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December 20, 2017

Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
128th Legislature

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
128th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 19, 2017, 38 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 19, 2017, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Fund the Downeast Correctional Facility" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1184) (L.D. 1704) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias) (Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BICKFORD of Auburn, COREY of Windham, FAY of Raymond, GATTINE of Westbrook, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GROHMAN of Biddeford, HANDY of Lewiston, HILLIARD of Belgrade, MAREAN of Hollis, NADEAU of Winslow, PERRY of Calais, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, POULIOT of Augusta, STANLEY of Medway, Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, JACKSON of Aroostook, LANGLEY of Hancock, MASON of Androscoggin, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, VOLK of Cumberland, WOODSOME of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Crime Victims' Rights" (H.P. 1185) (L.D. 1705) (Sponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast) (BY REQUEST) (Cosponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland and Representatives: GOLDEN of Lewiston, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, NADEAU of Winslow, PERRY of Calais, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, ROSEN of Hancock, President THIBODEAU of Waldo) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Improve Public Safety through Expanded Department of Corrections Treatment, Education and Vocational Programs" (H.P. 1186) (L.D. 1706) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland and Representative: GROHMAN of Biddeford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Adopt Protocols Designed To Prevent Youth Suicide (H.P. 1174) (L.D. 1694) (Sponsored by Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: HANDY of Lewiston, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, NADEAU of Winslow) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify Educational Placement and Notification in Regard to Parental Rights and Responsibilities" (H.P. 1175) (L.D. 1695) (Sponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast) (Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: GILLWAY of Searsport, GOLDEN of Lewiston, KORNFIELD of Bangor, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PERRY of Calais, Senators: KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, VOLK of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Bicentennial Commission" (H.P. 1176) (L.D. 1696) (Sponsored by Representative HILLIARD of Belgrade) (Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, TUELL of East Machias) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Establish Alternative Pathways to the Completion of Secondary School Mathematics Requirements" (H.P. 1177) (L.D. 1697) (Sponsored by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, GATTINE of Westbrook, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HERBIG of Belfast, PERRY of Calais, SCHNECK of Bangor, STANLEY of Medway, Senator: DESCHAMBAULT of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Promote Innovation and Growth in Maine's Traditional Industries" (H.P. 1178) (L.D. 1698) (Sponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast) (Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: GILLWAY of Searsport, GOLDEN of Lewiston, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PERRY of Calais, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, LANGLEY of Hancock, MIRAMANT of Knox) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Wireless Broadband Deployment in Maine and Modify the Process for Issuing Utility Facility Location Permits" (H.P. 1170) (L.D. 1690) (Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram) (Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Representatives: COREY of Windham, HANLEY of Pittston, HARRINGTON of Sanford, KINNEY of Limington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Revise the Renewable Portfolio Standard Laws To Allow Certain Hydropower Facilities To Qualify as New Renewable Capacity Resources" (H.P. 1179) (L.D. 1699) (Sponsored by Representative RYKERSON of Kittery) (Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Residents and Businesses from Rising Electricity Costs" (H.P. 1180) (L.D. 1700) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Representatives: Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GILLWAY of Searsport, GOLDEN of Lewiston, Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, KEIM of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Energy Efficiency of Group Homes in the Northern Part of the State" (H.P. 1181) (L.D. 1701) (Sponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: HERBIG of Belfast, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, NADEAU of Winslow, WHITE of Washburn) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Allow Certain Hydropower Facilities To Sell Electricity Directly to Rural Manufacturing and Industrial Sites" (H.P. 1182) (L.D. 1702) (Sponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway) (Cosponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot and Representatives: HERBIG of Belfast, HILLIARD of Belgrade, NADEAU of Winslow, Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Create Equity for Wine and Spirits Container Deposits" (H.P. 1183) (L.D. 1703) (Sponsored by Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HANLEY of Pittston, HARLOW of Portland, HILLIARD of Belgrade, POULIOT of Augusta, VACHON of Scarborough, Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Cost of Care Resulting from Blood-borne Infectious Diseases" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1187) (L.D. 1707) (Sponsored by Representative VACHON of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland and Representatives: COREY of Windham, HARRINGTON of Sanford, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, Senators: DILL of Penobscot, LANGLEY of Hancock, MAKER of Washington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Allow Qualifying Medicaid Recipients To Hire Relatives and Legal Guardians for Consumer-directed Attendant Services" (H.P. 1188) (L.D. 1708) (Sponsored by Representative COREY of Windham) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, BRYANT of Windham, FAY of Raymond, MALABY of Hancock, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, NADEAU of Winslow, VACHON of Scarborough, Senator: BREEN of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Allow the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board Access to Investigations of Suspicious Deaths and Mortality Reviews Performed by the Department of Health and Human Services" (H.P. 1189) (L.D. 1709) (Sponsored by Representative PARKER of South Berwick) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, PERRY of Calais, Senator: MAKER of Washington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Restore Maine's School-based Health Centers" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1190) (L.D. 1710) (Sponsored by Representative HANDY of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, NADEAU of Winslow, PERRY of Calais, SHEATS of Auburn, TEPLER of Topsham, Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CARSON of Cumberland, MILLETT of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Save Lives by Establishing a Homeless Opioid Users Service Engagement Pilot Project within the Department of Health and Human Services (H.P. 1191) (L.D. 1711) (Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, PERRY of Calais, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TUELL of East Machias, VACHON of Scarborough, Senator: CARSON of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Regarding Health Care Ombudsman Services" (H.P. 1192) (L.D. 1712) (Sponsored by Representative VACHON of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: COREY of Windham, ESPLING of New Gloucester, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, STETKIS of Canaan, Senators: DILL of Penobscot, KEIM of Oxford, MAKER of Washington, MASON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Improve Housing Support in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program" (H.P. 1193) (L.D. 1713) (Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and Representatives: HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, PERRY of Calais, VACHON of Scarborough, Senator: BREEN of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify Liability Pertaining to the Collection of Debts of MaineCare Providers by the Department of Health and Human Services" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1194) (L.D. 1714) (Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Rural Patient Populations Receive Safe and Effective Health Care" (H.P. 1195) (L.D. 1715) (Sponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway) (Cosponsored by Senator CARSON of Cumberland and Representatives: GOLDEN of Lewiston, HERBIG of Belfast, NADEAU of Winslow, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Study the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts (H.P. 1171) (L.D. 1691) (Sponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, PERRY of Calais, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, JACKSON of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Protect Persons Who Provide Assistance to Law Enforcement Dogs, Search and Rescue Dogs and Service Dogs" (H.P. 1196) (L.D. 1716) (Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, BATTLE of South Portland, COREY of Windham, ESPLING of New Gloucester, HARRINGTON of Sanford, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, PERRY of Calais, TUELL of East Machias) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Authority of the Chief Medical Examiner To Properly Dispose of Abandoned Human Remains" (H.P. 1197) (L.D. 1717) (Sponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator HILL of York and Representatives: LONGSTAFF of Waterville, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, Senators: KATZ of Kennebec, VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Empower Maine's Rural Economy and Workforce" (H.P. 1198) (L.D. 1718) (Sponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast) (Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: FAY of Raymond, GILLWAY of Searsport, NADEAU of Winslow, STANLEY of Medway, Senators: KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, MIRAMANT of Knox, VOLK of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Marijuana Legalization Implementation

