

# *Weekly* **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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

**Public Laws**

Signed by the Governor  
Thursday, February 15, 2024

**Ch. 496** - An Act to Update Air Quality Health Warnings. (H.P. 1306, L.D. 2044)

**Ch. 497** - An Act Regarding Processing of Applications Under the Natural Resources Protection Act to Ensure Consistency with Shoreland Zoning Laws. (H.P. 1321, L.D. 2059)

**Ch. 498** - An Act to Expand Accreditation Options for Laboratories That Conduct Blood-alcohol or Drug Testing. (H.P. 1312, L.D. 2050)

**Ch. 499** - An Act to Update the Laws Governing Electronic Device Information as Evidence. (H.P. 1021, L.D. 1576)

**Ch. 500** - An Act Regarding the State Auditor's Reporting Requirements on State Agencies' Financial Activities. (S.P. 834, L.D. 2011)

**Ch. 501** - An Act to Align the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program with Federal Regulations. (S.P. 865, L.D. 2037)

**Resolves**

Signed by the Governor  
Tuesday, February 13, 2024

**Ch. 129** - Resolve, to Ensure That the Independent Commission to Investigate the Facts of the Tragedy in Lewiston Has Necessary Authority to Discharge Its Fact-finding Mission. (H.P. 1405, L.D. 2192) (Governor's Bill)

(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, FEBRUARY 16, 2024**

**L.D. 2207, H.P. 1414**

An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2024-25. (EMERGENCY) (Submitted by the administrator of the unorganized territory pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1604.)

**L.D. 2208, H.P. 1415**

An Act Removing the Lobster Advisory Council from the State Government Evaluation Act Review Requirements. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4.)

**L.D. 2209, H.P. 1416**

An Act to Increase the Cap on Bonds Issued by the Maine State Housing Authority to Reflect Current Housing Production Needs in the State. (Submitted by the Joint Select Committee on Housing pursuant to Joint Order 2023, H.P. 3, section 3.)

**L.D. 2210, H.P. 1417**

An Act to Establish a Civil Rights Unit and a Civil Rights Review Panel Within the Office of the Attorney General and Require Ongoing Enhanced Civil Rights Training for Civil Rights Officers. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

**L.D. 2211, H.P. 1418**

An Act Regarding Quality of Care and the Board of Trustees at the Maine Veterans' Homes. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

**L.D. 2212, H.P. 1419**

An Act to Strengthen Maine's Agriculture, Food System and Forest Products Infrastructure Investment. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

**L.D. 2213, S.P. 947**

An Act to Support Veterans' Organizations and Other Nonprofit Organizations and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes by Updating Electronic Gambling Laws. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

(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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