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122ND LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION



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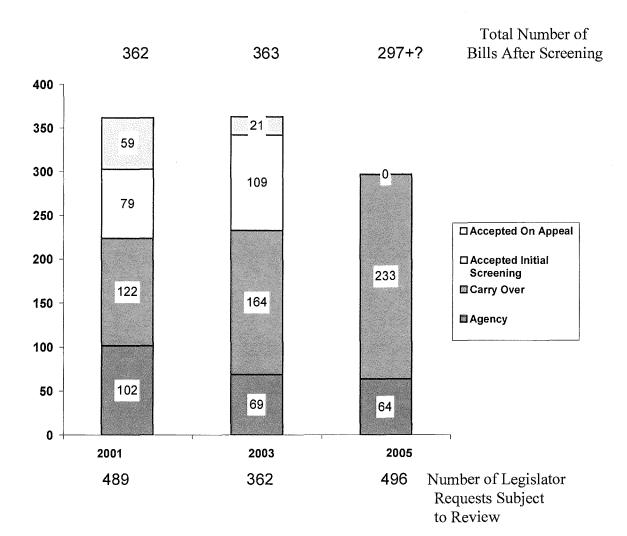
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PART 1

INTRODUCTION

Part 2 of this notebook contains the bill requests submitted by Legislators before cloture on October 7, 2005 that are proposed for introduction in the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature. The requests are arranged by broad, major and minor subjects. Each request is indicated by a title, followed by a short summary of the bill request and, where applicable, cross-references to other requests that appear to be related. We have also identified requests that may be precluded by Joint Rule 217 with cross-references to the possible conflicting LDs from last session.

The graph below shows categories of bill requests for this session and the past two second regular sessions.



Two years ago, in 2003, out of a total of 362 precloture legislator requests to review, 109 were admitted at the initial screening and 21 at the appeal screening for a total of 130 legislator bills accepted.

Four years ago, in 2001, out of a total of 489 legislator requests to review, 79 were admitted at the initial screening and 59 at the appeal screening for a total of 138 legislator bills accepted.

This year a total of 64 agency and independent bills were filed as compared to 69 in 2003 and 102 in 2001.

Additionally, the workload of the Legislature includes 233 carryovers for the upcoming session as compared to 164 in 2003 and 122 in 2001.

Included as separate parts at the rear of the book are: a list of bills arranged alphabetically by sponsor; a list of bills that are being carried over into the Second Regular Session; a list of approved studies; and a list of agency bills already submitted arranged by subject matter.

Constitution of Maine

Article IV

Part Third

Legislative Power.

Section 1. To meet annually; power of Legislature to convene itself at other times; extent of legislative power. The Legislature shall convene on the first Wednesday of December following the general election in what shall be designated the first regular session of the Legislature; and shall further convene on the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday of January in the subsequent evennumbered year in what shall be designated the second regular session of the Legislature; provided, however, that the business of the second regular session of the Legislature shall be limited to budgetary matters; legislation in the Governor's call; legislation of an emergency nature admitted by the Legislature; legislation referred to committees for study and report by the Legislature in the first regular session; and legislation presented to the Legislature by written petition of the electors under the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18. The Legislature shall enact appropriate statutory limits on the length of the first regular session and of the second regular session. The Legislature may convene at such other times on the call of the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, with the consent of a majority of the Members of the Legislature of each political party, all Members of the Legislature having been first polled. The Legislature, with the exceptions hereinafter stated, shall have full power to make and establish all reasonable laws and regulations for the defense and benefit of the people of this State, not repugnant to this Constitution, nor to that of the United States.

122nd LEGISLATURE

JOINT RULES

Joint Rule 217. Measures Rejected at a Prior Session.

A bill, resolve, constitutional resolution, resolution, memorial or order that has been *introduced* and *finally rejected* in a regular or special session may not be introduced in a subsequent regular or special session of the same Legislature except by vote of 2/3 of both chambers.

PART 2

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

ACF

ANIMALS

BREEDERS

LR: 2545 SPONSOR: Sen. Mills

of Somerset

TITLE: An Act To Repeal the Surcharge on the Sale of Dogs and Cats

That Have Not Been Neutered

CMNTS: This bill would repeal the \$25 surcharge on the sale by a

breeding kennel or pet shop of a dog or cat that has not

been neutered.

ACF

ANIMALS

HORSES

LR: 2929 SPONSOR: Sen. Diamond

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Improve Housing Conditions for Equines

CMNTS: The bill would improve housing conditions for equines.

ACF

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

LR: 2919 SPONSOR: Rep. Collins

of Wells

TITLE: An Act To Implement the Privatization of Work Performed by

the Maine Geological Survey

CMNTS: This bill would privatize work of the Maine Geological

Survey.

ACF

LAND USE REGULATION COMMISSION LURC PLANNING

LR: 2515 SPONSOR: Rep. Eder

of Portland

TITLE: Resolve, To Save Moosehead Lake

CMNTS: This resolve would impose a 180-day moratorium on the processing or issuance of all pending or proposed amendments of land use district boundaries and on permits for developments or subdivisions in certain territories under the jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission. The Maine Land Use Regulation Commission would be required to adopt rules regarding a regional planning process.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 1547 CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2887 PIOTTI

LR: 2887 SPONSOR: Rep. Piotti of Unity

TITLE: An Act To Guide Growth within Unorganized Areas and Promote Economic Prosperity in Less Developed Regions

CMNTS: This bill would provide a clear policy to govern growth within the unorganized areas of the State and to promote economic prosperity in the less developed regions of the State.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 1547 CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2515 EDER

ACF

PESTICIDES

BOARD OF PESTICIDE CONTROL

LR: 2759 SPONSOR: Sen. Sullivan

of York

TITLE: An Act To Increase the Number of Members on the Board of Pesticide Control

CMNTS: This bill would add to the membership of the Board of Pesticide Control a person who represents a statewide association for structural pest management operators and a 3rd member to represent the public who represents a statewide business association.

ACF

PESTICIDES SALES

LR: 2521 SPONSOR: Rep. Blanchard

of Old Town

TITLE: An Act To Fund Pesticide Education in the State

CMNTS: This bill would direct Maine Revenue Services to initiate a consumer-packaged pesticide container fee designed to raise funds for a new Maine pesticide education fund. The fund will be used for pesticide and pest management education programs.

ACF

PRODUCTS CIDER

LR: 3035 SPONSOR: Rep. Twomey

of Biddeford

TITLE: An Act To Allow the Use of Fallen Apples in Apple Cider

CMNTS: This bill would allow those apple orchards that do not have cows on the premises to use fallen apples in apple cider.

ACF

PUBLIC LANDS STATE PARKS

LR: 2983 SPONSOR: Sen. Edmonds

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Clarify an Easement across State Park Land

CMNTS: This bill would clarify that the owners of certain property adjacent to Wolfe's Neck Woods State Park do have an easement across park property in order to access their

property.

ACF

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
WOOD MEASUREMENT

LR: 2665 SPONSOR: Rep. Smith

of Monmouth

TITLE: An Act To Develop an Appropriate Measure for a Loose Cord of

Firewood

CMNTS: This bill requires that a better way of measuring a loose

cord of firewood be developed.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 1441

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

AFA

BOND ISSUES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR: 2932 SPONSOR: Rep. Fletcher

of Winslow

TITLE: An Act To Encourage Energy Efficiency

CMNTS: This bill creates an integrated electric energy policy for Maine that seeks to lower the cost of electric service and the market price of power and that includes conservation

and renewable energy development as important ways to

achieve these goals.

LR: 2985 SPONSOR: Rep. Cummings

of Portland

TITLE: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create a Block Grant Program to Promote Economic and Cultural Development

CMNTS: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to authorize the Department of Economic and Cultural Development to create a block grant program to promote economic and cultural development.

AFA

BOND ISSUES EDUCATION

LR: 2847 SPONSOR: Rep. Mills

of Farmington

TITLE: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Emery Center at the University of Maine at Farmington

CMNTS: This bill would propose a general fund bond issue in the amount of \$15 million to match a \$5 million donation to build the Emery Center at the University of Maine in Farmington.

AFA

BOND ISSUES ENERGY

LR: 2933 SPONSOR: Rep. Fletcher of Winslow

TITLE: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund Energy Conservation Programs through Efficiency Maine

CMNTS: This bill would establish standards for the allocation of funds to programs for particular customer classes and specifies the focus of expenditures by technology within customer classes.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2536 LERMAN CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2575 CUMMINGS CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2724 FLETCHER CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2856 BISHOP

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2868 BRENNAN

AFA

SPENDING

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION, FORESTRY

LR: 2645 SPONSOR: Sen. Mills

of Somerset

TITLE: An Act To Provide Continued Funding for the Land for

Maine's Future Program

CMNTS: This bill would set aside 5% of the food and lodging tax

for continued funding for the Land for Maine's Future

Program.

CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD 78

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2687 DUDLEY

AFA

SPENDING

BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR: 2575 SPONSOR: Rep. Cummings

of Portland

TITLE: An Act To Provide Supplemental Funds for Heating Assistance

CMNTS: This bill appropriates \$5,000,000 to the Maine State Housing Authority for supplemental heating assistance.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2536 LERMAN
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2724 FLETCHER
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LR: 2578 SPONSOR: Rep. Sockalexis of Penobscot Nation

TITLE: An Act To Provide Funding for Tribal Economic Development for the Penobscot Indian Nation and Other Federally Recognized Tribes

CMNTS: This bill appropriates funds for the Department of Economic and Community Development to provide financial assistance to the Penobscot Indian Nation and other federally recognized tribes for economic development. These funds are to assist the nation and tribes with funds for feasibility studies, implementation of economic projects, matching funds and economic development planning activities.

LR: 2735 SPONSOR: Rep. Sherman of Hodgdon

TITLE: An Act To Appropriate Funds To Fund the Office of the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman

CMNTS: This bill would provide funds to fund the Office of the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman.

of Cumberland LR: 2748 SPONSOR: Sen. Bromley

TITLE: An Act To Ensure the Continued Ability of the Maine Economic Growth Council To Produce Reports on Measures of Growth

CMNTS: This bill would appropriate \$10,000 to the Maine Economic Growth Council in order that it may continue to produce the Measures of Growth report.

LR: 2753 SPONSOR: Rep. Richardson of Brunswick

TITLE: An Act To Recapitalize the Maine Downtown Center

CMNTS: This bill would appropriate funds to recapitalize the Maine

Downtown Center.

LR: 2824 SPONSOR: Rep. Lerman

of Augusta

TITLE: An Act To Protect a National Historic Landmark

CMNTS: This bill would appropriate \$1,000,000 to redevelop the

arsenal in Augusta.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2528 MITCHELL CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2547 MITCHELL CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2823 LERMAN

AFA

SPENDING

EDUCATION

LR: 2582 SPONSOR: Rep. Sockalexis of Penobscot Nation

TITLE: An Act To Establish a Penobscot Language Preservation Fund

in the Department of Education

CMNTS: This bill establishes the Penobscot Language Preservation Fund and appropriates funds for the Department of Education to provide financial assistance to the Penobscot Indian Nation to maintain and preserve the Penobscot language. The language program must be maintained and managed under the auspices of the tribal cultural and historic preservation department. These funds may also be used to match other funding sources as necessary.

LR: 2906 SPONSOR: Sen. Diamond of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Provide Funding for the Construction of a Regional Career Center

CMNTS: This bill would provide funding for the construction of a regional career center in Casco. This center would provide career training and services, including technical training, job placement and transitional services, to teens and adults who are 20 years of age and younger.

LR: 2962 SPONSOR: Sen. Mitchell of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Ensure Continuation of the Planning and Development of Collaborative Partnerships

CMNTS: This bill would appropriate \$100,000 to the University of Maine at Augusta to fund collaborative partnerships within postsecondary institutions to increase access to educational programs.

AFA

SPENDING

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

LR: 2617 SPONSOR: Rep. Richardson of Brunswick

TITLE: An Act To Assist the Visually Impaired To Obtain Information Regarding Current Events

CMNTS: This bill would establish an accessible electronic information service for eligible blind and disabled persons. The service would convert text-based information, including newspapers, into synthetic speech or Braille suitable for statewide distribution with modern telecommunications technology.

LR: 2641 SPONSOR: Rep. Campbell, Sr. of Newfield

TITLE: An Act To Provide Supplemental Funding for Mileage Reimbursement for Volunteers for the Meals on Wheels Program

CMNTS: This bill provides supplemental funding for mileage reimbursement for volunteers for the meals on wheels program. This funding is needed as soon as possible due to the substantial increase in the price of gasoline.

CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD 1348

LR: 2786 SPONSOR: Sen. Sullivan of York

TITLE: An Act To Appropriate Funds To Eliminate Cost Sharing under Certain MaineCare Programs

CMNTS: This bill would eliminate or limit cost-sharing eligibility requirements under the Katie Beckett Program, which serves children with significant health care needs.

CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD 273

LR: 2868 SPONSOR: Sen. Brennan of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Provide Emergency Assistance to People at Risk Due to the High Cost of Heating Fuel

CMNTS: This bill would appropriate \$10,000,000 for an emergency fuel assistance fund for people who qualify and are waiting for funds to be issued and it would provide additional resources to entities serving low-income families and individuals to expedite the provision of fuel assistance.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2536 LERMAN CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2575 CUMMINGS CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2724 FLETCHER CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2856 BISHOP CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2933 FLETCHER

LR: 2869 SPONSOR: Sen. Brennan

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Improve the Health, Safety, Welfare and Education of Maine People

CMNTS: This bill would appropriate funds in the amount of \$4,700,000 to be distributed for hospice services, the Department of Environmental Protection to assist with storm water compliance and air quality monitoring equipment, hazardous chemical removal from secondary schools, the Holocaust Human Rights Center of Maine, tribal housing through the Maine State Housing Authority, applied technology centers and an education loan forgiveness program.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 410 683

LR: 2994 SPONSOR: Rep. Dudley

of Portland

TITLE: An Act To Reduce the Long-term Costs of Substance Abuse

CMNTS: This bill would authorize a \$5,000,000 appropriation to the Office of Substance Abuse for reducing youth alcohol use.

AFA

SPENDING

INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

LR: 2570 SPONSOR: Sen. Strimling

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Provide Funding for Firearms Safety Instructors to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

CMNTS: This bill provides funding for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to provide firearms safety instructors for hunter safety courses in secondary schools.

AFA

SPENDING

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

LR: 2615 SPONSOR: Rep. Fischer

of Presque Isle

TITLE: An Act To Protect Military Families

CMNTS: This bill will provide a \$250,000 life insurance policy

free to members of the Maine Army National Guard who go

into combat zones.

AFA

SPENDING

MARINE RESOURCES

LR: 2576 SPONSOR: Rep. Perry

of Calais

TITLE: An Act To Increase Supervision of Red Tide on the Maine

Coast

CMNTS: This bill would appropriate funding to the Water Quality

Division in the Department of Marine Resources to allow the division to hire more seasonal interns to test for red tide.

AFA

SPENDING

NATURAL RESOURCES

LR: 2718 SPONSOR: Rep. Daigle

of Arundel

TITLE: An Act To Assist the Cities of Biddeford and Saco

CMNTS: This bill would provide an appropriation of up to

\$8,000,000 to help the cities of Biddeford and Saco purchase the Maine Energy Recovery Company incinerator. The amount is dependent upon the amount approved at local

referendum in November 2005.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2721 HOBBINS CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2959 HOBBINS CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 3036 TWOMEY

AFA

SPENDING

UTILITIES

LR: 2739 SPONSOR: Rep. Hotham

of Dixfield

TITLE: An Act To Provide Funding to the Fractionation

Development Center in Rumford

CMNTS: This bill would appropriate funds to establish a pilot

bio-refinery program at the Fractionation Development

Center in Rumford.

CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD 149

LR: 3036 SPONSOR: Rep. Twomey

of Biddeford

TITLE: An Act To Purchase the Maine Energy Recovery Company

CMNTS: This bill would appropriate \$8,000,000 to purchase the

Maine Energy Recovery Company in Biddeford.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2718 DAIGLE CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2721 HOBBINS

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2959 HOBBINS

AFA

STATE FINANCES

BUDGET PROCEDURES

LR: 2898 SPONSOR: Rep. Austin

of Gray

TITLE: An Act To Protect Volunteer-earned Funds of the Maine

Wildlife Park

CMNTS: This bill would ensure that volunteer-earned funds of the

Maine Wildlife Park could not be used to reduce overall

state funding of the park.

LR: 2905 SPONSOR: Rep. Woodbury

of Yarmouth

TITLE: An Act To Make Minor Technical Changes to Maine's Spending

Growth Benchmarks

CMNTS: This bill would make technical changes to the spending

growth limits enacted in Public Law 2005, chapter 2 correcting certain errors and omissions in the original

language.

