N of Androscoggin

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Recounts in Municipal Elections

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing recounts in municipal elections to provide that they apply to elections for all municipal offices.

##### ELECTIONS

###### POLITICAL PARTIES

LR: 2848 Sponsor: Representative Fecteau, J of Augusta

Title: An Act To Protect Minor Political Parties That Seek Official Party Status

Comment: This bill would require that a political party be considered an official political party in the State if it has registered at least 2,500 people who meet the general voter eligibility guidelines. It would require that a political party be given 90 days' notice if it falls under the 2,500-person threshold and before members are removed from the party.

##### ELECTIONS

###### POLLING PLACE

LR: 2709 Sponsor: Representative Strom, S of Pittsfield

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Collection of Campaign Contributions within a Voting Place

Comment: This bill would prohibit the solicitation, acceptance or collection of contributions for any candidate or question within 250 feet of the entrance to a voting place as well as within the voting place itself.

Potential JR 217: LD 218 Representative Campbell, D

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##### ELECTIONS

###### PRESIDENTIAL

LR: 2612 Sponsor: Representative Keschl, D of Belgrade  
Title: An Act Requiring a Statewide Referendum Regarding the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact  
Comment: This bill would put the question of joining the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact out to referendum.

##### GAMBLING

###### GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

LR: 3055 Sponsor: Representative Tipping, R of Orono  
Title: Resolve, Directing the Gambling Control Board To Investigate and Propose New Rules Regarding So-called Loot Boxes in Video Games  
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board to investigate and propose new rules regarding the use of so-called loot boxes and other virtual randomized mechanisms in video games used by minors in Maine, including mechanisms in games that are not sold but instead are free to play but have microtransactions inside the games.

##### GAMBLING

###### GAMES OF CHANCE

LR: 2711 Sponsor: Senator Farrin, B of Somerset  
Title: An Act Regarding Games of Chance at Fairs Conducted by Groups Affiliated with Fraternal Organizations  
Comment: This bill would allow organizations and groups such as the American Legion Riders, which unlike the American Legion do not hold an actual license, to conduct games of chance at fairs without having to own the equipment for those games and without having to be members of the fair.

##### GAMBLING

###### RAFFLES

LR: 2687 Sponsor: Representative Stewart, T of Presque Isle  
Title: An Act To Allow Nonprofit Organizations in Maine To Sell Raffle Tickets Online  
Comment: This bill would allow nonprofit organizations in Maine to sell raffle tickets online.

##### LOTTERY

###### OPERATIONS

LR: 3059 Sponsor: Representative Larsen-Daughtry, M of Brunswick  
Title: An Act Authorizing an Instant Lottery Game with Proceeds To Benefit Early Childhood Education  
Comment: This bill would authorize an instant lottery game with proceeds to benefit early childhood education.

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#### VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

##### MARIJUANA

###### ADULT USE

- LR: 2775 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title: An Act To Make Amendments to the Laws Governing Adult Use and Medical Marijuana To Increase Consistency and Safety  
Comment: This bill would enact changes to the laws designed to: provide consistency with regard to marijuana possession limitations; ensure the safe transport of wholesale marijuana and marijuana products; and provide consistency between the residency requirements for owners of medical marijuana dispensaries and residency requirements for owners of marijuana establishments under the laws governing adult use marijuana.

##### MARIJUANA

###### COMMERCIAL

- LR: 2610 Sponsor: Senator Cyrway, S of Kennebec  
Title: An Act To Require Warning Labels Regarding the Danger of Psychosis from the Consumption of Marijuana Products  
Comment: This bill would require all medical and adult use marijuana products to have a label warning of the possibility of psychosis from use of the product.
- LR: 2683 Sponsor: Senator Woodsome, D of York  
Title: An Act To Establish Energy Efficiency Standards for the Marijuana Industry  
Comment: This bill would establish energy efficiency standards for the marijuana industry.
- LR: 3074 Sponsor: Representative O'Neil, M of Saco  
Title: An Act To Allow an Adult Use Marijuana Store or Manufacturing Facility during Its First 90 Days after Licensure To Purchase Adult Use Marijuana Products from a Registered Caregiver or Dispensary  
Comment: This bill would allow an adult use marijuana retail store or adult use marijuana products manufacturing facility to purchase adult use marijuana products from a registered caregiver or registered dispensary for a 90-day period immediately after the store or manufacturing facility is licensed.

##### VETERANS

###### SERVICES

- LR: 2615 Sponsor: Senator Carpenter, M of Aroostook  
Title: An Act To Enact the Veterans Bill of Rights  
Comment: This bill would enact the Veterans Bill of Rights to increase veterans' access to jobs, college degrees, and training, professional licenses and healthcare, including mental health services, and to end homelessness of veterans.
- LR: 2805 Sponsor: Representative DeVeau, J of Caribou

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##### VETERANS

##### SERVICES

Title: An Act To Provide Additional Supplemental Funding to the Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Coordination Program

Comment: This bill would provide additional supplemental funding of approximately \$600,000 to the veterans' homelessness prevention coordination program.

LR: 2977 Sponsor: Representative Terry, M of Gorham

Title: An Act To Support Employment Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life

Comment: This bill would appropriate \$250,000 for personalized and proactive support for active duty military members and their families who are transitioning to Maine. The support would include assistance with employment, navigating transition services and community reintegration.

##### VETERANS

##### VETERANS HOMES

LR: 2926 Sponsor: Representative O'Neil, M of Saco

Title: An Act To Ensure High-quality Long-term Care for Maine Veterans

Comment: This bill would increase the required patient-to-staff ratios at Maine Veterans' Homes for long-term care to 3 staff to 15 patients and increase rates for certified nursing assistants by 10%.

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