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BILLS ENACTED

Public Laws

Signed by the Governor
Monday, March 20, 2023

Ch. 7 - An Act to Raise from 12 to 24 the Annual Limit on the Number of Public Events and Meals Nonprofit Organizations May Have That Are Exempt from Certain Rules and Regulations. (H.P. 155, L.D. 234)

Ch. 8 - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Storm Water Management to Provide an Exemption for Trails for Hiking and Other Similar Activities. (H.P. 137, L.D. 216)

Signed by the Governor
Friday, March 24, 2023

Ch. 9 - An Act to Amend the Law Governing the State Grant Program Administered by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. (H.P. 19, L.D. 15)

Ch. 10 - An Act to Establish Maine Needham Day. (H.P. 190, L.D. 292)

Ch. 11 - An Act to Establish Maine Alewife Day. (H.P. 218, L.D. 344)

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BILLS PRINTED AS OF FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023

L.D. 1211, H.P. 772

An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Fund Out-of-state Residential Treatment for Substance Use Disorder When In-state Treatment Is Unavailable. (Presented by Representative BABIN of Fort Fairfield)

L.D. 1212, S.P. 493

Resolve, to Study the Economic Effects of Instituting a Seasonal Sales Tax. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 1213, S.P. 494

An Act to Reform Income Taxes by Reducing Tax Rates for Each of the 3 Income Tax Brackets. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 1214, S.P. 495

An Act to Clarify the Laws to Combat Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 1215, S.P. 496

An Act to End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products. (Presented by Senator DUSON of Cumberland)

L.D. 1216, S.P. 497

An Act to Create the Animal Cruelty Task Force. (Presented by Senator HARRINGTON of York)

L.D. 1217, S.P. 498

Resolve, to Create a Pilot Program for Alternative Teacher Certification. (Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin)

L.D. 1218, S.P. 499

An Act Establishing a System to Appeal Administrative Actions or Management Plans of the Bureau of Parks and Lands. (Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin)

L.D. 1219, S.P. 500

An Act to Establish Rights for Holders of Certain Leases and Easements on Land Managed by the Bureau of Parks and Lands. (Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin)

L.D. 1220, S.P. 501

An Act to Require Lyme Disease Vaccine Coverage for State-regulated Health Plans. (Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

L.D. 1221, S.P. 502

An Act to Make Changes to the Distribution Amounts to Certain Maine Clean Election Act Candidates in Contested General Elections. (Presented by Senator LYFORD of Penobscot)

L.D. 1222, S.P. 503

An Act to Expand Child Care Services Through an Employer-supported Tax Credit. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 1223, S.P. 504

An Act to Clarify Cost Allocations and Insurance in the Joint Use of Public Utility Equipment. (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

L.D. 1224, S.P. 505

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Seek Federal Approval for Reimbursement of Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services. (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

L.D. 1225, H.P. 773

An Act to Protect Housing by Increasing the Property Tax Fairness Credit. (Presented by Representative O'NEIL of Saco)

L.D. 1226, H.P. 774

An Act to Require MaineCare to Give a 60-day Notice Prior to Terminating Benefits. (Presented by Representative NESS of Fryeburg)

L.D. 1227, H.P. 775

An Act to Balance Renewable Energy Development with Natural and Working Lands Conservation. (Presented by Representative PLUECKER of Warren)

L.D. 1228, H.P. 776

An Act to Prohibit Certain Higher Education Institutions from Requiring Vaccines Approved Under Emergency Use Authorization for Admission or Attendance. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative SMITH of Palermo)

L.D. 1229, H.P. 777

An Act to Support Peer Mentors for Parents Involved in the Child Protective Services System. (Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot)

L.D. 1230, H.P. 778

Resolve, Directing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to Study the Creation of an Interstate Compact Concerning the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset. (Presented by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales)

L.D. 1231, H.P. 779

An Act to Bring Fairness in Income Taxes to Maine Families by Adjusting the Tax Brackets. (Presented by Representative CARMICHAEL of Greenbush)

L.D. 1232, H.P. 780

An Act to Increase Adoption of Solar Power in Maine. (Presented by Representative SKOLD of Portland)

L.D. 1233, H.P. 781

An Act Regarding the Maine State Cemetery Preservation Commission. (Presented by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales)

L.D. 1234, H.P. 782

An Act to Provide Reimbursement for Health Care Expenses of Retired State Police Law Enforcement Dogs. (Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich)

L.D. 1235, H.P. 783

An Act to Provide Compensation to and to Limit Work Hours of Jail Employees. (Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

