

## VACATION RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS' LEGISLATION HISTORY

### 2015 - 2016

LD 689 ~ Eliminate the sales tax exemption for casual rentals for fewer than 15 days a year  
*Definition of Vacation rental. "means a residential property that is rented for vacation, leisure or recreation purposes for a week or a month, and typically under 30 days but not for more than an entire summer or winter season, to a person who has a place of permanent residence to which the person intends to return". Title 22, Chapter 582.*

LD 436 ~ Would limit vacation rentals focusing on health and safety standards on a level playing field to B&Bs or hotels.  
*Defeated*

Also in 2015, towns such as Rockland and Cape Elizabeth began vacation home ordinances restricting rentals

### 2017

Supplemental budget would increase the lodging tax, which had recently been raised from 7% to 9%

LD 1675 ~ Clarify definitions in laws regarding the licensing of eating establishments and lodging places *Defeated*

### 2018 - 2019

A bill to create a registration process for vacation rental with an annual \$50 fee (from Hospitality Maine). Bill eventually was not drafted after facing strong opposition.

LD 209 ~ Prohibit Municipalities from prohibiting short-term rentals. Defined a short-term rental as a residential dwelling that is rented wholly or in part to no more than 4 transient guests for a period of less than 30 days. *Defeated*

LD 522 ~ Prohibit the imposition by municipalities of general restrictions on rents and rental properties. *Defeated. (of note: Hospitality Maine opposed the bill but used it as an opportunity to say the State's role should be focused on the registration of vacation rentals to insure the appropriate level of insurance is required)* Properties managed by VRPOME are required to have insurance.

LD 609 ~ Provide municipalities additional sales tax revenue from lodging sales/local option tax. *Defeated*

LD 1588 ~ Create a registration process and permits for vacation rentals. *Defeated*

**2020** ~ Legislature was not in session and most of the efforts during this period of time were focused on the Governor's phased-in plan for reopening the hospitality industry and specifically vacation rentals, which are different since they can operate without personal contact. Quarantine specifics and best practices.

### 2021 - 2022

LD 681 ~ Resolve to establish a task force to study safe and stable housing in lodging facilities. *Died on adjournment*

LD 1337 ~ Increase affordable housing and reduce property taxes through an impact fee on vacant residences. *Defeated*

LD 1342 ~ Local Options tax on lodging. *Defeated*

LD 1397 ~ Maine State Housing to create a comprehensive rental registry. *Died on adjournment*

LD 1418 ~ Local option sales tax. *Defeated*

LD 1590 ~ Define commercial and noncommercial purveyors of accommodations for short-term rentals. *Defeated*