

# *Weekly* **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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

**Public Laws**

Signed by the Governor  
Friday, June 16, 2023

- Ch. 190** - An Act to Minimize the Propagation of Invasive Aquatic Plants. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 60, L.D. 92)
- Ch. 191** - An Act to Extend the Time for Youth Deer Hunting. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 299, L.D. 482)
- Ch. 192** - An Act to Clarify Statewide Laws Regarding Affordable Housing and Accessory Dwelling Units. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1095, L.D. 1706)
- Ch. 193** - An Act to Establish an Exception to the Hearsay Rule for Forensic Interviews of a Protected Person. (S.P. 324, L.D. 765)
- Ch. 194** - An Act to Provide Energy Efficiency Program Outreach and Assistance to Manufactured Housing Residents. (H.P. 504, L.D. 815)
- Ch. 195** - An Act to Exempt Emergency Medical Services Community Paramedicine Programs from Home Health Care Provider Licensing Requirements Under Certain Circumstances. (H.P. 549, L.D. 883)
- Ch. 196** - An Act Regarding Payments to Recipients of Restitution. (H.P. 650, L.D. 1014)
- Ch. 197** - An Act to Streamline Label Registrations for Malt Liquor, Wine, Hard Cider and Low-alcohol Spirits. (S.P. 442, L.D. 1073)
- Ch. 198** - An Act to Facilitate Property Redevelopment and Encourage Affordable Housing by Allowing the Conveyance of Unfinished Commercial Condominium Units. (S.P. 526, L.D. 1289)
- Ch. 199** - An Act to Ensure the Rights of Survivors of Sexual Assault. (H.P. 876, L.D. 1362)
- Ch. 200** - An Act to Address Educational Technician Shortages in Public Schools by Establishing an Alternative Certification Pathway. (H.P. 880, L.D. 1366)
- Ch. 201** - An Act to Allow the Public Utilities Commission to Provide Financial Assistance to Low-income Households in Emergency Situations. (H.P. 923, L.D. 1427)
- Ch. 202** - An Act to Establish a Qualifying Condition Review Board to Provide Benefits to Certain Service Members. (H.P. 978, L.D. 1523)
- Ch. 203** - An Act to Permit the Expenditure of Accumulated Tax Increment Revenues. (H.P. 1054, L.D. 1644)
- Ch. 204** - An Act to Implement Changes to the Laws Relating to Judicial Separation and Divorce Regarding Preliminary Injunctions as Recommended by the Family Law Advisory Commission. (H.P. 1109, L.D. 1730)
- Ch. 205** - An Act to Improve the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992. (S.P. 728, L.D. 1803)
- Ch. 206** - An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Report on Boater Safety Education. (H.P. 1152, L.D. 1807)
- Ch. 207** - An Act to Make Technical Changes to Maine's Marine Resources Laws. (H.P. 20, L.D. 16)
- Ch. 208** - An Act to Allow Members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System With Service in Multiple Plans to Defer Retirement Service Benefits Until Normal Retirement Age to Avoid a Reduction in Benefits. (H.P. 74, L.D. 106)
- Ch. 209** - An Act Regarding Airboat Noise. (H.P. 142, L.D. 221)
- Ch. 210** - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Bonding Restrictions for School Administrative Units. (H.P. 153, L.D. 232)
- Ch. 211** - An Act Regarding Replacement Candidates Under the Maine Clean Election Act. (S.P. 113, L.D. 247)
- Ch. 212** - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Advisory Committee on the Fund to Address PFAS Contamination. (H.P. 187, L.D. 289)

**Ch. 213** - An Act to Ensure Municipalities Receive a Higher Percentage of All-terrain Vehicle and Snowmobile Registration Fees to Cover Increased Expenses. (H.P. 194, L.D. 296)

**Ch. 214** - An Act to Allow Signs at Outdoor Athletic Facilities. (H.P. 248, L.D. 397)

**Ch. 215** - An Act to Address Battery Storage System Decommissioning and Clarify Solar Energy Development Decommissioning. (H.P. 313, L.D. 496)