AFA

STATE FINANCES

DEDICATED FUNDS

LR: 2619 SPONSOR: Rep. Edgecomb

of Caribou

TITLE: An Act To Dedicate a Portion of Automobile Registration Fees

To Fund Veterans Cemeteries

CMNTS: The bill would dedicate 50 cents of each automobile

registration fee to fund veterans' cemeteries.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

BAN

FINANCIAL PRACTICES CONSUMER CREDIT

LR: 2627 SPONSOR: Rep. Ash, Jr. of Belfast

TITLE: An Act To Protect Consumers from Credit Card and Debit

Card Holds

CMNTS: This bill would prohibit merchants from placing a hold on a credit or debit card for an amount more than is actually spent. Merchants and credit and debit card companies would have one hour from the actual sale to reduce the temporary hold amount to no more than the actual amount of the sale

rounded to the nearest dollar.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2656 NUTTING J

LR: 2656 SPONSOR: Sen. Nutting of Androscoggin

TITLE: An Act To Ensure Adequate Posting of Notices of Holding on Credit Card Machines

CMNTS: This bill would make it mandatory for all merchants utilizing credit card machines of any type, including but not limited to gas pumps, to post in a prominent, visible location near gas pumps or any other credit card machines that utilize holding a statement advising the consumers that holding is being used and also indicating clearly the amount that will be billed to their accounts once they swipe their cards.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2627 ASH

BAN

FINANCIAL PRACTICES
CREDIT BUREAUS

LR: 2971 SPONSOR: Rep. Grose of Woolwich

TITLE: An Act To Accommodate Victims of Identity Theft

CMNTS: This bill, which is modelled on legislation in other states, would require that, for victims of identity theft, credit bureaus remove erroneous information from a victim's credit report.

BAN

FINANCIAL PRACTICES
CREDIT CARDS

LR: 2655 SPONSOR: Sen. Sullivan

of York

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Maine Consumer Credit Code as It Relates

to Finance Charges for Loans on Open-end Credit

CMNTS: This bill exempts home equity lines of credit accessed by a credit card from the provision of law that prohibits the

imposition of a finance charge on purchases made during a billing cycle if they are paid for not later than 25 days

after the closing date of that billing cycle.

BAN

FINANCIAL PRACTICES
DEBT COLLECTION

LR: 2756 SPONSOR: Rep. Smith

of Van Buren

TITLE: An Act To Protect Retirement Funds

CMNTS: This bill would exempt from creditors all retirement funds,

including IRAs.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 948

BAN

INSURANCE

GUARANTY FUND

LR: 2693 SPONSOR: Sen. Sullivan

of York

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association

CMNTS: This bill would permit the Workers' Compensation Board to audit workers' compensation claims administered by the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association. Under current law, the Workers' Compensation Board does not have that authority. The Maine Insurance Guaranty Association administers claims of insolvent carriers made by Maine residents formerly insured by an insolvent carrier.

BAN

INSURANCE

HEALTH

LR: 2466 SPONSOR: Sen. Cowger

of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Require Health Insurers To Provide Notice of

Reinstatement

CMNTS: This bill would require a health insurance company, upon

reinstatement of a policy cancelled for nonpayment, to

notify the insured of reinstatement.

LR: 2483 SPONSOR: Rep. McKane of Newcastle

TITLE: An Act To Enhance Free Market Health Insurance Reform

CMNTS: This bill would enhance free market health insurance reform, by creating a high-risk pool for the individual health insurance market and by broadening community rating laws to allow carriers to vary premiums on the basis of age, health status and tobacco use within specified maximum rate differentials. This bill would fund the high-risk pool by transferring the savings offset from the Dirigo program. In addition, this bill would create a medical management system for individuals in the individual health insurance market with chronic conditions.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED; LD 394 ,1168, 1494

LR: 2669 SPONSOR: Rep. Glynn of South Portland

TITLE: An Act To Increase Accessibility to Health Insurance

CMNTS: This bill would allow an insurance company to issue a health insurance policy to a person who is not a citizen of

the United States.

LR: 2734 SPONSOR: Rep. Barstow of Gorham

TITLE: An Act To Ensure Eligibility for Citizens 65 Years of Age and Older to Purchase Dirigo Choice Insurance

CMNTS: This bill would clarify language in the laws governing Dirigo Health to specifically authorize citizens 65 years of age and older to purchase Dirigo Choice Insurance.

LR: 2809 SPONSOR: Sen. Martin of Aroostook

TITLE: An Act To Protect Health Insurance Consumers

CMNTS: This bill would prevent insurance carriers, 3rd-party administrators and employee benefit excess loss carriers from passing the savings offset payment on to consumers.

LR: 2814 SPONSOR: Rep. Tardy of Newport

TITLE: An Act To Access Federal Money for Health Insurance Reform

CMNTS: This bill would require the State to apply for federal money that is being made available to states by Congress.

LR: 2817 SPONSOR: Rep. Cummings of Portland

TITLE: An Act To Establish Requirements and Standards for Health Savings Accounts for Small Businesses

CMNTS: This bill would establish requirements and standards for health savings accounts in Maine in order to make them a viable option for small business owners and employees.

CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD 195

LR: 2918 SPONSOR: Rep. Glynn of South Portland

TITLE: An Act To Lower Property Taxes by Exempting State and Municipal Employees from the Savings Offset Payment under Dirigo

CMNTS: This bill would exempt municipal and school employees from the new 4% savings offset payment, or "SOP," under Dirigo.

LR: 2927 SPONSOR: Rep. Bryant of Windham

TITLE: An Act To Increase Agent Participation for Insurance Products

CMNTS: This bill would provide a broader agent base for health insurance products and increase agent participation.

BAN

INSURANCE

MOTOR VEHICLE

LR: 2457 SPONSOR: Sen. Cowger of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Require Insurance Companies To Notify the Bureau of Motor Vehicles when a Motor Vehicle Has Been Insured

CMNTS: Current law requires an insurance company to notify the Bureau of Motor Vehicles when a motor vehicle's insurance has expired. The insurance company does not have to notify the bureau when a motor vehicle has been insured. This bill would require an insurance company to notify the Bureau of Motor Vehicles when a motor vehicle has been insured.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2712 BURNS

LR: 2712 SPONSOR: Rep. Burns of Berwick

TITLE: An Act To Require Insurance Companies To Notify the Secretary of State upon Issuance of New Automobile Policies

CMNTS: This bill would require an insurance company to notify the Secretary of State when that insurance company issues a new automobile insurance policy.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2457 COWGER

BAN

INSURANCE PROPERTY

LR: 2527 SPONSOR: Sen. Courtney of York

TITLE: An Act To Prohibit Insurance Companies from Refusing To
Issue or Renew Homeowners Insurance to People Who Own Dogs

CMNTS: This bill would prohibit insurance companies from refusing to issue or renew homeowners insurance to people who own dogs.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 543

BAN

INSURANCE

SELF INSURANCE

LR: 2813 SPONSOR: Rep. Piotti of Unity

TITLE: An Act To Create a Self-insurance Pool for Crossing of State-owned Railroad Tracks

CMNTS: This bill would create a state-run self-insurance pool to cover private landowners who are required to buy insurance for state-owned railroad tracks.

BUSINESS, RESEARCH & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BEC

BUSINESS PRACTICES
ADVERTISING

LR: 2509 SPONSOR: Sen. Bartlett II of

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Prohibit the Advertisement of Tobacco and

Alcohol within 500 Feet of a School

CMNTS: This bill would prohibit advertisement of tobacco and

alcohol within 500 feet of a school.

BEC

BUSINESS PRACTICES
AUTOMOBILE SALES

LR: 2465 SPONSOR: Rep. Pelletier-Simpson of Auburn

TITLE: An Act To Protect Drivers' Privacy by Clarifying Ownership

of Data Recorded by Event Data Recorders

CMNTS: This bill would clarify that a motor vehicle owner owns the

data recorded by an event data reorder installed in the motor vehicle. Insurance companies would not be allowed access. Law enforcement could obtain access only with a

court order or subpoena.

LR: 2689 SPONSOR: Rep. Marley of Portland

TITLE: Resolve, To Reevaluate Maine's Ban on the Sale of Efficient

Diesel Vehicles

CMNTS: This resolve would establish a study commission to

reevaluate Maine's ban on the sale of efficient diesel

vehicles.

BEC

BUSINESS PRACTICES
PAYROLL PROCESSORS

LR: 2704 SPONSOR: Rep. Robinson

of Raymond

TITLE: An Act To Protect Small Payroll Processors

CMNTS: This bill would provide for bonding through a state agency

to small payroll processors who have not been able to

access bonding through the marketplace.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 58 LD 208

BEC

BUSINESS PRACTICES
RESTAURANTS

LR: 2797 SPONSOR: Sen. Edmonds

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Enhance Maine's Image as a Dog-friendly State

CMNTS: This bill would amend Maine law to allow dogs to be brought into bars and restaurants, provided certain safety and health criteria are met. It would also encourage state tourism agencies to highlight Maine's dog-friendly status

to potential visitors.

BEC

BUSINESS PRACTICES WARRANTIES

LR: 2736 SPONSOR: Rep. Sherman

of Hodgdon

TITLE: An Act To Require That Automobile Extended Warranties Purchased by Maine Citizens Provide That Arbitration Regarding the Warranty Occur in the State of Maine

CMNTS: This bill would require that an automobile extended warranty sold in this State must provide that arbitration regarding the warranty occur in the State of Maine.

