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132nd LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

BILLS ENACTED

Public Laws

Signed by the Governor
Thursday, March 19, 2026

Ch. 559 - An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Consent for HIV Testing and Disclosure of Related Medical Information for Insurance Purposes. (H.P. 1314, L.D. 1970)

Ch. 560 - An Act to Provide Immunity from Civil Liability for Justices of the Peace. (S.P. 807, L.D. 1994)

Ch. 561 - An Act to Remove the MaineCare Program from the Prescription Drug Benefit Provisions in the Maine Insurance Code. (H.P. 1341, L.D. 2011)

Ch. 562 - An Act to Clarify the Setting of Group Life Insurance Coverage Levels Under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. (H.P. 1352, L.D. 2022)

Ch. 563 - An Act to Amend or Correct Certain Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws. (H.P. 1379, L.D. 2055)

Ch. 564 - An Act Designating July 21st as Maine Commercial Fishing Remembrance Day. (H.P. 1382, L.D. 2069)

Ch. 565 - An Act to Make Changes to the Laws Governing Financial Institutions and to Eliminate Certain Administrative Fees Paid by Banks and Credit Unions Under the Maine Consumer Credit Code. (H.P. 1385, L.D. 2072)

Ch. 566 - An Act Relating to Nonwater-dependent Floating Structures. (H.P. 1494, L.D. 2215)

Ch. 567 - An Act Regarding Home Health Care Services Ordered by a Physician Licensed Outside of Maine. (H.P. 1041, L.D. 1583)

Ch. 568 - An Act to Clarify the Bureau of Labor Standards' Investigatory and Enforcement Procedures. (H.P. 1045, L.D. 1587)

Ch. 569 - An Act to Authorize an Educational Requirement for Seaweed Permit Holders. (S.P. 803, L.D. 1991)

Ch. 570 - An Act to Make Changes to Certain Licensing Laws Governing For-hire Charter Boat Operators, Lobster and Crab Fishing and Elver Dealers. (H.P. 1354, L.D. 2024)

Ch. 571 - An Act to Establish Guidance for Awarding General Spousal Support. (S.P. 860, L.D. 2142)

Ch. 572 - An Act Regarding Vacancies in the Office of Sheriff. (H.P. 1159, L.D. 1741)

Ch. 573 - An Act to Increase the Fee Cap for the Board of Licensing of Auctioneers. (H.P. 1365, L.D. 2035)

Ch. 574 - An Act to Expand Access to Certified Residential Medication Aide Training. (H.P. 1398, L.D. 2083)

Ch. 575 - An Act to Establish Additional Requirements Related to the Sale or Lease of Net Energy Billing Interests and Solar Energy Equipment. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 771, L.D. 1964)

Ch. 576 - An Act to Increase Access to the Progressive Treatment Program Fund. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 801, L.D. 1989)

Ch. 577 - An Act to Update the Requirements for Psychology Licensure. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 802, L.D. 1990)

Ch. 578 - An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption for Leased Automobiles for Certain Veterans. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 205, L.D. 305)

Ch. 579 - An Act to Clarify the Prohibition on Paper Billing Statement Fees. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 847, L.D. 2061)

Ch. 580 - An Act to Create an Exception to the Prohibition of Tobacco Sales in Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies for Certain Small Grocery Stores. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 832, L.D. 2134)

Ch. 581 - An Act to Provide Required Funding for the Reimbursement of Assigned Counsel. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 852, L.D. 2059)

Private and Special Laws

Signed by the Governor
Saturday, March 14, 2026

Ch. 14 - An Act to Address Vacancies on the Knox County Budget Committee. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1447, L.D. 2158)

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Thursday, March 19, 2026

Ch. 15 - An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2027. (H.P. 1441, L.D. 2152)

Resolves

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Thursday, March 19, 2026

Ch. 138 - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1456, L.D. 2167)

Ch. 139 - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 1: Fee Schedule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Land Use Planning Commission. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1369, L.D. 2039)

Ch. 140 - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 6: Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, State Board of Nursing. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1455, L.D. 2166)

Ch. 141 - Resolve, Directing the Maine Connectivity Authority to Develop Recommendations to Transition Functions Performed by the ConnectMaine Authority to the Maine Connectivity Authority. (H.P. 1319, L.D. 1975)

Ch. 142 - Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Roxbury the Roxbury-Frye Veterans Memorial Bridge. (S.P. 885, L.D. 2181)

Ch. 143 - Resolve, to Rename the Little River Bridge in the Town of Cornish the Cornish Veterans Memorial Bridge. (S.P. 887, L.D. 2183)

Ch. 144 - Resolve, to Study Food Insecurity Measures in Maine. (H.P. 1370, L.D. 2040)

Ch. 145 - Resolve, to Authorize the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory. (H.P. 1388, L.D. 2075)

(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 FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026**L.D. 2235, H.P. 1511**

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Corrections to Study Alternative Methods for Operating County Jails. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Resolve 2025, chapter 73, section 2.)

L.D. 2236, H.P. 1512

An Act Regarding Public Records Maintained by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Resolve 2025, chapter 37, section 6.)

L.D. 2237, S.P. 915

An Act Permitting the Use of Oral Fluid Testing in Determining the Intoxication of Drivers, Aircraft Operators and Hunters. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Resolve 2025, chapter 87, section 4.)

L.D. 2238, H.P. 1513

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 348: Exemption for On-farm Raising, Slaughter, and Processing of Less than 1,000 Ready-to-cook Whole Poultry, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. (EMERGENCY) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 and approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council.)

L.D. 2239, I.B. 3

An Act to Designate School Sports Participation and Facilities by Sex. (Transmitted to the Clerk of the 132nd Maine Legislature by the Secretary of State on March 18, 2026 and ordered printed.)

L.D. 2240, H.P. 1515

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 10: Significant Wildlife Habitat, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. (EMERGENCY) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 and approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council.)

(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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