**Ch. 216** - An Act to Make Electric Breast Pumps More Accessible by Providing for MaineCare Reimbursement. (H.P. 380, L.D. 603)

**Ch. 217** - An Act Regarding Guidelines for Free Telephone Calls by Individuals Incarcerated in Department of Corrections Facilities. (H.P. 386, L.D. 609)

**Ch. 218** - An Act to Increase Opportunities for the Development or Preservation of Low-income Housing. (S.P. 282, L.D. 724)

**Ch. 219** - An Act to Clarify the Criteria for State Approval of Alcoholic Beverage Container Labels. (S.P. 298, L.D. 740)

Became law without the Governor's Signature  
Sunday, June 18, 2023

**Ch. 220** - An Act to Increase the Number of Mature Plants Allowed for the Home Cultivation of Cannabis. (H.P. 360, L.D. 555)

**Ch. 221** - An Act to Protect Birds in the Construction, Renovation and Maintenance of Public Buildings. (H.P. 439, L.D. 670)

**Ch. 222** - An Act to Reduce the Cost of Energy in Maine and Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions Through the Effective Use of Renewably Sourced Gas. (H.P. 467, L.D. 698)

**Ch. 223** - An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Signature Requirements on Issuance of General Obligation Bonds. (S.P. 318, L.D. 760)

**Ch. 224** - An Act to Extend the Comparable Health Care Service Incentive Program Beyond 2023. (H.P. 680, L.D. 1085)

**Ch. 225** - An Act to Clarify the Producer Licensure Required to Act as a Pet Insurance Producer. (H.P. 814, L.D. 1266)

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Tuesday, June 20, 2023

**Ch. 226** - An Act to Exempt Certain Boat Operators from Having to Become Maine Guides. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 538, L.D. 1319)

**Ch. 227** - An Act to Protect Minors from Exploitation by Adults for Violation of Privacy. (S.P. 54, L.D. 115)

**Ch. 228** - An Act to Clarify and Correct Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws. (S.P. 70, L.D. 131)

**Ch. 229** - An Act to Require Private Insurance Coverage for Donor Breast Milk. (S.P. 126, L.D. 267)

**Ch. 230** - An Act to Amend the Net Energy Billing Laws to Direct Expiring Net Energy Billing Credits to Provide Low-income Assistance. (S.P. 226, L.D. 509)

**Ch. 231** - An Act to Expand Protections to Maine's Loons from Lead Poisoning by Prohibiting the Sale and Use of Certain Painted Lead Jigs. (H.P. 605, L.D. 958)

**Ch. 232** - An Act to Provide Alternative Methods of Payment to Health Care Providers. (H.P. 815, L.D. 1267)

**Ch. 233** - An Act to Ensure Fairness in Unemployment Benefits by Clarifying Laws Regarding Labor Organizations. (H.P. 882, L.D. 1368)

**Ch. 234** - An Act to Enhance Reporting by Certain Agencies Regarding Greenhouse Gas Emissions. (H.P. 907, L.D. 1411)

**Ch. 235** - An Act to Require Standard Procedures to Protect Stalking Victims and Access to Certain Criminal Complaints. (H.P. 934, L.D. 1438)

**Ch. 236** - An Act to Require Proper Storage of Forensic Exam Evidence. (S.P. 649, L.D. 1632)

**Ch. 237** - An Act to Require and Encourage Safe and Interconnected Transportation. (H.P. 1072, L.D. 1674)

**Ch. 238** - An Act to Clarify the MaineCare Rate Determination Requirements. (H.P. 1132, L.D. 1768)

**Ch. 239** - An Act to Align Laws Governing Crossbow Hunting with Those Governing Archery Hunting. (H.P. 1204, L.D. 1879)

**Ch. 240** - An Act to Allow Bargaining Agents for Public Sector Unions to Merge. (S.P. 784, L.D. 1922)

**Ch. 241** - 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. (H.P. 1230, L.D. 1925)

Became law without the Governor's Signature  
Wednesday, June 21, 2023

**Ch. 242** - An Act to Compensate Tribal Governments for Basic Training for a Law Enforcement Officer Hired by Another Government Agency. (H.P. 150, L.D. 229)