BEC

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT JOB OPPORTUNITY ZONES

LR: 2605 SPONSOR: Rep. Richardson of Brunswick

TITLE: An Act To Provide Emergency Regional Economic Development Assistance for Brunswick Naval Air Station

CMNTS: This bill strikes provisions in the Pine Tree Development Zone laws pertaining to limitations to labor market areas with a greater than 5% loss of population within 3 years and adds a provision allowing other limitations to be named for certain properties within commercial, industrial or military sites with a greater than 25% loss of employed

workers over a 4-year period.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2604 RICHARDSON J

BEC

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

LR: 2474 SPONSOR: Sen. Bartlett II of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Create Regional Economic Councils

CMNTS: This bill creates regional economic councils.

LR: 2604 SPONSOR: Rep. Richardson of Brunswick

TITLE: An Act To Establish a Development Authority for Brunswick

Naval Air Station

CMNTS: This bill establishes a development authority for the

Brunswick Naval Air Station.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2605 RICHARDSON J

LR: 2900 SPONSOR: Sen. Raye of Washington

TITLE: An Act To Implement Certain Recommendations of the

Washington County Economic Development Task Force

CMNTS: This bill would implement certain recommendations of the

Washington County Economic Development Task Force.

LR: 2908 SPONSOR: Rep. Mills of Farmington

TITLE: Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Study Possible Uses

of the Navy Facility in Franklin County

CMNTS: This resolve would establish a commission similar to the one established by the Governor for Brunswick Naval Air

Station, to study and make recommendations for the

disposition of the land and facility in Redington Township.

BEC

HOUSING

CONDOMINIUMS

LR: 2612 SPONSOR: Sen. Andrews of York

TITLE: An Act To Provide a Bill of Rights for Condominium Owners

CMNTS: This bill would provide a bill of rights for condominium

owners.

LR: 2960 SPONSOR: Sen. Hobbins of York

TITLE: An Act To Implement Model Timeshare Foreclosure Procedures

CMNTS: This bill would create a nonjudicial timeshare foreclosure

procedure based on model national legislation.

BEC

HOUSING

ENERGY CONSERVATION

LR: 2781 SPONSOR: Sen. Perry of Penobscot

TITLE: An Act To Encourage the Use of Biodiesel Fuel in Home

Heating

CMNTS: This bill would encourage the use of biodiesel fuel in home

heating.

BEC

HOUSING AUTHORITIES
STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY

LR: 2775 SPONSOR: Sen. Bromley of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Improve the Governance Structure of the Maine

State Housing Authority

CMNTS: This bill would expand and diversify the composition of the Board of Commissioners of the Maine State Housing Authority by adding representatives from several different topical and geographic areas; promote accountability and professionalism of the Director of the Maine State Housing Authority by making the director a nonvoting member of the Board of Commissioners and giving the commissioners the power to hire and fire the director; and increase the responsibilities of the commissioners by shifting duties from the director to the commissioners, thus providing for more open decision making.

BEC

LICENSING

COUNSELORS

LR: 2829 SPONSOR: Rep. Lerman

of Augusta

TITLE: An Act To License Behavioral Analysts

CMNTS: This bill would require behavioral analysts to be licensed.

BEC

LICENSING

ELEVATORS

LR: 2707 SPONSOR: Rep. Jacobsen of Waterboro

TITLE: An Act To Exempt Platform Lifts from the Annual

Elevator Inspection

CMNTS: This bill would exempt platform lifts from the annual

elevator inspection.

BEC

LICENSING

HEATING, COOLING & AIR DISTRIBUTION

LR: 2854 SPONSOR: Sen. Edmonds

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Maintain Standards for Consumers of Mechanical

Services

CMNTS: This bill would establish the Heating, Cooling and Air Distribution Board within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation and establish the powers and duties of the board, including the promulgation of rules and standards governing the installation, alteration and repair of heating, cooling and air distribution equipment and enforcement of those rules and standards. The bill would also create a licensing system for master, journeyman and apprentice heating, cooling and air distribution

technicians.

BEC

LICENSING

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

LR: 2714 SPONSOR: Sen. Rotundo

of Androscoggin

TITLE: An Act To Improve the Procedures of the Board of Licensure

in Medicine

CMNTS: This bill would improve the procedures of the Board of

Licensure in Medicine regarding disciplinary action.

BEC

LICENSING NURSES

LR: 2852 SPONSOR: Rep. Perry

of Calais

TITLE: An Act To Clarify the Accountability of Advanced Practice

Registered Nurses

CMNTS: This bill would clarify the accountability of

advanced-practice registered nurses by defining certain terms that apply to advanced-practice registered nursing.

BEC

LICENSING

PLUMBERS

LR: 2850 SPONSOR: Sen. Edmonds

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Maintain Standards for the Plumbing Profession

CMNTS: This bill would create equity in the number of hours

required for on-the-job training for a plumbing

journeyman's license.

BEC

LICENSING

SOCIAL WORKERS

LR: 2970 SPONSOR: Rep. Grose

of Woolwich

TITLE: An Act To Modify the Requirements for Provisional

Social Worker Licenses

CMNTS: This bill would modify the requirements for provisional

social worker licenses.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

CRJ

COMMUNITY BASED CORRECTIONS COUNTY REIMBURSEMENTS

LR: 2676 SPONSOR: Rep. Crosthwaite of Ellsworth

TITLE: An Act To Provide for the Issuance of a Bench Warrant upon Failure To Appear for a Hearing on Nonpayment of a County Jail Reimbursement Fee

CMNTS: This bill would provide for the issuance of a bench warrant if a defendant does not appear for a hearing on a motion to

enforce payment of a jail reimbursement fee.

CRJ

CRIMES

ENHANCED

LR: 2549 SPONSOR: Rep. Hogan, Sr. of Old Orchard Beach

TITLE: An Act To Enhance the Laws Prohibiting Profiteering on Fuel

CMNTS: This bill would enhance the penalties for profiteering on

fuel.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2565 MILLS J CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2846 MILLS J CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2989 EDMONDS

LR: 2565 SPONSOR: Rep. Mills

of Farmington

TITLE: An Act To Prevent Price Gouging

CMNTS: This bill prevents price gouging.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2549 HOGAN CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2846 MILLS J EDMONDS CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2989

LR: 2846 SPONSOR: Rep. Mills of Farmington

TITLE: An Act To Prevent Price Gouging in Necessities of Life

CMNTS: This bill would clarify the law pertaining to price gouging or profiteering and authorize the Attorney General to declare an abnormal market disruption, invoking a statutory ceiling on price increases on items of necessity of 15% plus costs.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2549 HOGAN CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2565 MILLS J CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2989 EDMONDS

LR: 2989 SPONSOR: Sen. Edmonds of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Improve the State's Authority To Prevent Price Gouging

CMNTS: This bill would make price gouging an unfair method of competition and a Class C crime.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2549 HOGAN CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2565 MILLS J CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2846 MILLS J

CRJ

CRIMES

ENVIRONMENTAL

LR: 2935 SPONSOR: Sen. Nutting of Androscoggin

TITLE: An Act To Deter Environmental Terrorism in the State

CMNTS: This bill would enact measures designed to discourage environmental terrorism.

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CRIMES

MOTOR VEHICLE

LR: 2492 SPONSOR: Sen. Bartlett II of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Increase the Penalty for the 3rd Offense of Operating after Suspension

CMNTS: This bill would increase the penalty for the 3rd offense of operating after suspension.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2488 CURLEY
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2497 DIAMOND
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2738 GERZOFSKY

LR: 2497 SPONSOR: Sen. Diamond of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Establish and Classify Penalties for Multiple Driving License Suspensions

CMNTS: This bill establishes and classifies penalties for multiple driving license suspensions. It provides a graduated scale of periods of license revocation for drivers with multiple suspensions and a graduated scale of jail time for drivers who are convicted of operating after suspension during these periods of license revocation.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2488 CURLEY
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2492 BARTLETT
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2738 GERZOFSKY

LR: 2558 SPONSOR: Sen. Snowe-Mello of Androscoggin

TITLE: An Act To Increase the Penalty for Throwing an Object at a Moving Vehicle

CMNTS: This bill would increase to a Class C crime the act of throwing a rock or other object at a moving vehicle.

CRJ

CRIMES

NEGOTIATING WORTHLESS INSTRUMENT

LR: 2706 SPONSOR: Rep. Jacobsen of Waterboro

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to Issuance of a

Worthless Instrument

CMNTS: This bill would give a person who issues a bad check 60 days after receiving verifiable notification to make the check good. If the issuer does not make the check good within that 60 days, that person may be charged with theft.