L.D. 1236, H.P. 784

An Act to Increase the Provision of Children's Behavioral Health Services in Rural Areas and to Provide Support for Families of Children Receiving Services. (Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville)

L.D. 1237, H.P. 785

An Act to Establish a Minimum Hourly Wage for School Support Staff. (Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

L.D. 1238, H.P. 786

An Act to Require Reporting on the Percentage of Approved Care Being Delivered to Individuals. (Presented by Representative CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham)

L.D. 1239, H.P. 787

An Act to Make General Election Day a State Holiday and to Allow Certain Employees an Opportunity to Vote. (Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

L.D. 1240, H.P. 788

An Act to Develop a Pilot Program to Provide Legal Representation to Families in the Child Protection System. (Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

L.D. 1241, H.P. 789

An Act to Allow Sunday Hunting with a Bow and Arrow or Crossbow. (Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

L.D. 1242, H.P. 790

An Act to Eliminate Certain Motor Vehicle Inspections. (Presented by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft)

L.D. 1243, H.P. 791

Resolve, to Establish the Committee to Study the Creation of a State Calendar. (Presented by Representative OSHER of Orono)

L.D. 1244, H.P. 792

An Act Regarding Timely Payment of Undisputed Insurance Claims. (Presented by Representative O'NEIL of Saco)

L.D. 1245, H.P. 793

An Act to Require Registration of Motorized Bicycles or Tricycles or Motorized Scooters. (Presented by Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston)

L.D. 1246, H.P. 794

An Act to Include Endangered and Threatened Species Habitat in the Definition of "Significant Wildlife Habitat" Under the Natural Resources Protection Act. (Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

L.D. 1247, H.P. 795

Resolve, to Study Training in Racial Issues, Racial Justice and Social Issues at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and Study Additional Requirements for Law Enforcement Officers and Candidates. (Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

L.D. 1248, H.P. 796

An Act to Ensure the Quality of Bottled Water. (Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

L.D. 1249, H.P. 797

An Act to Protect the Quality of Care Provided via Telehealth by Prohibiting Physicians from Prescribing Abortion-inducing Drugs or Devices Through Telehealth or Other Electronic Communication. (Presented by Representative PAUL of Winterport)

L.D. 1250, H.P. 798

An Act Regarding Paying Providers Sufficiently, Maintaining Short Waiting Lists and Creating a Cause of Action for Aggrieved Persons in the System of Care for Clients with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism. (Presented by Representative OSHER of Orono)

L.D. 1251, H.P. 799

An Act to Clarify Immunity from Liability for Municipalities Engaged in Recycling Activities. (Presented by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield)

L.D. 1252, H.P. 800

An Act to Ensure Choices in Health Insurance Markets by Limiting the Requirement to Offer Clear Choice Design Health Plans. (Presented by Representative MORRIS of Turner)

L.D. 1253, H.P. 801

An Act to Maintain the Integrity of the Individual and Small Group Health Insurance Markets. (Presented by Representative MORRIS of Turner)

L.D. 1254, H.P. 802

An Act to Provide Coverage and Prior Authorization of Medications and Services During a MaineCare Provider's Enrollment Period. (Presented by Representative ARFORD of Brunswick)

L.D. 1255, H.P. 803

An Act to Improve the Security of Voting Places. (Presented by Representative ARFORD of Brunswick)

L.D. 1256, H.P. 804

An Act to Increase Access to Oral Health Care by Expanding the Maine Dental Education Loan Program. (Presented by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford)

L.D. 1257, H.P. 805

An Act to Increase Housing Capacity and Protect the Municipal Tax Base and Working Lands. (Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle)

L.D. 1258, H.P. 806

An Act to Increase the Personal Property Tax Exemption for Farm Machinery. (Presented by Representative TERRY of Gorham)

L.D. 1259, H.P. 807

An Act to Recover Legal Fees for Low-income Individuals in Actions or Proceedings. (Presented by Representative SKOLD of Portland)

L.D. 1260, H.P. 808

Resolve, to Study Expansion of Civics Education and Engagement Through the Secretary of State. (Presented by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook)

L.D. 1261, H.P. 809

An Act to Establish Mandatory Minimum Sentences for Gross Sexual Assaults and Sex Trafficking of Children. (Presented by Representative ADAMS of Lebanon)

L.D. 1262, H.P. 810

An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Credit Card and Debit Card Surcharge Prohibition. (Presented by Representative WOODSOME of Waterboro)

L.D. 1263, H.P. 811

An Act to Require School Identification Cards to Include the Telephone Number of a Suicide Prevention Hotline. (Presented by Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls)

L.D. 1264, H.P. 812

Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education. (Presented by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth)

