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131st LEGISLATURE
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Public Laws

Became law without the Governor's Signature
Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Ch. 517 - An Act to Ensure Proper Regulation of Chemical Plastic Processing. (S.P. 665, L.D. 1660)

Signed by the Governor
Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Ch. 518 - An Act to Require Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect to Military Family Advocacy Programs. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 888, L.D. 2095)

Ch. 519 - An Act to Update Maine's Domestic Violence and Stalking Laws. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 878, L.D. 2085)

Ch. 520 - An Act to Fully Reimburse Municipalities for Lost Revenue Under the Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens Program. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 423, L.D. 646)

Ch. 521 - An Act to Provide for Consistent Billing Practices by Health Care Providers. (H.P. 988, L.D. 1533)

Ch. 522 - An Act to Expand Access to Drug Treatment Courts. (S.P. 627, L.D. 1596)

Ch. 523 - An Act to Make Technical Changes to Maine's Tax Laws. (S.P. 851, L.D. 2023)

Ch. 524 - An Act to Remove the Exemption for Certain Roadside Springs from Regulation as Public Water Systems in the Laws Regarding Water for Human Consumption. (S.P. 864, L.D. 2036)

Ch. 525 - An Act to Establish Training and Certification Standards for Probation and Parole Officers. (H.P. 1307, L.D. 2045)

Ch. 526 - An Act to Provide Additional Moose Hunting Opportunities for Maine Youth Experiencing Critical Illnesses. (H.P. 1314, L.D. 2052)

Ch. 527 - An Act to Exempt Buildings Used to Cultivate Crops from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. (H.P. 1315, L.D. 2053)

Ch. 528 - An Act Regarding Businesses' and Consumers' Use of Returnable, Reusable and Refillable Containers for Food, Beverages and Nonfood Items. (S.P. 884, L.D. 2091)

Ch. 529 - An Act Regarding Responsibility for Activities Intended to Increase the Use of Refillable and Reusable Beverage Containers. (H.P. 1358, L.D. 2134)

Ch. 530 - An Act to Amend the Start Date of the September Upland Game Season. (H.P. 1422, L.D. 2216)

Resolves

Signed by the Governor
Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Ch. 133 - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 29: Allowances for Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1392, L.D. 2177)

Ch. 134 - Resolve, to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Address the Problem of Long Stays for Children and Adolescents in Hospital Emergency Departments. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 830, L.D. 2009)

Ch. 135 - Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Education to Review the Placement of Personal Finance in the System of Learning Results. (S.P. 521, L.D. 1284)

Ch. 136 - Resolve, to Establish a Plan to Provide Transitional Housing and to Support the Growth of Maine's Workforce. (S.P. 684, L.D. 1721)

Ch. 137 - Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Amend Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a Major Substantive Rule of the State Board of Education. (H.P. 1424, L.D. 2221)

(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 8, 2024

L.D. 2241, H.P. 1440

An Act to Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12006, subsection 2.)

L.D. 2242, S.P. 964

An Act to Set a Debt Limit for the Anson and Madison Water District. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset)

L.D. 2243, S.P. 965

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend MaineCare Rules Governing Certain Types of Behavioral and Mental Health Services and to Form a Stakeholder Group to Study Methods for Improving Those Services. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 2244, S.P. 966

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles' Motor Vehicle Dealer Display Area and Licensing Requirements Working Group. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 19, section 5.)

L.D. 2245, S.P. 967

An Act to Clarify the Definition of "Underground Facility" and Reduce Administrative Burdens Under the So-called Dig Safe Law. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 47, section 3.)

L.D. 2246, H.P. 1442

An Act to Establish a Minimum Value Threshold for the Class C Crime of Theft by a Repeat Offender. (Presented by Representative SINCLAIR of Bath)

L.D. 2247, H.P. 1443

An Act to Clarify the Minimum Sentencing Standards for a Violation of Operating Under the Influence. (Presented by Representative SINCLAIR of Bath)

L.D. 2248, H.P. 1441

An Act to Reduce the Reporting Requirements for Special Utility Districts and to Require the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank to File a Report with the Legislature. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4.)

L.D. 2249, S.P. 969

An Act to Protect the Fund for a Healthy Maine. (Submitted by the the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 100, section 7.)

L.D. 2250, S.P. 970

An Act to Allow the Department of Corrections to Comply with the Federal Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

L.D. 2251, H.P. 1445

An Act to Amend the Mining Excise Tax Laws. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 83, section 1.)

L.D. 2252, H.P. 1444

An Act to Establish the Criminal Records Review Commission. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 103, section 7.)

L.D. 2253, S.P. 971

An Act to Authorize a Stop-work Order Regarding an Activity That Is Creating a Substantial Adverse Impact to a Protected Natural Resource. (Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland)

L.D. 2254, S.P. 972

An Act to Clarify Permissible Election and Lobbying Expenditures by Consumer-owned Water Utilities. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

L.D. 2255, H.P. 1446

Resolve, to Reestablish the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients. (EMERGENCY) (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 97, section 7.)

L.D. 2256, H.P. 1447

An Act to Provide Emergency One-time Relief from the Wild Blueberry Tax for Growers in Maine. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative PLUECKER of Warren)

L.D. 2257, S.P. 974

An Act to Allow School Administrative District No. 52 to Issue Temporary Notes for a Wastewater Treatment Project. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin)

L.D. 2258, S.P. 975

An Act to Create an Income Tax Credit for Investments in a Team's Qualified Minor League Baseball Facility to Keep the Team in the State. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 2259, S.P. 976

An Act to Prohibit Receiving Compensation for Assisting a Person to Obtain Veterans' Benefits Except as Permitted Under Federal Law. (Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset)

(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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