CRJ

CRIMES

PRISON OFFENSES

LR: 2897 SPONSOR: Rep. Mills of Farmington

TITLE: An Act To Provide Proportionality in the Offense of Trafficking in Prison Contraband

CMNTS: This bill would make it a civil violation, instead of a Class E crime, to traffick tobacco in adult correctional facilities. The bill would allow the jail or prison authority to take away privileges of an inmate caught receiving or aiding in trafficking of tobacco and would allow the court to impose a fine on an individual caught bringing tobacco products into an adult correctional facility. The bill would also ease the burden of proof on the State and alleviate the financial burden of providing court-appointed counsel in such cases.

CRJ

CRIMES

SEX OFFENSES

LR: 2481 SPONSOR: Rep. Cressey, Jr. of Cornish

TITLE: An Act To Adopt Jessica's Law

CMNTS: This bill is modeled after Florida's recently enacted

"Jessica's Law," which would require registered sex

offenders to wear electronic tracking devices.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2631 COURTNEY

LR: 2631 SPONSOR: Sen. Courtney

of York

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Sex Offender Registration Laws

CMNTS: This bill would require registered sex offenders to wear

electronic tracking devices. The bill would be modeled

after Florida's recently enacted "Jessica's Law".

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2481 CRESSEY

LR: 2672 SPONSOR: Rep. Curley

of Scarborough

TITLE: An Act To Allow Law Enforcement Agencies To Maintain Public

Sex Offender Registry Websites

CMNTS: This bill would allow any law enforcement agency, not just

the Department of Public Safety, State Bureau of

Identification, to maintain a public sex offender registry

website.

LR: 2755 SPONSOR: Rep. Flood of Winthrop

TITLE: An Act To Prohibit Registered Sex Offenders from Establishing Residence within 1,000 Feet of a Public or Private School

CMNTS: This bill would prohibit registered sex offenders from establishing residence within 1,000 feet of a school.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 282

LR: 2767 SPONSOR: Sen. Diamond of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Expand the List of Prior Crimes That May Be Considered When Determining Whether a Person Is a Repeat Sexual Assault Offender

CMNTS: This bill would expand the list of prior crimes to include charges that may have been reduced when determining whether a person is a repeat sexual assault offender pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1252, subsection 4-B.

LR: 2768 SPONSOR: Sen. Diamond of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act Regarding the Sentencing and Release of Sex Offenders

CMNTS: This bill would propose to require a sentence of 10 years to life with a forensic board to periodically review the safety of releasing certain persons convicted of sex offenses. Review may not occur before at least 10 years are served and would be based on risk assessment and other standardized tools.

LR: 2769 SPONSOR: Rep. Sykes

of Harrison

TITLE: An Act To Reduce the Number of Sexually Explicit Items
Possessed To Raise a Permissible Inference of the Intent
To Disseminate the Items

CMNTS: This bill would propose to reduce from 10 to 2 the number of articles of sexually explicit material a person must possess to raise a permissible inference that the person intends to disseminate that material.

LR: 2771 SPONSOR: Sen. Diamond

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Require Presentence Investigations of All Persons Convicted of a Sex Offense

CMNTS: This bill would require that every person convicted of a sex offense be subject to a presentence investigation using such risk-assessment tools as the "Static 99" prior to sentence imposition.

CRJ

CRIMES

TERRORIZING

LR: 2595 SPONSOR: Sen. Woodcock

of Franklin

TITLE: An Act To Increase the Penalty for the Crime of Terrorizing

CMNTS: This bill increases the penalty for the crime of terrorizing by reclassifying this crime from a Class D crime to a Class C crime for an adult offender and by allowing the court to impose Class C penalties on a juvenile offender.

CRJ

CRIMES

TRESPASS

LR: 2600 SPONSOR: Rep. Faircloth of Bangor

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Use of Deadly Force in the Defense of Premises

CMNTS: This bill would change the law governing the permissible use of force in defense of premises. This bill would require that a uniform objective standard of reasonableness be applied to the actions of the person using the force, rather than a subjective standard of reasonableness. In addition, this bill would require that, in order to justify the use of deadly force, a person must reasonably believe that a trespasser is committing or likely to commit a crime that involves the infliction of bodily harm, rather than simply that the trespasser might commit "some other crime".

CRJ

CRIMINAL HISTORIES SCREENING

LR: 2648 SPONSOR: Rep. Smith of Monmouth

TITLE: An Act To Inform and Protect the Public Regarding State Employees with Certain Criminal Records

CMNTS: This bill requires that any employee of the State of Maine who is in direct contact with the public and has been convicted of a sex offense or violent crime be required to have that record revealed to the public. The public will have the option of requesting a different employee.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2649 SMITH N CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2650 SMITH N

LR: 2649 SPONSOR: Rep. Smith

of Monmouth

TITLE: An Act To Clarify the Qualifications for Certain State

Employment

CMNTS: This bill prohibits the employment of anyone convicted of a

sex offense or a violent crime by the State of Maine.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2648 SMITH N

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2650 SMITH N

LR: 2650 SPONSOR: Rep. Smith

of Monmouth

TITLE: An Act To Require State Agencies To Report the Number

of Convicted Felons Currently in Their Employ

CMNTS: This bill requires all state agencies to report the number

of convicted felons in that state agency's employ.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2648

SMITH N

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2649 SMITH N

CRJ

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

ARREST

LR: 2616 SPONSOR: Rep. Hanley

of Gardiner

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Crime of Refusing To

Submit to Arrest or Detention

CMNTS: This bill would amend the law governing the crime of

refusing to submit to arrest or detention, and expand to existing crime to include performing any act that results in serious bodily injury to a law enforcement officer, and

would designate this as a Class C crime.

CRJ

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE EVIDENCE

LR: 2904 SPONSOR: Rep. Paradis, Jr. of Frenchville

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Law Governing DNA Testing

CMNTS: This bill would shift the burden of proof to the State in cases where DNA samples prove that the convicted person is not the perpetrator of the crime.

CRJ

FIRE SAFETY
FIRE DEPARTMENTS

LR: 2914 SPONSOR: Rep. Thomas of Ripley

TITLE: An Act To Facilitate Inspections of Heating Appliances and Chimneys

CMNTS: This bill would allow fire departments to provide inspections of installations of wood stoves and other heating appliances as well as chimneys without waiving liability.

CRJ

FIRE SAFETY
PREVENTION

LR: 2469 SPONSOR: Rep. Thomas of Ripley

TITLE: An Act Concerning State-issued Fire Permits

CMNTS: This bill requires that any fire damage costing more than \$1,000 caused by a fire authorized by an internet

state-issued fire permit is payable by the State.

LR: 2691 SPONSOR: Rep. Duplessie of Westbrook

TITLE: An Act To Enhance Firefighter Safety

CMNTS: This bill would require structures that use trusses in the floor or roof or parts of the floor or roof to display an emblem on the building signifying that construction and the materials used in the truss construction.

CRJ

JUVENILE OFFENDERS
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

LR: 2754 SPONSOR: Rep. Flood of Winthrop

TITLE: An Act To Allow Public Notification of Minors 16 Years of Age and 17 Years of Age Arrested for Violent Felonies

CMNTS: This bill would allow law enforcement officials to place in arrest logs the names and addresses of minors 16 years of age and 17 years of age arrested for violent crimes. It would also allow the release of this information to local neighborhoods and the media.

CRJ

JUVENILE OFFENDERS
JUVENILE CODE

LR: 2599 SPONSOR: Sen. Bartlett II of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Make Changes to the Maine Juvenile Code

CMNTS: This bill would make mandatory a bind-over hearing when a juvenile is charged with murder or attempted murder. This bill would also provide that when a juvenile is found to be guilty by reason of insanity, that juvenile would be committed to the Department of Health and Human Services.

CRJ

LAW ENFORCEMENT LOCAL POLICE

LR: 2542 SPONSOR: Rep. Fischer of Presque Isle

TITLE: Resolve, To Create a Task Force To Ensure Fairness for

Municipal Police Departments

CMNTS: This bill would create a task force to establish solutions

to problems that municipal police departments have in

retaining qualified police officers.

CRJ

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

LR: 2503 SPONSOR: Sen. Bartlett II of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Require Mandatory Training for Law Enforcement

Officers and Prosecutors Regarding Interaction with

Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

CMNTS: This bill requires mandatory training for law enforcement

officers and prosecutors regarding citizens with

developmental disabilities.

CRJ

OPERATING UNDER INFLUENCE PENALTIES

LR: 2980 SPONSOR: Rep. Duplessie of Westbrook

TITLE: An Act To Provide for Victims of Drivers Operating Under the Influence

CMNTS: This bill would require that if a person is injured sufficiently to require hospitalization as a result of another person's driving while intoxicated the driver would be liable for the costs of the ambulance ride and the hospital stay.