L.D. 1265, H.P. 813

An Act to Make Adjustments to Affordable Housing Requirements. (Presented by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison)

L.D. 1266, H.P. 814

An Act to Amend the Maine Producer Licensing Act to Authorize Licensure as a Pet Insurance Producer. (Presented by Representative MORRIS of Turner)

L.D. 1267, H.P. 815

An Act to Provide Alternative Methods of Payment to Health Care Providers. (Presented by Representative NUTTING of Oakland)

L.D. 1268, H.P. 816

An Act to Provide for a Local Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption for Qualifying Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons. (Presented by Representative DOUDERA of Camden)

L.D. 1269, S.P. 506

An Act to Empower Patients and Eliminate Welfare Cliffs in the MaineCare Program by Establishing a MaineCare Savings Account Pilot Program. (Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin)

L.D. 1270, S.P. 507

An Act to Protect Maine People from Inflation by Restoring Gold and Silver as Legal Tender. (Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin)

L.D. 1271, S.P. 508

An Act to Require a Disclaimer on Promotional Materials for Medicare, Medicaid and MaineCare Products by Private Entities. (Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

L.D. 1272, S.P. 509

An Act to Index Unemployment Benefits to the Unemployment Rate. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 1273, S.P. 510

An Act to Exempt Some Businesses from Certain Laws Relating to Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Accordance with the Size of the Business. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 1274, S.P. 511

An Act to Increase Land Access for Historically Disadvantaged Populations. (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

L.D. 1275, S.P. 512

An Act to Clarify the Powers of the Government Oversight Committee and Enable Committee Access to Department of Health and Human Services Documents Related to Investigations of Child Deaths. (Presented by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland)

L.D. 1276, S.P. 513

An Act to Create and Sustain Jobs and Affordable Housing Through the Development of Cooperatives and Employee-owned Businesses. (Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln)

L.D. 1277, S.P. 514

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Property Investment by Credit Unions. (Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin)

L.D. 1278, S.P. 515

An Act to Require Timely Payment for Salaried Employees. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

L.D. 1279, S.P. 516

An Act to Strengthen Maine's Child Protection Laws by Limiting Contact with Violent Offenders. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 1280, S.P. 517

An Act to Invest in Maine's Fire Service Training Facilities. (Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

L.D. 1281, S.P. 518

An Act to Protect Economic Competitiveness in Maine by Extending the End Date for Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits. (Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

L.D. 1282, S.P. 519

An Act to Streamline Income Verification Requests for Income Supplementation and Assistance Programs. (Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

L.D. 1283, S.P. 520

Resolve, to Reestablish the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

L.D. 1284, S.P. 521

An Act to Require Personal Finance to be Taught as a Separate Course to Obtain a High School Diploma. (Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

L.D. 1285, S.P. 522

An Act to Extend Funding for the Land for Maine's Future Program. (Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin)

L.D. 1286, S.P. 523

Resolve, to Establish the Blue Economy Task Force to Support Maine's Emergence as a Center for Blue Economy Innovation and Opportunity in the 21st Century. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator DUSON of Cumberland)

L.D. 1287, S.P. 524

An Act to Establish an Appeal Process for Child Care Providers. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1288, S.P. 525

An Act to Create a 2-year Motor Vehicle Registration. (Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland)

L.D. 1289, S.P. 526

An Act to Facilitate Property Redevelopment and Encourage Affordable Housing by Allowing the Conveyance of Unfinished Commercial Condominium Units. (Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

L.D. 1290, S.P. 527

An Act to End the Maine Information and Analysis Center Program. (Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox)

L.D. 1291, S.P. 528

An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Provide for Statewide and Equitable Access to Experiential Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education. (Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

L.D. 1292, S.P. 529

An Act to Increase the Prize Limits Allowed for Raffles. (Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin)

L.D. 1293, H.P. 818

An Act to End Chronic Homelessness by Creating the Housing First Fund. (Presented by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook)

L.D. 1294, H.P. 819

An Act to Implement Certain Recommendations of the Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Land Use Regulations and Short-term Rentals. (Presented by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport)

L.D. 1295, H.P. 820

An Act Regarding Penalties for Maintaining Drug-involved Premises. (Presented by Representative COSTAIN of Plymouth)

L.D. 1296, H.P. 821

An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Allow Firefighters to Have Increased Lighting on Their Personal Vehicles. (Presented by Representative NESS of Fryeburg)

L.D. 1297, H.P. 822

An Act to Notify School Boards and Select Boards That Lobbying Associations Are Not Governmental Agencies. (Presented by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

