

# *Weekly* **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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**131st LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**BILLS ENACTED**

**Public Laws**

Signed by the Governor  
Monday, May 8, 2023

- Ch. 51** - An Act to Delay the Repeal of the Law Governing the Sale of Pari-Mutuel Pools for Simulcast Harness Racing. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 132, L.D. 311)
- Ch. 52** - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Severance Pay to Cover More Types of Employers and Include More Workers. (H.P. 16, L.D. 12)
- Ch. 53** - An Act to Define "Mail" in the Employment Security Law to Include Electronic Notification and to Extend the Appeal Times for Claimants. (H.P. 17, L.D. 13)
- Ch. 54** - An Act to Amend the Membership Requirements of the State Claims Commission. (H.P. 21, L.D. 17)
- Ch. 55** - An Act to Limit Public Access to or Dissemination of Electronic Citation and Electronic Warning Information. (S.P. 15, L.D. 23)
- Ch. 56** - An Act to Prohibit Certain Open Burning Under a Red Flag Warning and Regulate Recreational Campfires. (S.P. 16, L.D. 24)
- Ch. 57** - An Act to Streamline Rulemaking for Revisions to Screening Levels for the Solid Waste Beneficial Use Program. (S.P. 20, L.D. 28)
- Ch. 58** - An Act to Increase the Statutory Fee for Defensive Driving Courses. (S.P. 22, L.D. 30)
- Ch. 59** - An Act to Make Corrections to the Maine Insurance Code. (S.P. 28, L.D. 36)
- Ch. 60** - An Act to Amend Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species List. (H.P. 32, L.D. 57)
- Ch. 61** - An Act to Update the Responsibilities of the Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board. (S.P. 46, L.D. 74)
- Ch. 62** - An Act Concerning the Membership of the State Emergency Response Commission and Fees for Registering Facilities Required to Report to That Commission. (H.P. 63, L.D. 95)
- Ch. 63** - An Act to Clarify Court Jurisdiction of Actions Involving Children Brought Under the Maine Uniform Probate Code. (H.P. 82, L.D. 136)
- Ch. 64** - An Act to Amend the Authority of the Public Utilities Commission Regarding Access to Information in Proceedings Involving Special Rate Contracts. (H.P. 118, L.D. 177)
- Ch. 65** - An Act to Assist Municipalities in Preventing Damage from Storm Water. (H.P. 174, L.D. 276)
- Ch. 66** - An Act to Update the Procedures for Issuance of Orders Related to Involuntary Hospitalizations. (S.P. 213, L.D. 459)
- Ch. 67** - An Act to Provide for an Electronic Permit for the Disposition of Human Remains. (H.P. 282, L.D. 465)
- Ch. 68** - An Act to Improve Road Safety for Waste and Recycling Collection Employees. (H.P. 333, L.D. 528)
- Ch. 69** - An Act to Require Mortgage Holders to Notify a Homeowner's Insurance Company on the Sale or Transfer of a Mortgage. (H.P. 358, L.D. 553)
- Ch. 70** - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Working Waterfront Covenants. (H.P. 369, L.D. 574)
- Ch. 71** - An Act to Expand Availability of Naloxone Hydrochloride. (H.P. 377, L.D. 600)
- Ch. 72** - An Act to Increase the Allowable Width of a Snowplow. (H.P. 456, L.D. 687)

**Ch. 73** - An Act to Clarify the Powers of a Conservator to Transfer Property. (S.P. 309, L.D. 751)

**Ch. 74** - An Act to Ensure Transparency in the Labeling of Meat as Grass-fed. (H.P. 523, L.D. 834)

**Ch. 75** - An Act to Require That Service of a Temporary Protection Order Be Attempted Within 48 Hours from the Issuance of the Order. (H.P. 670, L.D. 1034)

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Thursday, May 11, 2023

**Ch. 76** - An Act to Amend the Terms of the Members of the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors by Requiring Staggered Terms. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 637, L.D. 1605)

**Ch. 77** - An Act to Update and Clarify the Public Utilities Commission's Reporting Requirements. (S.P. 100, L.D. 194)

**Ch. 78** - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Membership of the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council. (H.P. 296, L.D. 479)

**Ch. 79** - An Act to Exempt Certain Conservation Lots from Municipal Subdivision Review. (S.P. 264, L.D. 596)

**Ch. 80** - An Act to Promote the Use of Free Annual Wellness Visits by Ensuring Proper Disclosure. (H.P. 414, L.D. 637)

#### **Private and Special Laws**

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**Ch. 3** - An Act to Update the Charter of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority. (H.P. 417, L.D. 640)

#### **Resolves**

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**Ch. 10** - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 171: Control of Petroleum Storage Facilities, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 46, L.D. 71)

**Ch. 11** - Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory. (H.P. 10, L.D. 6)

**Ch. 12** - Resolve, to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Consider Methods to Educate Customers About Electricity Supply. (H.P. 44, L.D. 69)

**Ch. 13** - Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Examine Regulatory Requirements for Outdoor Wood Boilers. (S.P. 181, L.D. 400)

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**Ch. 14** - Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Request a Federal Waiver to Allow Presumptive Work Eligibility for Asylum Seekers. (S.P. 419, L.D. 1050)