CRJ

PAROLE

PAROLE BOARD

LR: 3033 SPONSOR: Sen. Martin of Aroostook

TITLE: An Act To Restructure the Composition of the State Parole Board

CMNTS: This bill would amend the composition of the State Parole Board, which is charged with advising the Governor concerning pardon applications, by requiring at least one board member to be a resident of the Second Congressional District.

CRJ

PUBLIC SAFETY **EMERGENCIES**

LR: 2763 SPONSOR: Rep. Richardson of Brunswick

TITLE: An Act To Promote Homeland Defense

CMNTS: This bill would direct the appropriate state agencies to develop proposals to increase security at the state level, including proposals to monitor and secure hazardous materials, to secure surface transportation, to develop a mass casualty plan, to review laws governing domestic intelligence gathering, to establish cyber security requirements and to establish communications systems that will function in a disaster situation.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2995 DUDLEY

CRJ

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPT PROCEDURES

LR: 2921 SPONSOR: Rep. Dunn of Bangor

TITLE: An Act Regarding Criminal Record Checks

CMNTS: The bill would direct the Department of Public Safety to adopt rules that ensure that incorrect information is not

provided in response to a criminal record check request.

CRJ

SENTENCES

MANDATORY MINIMUM

LR: 2770 SPONSOR: Sen. Diamond

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Create Mandatory Minimum Sentences for Persons Convicted of Certain Sex Offenses against Victims under 12 Years of Age

CMNTS: This bill would propose to create 25-year minimum mandatory sentences for persons convicted of gross sexual assault against persons under 12 years of age and life sentences for persons convicted of gross sexual assault against persons under 12 years of age and who have a prior conviction. The bill also proposes the use of electronic monitoring of sex offenders for the same offense released from prison.

CRJ

WEAPONS

CONCEALED WEAPONS

LR: 2589 SPONSOR: Rep. Flood

of Winthrop

TITLE: An Act To Provide Concealed Weapon Permit Fees to

Municipalities

CMNTS: This bill would allocate permit fees for concealed weapon permits equally between municipalities and the State Police.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

EDU

ADULT EDUCATION FUNDING

LR: 2628 SPONSOR: Sen. Mitchell

of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Promote Economic Development by Enhancing

Educational Opportunities

CMNTS: This bill provides for the continuation of the college transitions pilot projects that are in place in 7 adult education programs. These projects assist persons to transition from job loss to community college by placing them in an adult education setting where they learn about getting back into a learning mode, explore college programs and are placed in an academic setting to improve skills and confidence.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2803 NORTON CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2804 CLARK

EDU

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

LR: 2803 SPONSOR: Rep. Norton

of Bangor

TITLE: An Act To Facilitate the Transition of Adult Education Students to Postsecondary Learning

CMNTS: This bill would make eligible for state adult education subsidy funding local adult education programs designed to encourage adult education students to make the transition to postsecondary education.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2628 MITCHELL CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2804 CLARK

LR: 2804 SPONSOR: Rep. Clark

of Millinocket

TITLE: An Act To Enable Local Adult Education Programs To Play a Greater Role in Helping Dislocated Workers

CMNTS: This bill would require the State Department of Labor to ensure that representatives of the local adult education community are participants in the planning and execution of initiatives designed to assist dislocated workers.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2628 MITCHELL CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2803 NORTON

EDU

BOARD OF EDUCATION POWERS

LR: 2806 SPONSOR: Sen. Mitchell

of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Expand the Responsibilities of the State Board of Education

CMNTS: This bill would expand the responsibilities of the State Board of Education. It would give the state board the statutory authority to serve as an advisory board to Maine higher education institutions concerning capital expenditures and program coordination. Special emphasis should be on preparing students for postsecondary education and planning to meet that responsibility. The purpose of the advisory board on budget and capital projects is to avoid duplication between the major institutions who seek state bonding and funding. Under the bill, the Chancellor of the University, the President of the Maine Community College System and the President of Maine Maritime Academy would serve on the State Board of Education.

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COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES POLICIES & PROGRAMS

LR: 2511 SPONSOR: Rep. Barstow of Gorham

TITLE: Resolve, Establishing a Working Group in the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Education
To Examine the Powers of University Police Departments

CMNTS: This resolve establishes a working group in the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Education to examine the powers of university police departments.

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COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

LR: 2863 SPONSOR: Sen. Mitchell of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Increase College Attainment of Maine Students by Expanding the Maine Tuition Waiver Program

CMNTS: This bill would expand the Maine Tuition Waiver Program, which enables the Department of Education to join the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy to provide one course per semester tuition free to qualified students. Adding 500 courses per year fully paid by the State will quadruple the program. The existing program would continue as it is currently structured for cost sharing between the State and the institutions. This bill would appropriate money to expand the program at state expense.

EDU

COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM CURRICULUM

LR: 2757 SPONSOR: Rep. Thomas

of Ripley

TITLE: An Act To Clarify Provisions Governing Technical Education

CMNTS: This bill would exempt certain Maine Community College

System programs from certain driver education requirements as set forth in statute and related rules of the Department

of Secretary of State.

LR: 2773 SPONSOR: Sen. Raye

of Washington

TITLE: An Act To Save the Marine Trades Center and Strengthen

Maine's Boatbuilding Workforce

CMNTS: This bill would enact measures to ensure the continued operation of the Marine Trades Center in Eastport and to

strengthen the boatbuilding workforce in the State.

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CULTURAL AGENCIES
ARTS COMMISSION

LR: 2805 SPONSOR: Sen. Rotundo

of Androscoggin

TITLE: Resolve, To Ensure Continued Success in Procuring Grants

for Arts Agencies

CMNTS: This resolve would ensure that financial consolidation

efforts by the State do not eliminate staff in arts agencies who are critical in obtaining grants from the

Federal Government and private foundations.

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EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS
PRIVATE SCHOOLS

LR: 2801 SPONSOR: Sen. Hastings III of Oxford

TITLE: An Act Concerning the Disclosure of Proprietary Information by Independent Schools

CMNTS: This bill would clarify the law with regard to what information independent schools must submit to the state Department of Education in order to meet the requirements for approval for the receipt of tuition payments.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 931

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS

LR: 2473 SPONSOR: Sen. Bryant of Oxford

TITLE: An Act Concerning Members of School Administrative Districts' Finance Committees

CMNTS: Under this bill, the finance committee of a board of directors for a school administrative district is made up of at a minimum 3 members. Current law sets the membership at 3.

LR: 2577 SPONSOR: Rep. Miller

of Somerville

TITLE: An Act To Restore the Cost-sharing Agreement Established by the Voters of School Administrative District No. 40

CMNTS: This bill reestablishes the cost-sharing agreement established in 1992 at a referendum election by the voters of School Administrative District No. 40. That cost-sharing formula apportions all the local share contributions to the school district on the basis of 50% of each town's valuation and 50% of each town's student population. The bill also preserves the right of the voters of a school administrative district to maintain cost-sharing arrangements that are available under current law.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2657 MAYO CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2984 BABBIDGE

LR: 2926 SPONSOR: Rep. Bierman

of Sorrento

TITLE: An Act Relating to Flanders Bay Community School District

CMNTS: This bill would remove existing uncertainties with respect to the name and legal authority of the governing body of the Flanders Bay Community School District. The bill clarifies the authority of the district school committee of the Flanders Bay Community School District to act as the governing body of the district, provides that the district be governed by the general laws of the State applicable to community school districts and validates and approves all prior actions and obligations of the district and its governing body.

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
BUDGETS

LR: 2657 SPONSOR: Sen. Mayo, III of Sagadahoc

TITLE: An Act Regarding the Sharing of Costs in Certain School Districts

CMNTS: This bill would extend the transition adjustment for member municipalities within certain school administrative districts and community school districts that are eligible under the provisions of P & SL 2005, chapter 23, section 1. That transition adjustment provision was created to shift the contribution levels of certain member municipalities that were adversely impacted by changes to the school funding formula.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2577 MILLER CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2984 BABBIDGE

LR: 2984 SPONSOR: Rep. Babbidge of Kennebunk

TITLE: An Act Regarding the Sharing of Educational Costs

CMNTS: This bill would provide an exception to the cost-sharing mechanism to limit the adverse fiscal impact of the required contribution that would be assigned to member municipalities of a school administrative district or community school district under the essential programs and services funding law as compared to the required contributions that the member municipalities have agreed to in the cost-sharing formula.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2577 MILLER CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2657 MAYO

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TUITION

LR: 2776 SPONSOR: Rep. Rines

of Wiscasset

TITLE: An Act To Recover Costs for School Districts

CMNTS: This bill would allow school districts receiving tuition

students to charge sending districts for the cost of

education of these tuition students.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2777 RINES

LR: 2777 SPONSOR: Rep. Rines

of Wiscasset

TITLE: An Act To Allow School Districts To Recover Certain

Funds

CMNTS: This bill would allow school districts that receive tuition

students to recover Essential Programs and Services

targeted funds from the sending districts.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2776 RINES

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
UNORGANIZED TERRITORY

LR: 2501 SPONSOR: Rep. Saviello

of Wilton

TITLE: An Act To Regionalize the Supervision of Students from the

Unorganized Territory

CMNTS: This bill regionalizes the supervision of students from the

unorganized territory.