L.D. 1298, H.P. 823

An Act to Allow a Local Option Sales Tax on Short-term Lodging to Fund Affordable Housing. (Presented by Representative SKOLD of Portland)

L.D. 1299, H.P. 824

An Act to Amend the Maine Bail Code. (Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington)

L.D. 1300, H.P. 825

An Act to Give the Governing Board of a Municipality Input into the Budget Developed by a School Board. (Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington)

L.D. 1301, H.P. 826

An Act Regarding Transition Coordination, Prisoner Attendance at Funerals, Furloughs, Visitation, Education and Discretionary Accounts at County Jails. (Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

L.D. 1302, H.P. 827

An Act to Create a Rebuttable Presumption Under the Workers' Compensation Law for Line Workers Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder. (Presented by Representative O'CONNELL of Brewer)

L.D. 1303, H.P. 828

An Act to Exempt Boats and All-terrain Vehicles Purchased for Qualified Commercial Fishing or Commercial Farming from State Sales Tax. (Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

L.D. 1304, H.P. 829

Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Barriers to Achieving Behavioral Health Integration and Parity. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais)

L.D. 1305, H.P. 830

Resolve, to Design and Implement a Community-based Model of Care for Adolescent Mental Health. (Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

L.D. 1306, H.P. 831

An Act to Protect Homeowners from Unfair Agreements to Exclusively List Residential Real Estate for Sale. (Presented by Representative BELL of Yarmouth)

L.D. 1307, H.P. 832

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Constitutional Officers to Be Elected by Statewide Election. (Presented by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

L.D. 1308, H.P. 833

An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2023-24. (EMERGENCY) (Submitted by the administrator of the unorganized territory pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1604.)

L.D. 1309, H.P. 834

An Act to Clarify Requirements for Payment of Tuition for Children with Disabilities by the Department of Education's Child Development Services System. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook)

L.D. 1310, H.P. 835

An Act to Establish a State Emergency Rental Assistance Program. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

L.D. 1311, H.P. 836

An Act to Provide That the Legal Use or Possession of Cannabis Is Not a Violation of Probation, Parole or Pretrial Release. (Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland)

L.D. 1312, S.P. 530

An Act to Limit the Immunity of Charitable Organizations. (Presented by Senator BAILEY of York)

L.D. 1313, S.P. 531

An Act to Amend the Tax Credit for Major Business Headquarters Expansions Regarding Employees' Location and Time of Hire for Purposes of the Credit. (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

L.D. 1314, S.P. 532

An Act to Establish a Minimum Salary for Educational Specialists, Educational Technicians and School Teaching Professionals. (Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland)

L.D. 1315, S.P. 533

An Act to Require Instruction in Schools on Substance Abuse Prevention and Administration of Naloxone Hydrochloride. (Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

L.D. 1316, S.P. 534

An Act to Require Auditing for Work Search Requirements of Claimants of Unemployment Compensation. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 1317, S.P. 536

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Promote the Integration of Human Health and Environmental Health. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 1318, S.P. 537

Resolve, Directing the Maine Technology Institute to Review Targeted Technology Sectors and Industry Clusters. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 1319, S.P. 538

An Act to Exempt Certain Boat Operators from Having to Become Maine Guides. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 1320, S.P. 539

An Act to Improve Signature Requirements for Candidates by Allowing Unenrolled Voters to Sign Petitions for Party Candidates. (Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

L.D. 1321, S.P. 540

An Act to Address Income Disparity in Health Care by Limiting the Compensation of Hospital Executives. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

L.D. 1322, H.P. 837

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Remote Participation. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph G.)

L.D. 1323, H.P. 838

An Act to Amend the Opioid Education Requirements. (Presented by Representative NUTTING of Oakland)

L.D. 1324, S.P. 541

An Act to Allow Credit and Debit Card Surcharges. (Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot)

L.D. 1325, S.P. 542

An Act to Make Permanent the Submission of Certain Reports to the Legislature Concerning Child Welfare. (Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington)

L.D. 1326, H.P. 839

An Act to Increase School Security Through Design and Protocol. (Presented by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

L.D. 1327, H.P. 840

An Act to Limit the Requirements Regarding Leadership Political Action Committees and to Promote Clean Election Transparency. (Presented by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

L.D. 1328, H.P. 841

An Act to Fund a Public Defender's Office Through a Tax on University Endowment Income. (Presented by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

L.D. 1329, H.P. 842

An Act to Allow Delivery of Maine Craft Beer. (Presented by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

L.D. 1330, H.P. 843

Resolve, to Ensure Compliance by the State with an Agreement Regarding the Operation of the Landfill in Old Town. (Presented by Representative DILL of Old Town)

(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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