Bill "An Act To Implement a Regulatory Structure for Adult Use Marijuana" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1199) (L.D. 1719) (Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Temporary Medical Allowances for Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holders" (H.P. 1200) (L.D. 1720) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, DEVIN of Newcastle, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, Senator: LANGLEY of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Require Room Remarketers and Operators of Transient Rental Platforms To Be Registered for the Collection and Reporting of Sales Taxes" (H.P. 1201) (L.D. 1721) (Sponsored by Representative HILLIARD of Belgrade) (Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, POULIOT of Augusta, STANLEY of Medway, TUELL of East Machias) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Encourage Computer Data Center Development by Providing a Sales Tax Refund or Exemption" (H.P. 1202) (L.D. 1722) (Sponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway) (Cosponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot and Representatives: GOLDEN of Lewiston, HERBIG of Belfast, HILLIARD of Belgrade, NADEAU of Winslow, Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin, MIRAMANT of Knox) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Expand Job Opportunities for People Working in Maine" (H.P. 1203) (L.D. 1723) (Sponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: FAY of Raymond, GOLDEN of Lewiston, NADEAU of Winslow, PERRY of Calais, STANLEY of Medway, Senators: MIRAMANT of Knox, VOLK of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Heating Assistance Organizations" (H.P. 1207) (L.D. 1755) (Sponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast) (Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: GILLWAY of Searsport, GOLDEN of Lewiston, KINNEY of Knox, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, MIRAMANT of Knox) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws" (H.P. 1172) (L.D. 1692) (Sponsored by Representative McLEAN of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GILLWAY of Searsport, HARRINGTON of Sanford, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, WHITE of Washburn, Senators: DILL of Penobscot, JACKSON of Aroostook, MIRAMANT of Knox) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Develop and Operate Pilot Programs for the Use of Autonomous Vehicles for Public Transportation" (H.P. 1204) (L.D. 1724) (Sponsored by Representative SANBORN of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Law Governing the Separation of a Class A Restaurant and an Off-premises Retail Licensee Located on the Same Premises" (H.P. 1173) (L.D. 1693) (Sponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, HANLEY of Pittston, HILLIARD of Belgrade, WHITE of Washburn, Senator: DESCHAMBAULT of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Stability for Certain Holders of Liquor Licenses" (H.P. 1205) (L.D. 1725) (Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Elections" (H.P. 1206) (L.D. 1726) (Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GILLWAY of Searsport, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, WHITE of Washburn, Senators: DILL of Penobscot, JACKSON of Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
