

# *Weekly* **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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**131st LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**BILLS ENACTED**

**Public Laws**

Signed by the Governor  
Tuesday, April 9, 2024

**Ch. 595** - An Act to Reconvene a Driver Education Working Group to Evaluate Hardships to Underserved Populations and Low-income Families. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1467, L.D. 2281)

**Ch. 596** - An Act to Clarify Permissible Election and Lobbying Expenditures by Consumer-owned Utilities and the Casco Bay Island Transit District. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 972, L.D. 2254)

**Ch. 597** - An Act to Correct Language Related to Medicaid Coverage for Children. (H.P. 197, L.D. 299)

**Ch. 598** - An Act to Limit Retroactive Application of Land Use Ordinances to Pending Permit Applications That Propose Housing. (S.P. 331, L.D. 772)

**Ch. 599** - An Act Regarding Department of Economic and Community Development Evaluations of State Investments in Economic Development. (H.P. 492, L.D. 803)

**Ch. 600** - An Act Regarding the Placement of Certain Defendants Found Incompetent to Stand Trial. (H.P. 1308, L.D. 2046)

**Ch. 601** - An Act Regarding Drug Awareness Instruction in Secondary Schools. (S.P. 882, L.D. 2089)

**Ch. 602** - An Act to Strengthen Shoreland Zoning Enforcement. (S.P. 894, L.D. 2101)

**Ch. 603** - An Act to Support Municipalities by Repealing the Law Limiting the Municipal Property Tax Levy. (S.P. 895, L.D. 2102)

**Ch. 604** - An Act to Expand Direct Shipment Reporting and to Allow for the Use of Fulfillment Providers for the Direct Shipment of Wine. (H.P. 1372, L.D. 2148)

**Ch. 605** - An Act Establishing Concurrent Jurisdiction with the Federal Courts in Certain Juvenile Matters. (S.P. 923, L.D. 2171)

**Ch. 606** - An Act to Establish the Wabanaki Veterans Memorial. (H.P. 1430, L.D. 2228)

**Ch. 607** - An Act to Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions. (H.P. 1440, L.D. 2241)

**Ch. 608** - An Act to Reduce the Reporting Requirements for Special Utility Districts and to Repeal the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank Act. (H.P. 1441, L.D. 2248)

**Ch. 609** - An Act to Require Public Safety Answering Point and Dispatch Center Cost Reporting and to Direct the Formation of a Staffing and Recruiting Stakeholder Group. (S.P. 993, L.D. 2278)

**Ch. 610** - An Act to Provide Greater Transparency About the Cost of Insulin and to Promote the Availability of Low-cost Insulin in the State. (S.P. 996, L.D. 2282)

**Ch. 611** - An Act to Implement Recommendations in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Report on Wake Boats. (H.P. 1472, L.D. 2284)

Became law without the Governor's Signature  
Wednesday, April 10, 2024

**Ch. 612** - An Act to Increase Funding for the Prevention and Control of Invasive Aquatic Species. (H.P. 856, L.D. 1342)

**Ch. 613** - An Act to Amend Certain State Tax Laws. (S.P. 856, L.D. 2028)

**Ch. 614** - An Act Regarding the Placement of Portable Toilets. (S.P. 938, L.D. 2201)

Signed by the Governor  
Thursday, April 11, 2024

**Ch. 615** - An Act to Allow the Department of Corrections and County Jails to Comply with the Federal Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 970, L.D. 2250)

**Ch. 616** - An Act to Establish the Maine-Island of Ireland Trade Commission and Improve Collaboration with the Island of Ireland. (S.P. 919, L.D. 2164)

**Ch. 617** - An Act to Prohibit Receiving Compensation for Assisting a Person to Obtain Veterans' Benefits Except as Permitted Under Federal Law. (S.P. 976, L.D. 2259)

#### Private and Special Laws

Signed by the Governor  
Tuesday, April 9, 2024

**Ch. 21** - An Act to Set a Debt Limit for the Anson and Madison Water District. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 964, L.D. 2242)

**Ch. 22** - An Act to Amend the Charter of the Wiscasset Water District. (S.P. 897, L.D. 2104)

#### Resolves

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Tuesday, April 9, 2024

**Ch. 162** - Resolve, Directing the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to Recommend Proposals to Support the Development of Attainable Housing. (S.P. 920, L.D. 2169)

**Ch. 163** - Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the State Court Administrator and the Executive Director of the Legislative Council to Add a 3rd Option for Gender on State Forms. (H.P. 1434, L.D. 2235)

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Thursday, April 11, 2024

**Ch. 164** - Resolve, Directing the Maine Education Policy Research Institute to Review Certain Components of General Purpose Aid for Local Schools and the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula. (H.P. 1477, L.D. 2286)

**Ch. 165** - Resolve, to Require the Establishment of a Stakeholder Group to Examine and Improve the Recruitment, Retention and Wellness of Law Enforcement Officers. (S.P. 887, L.D. 2094)

(Chapters 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, APRIL 12, 2024

#### L.D. 2285, H.P. 1476

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Establish the Commission to Study School Construction Policy and Funding. (EMERGENCY) (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Public Law 2023, chapter 462, section 4.)

#### L.D. 2286, H.P. 1477

Resolve, Directing the Maine Education Policy Research Institute to Review Certain Components of General Purpose Aid for Local Schools and the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 118, section 2.)

#### L.D. 2287, S.P. 1000

Resolve, to Fully Fund Nursing Homes. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

#### L.D. 2288, S.P. 1001

An Act to Allow a Member of the Town of Perham Select Board to Facilitate the Election to Vacant Seats on the Select Board and to Approve and Sign Disbursement Warrants. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

#### L.D. 2289, S.P. 1002

Resolve, to Establish an Automotive Right to Repair Working Group. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business pursuant to Joint Order 2023, S.P. 978.)

**L.D. 2290, H.P. 1478**

An Act to Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine. (EMERGENCY) (Submitted by the Revisor of Statutes pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 94.)

(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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