

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2023**

approval of the Legislature in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, sections 1814, 1837 and 1851; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Director of Bureau of Parks and Lands directed to convey certain land used for community recreation areas along Piggery Road in Augusta, Maine. Resolved:** That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall convey by quitclaim deed with restrictive servitudes to the Capitol Area Recreation Association for \$1 on or before July 1, 2024 all of the State's interest in a parcel of land in Augusta, Maine comprising playing fields and other community recreation areas along Piggery Road, which is currently the subject of a lease between the Bureau of Parks and Lands and the Capitol Area Recreation Association. The conveyance must include the portion of Piggery Road owned by the Bureau of Parks and Lands subject to the delineation of a boundary mutually agreed upon by the Bureau of Parks and Lands, the Capitol Area Recreation Association and the Viles Arboretum. The conveyance must be subject to the delineation of the westerly boundary mutually agreed upon by the Bureau of Parks and Lands, the Capitol Area Recreation Association and the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The Bureau of Parks and Lands shall consult with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles when delineating the westerly boundary of the parcel and may retain a narrow sliver of land along the westerly boundary, adjacent to the nonreserved public land parcel managed by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, for purposes of buffering the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' parking lot on that nonreserved public land. Any land retained to buffer the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' parking lot must be assigned to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for management in accordance with its management of its current nonreserved public land parcel.

The parcel must be conveyed subject to the following servitudes.

1. The conveyance must reserve an easement over Piggery Road for use by the Bureau of Parks and Lands and its lessees and contractors for foot and vehicular access at all times and for any management purpose.
2. The conveyance must reserve an easement over Piggery Road for nonmotorized use by the general public, including, but not limited to, persons on foot, bicycles or skis, but must allow the parcel owner to gate Piggery Road to prevent seasonal damage to the road or at any time as needed for security purposes.
3. The conveyance must require that the parcel be maintained in perpetuity for recreational use by the public and allow the assessment of fees, if any, only as needed to cover operating and capital expenses necessary for maintaining the parcel for recreational use by the public.

4. The conveyance must provide that if the Capitol Area Recreation Association ceases to exist or to maintain the parcel for recreational use by the public, the parcel reverts to the State of Maine, Bureau of Parks and Lands and the bureau is obligated to offer the parcel to the City of Augusta with all the servitudes listed in subsections 1, 2, 3 and 5. The conveyance must provide that if the City of Augusta declines to accept, the parcel remains with the bureau, and if the City of Augusta accepts but then fails to maintain the parcel for recreational use by the public, ownership of the parcel must revert to the State of Maine, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

5. The conveyance must provide that, in recognition of the historic nature of its name, Piggery Road may be renamed only by mutual agreement of the Capitol Area Recreation Association, or the City of Augusta if the city acquires the property under subsection 4, the Bureau of Parks and Lands and the Viles Arboretum.

The Capitol Area Recreation Association shall pay all costs of conveyance, including, but not limited to, a survey of the property boundaries, recording costs and legal costs incurred by the Bureau of Parks and Lands. A survey to be completed for the parcel including Piggery Road must be referenced in the deed and recorded along with the deed.

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**CHAPTER 110  
H.P. 557 - L.D. 901**

**Resolve, to Establish a  
Stakeholder Group to Inform  
the Development of a Farm  
Apprenticeship Pilot Program**

**Sec. 1. Stakeholder group regarding a farm apprenticeship pilot program. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall convene a group of stakeholders including, but not limited to, representatives from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry; the Department of Labor; the Department of Economic and Community Development; the Department of Education; educational institutions, particularly public and private postsecondary institutions; statewide organizations representing organic farmers and gardeners and conventional farmers; a statewide organization that works to protect farmland and support farmers; and a statewide business association to develop recommendations for a potential farm apprenticeship pilot program. The stakeholder group shall consider existing models for farm apprenticeships and solicit input from interested parties. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may undertake a survey of existing programs within the State and in other states to inform the work of the stakeholder group. The commissioner shall report the findings and recommendations of the

stakeholder group, including suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters by March 1, 2025. The joint standing committee may submit a bill to the 132nd Legislature in 2025 relating to the subject matter of the report.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for contracted services to manage a stakeholder group to develop recommendations for a farm apprenticeship pilot program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$0	\$20,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

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**CHAPTER 111  
H.P. 626 - L.D. 979**

**Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Provide Transportation to Medically Managed Withdrawal Sites**

**Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to fund transportation from hypodermic apparatus exchange programs to medically managed withdrawal sites; one-year pilot program. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a one-year pilot program to provide transportation from certified hypodermic apparatus exchange programs to medically managed withdrawal sites for individuals who are willing to use and desire medically managed withdrawal services but lack transportation services to get to the site. The department shall contract with 2 certified hypodermic apparatus exchange programs for a one-year period with total funding of no more than \$30,000. One of the programs must be located in an urban area of the State and one must be located in a rural area of the State. The certified hypodermic apparatus exchange programs receiving the funding from the department are responsible for providing transportation services to medically managed withdrawal sites and collecting data on service use. The department may contract for the service required in this section as part of its next regular contracting process with hypodermic apparatus exchange programs. The department shall submit a report, no later than January 15, 2026, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and

human services matters with the results of the pilot program. The report must include the number of individuals who received transportation services, the distances traveled in the rural and urban sites, the adequacy of the funding and an estimate of the cost of providing such services statewide. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters is authorized to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the department to contract with 3rd parties for a one-year pilot program to provide transportation from certified hypodermic apparatus exchange programs to medically managed withdrawal sites.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$0	\$30,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

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**CHAPTER 112  
H.P. 687 - L.D. 1092**

**Resolve, To Establish an Ad Hoc Committee to Address the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. Ad hoc committee establishment required. Resolved:** That, no later than November 1, 2023, the Department of Health and Human Services shall establish an ad hoc committee. The ad hoc committee shall make recommendations addressing the intervention in and prevention of commercial sexual exploitation of children. For the purposes of this section, "commercial sexual exploitation of children" means any activity involving the sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of a child for the financial benefit of any person or in exchange for anything of monetary or nonmonetary value given or received by any person. The ad hoc committee must include representatives of the department, child advocacy centers, community-based agencies with expertise working with commercially sexually exploited children and a statewide coalition of sexual assault centers. By January 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of