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SCHOOL FACILITIES BUILDINGS

LR: 2917 SPONSOR: Rep. Tuttle, Jr. of Sanford

TITLE: An Act Concerning Energy Conservation in Schools

CMNTS: This bill would raise the allowable contract cost for

improving school energy conservation and efficiency from

\$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2610 MERRILL

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SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA ADJUSTMENTS

LR: 2610 SPONSOR: Rep. Merrill

of Appleton

TITLE: An Act To Reimburse School Districts 75% of the Rise in Fuel

Costs

CMNTS: This bill requires the State to reimburse school districts

for 75% of the rise in fuel costs for this year.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2917 TUTTLE

LR: 2816 SPONSOR: Rep. Tardy

of Newport

TITLE: An Act To Restore Fairness in Funding Kindergarten to Grade

12 Education

CMNTS: This bill would adjust the essential programs and funding

formula to take into account shifting labor markets and

issues surrounding transportation of students.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2765 GOLDMAN

LR: 2924 SPONSOR: Rep. Norton

of Bangor

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Essential Programs and Services Funding

Formula

CMNTS: This bill would change the school nurse ratio from 1:800 to

1:500 in the Essential Programs and Services funding

formula.

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SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA STATE/LOCAL SHARE

LR: 2899 SPONSOR: Sen. Schneider of Penobscot

TITLE: Resolve, To Direct the Joint Standing Committee

on Education and Cultural Affairs To Review and Amend

Warrants

CMNTS: This resolve would have the Joint Standing Committee on

Education and Cultural Affairs review and amend the language concerning warrant funding to municipalities for

education.

EDU

SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA
TRANSPORTATION COSTS

LR: 2765 SPONSOR: Rep. Goldman

of Cape Elizabeth

TITLE: An Act To Promote the Efficient Use of State and Local Resources in the Calculation of the Transportation Costs Component of the School Funding Formula

CMNTS: This bill would establish a method of calculating the transportation operating costs component of the essential programs and services funding formula that promotes a more efficient, cost-effective approach to utilizing state and local resources that support pupil transportation programs in Maine schools.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 951 CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2816 TARDY

EDU

SCHOOL PERSONNEL APPLICANTS

LR: 2490 SPONSOR: Sen. Courtney

of York

TITLE: An Act To Provide State Funding for the Fingerprinting of School Personnel

CMNTS: This bill would require that the State pay for the fingerprinting of school personnel.

EDU

SCHOOL POLICIES
CURRICULUM

LR: 2449 SPONSOR: Rep. Sockalexis of Penobscot Nation n

TITLE: An Act To Clarify the Requirements for Maine Native
American Studies Curricula

CMNTS: This bill ensures that only persons approved by the State Board of Education may provide curricula to meet the requirements for instruction in Maine Native American studies.

LR: 2663 SPONSOR: Rep. Muse of Fryeburg

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Maine Education Law

CMNTS: This bill would amend the Maine education law as it pertains to the teaching of virtue and morality in public and private institutions.

LR: 2928 SPONSOR: Rep. Babbidge of Kennebunk

TITLE: An Act Regarding Establishment of a Minimum Financial Standard Regarding Educational Cost Sharing

CMNTS: This bill would establish the local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for each member municipality in MSAD #71.

EDU

SCHOOL POLICIES DISCIPLINE

LR: 2758 SPONSOR: Rep. Thomas of Ripley

TITLE: An Act To Increase the Penalties for Bomb Scares

CMNTS: This bill would increase the penalties for calling in a

bomb threat at a school.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2909 DOW

LR: 2909 SPONSOR: Sen. Dow of Lincoln

TITLE: An Act To Control Bomb Threats at Public Education

Facilities

CMNTS: This bill would suspend the driver's license of a person under 18 years of age who is convicted of making or taking

part in a bomb threat to a public education facility.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2758 THOMAS

EDU

SCHOOL POLICIES RECRUITMENT

LR: 2835 SPONSOR: Rep. Farrington of Gorham

TITLE: An Act To Inform Parents of Students' Privacy Rights

CMNTS: This bill would require all public high schools to inform parents of students in those high schools of the parents' rights under the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Section 9528, which deals with armed forces recruiter access to students. High schools would be required to provide an "opt out" selection on the mandatory emergency cards sent to parents.

EDU

SCHOOL POLICIES SCHOOL DAY

LR: 2881 SPONSOR: Rep. Mills

of Farmington

TITLE: An Act To Authorize Flexibility in School Attendance

Requirements in Emergencies

CMNTS: This bill would allow local school boards to request

variances from the Commissioner of Education to allow the boards to lengthen the school day and shorten the school week or to take other measures in the case of fuel

shortages or other declared emergencies.

EDU

SCHOOL POLICIES SCHOOL YEAR

LR: 2973 SPONSOR: Rep. Cummings

of Portland

TITLE: An Act To Improve Education in Maine

CMNTS: This bill would increase the school year from 180 days to

190 days and increase the number of those days that must be

used for instruction from 175 days to 180 days.

EDU

SCHOOL POLICIES
TESTING

LR: 2670 SPONSOR: Sen. Sullivan

of York

TITLE: An Act To Include Dental Screening with Other Preschool

Testing for Maine's Children

CMNTS: This bill would add dental screenings to the hearing and

vision screenings given to children before they start

school.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2993 DUDLEY

LR: 2993 SPONSOR: Rep. Dudley of Portland

TITLE: An Act To Expand Childhood Readiness To Learn through Dental

Screening

CMNTS: This bill would require screening for oral disease for

children entering the education system.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2670 SULLIVAN

EDU

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

LR: 2870 SPONSOR: Sen. Brennan of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Invest in the Future of Maine Citizens

CMNTS: This bill would establish resources to improve the health, well-being, education and economic security of Maine citizens by enhancing and expanding early education opportunities, after-school initiatives, physical education programs and access to higher education scholarships.

EDU

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

LR: 2785 SPONSOR: Sen. Brennan of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Prevent the Use of Nutritional Supplements by Maine Student Athletes

CMNTS: This bill would prohibit nonmedically necessary use of certain nutritional supplements by student athletes in Maine schools in kindergarten to grade 12.

EDU

SCHOOL PROGRAMS STUDENT ASSESSMENT

LR: 2602 SPONSOR: Rep. Saviello of Wilton

TITLE: An Act To Require Legislative Approval of Changes Made to the Educational Assessment Testing

CMNTS: Presently the Department of Education requires MEAs to be given to children in grades 4, 8 and 11. Presently there is a plan to possibly change the testing program to change the 11th grade testing to the SAT exam. This bill would require more public input and approval by the Legislature.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2644 BRENNAN CLOSELY RELATED LEG REO:LR 2841 CLARK

LR: 2644 SPONSOR: Sen. Brennan

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act Regarding Standardized Testing in Maine

CMNTS: This bill would prevent the Department of Education from adopting standardized assessment testing indefinitely. This bill constitutes an emergency since the Commissioner of Education has decided to replace the State's education assessment with the SAT for high school juniors this spring. Without this legislation, the Legislature will not be able to act on this decision which could put low-income students at risk of being disadvantaged in planning and applying for college.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2602 SAVIELLO CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2841

LR: 2841 SPONSOR: Rep. Clark

of Millinocket

TITLE: An Act To Delay New Assessment Practices for High School

Students

CMNTS: This bill would delay the implementation of the Scholastic Achievement Tests for 3rd-year high school students until schools can complete a study of the new changes and can

address ways to prepare schools and students.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2602 SAVIELLO CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2644 BRENNAN

EDU

SPECIAL EDUCATION

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

LR: 2708 SPONSOR: Sen. Weston

of Waldo

TITLE: An Act Concerning the Implementation of Cuts in Child

Development Services

CMNTS: This bill requires the Legislature to review the

implementation of cuts in Child Development Services

proposed by the Department of Education and to make changes

to the implementation.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2726 RAYE

LR: 2726 SPONSOR: Sen. Raye

of Washington

TITLE: An Act To Ensure Options for Early Childhood Education

Programs and Services

CMNTS: This bill would ensure that parents and children have options to select the most appropriate early education

programs and services available in the least restrictive

environment able to meet individual needs.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2708 WESTON

EDU

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING

LR: 2930 SPONSOR: Rep. Pingree

of North Haven

TITLE: An Act To Ensure Special Education Funding under Essential Programs and Services to All Maine School Districts

CMNTS: This bill would provide low-receiver school districts the same state special education funding as delivered to all other school districts in Maine who currently receive no special education funding.

