

Weekly **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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131st LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
BILLS ENACTED

Public Laws

Became law without the Governor's Signature
Sunday, July 9, 2023

Ch. 401 - An Act to Ensure That Effective Dates of First Special Session Direct Initiatives of Legislation Will Occur After the November 2023 Election. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 323, L.D. 764)

Ch. 402 - An Act to Align the Automobile Title Requirements with Those of Antique Automobiles. (H.P. 613, L.D. 966)

Ch. 403 - An Act to Amend the Definition of "Farming" Under the Motor Vehicle Laws to Include Equines Not Raised for Racing. (S.P. 581, L.D. 1463)

Ch. 404 - An Act Regarding Ongoing Absentee Voting and Tracking of Absentee Ballots. (S.P. 677, L.D. 1690)

Signed by the Governor
Monday, July 10, 2023

Ch. 405 - An Act to Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1289, L.D. 2010)

Ch. 406 - An Act to Fund Collective Bargaining Agreements with Executive Branch Employees. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1299, L.D. 2017) (Governor's Bill)

Ch. 407 - An Act to Authorize Funding for Collective Bargaining Agreements with Certain Judicial Department Employees. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 843, L.D. 2019) (Governor's Bill)

Ch. 408 - An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Adult Use Cannabis Stores to Transact Sales at Specified Events. (S.P. 102, L.D. 202)

Ch. 409 - An Act to Provide Remedies for Survivors of Commercial Sexual Exploitation. (H.P. 932, L.D. 1436)

Ch. 410 - An Act to Create Greater Transparency for Facility Fees Charged by Health Care Providers and to Establish the Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients. (S.P. 720, L.D. 1795)

Ch. 411 - An Act Relating to Net Energy Billing and Distributed Solar and Energy Storage Systems. (S.P. 815, L.D. 1986)

Signed by the Governor
Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Ch. 412 - An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025. (H.P. 163, L.D. 258) (Governor's Bill)

Ch. 413 - An Act Regarding Consent for Gender-affirming Hormone Therapy for Certain Minors. (H.P. 340, L.D. 535)

Ch. 414 - An Act to Protect Employee Freedom of Speech. (S.P. 702, L.D. 1756)

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Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Ch. 415 - An Act to Amend the Membership of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 788, L.D. 1939)

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Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Ch. 416 - An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws. (H.P. 1044, L.D. 1619) (Governor's Bill)

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Thursday, July 20, 2023

Ch. 417 - An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group to Review the Process for Ongoing Review of Tax Expenditures by the Legislature. (H.P. 538, L.D. 849)

Ch. 418 - An Act to Modernize the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' Mobile Services. (H.P. 855, L.D. 1341)

Ch. 419 - An Act to Provide Self-service Motor Vehicle Services. (S.P. 557, L.D. 1390)

Ch. 420 - An Act to Amend the Maine Food Sovereignty Act. (H.P. 1251, L.D. 1947)

Ch. 421 - An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Provide a New General Issue of License Plates. (H.P. 1262, L.D. 1965)

Resolves

Signed by the Governor
Monday, July 10, 2023

Ch. 96 - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 301: Fee Schedule and Administrative Procedures for Payment of Court or Commission Assigned Counsel, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1300, L.D. 2018)

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Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Ch. 97 - Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients. (H.P. 623, L.D. 976)

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Ch. 98 - Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 571, L.D. 915)

Ch. 99 - Resolve, to Reestablish and Continue the Work of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1090, L.D. 1701)

Ch. 100 - Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 685, L.D. 1722)

Ch. 101 - Resolve, Directing the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission to Examine Restoring Passenger Rail from Boston to Montreal. (S.P. 312, L.D. 754)

Ch. 102 - Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education. (H.P. 812, L.D. 1264)

Ch. 103 - Resolve, to Reestablish the Criminal Records Review Committee. (H.P. 1047, L.D. 1622)

(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.)

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