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132nd LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

BILLS ENACTED

Public Laws

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Friday, April 3, 2026

- Ch. 600** - An Act to Update the Campaign Finance Laws. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 814, L.D. 2000)
- Ch. 601** - An Act to Expand the Scope of Practice of Independent Practice Dental Hygienists. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1360, L.D. 2030)
- Ch. 602** - An Act to Make Technical Changes to the Maine Uniform Securities Act and to Clarify the Securities Administrator's Authority to Grant Licensing Exemptions for Broker-Dealers. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 846, L.D. 2060)
- Ch. 603** - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Reporting of Incidents by Municipal Fire Chiefs. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1389, L.D. 2076)
- Ch. 604** - An Act to Increase Access to Primary Care Provided by Physician Associates. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1403, L.D. 2088)
- Ch. 605** - An Act to Prohibit Bulk Purchasing of Tickets in Certain Lottery Games. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1410, L.D. 2095)
- Ch. 606** - An Act to Require Prior Notification of Closures of Labor and Delivery Units and Changes in Maternity or Newborn Care Services by Hospitals as Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1470, L.D. 2189)
- Ch. 607** - An Act to Extend the Requirement That the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services Compensate Certain Private Attorneys Appointed to Provide Indigent Legal Services. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 894, L.D. 2193)
- Ch. 608** - An Act to Establish a Stewardship Program for Primary and Rechargeable Batteries. (S.P. 214, L.D. 474)
- Ch. 609** - An Act to Amend Certain Definitions in the Laws Governing Conservation Easements. (H.P. 683, L.D. 1054)
- Ch. 610** - An Act to Improve Behavioral Health Crisis Services and Suicide Prevention Services. (S.P. 505, L.D. 1216)
- Ch. 611** - An Act Regarding Background Checks for Medical Cannabis Providers. (H.P. 1063, L.D. 1609)
- Ch. 612** - An Act to Extend the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative to December 31, 2028. (S.P. 816, L.D. 2002)
- Ch. 613** - An Act to Clarify the Requirement for Municipalities to Provide Public Notice in a Newspaper. (S.P. 831, L.D. 2042)
- Ch. 614** - An Act to Support Rehabilitation and Development of Affordable Housing. (S.P. 844, L.D. 2057)
- Ch. 615** - An Act to Establish a Monetary Penalty for Employers Whose Unemployment Payment Is Returned Unpaid. (H.P. 1416, L.D. 2101)
- Ch. 616** - An Act to Update Certain Water Quality Standards and to Reclassify Certain Waters of the State. (S.P. 892, L.D. 2187)
- Ch. 617** - An Act Regarding the Statute of Limitations for Certain Sexual Offenses Committed Against Minors. (H.P. 1484, L.D. 2207)

- Ch. 618** - An Act to Clarify Board of Environmental Protection Procedures Regarding Appeals of Licensing or Permitting Decisions of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. (H.P. 1489, L.D. 2210)
- Ch. 619** - An Act to Increase the Per Diem Rate for Members of the Maine Labor Relations Board. (H.P. 1495, L.D. 2218)
- Ch. 620** - An Act to Amend the Composition of the Landowners and Land Users Relations Advisory Board. (S.P. 905, L.D. 2221)
- Ch. 621** - An Act to Update Financial Assurance Requirements for Certain Solid Waste Facilities. (H.P. 1504, L.D. 2227)
- Ch. 622** - An Act to Notify the Public of Juveniles That Have Escaped a Department of Corrections Facility and to Direct the Department of Corrections to Study the Further Release of Juvenile Intelligence and Investigative Record Information. (H.P. 67, L.D. 102)
- Ch. 623** - An Act to Modify Provisions of the State Civil Service System Governing Employee Recruitment and Retention. (H.P. 1162, L.D. 1744)
- Ch. 624** - An Act to Update Juvenile Justice System Reporting Requirements and to Direct the Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Human Services to Study Modifying the Long Creek Youth Development Center. (H.P. 1284, L.D. 1923)
- Ch. 625** - An Act to Authorize the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Adopt Emergency Rules to Protect Certain Marine Mammals in Exceptional Circumstances. (H.P. 1343, L.D. 2013)
- Ch. 626** - An Act to Require Superintendents of School Administrative Units to Report Data Related to Educator Vacancies. (H.P. 1345, L.D. 2015)
- Ch. 627** - An Act to Update Certain Duties Regarding Student Health Related to Communicable and Infectious Disease. (S.P. 839, L.D. 2046)
- Ch. 628** - An Act to Protect Consumers by Prohibiting the Use of Credit Cards in Sports Wagering and Internet Gaming. (H.P. 1395, L.D. 2080)
- Ch. 629** - An Act to Codify and Update a Provision of Private and Special Law Governing Temporary Disability for State Employees. (H.P. 1408, L.D. 2093)
- Ch. 630** - An Act to Update Certain Higher Education Statutes and Laws. (H.P. 1413, L.D. 2098)
- Ch. 631** - An Act to Amend Certain Eligibility Requirements for Secondary Students Receiving State Subsidies for Postsecondary Courses. (H.P. 1414, L.D. 2099)
- Ch. 632** - An Act to Define "Public Education" and Clarify That a Private School Receiving Approval for Public Tuition Must Be Located in the State. (H.P. 1424, L.D. 2109)
- Ch. 633** - An Act Regarding Public Preschool Programs Serving Children Who Are 3 Years of Age. (H.P. 1429, L.D. 2114)
- Ch. 634** - An Act to Support Employment Opportunities for Military Spouses. (S.P. 823, L.D. 2130)
- Ch. 635** - An Act Regarding Licensing of Community Paramedicine Services and Clinicians. (S.P. 830, L.D. 2133)
- Ch. 636** - An Act to Provide Funding to Keep Maine Veterans Housed. (S.P. 834, L.D. 2135)
- Ch. 637** - An Act Regarding the Licensing of Online Used Car Dealers. (S.P. 884, L.D. 2179)
- Ch. 638** - An Act to Establish a Biennial Inspection System for Vehicle Rental Companies. (H.P. 1472, L.D. 2191)
- Ch. 639** - An Act to Prohibit the Appointment or Assignment of an Attorney to Provide Indigent Legal Services Without That Attorney's Consent. (S.P. 896, L.D. 2195)
- Ch. 640** - An Act to Limit Rates Charged to Low-income Electricity Consumers. (H.P. 1482, L.D. 2203)

