

STATE OF MAINE
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION



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

**BILLS NOT REFERRED TO OR REPORTED BY A
COMMITTEE**

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DIGEST OF BILLS
130th Legislature, Second Regular Session - 2022

PL = Public Law
P&SL = Private and Special Law
RESLV = Resolve

Bills not referred to or reported by a committee

Comm	LD	Title	Comm Action	Carried Over from Prior Year?	Date of Last Comm Action	Final Disposition	Enacted Law		Analyst Note?
							Law	Ch	
	1976	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Convene a Study Group To Examine Bridge Safety				Indefinitely Postponed			
	2000	An Act To Update the Designation of Vietnam War Remembrance Day				Emergency Enacted	PL	525	
	2012	An Act Regarding the Authority of Municipalities To Regulate Timber Harvesting				Died On Adjournment			
	2032	An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Working Group				Indefinitely Postponed			
	2036	Resolve, Clarifying the Conveyance of Land to the Passamaquoddy Tribe in the Town of Meddybemps				Finally Passed	RESLV	150	
	2037	An Act To Allow the Assessor of the Cyr Plantation Board of Assessors To Facilitate the Election of Vacant Assessor Seats				Emergency Enacted	P&SL	24	
	2038	An Act To Incorporate Respectful Language into the Maine Revised Statutes, Titles 22, 25 and 34-A				Died Between Houses			
	2041	An Act To Correct Errors in Recently Enacted Legislation				Emergency Enacted	PL	759	

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LD 2000 An Act To Update the Designation of Vietnam War Remembrance Day

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 525 changes the name of Vietnam War Remembrance Day to Vietnam War Veterans Day and changes the date of this commemorative day from March 30th to March 29th.

Public Law 2021, chapter 525 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 29, 2022.

LD 2036 Resolve, Clarifying the Conveyance of Land to the Passamaquoddy Tribe in the Town of Meddybemps

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 150 authorizes the State to convey to the Passamaquoddy Tribe, in addition to the 1.08-acre parcel of land located on the northern side of State Route 191 in Meddybemps, Washington County, described in Resolve 2021, chapter 133, an access and use easement over a parcel of land located on the northern side of State Route 191 in Meddybemps, Washington County, all of which is a portion of a site known as the Eastern Surplus Company Superfund Site.

LD 2037 An Act To Allow the Assessor of the Cyr Plantation Board of Assessors to Facilitate the Election of Vacant Assessor Seats

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2021, chapter 24 allows the assessor of the Cyr Plantation Board of Assessors to take action to facilitate an election to fill empty seats on the Board of Assessors. Until a quorum is elected to the Cyr Plantation Board of Assessors, the assessor may approve and sign disbursement warrants, approve general assistance applications and perform any necessary functions to administer Cyr Plantation's general assistance program. This law is repealed December 31, 2022.

Private and Special Law 2021, chapter 24 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 18, 2022.

LD 2041 An Act To Correct Errors in Recently Enacted Legislation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 759 corrects errors in recently enacted legislation.

Part A, section 1 corrects a cross-reference to continue the refundability of the earned income tax credit for resident taxpayer, correcting a provision of the Supplemental Budget, Public Law 2021, chapter 635.

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Part A, sections 2 and 3 specify that a high school graduate, or equivalent, in the class of 2020, 2021 or 2022 may obtain free tuition by enrolling in a Maine community college in the fall of 2022 or 2023. Part OO of the Supplemental Budget, Public Law 2021, chapter 635, made the benefit available only if the student were enrolled in a Maine community college in the fall of 2022.

Part B, section 1 amends Public Law 2021, chapter 679 (LD 533, An Act To Expand the Statewide Voluntary Early Childhood Consultation Program) to include language that transfers funds from the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund to the Voluntary Early Childhood Consultation Program with the Department of Health and Human Services, which transfer of funds was inadvertently omitted.

Part B, section 2 corrects Public Law 2021, chapter 731 (LD 731, An Act To Establish a Program To Assist Regional Firefighter Training Programs, To Provide Tax Credits to Businesses That Employ Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons and To Provide Benefits to Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons) to move \$200,000 in appropriations from fiscal year 2021-22 to fiscal year 2022-23, including \$200,000 in ongoing funding to provide grants to municipalities for the purpose of funding regional fire service training of municipal firefighters and public safety employees.

Part B, section 3 corrects Public Law 2021, chapter 734 (LD 910, An Act To Amend the General Assistance Laws Governing Reimbursement) to specify the correct amounts to be transferred from the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund to offset \$10,000,000 in General Fund funding to the Department of Health and Human Services, General Assistance, Other Special Revenue Account.

Part C, section 1 amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1111-B, subsection 1, paragraph B, as enacted by Public Law 2021, chapter 724 (LD 1862, An Act To Strengthen Maine's Good Samaritan Laws Concerning Drug-related Medical Assistance) which provides protections from arrest, prosecution and probation violations for a person who calls for assistance for a person who is experiencing a suspected drug-related overdose or who is rendering aid to such a person, to also provide those protections to the person who is experiencing a suspected drug-related overdose.

Part C, sections 2 and 3 amend Title 28-B, sections 504-A and 505, which allow the sale of adult use marijuana outside of a marijuana store at specified events under a permit issued by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, to delay the effective date until January 1, 2023.

Part C, section 4 amends the Supplemental Budget, Public Law 2021, chapter 635 to specify that the payments made pursuant to the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program are not considered income for purposes of the municipal general assistance program.

Part C, section 5 repeals section 3 of Public Law 2021, chapter 736 (LD 2018, An Act To Implement Recommendations Regarding the Incorporation of Equity Considerations in Regulatory Decision Making) which enacted the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 349-C, requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules establishing procedures to ensure that persons in environmental justice populations and frontline communities are provided with fair and equitable access to the department's decision-making processes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, sections 341-D and 341-H.

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Part D, sections 1 to 5 add students in private schools that enroll at least 60% publicly funded students and that participate in the National School Lunch Program to the State's school lunch and milk program and requires the State to provide funding to those private schools in an amount equal to the difference between the federal reimbursement for a free or reduced-price meal for each student eligible for and receiving a free or reduced-price meal and the full price of the meal for each student ineligible for and receiving a free meal.

Part E, sections 1 and 2 amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 157, which requires the State Controller to transfer any remaining funds in the Loan Guarantee Program Fund within the Office of the Treasurer of State to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund on June 30, 2022 to instead require the State Controller to transfer the funds to a newly established Meals for Publicly Funded Students at Private Academies program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Education on June 30, 2022.

Public Law 2021, chapter 705 (LD 1969, An Act Concerning Equity in Renewable Energy Projects and Workforce Development) requires projects involving the construction of renewable energy generating systems that are at least 2 megawatts in size and that receive state assistance to meet certain workforce requirements. Part F, section 1 of this law specifies that, in addition to being considered a material breach of the instrument under which assistance is provided, a violation of a provision of Title 26, chapter 15, which establishes preferences for Maine workers and contractors, subjects an entity that receives state assistance for an assisted project to the enforcement and penalty provisions of Title 26, chapter 15.

Public Law 2021, chapter 759 was enacted as an emergency measure on May 12, 2020, but only Part E takes effect on that date. The rest of the law takes effect 90 days after the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.