(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, MAY 12, 2023**

##### **L.D. 1897, S.P. 769**

An Act to Improve Public Roadways on Unbridged Islands Not Served by the Maine State Ferry Service. (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

##### **L.D. 1898, S.P. 770**

An Act to Ensure That a Teacher Who Participates in the Prevention of Dangerous Behavior Is Protected Under a Collective Bargaining Agreement. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

##### **L.D. 1899, S.P. 771**

An Act to Establish a Maine Commercial Driver's License for Use Within State Borders. (Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin)

**L.D. 1900, S.P. 772**

An Act to Establish a Tax Credit for Employers Who Employ Persons Recovering from Substance Use Disorder. (Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin)

**L.D. 1901, H.P. 1216**

An Act to Improve Affordability and Opportunity for Maine Renters and Landlords. (Presented by Representative SKOLD of Portland)

**L.D. 1902, H.P. 1217**

An Act to Protect Personal Health Data. (Presented by Representative O'NEIL of Saco)

**L.D. 1903, H.P. 1218**

Resolve, to Create an Advisory Council to Oversee the Review and Revision of the Maine Criminal Code and Other Statutes Establishing Criminal Offenses. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

**L.D. 1904, H.P. 1219**

An Act to Enact the Maine Fair Chance Housing Act. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

**L.D. 1905, H.P. 1220**

An Act to Create a Residential Rental Unit Registry. (Presented by Representative ROEDER of Bangor)

**L.D. 1906, H.P. 1221**

An Act to Enable Confirmatory Adoption. (Presented by Representative MOONEN of Portland)

**L.D. 1907, H.P. 1223**

An Act to Increase the Transfer Fees on Petroleum Products and Direct the Proceeds to Efficiency Programs for Low-income Energy Consumers and Financial Assistance to Low-income Utility Ratepayers and Prevent Profiteering in and Hoarding of Fuel. (Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

**L.D. 1908, H.P. 1224**

An Act to Enact the Safe Cosmetics Act. (Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

**L.D. 1909, H.P. 1225**

An Act to Modernize Maine's Beverage Container Redemption Law. (Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich)

**L.D. 1910, H.P. 1226**

An Act to Amend the Returnable Beverage Container Program. (Presented by Representative CROCKETT of Portland)

**L.D. 1911, H.P. 1227**

An Act Concerning Automotive Right to Repair. (Presented by Representative WHITE of Waterville)

**L.D. 1912, H.P. 1228**

An Act to Establish Consumer Protections Regarding Small Dollar Loans. (Presented by Representative BLIER of Buxton)

**L.D. 1913, S.P. 773**

An Act to Support Emerging Adults Involved in the Criminal Justice System. (Presented by Senator BAILEY of York)

**L.D. 1914, S.P. 774**

An Act to Enact the Maine Psilocybin Health Access Act. (Presented by Senator BAILEY of York)

**L.D. 1915, S.P. 775**

Resolve, to Establish a Grant Program to Issue Shellfish Licenses to Qualified Disabled Veterans. (Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

**L.D. 1916, S.P. 778**

An Act to Classify Meat and Poultry Products Inspections as Essential Services. (Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot)

**L.D. 1917, S.P. 779**

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Implement Ranked-choice Voting for Governor, State Senator and State Representative. (Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln)

**L.D. 1918, S.P. 780**

An Act to Modernize Maine's Business Incentive Programs by Creating the Dirigo Business Incentives Program and Eliminating Certain Other Tax Incentive Programs. (Governor's Bill) (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

**L.D. 1919, S.P. 781**

An Act to Designate a State Wildlife Sanctuary at Blue Hill Falls. (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

**L.D. 1920, S.P. 782**

An Act to Authorize a Supplemental Benefit Relief Payment. (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

**L.D. 1921, S.P. 783**

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding State-chartered Credit Unions. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

**L.D. 1922, S.P. 784**

An Act to Allow Bargaining Agents for Public Sector Unions to Merge. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

**L.D. 1923, S.P. 785**

An Act to Provide for Licensing of and Tax Collection from Remote Retail Sellers of Pipe Tobacco and Premium Cigars. (Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

**L.D. 1924, H.P. 1229**

An Act to Provide for Enforcement of Snowmobile and All-terrain Vehicle Laws. (Presented by Representative DUNPHY of Embden)

**L.D. 1925, H.P. 1230**

An Act to Clarify and Improve the Laws Relating to the Background Check Center and the Maine Certified Nursing Assistant and Direct Care Worker Registry. (Presented by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell)

**L.D. 1926, H.P. 1231**

An Act to Impose a Moratorium on New Point Source Waste Discharge Licenses on the Lower Presumpscot River. (Presented by Representative BELL of Yarmouth)

**L.D. 1927, H.P. 1232**

An Act to Create the Rural Prosperity Council. (Presented by Representative PLUECKER of Warren)

**L.D. 1928, S.P. 786**

An Act to Protect Maine Taxpayers from Unconstitutional Federal Expenditures. (Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin)

**L.D. 1929, H.P. 1237**

An Act to Protect Consumers by Licensing Home Building Contractors. (Presented by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick)

**L.D. 1930, H.P. 1238**

Resolve, to Authorize the Exchange of Interest in Certain Lands Owned by the State in Piscataquis County. (Presented by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester)

(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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