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- Ch. 641** - An Act to Establish the Fund for a Healthy Maine Stabilization Fund. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 690, L.D. 1772)
- Ch. 642** - An Act to Protect the Right to Harvest Fish and Wildlife. (S.P. 559, L.D. 1343)
- Ch. 643** - An Act to Establish the Maine Life Sciences Innovation Center. (S.P. 651, L.D. 1643)
- Ch. 644** - An Act to Make Small Plug-in Solar Generation Devices Accessible for All Maine Residents to Address the Energy Affordability Crisis. (S.P. 676, L.D. 1730)
- Ch. 645** - An Act Regarding the Prohibition of Online Sweepstakes Games. (S.P. 825, L.D. 2007)
- Ch. 646** - An Act to Require Maine Transmission and Distribution Utility Participation in a Regional Transmission Organization. (H.P. 1368, L.D. 2038)
- Ch. 647** - An Act to Ensure Access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in Maine. (H.P. 1375, L.D. 2051)
- Ch. 648** - An Act Facilitating the Reconstruction or Replacement of Storm-damaged Commercial Fisheries Facilities and Infrastructure. (S.P. 861, L.D. 2143)
- Ch. 649** - An Act to Prohibit Liens on Principal Residences and Wage Garnishments for Medical Debt. (S.P. 818, L.D. 2129)

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Friday, April 10, 2026

- Ch. 650** - An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027. (H.P. 1491, L.D. 2212) (Governor's Bill)

Private and Special Laws

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- Ch. 16** - An Act to Confirm and Finalize the Boundary Between the Town of Kittery and the Town of York. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1493, L.D. 2214)
- Ch. 17** - An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the Vinalhaven Water District. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1510, L.D. 2234) (Governor's Bill)
- Ch. 18** - An Act to Amend the Charter of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District. (H.P. 1426, L.D. 2111)
- Ch. 19** - An Act to Provide for the 2026 and 2027 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds. (S.P. 875, L.D. 2156)

Resolves

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- Ch. 149** - Resolve, to Study the Use of Technology in Classrooms and Study Safeguards Related to Its Use. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1376, L.D. 2052)
- Ch. 150** - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule Standards and Portions of Chapter 335: Significant Wildlife Habitat, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Environmental Protection. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1459, L.D. 2171)
- Ch. 151** - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 33: Rule Governing Physical Restraint and Seclusion, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education, State Board of Education. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1460, L.D. 2172)
- Ch. 152** - Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property in East Millinocket. (S.P. 850, L.D. 2139)
- Ch. 153** - Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Identify Ways to Manage Moorings on Inland Waters. (H.P. 1353, L.D. 2023)

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Ch. 154 - Resolve, Directing the Efficiency Maine Trust to Study the Quality of Jobs It Creates in Consultation with an Advisory Group. (H.P. 464, L.D. 725)

Ch. 155 - Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property in Bangor. (S.P. 848, L.D. 2138)

(Chaptered copies of the above measures may be obtained from the Engrossing Department, Room 106, State House, 7 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0007, Ph. 207-287-1324.)

BILLS PRINTED AS OF MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026

L.D. 2243, S.P. 921

An Act Increasing the Debt Limit of the West Paris Water District. (EMERGENCY) (Governor's Bill) (Presented by Senator MARTIN of Oxford)

L.D. 2244, S.P. 922

An Act to Implement Certain Preliminary Recommendations of the Real Estate Property Tax Relief Task Force and to Make Other Changes to Tax Law. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation pursuant to Joint Rule 353, Section 8.)

L.D. 2245, H.P. 1523

An Act to Reauthorize Funding of Collective Bargaining Agreements with Executive Branch Employees. (Governor's Bill) (Presented by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook)

(Copies of the Bills may be obtained from the Document Room, First Floor, State House, Augusta, Maine 04333-0002 - Ph: 207-287-1408. Bill text, bill status and roll call information are available on the Internet at <http://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/search.asp>. The Weekly Legislative Report is also available on the Internet at the House home page at <http://legislature.maine.gov/house/house/> under the "Documents" tab.)

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