**Ch. 243** - An Act to Require a Disclaimer on Promotional Materials for Medicare, Medicaid and MaineCare Products by Private Entities. (S.P. 508, L.D. 1271)

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**Ch. 244** - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Political Action Committees Relating to Union, Business and Nonprofit Organizations. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 284, L.D. 726)

**Ch. 245** - An Act to Authorize Vaccine Administration by Pharmacy Technicians and Reduce Vaccine Administration Training Requirements for Pharmacists. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 555, L.D. 899)

**Ch. 246** - An Act to Allow Game Wardens to Transfer Retirement Service, Allow Certain Employees of Participating Local Districts to Purchase Service Credit and Allow Transfer of Membership from the State Employee Retirement Plan to Another Plan. (S.P. 134, L.D. 313)

**Ch. 247** - An Act to Provide Career and Technical Education Students with Credit Toward High School Graduation for Work Completed in Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions. (H.P. 269, L.D. 436)

**Ch. 248** - An Act Regarding Investigations of Out-of-home Child Abuse and Neglect. (H.P. 312, L.D. 495)

**Ch. 249** - An Act to Improve Conditions for People Living in Recovery Residences by Requiring Approved Discharge and Transfer Policies. (H.P. 374, L.D. 597)

**Ch. 250** - An Act Regarding Eligibility of County Jail Inmates for a Community Confinement Monitoring Program. (H.P. 461, L.D. 692)

**Ch. 251** - An Act to Require the Maine State Housing Authority to Report to the Legislature on the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund. (S.P. 333, L.D. 774)

**Ch. 252** - An Act to Require Direct Wine Shippers to Comply with Maine Beverage Container Laws. (H.P. 535, L.D. 846)

**Ch. 253** - An Act Regarding Undesignated Ready-to-use Glucagon Rescue Therapies in Schools. (S.P. 364, L.D. 867)

**Ch. 254** - An Act to Improve School Safety and Preparedness Through Comprehensive Health and Safety and Emergency Management Planning. (S.P. 384, L.D. 892)

**Ch. 255** - An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act Regarding Right-to-sue Letters. (H.P. 637, L.D. 1001)

**Ch. 256** - An Act to Extend the Time Allowed Between a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting and a Budget Validation Referendum. (H.P. 658, L.D. 1022)

**Ch. 257** - An Act Regarding the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. (S.P. 441, L.D. 1072)

**Ch. 258** - An Act to Require Supervised Lenders or Mortgage Loan Servicers to Notify Private Mortgage Insurance Consumers of Their Rights Under the Federal Homeowners Protection Act of 1998. (S.P. 449, L.D. 1080)

**Ch. 259** - An Act to Support Lower Home Energy Costs by Establishing a Home Energy Scoring System. (H.P. 696, L.D. 1101)

**Ch. 260** - An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Real Property Investment by Credit Unions. (S.P. 514, L.D. 1277)

**Ch. 261** - An Act to Make Permanent the Submission of Certain Reports Concerning Child Welfare to the Legislature. (S.P. 542, L.D. 1325)

**Ch. 262** - An Act Regarding the Composition of the Budget Advisory Committee and the Finality of the Budget in the Franklin County Budget Process. (H.P. 864, L.D. 1350)

**Ch. 263** - An Act to Increase the Limits on Awards for Compensatory and Punitive Damages Under the Maine Human Rights Act. (H.P. 919, L.D. 1423)

**Ch. 264** - An Act to Protect Certain Unfiltered Drinking Water Sources. (S.P. 592, L.D. 1473)

**Ch. 265** - An Act to Allow for a Suspension of Licenses and Permits Issued Under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws for a Deferred Disposition or Written Filing Agreement. (H.P. 980, L.D. 1525)

**Ch. 266** - An Act to Amend the Maine Equal Pay Law by Prohibiting Pay Discrimination Based on Race. (H.P. 1092, L.D. 1703)

**Ch. 267** - An Act to Allow Certified Nurse Practitioners to Provide In-home Care Without a Home Health Care Provider License. (H.P. 1244, L.D. 1936)

**Ch. 268** - An Act Regarding Marine Finfish Aquaculture. (S.P. 794, L.D. 1951)

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**Ch. 269** - An Act Regarding Liquor Service by Catering Services for Special Events at Licensed Wineries, Small Wineries, Breweries, Small Breweries, Distilleries and Small Distilleries. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 543, L.D. 1378)

**Ch. 270** - An Act Regarding Clearance for Occupancy Under the Lead Poisoning Control Act. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 602, L.D. 1481)

**Ch. 271** - An Act to Amend the Specialty License Plate Laws and Extend the Moratorium on Approval of Specialty License Plates and Remove the Authority of Municipalities to Issue Driver's Licenses. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 738, L.D. 1822)

**Ch. 272** - An Act to Prevent Retaliatory Evictions. (S.P. 37, L.D. 45)

**Ch. 273** - An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Reports. (S.P. 121, L.D. 255)

**Ch. 274** - An Act to Amend Limits on the Direct Shipment of Wine. (H.P. 885, L.D. 1371)

**Ch. 275** - An Act to Regulate Insurance Carrier Prior Authorization Requirements for Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services. (S.P. 548, L.D. 1383)

**Ch. 276** - An Act to Increase Transparency Regarding Certain Drug Pricing Programs. (S.P. 562, L.D. 1395)

**Ch. 277** - An Act to Require the Consideration of Restitution to Support a Child Whose Parent Is Killed During the Commission of a Crime. (H.P. 967, L.D. 1512)

**Ch. 278** - An Act to Provide a Private Support Organization for the Maine Maritime Academy. (S.P. 620, L.D. 1556)

**Ch. 279** - An Act to Improve Disclosure of Lobbyist Activities. (S.P. 644, L.D. 1627)

**Ch. 280** - An Act to Define "Consent" and Amend the Law Governing Certain Sexual Offenses. (S.P. 662, L.D. 1657)

**Ch. 281** - An Act to Advance the National HIV/AIDS Strategy in Maine by Broadening HIV Testing. (H.P. 1115, L.D. 1736)

**Ch. 282** - An Act to Provide Uniform Protections from Retaliation for Maine Workers in Connection with the Exercise of Rights Protected Under the Laws Governing Employment Practices. (S.P. 326, L.D. 767)

**Ch. 283** - An Act to Facilitate the Management of Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge at the State-owned Juniper Ridge Landfill. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 276, L.D. 718)

**Ch. 284** - An Act to Expand the Use of Funds to Support Land Conservation. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 803, L.D. 1969) (Governor's Bill)

**Ch. 285** - An Act to Allow Golf Courses to Obtain a License to Conduct Off-premises Catering. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 813, L.D. 1984)

**Private and Special Laws**

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Friday, June 16, 2023

**Ch. 11** - An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the Limerick Water District. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1241, L.D. 1933)

**Ch. 12** - An Act to Repeal and Replace the Charter of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District. (H.P. 1149, L.D. 1786)

**Ch. 13** - An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2024. (H.P. 47, L.D. 72)

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**Ch. 14** - An Act to Allow Student Representation Within the Governance of the University of Maine System. (S.P. 661, L.D. 1656)

**Resolves**

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**Ch. 49** - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 33: Rules Governing Physical Restraint and Seclusion, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 244, L.D. 393)

**Ch. 50** - Resolve, to Authorize the Exchange of Interest in Certain Lands Owned by the State in Piscataquis County. (H.P. 1238, L.D. 1930)

**Ch. 51** - Resolve, to Improve the Coordination and Delivery of Planning Grants and Technical Assistance to Communities in Maine. (H.P. 1242, L.D. 1934)

**Ch. 52** - Resolve, to Evaluate Options for the Recycling of Solar Panels and Wind Turbine Blades. (H.P. 283, L.D. 466)

**Ch. 53** - Resolve, to Study Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. (H.P. 284, L.D. 467)

**Ch. 54** - Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Study Educator Credential Requirements. (H.P. 302, L.D. 485)

**Ch. 55** - Resolve, to Study the Creation of a State Employee and Legislative Child Care Center. (H.P. 550, L.D. 884)

**Ch. 56** - Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Dental Therapy Degree Program at the University of Maine at Augusta. (H.P. 662, L.D. 1026)

**Ch. 57** - Resolve, to Ensure Efficiency and Effectiveness in Maine's Licensing and Certification of Behavioral Health Services. (H.P. 913, L.D. 1417)

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**Ch. 58** - Resolve, Regarding Mortgage Assistance for Persons with Illnesses Related to COVID-19. (H.P. 159, L.D. 238)

**Ch. 59** - Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Review Regulation of Waste Discharge from Finfish Aquaculture Facilities. (S.P. 225, L.D. 508)

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**Ch. 60** - Resolve, to Develop a So-called No Eject, No Reject Policy to Support Children Receiving Behavioral Health Services and Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 639, L.D. 1003)

**Ch. 61** - Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Submit a Report on the Employment of Minors. (S.P. 137, L.D. 316)

**Ch. 62** - Resolve, to Review the Resource Parent Bill of Rights. (S.P. 262, L.D. 594)

**Ch. 63** - Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Examine Improving Highway Connections from Interstate 95 to the St. John Valley. (H.P. 384, L.D. 607)

**Ch. 64** - Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Bremen the Kitty Breskin Memorial Bridge. (H.P. 1175, L.D. 1843)

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**Ch. 65** - Resolve, to Improve the Convenience of Public Restrooms. (H.P. 444, L.D. 675)

**Ch. 66** - Resolve, to Provide Legislative Approval of the Transmission Project Selected by the Public Utilities Commission Pursuant to the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program. (S.P. 395, L.D. 924)

**Ch. 67** - Resolve, to Create a 21st-Century Electric Grid. (H.P. 599, L.D. 952)

**Ch. 68** - Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to Convene an Advisory Council to Improve the State's 10-year Economic Development Strategy. (H.P. 758, L.D. 1198)

**Ch. 69** - Resolve, to Study the Establishment of a Substance Use Disorder Hotline. (H.P. 103, L.D. 162)

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**Ch. 70** - Resolve, Regarding the Status of Federal Grant Applications or Money Secured for the Funding of a Sexual Assault Kit Tracking Pilot Program. (S.P. 605, L.D. 1484)

**Ch. 71** - Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control to Transition to Electronic Submission of Pesticides Sales and Use Data. (H.P. 1134, L.D. 1770)

**Ch. 72** - Resolve, to Designate the Route 15 Bridge Located in the Town of Kenduskeag the William S. Pullen Bridge. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 749, L.D. 1848)

(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, JUNE 23, 2023**

#### **L.D. 2011, S.P. 834**

An Act Regarding the State Auditor's Reporting Requirements on State Agencies' Financial Activities. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Joint Order 2023, S.P. 747.)

#### **L.D. 2012, H.P. 1298**

An Act to Prohibit Early Termination Fees for Residential Electric Generation Service Contracts. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 164, section 4.)

#### **L.D. 2013, S.P. 835**

An Act to Address Abandoned Capital Credits Held by Rural Electrification Cooperatives. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 1714, subsection 8.)

#### **L.D. 2014, S.P. 836**

An Act Regarding Spirits Price Regulation. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 622, section 6.)

#### **L.D. 2015, S.P. 837**

Resolve, Approving the 2023 Draft and Arrangement of the Constitution of Maine Made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court and Providing for Its Publication and Distribution. (EMERGENCY) (Submitted by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article X, Section 6.)

#### **L.D. 2016, S.P. 838**

An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Distributed Generation Stakeholder Group. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology pursuant to Joint Order 2023, S.P. 747.)

(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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