EDU

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

LR: 2857 SPONSOR: Rep. Merrill

of Appleton

TITLE: Resolve, To Examine the Sufficiency of Representation for Students in Special Education Cases

CMNTS: This resolve would establish a committee to examine whether students in special education cases receive adequate legal representation.

EDU

TEACHERS

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

LR: 2923 SPONSOR: Rep. Norton

of Bangor

TITLE: An Act To Prohibit School Systems from Voting on a Budget until a Collective Bargaining Agreement Has Been Finalized

CMNTS: This bill would require a collective bargaining agreement between the 2 parties before a school budget could be voted on by the public.

EDU

TEACHERS

COMPENSATION

LR: 2484 SPONSOR: Rep. Emery

of Cutler

TITLE: An Act To Establish a Scale for Teacher Salaries That

Is Uniform throughout the State

CMNTS: This bill would establish a uniform scale for teacher

salaries throughout the State.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 1061 CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD 1381

EDU

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2807 SPONSOR: Sen. Mitchell

of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Require Appointment by the Governor to Boards

of Visitors of the University of Maine System Campuses

CMNTS: Currently, members of the Boards of Visitors of University

of Maine campuses are appointed by campus presidents. This bill would instead require that members of those boards be

appointed by the Governor.

LR: 2867 SPONSOR: Rep. Cain of Orono

TITLE: An Act To Promote Youth Involvement in County and Local Government

CMNTS: This bill would create an internship program that pairs college-aged students with county and local governments. Students must have completed at least 2 years of college or just graduated from college, and must be Maine residents or out-of-state students attending college in Maine. This internship program would be administered by the Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy at the University of Maine.

LR: 2901 SPONSOR: Rep. Mills of Farmington

TITLE: Resolve, Regarding the Operation of the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System

CMNTS: This resolve would require OPEGA, in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, to examine the efficiencies that could be achieved by consolidating the boards of trustees and administrative functions of the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System and to make recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on or before April 1, 2006.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2667 MARTIN

LR: 2912 SPONSOR: Sen. Mitchell of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Provide for Accountability in Maine's Educational Systems by Creating a Higher Education Council

CMNTS: This bill would create a council that would report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs regarding all capital building and improvement projects, program curricula, budgeting and any other issues identified by the education committee.

EDU

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

LR: 2667 SPONSOR: Sen. Martin of Aroostook

TITLE: An Act To Create a Single Board of Trustees To Oversee the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System

CMNTS: This bill would replace both the University of Maine System Board of Trustees and the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees with a single higher education board of trustees on which the Commissioner of Education serves ex-officio.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2901 MILLS J

HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

HUM

CHILDREN & FAMILIES
CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

LR: 2559 SPONSOR: Sen. Mitchell

of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Create the Maine Self-sufficiency Trust

CMNTS: This bill would create a mechanism for parents of disabled children to set up a trust for the support of the children

without affecting social security insurance or other

government assistance given to the children.

HUM

CHILDREN & FAMILIES SOCIAL SERVICES

LR: 2710 SPONSOR: Rep. Burns

of Berwick

TITLE: Resolve, To Study the Efficient Billing and Delivery

of Social Services by 3rd Parties

CMNTS: This bill would require the Legislature to study the

efficient billing and delivery of social services by 3rd

parties.

LR: 2883 SPONSOR: Rep. Pelletier-Simpson of Auburn

TITLE: An Act Regarding Child Welfare Services Contracting

CMNTS: This bill would protect against the appearance of conflicts of interest by separating child welfare contracts for assessment services from contracts for the provision of

services to families in the child welfare system.

MUH

DISABLED PERSONS CHILDREN

LR: 2910 SPONSOR: Sen. Mitchell

of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Establish a Child Advocate Position in the

Disability Rights Center

CMNTS: This bill would create a position of child advocate in the

Disability Rights Center.

HUM

DISABLED PERSONS

DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED PERSONS

LR: 2842 SPONSOR: Rep. Webster

of Freeport

TITLE: An Act To Ensure Appropriate Services for Certain

Adults with Disabilities in Transition Due to Actions of

the State

CMNTS: This bill would provide adequate short-term state staffing needed for the 12 consumers currently living at Freeport

Towne Square and ensure adequate services so that the required person-centered planning process is followed during the housing and staffing transition to a private

entity.

HUM

DISABLED PERSONS EMPLOYMENT

LR: 2716 SPONSOR: Rep. Canavan of Waterville

TITLE: An Act To Promote Transitional Employment for People with Mental Illness

CMNTS: This bill would promote cooperation between the State and mental health services agencies in providing short-term transitional employment to people with long-term mental illness. This transitional employment would allow people with mental illness to use recently acquired work skills and develop confidence in the workplace.

HUM

DISABLED PERSONS

PERSONS WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENT

LR: 3020 SPONSOR: Rep. Pingree of North Haven

TITLE: An Act To Require Audiological Reporting for Screenings of Young Children

CMNTS: This bill would establish a comprehensive, universal reporting protocol that includes audiological evaluation results on all children up to 3 years of age that will assist in the early identification of children with hearing loss including hearing loss present at birth and hearing loss that occurs later on.

MUH

ELDERLY

DRUG PROGRAM

LR: 3029 SPONSOR: Rep. Pingree

of North Haven

TITLE: An Act To Maintain Prescription Drug Benefits for Seniors

and People with Disabilities

CMNTS: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to continue to provide the same level of pharmacy services to MaineCare members, members in the drugs for the elderly program and those in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program who are also eligible for the new Medicare Part D benefit at no greater cost than members pay for those

services now.

HUM

ELDERLY

PERSONAL NEEDS

LR: 2640 SPONSOR: Rep. Campbell, Sr. of Newfield

TITLE: An Act To Keep Senior Citizens Safe from Falls

CMNTS: This bill develops public education strategies to reduce falls among older adults; improves the awareness, education

and training of health professionals and providers to include falls risk assessment and targeted interventions; and intensifies services and promotes research to determine

the most effective ways to prevent and treat falls.

HUM

GENERAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2967 SPONSOR: Rep. Schatz

of Blue Hill

TITLE: An Act To Streamline Criteria for Municipal General

Assistance for Heating and Utility Assistance

CMNTS: This bill would streamline criteria for municipal general

assistance for heating and utility assistance.

HUM

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPT ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2990 SPONSOR: Rep. Gerzofsky of Brunswick

TITLE: An Act To Create the 2-1-1 Information System

CMNTS: This bill would establish 211 as the single phone number to

call to obtain information on all services provided by or

through the Department of Health and Human Services.

HUM

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPT **POWERS**

LR: 2564 SPONSOR: Rep. Mazurek of Rockland

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Restrictions for Enlarging a Cemetery

CMNTS: This bill directs the Department of Health and Human

Services to review the restrictions and conditions of

expanding a cemetery.

HUM

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPT PROCEDURES

LR: 2574 SPONSOR: Sen. Plowman

of Penobscot

TITLE: An Act To Allow the Department of Health and Human Services To Locate Parents Who Are Delinquent in Child Support Payments through Information Related to Cell Phones

CMNTS: This bill allows the Department of Health and Human Services to locate parents who are delinquent in child support payments through information in the possession of wireless service providers.

LR: 2705 SPONSOR: Rep. Walcott of Lewiston

TITLE: An Act To Streamline the Reporting Requirements of the Department of Health and Human Services

CMNTS: This bill would examine the reports required to be submitted to the Legislature by the Department of Health and Human Services, eliminate unneeded reports and combine similar reports.

LR: 2789 SPONSOR: Sen. Mayo, III of Sagadahoc

TITLE: Resolve, To Ensure Proper Accounting for Funds at the Department of Health and Human Services

CMNTS: This bill would require that the Department of Health and Human Services establish program accounts in a more detailed fashion to ensure that funding and spending are accurately assigned to the appropriate account and program.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 1555

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LR: 2964 SPONSOR: Rep. Dugay of Cherryfield

TITLE: An Act Regarding the Confidentiality of Reports of the Ombudsman Program

CMNTS: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a method to provide individuals access to information and records maintained by the ombudsman program in the Executive Department that provides ombudsman services regarding child welfare services.

HUM

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES
CERTIFICATE OF NEED

LR: 2677 SPONSOR: Sen. Rosen of Hancock

TITLE: An Act To Conform the Certificate of Need Law To Industry Standards

CMNTS: This bill would prohibit the State from disallowing reasonable construction contingency budgeting that is consistent with industry standards in a certificate of need application.

LR: 2772 SPONSOR: Rep. Miller of Somerville

TITLE: An Act To Strengthen and Improve Review Procedures in the Certificate of Need Program

CMNTS: This bill would propose further improvements to the certificate of need project review process. These improvements arise from the deliberations of the Commission to Study Maine's Hospitals. New procedures would include: lower dollar thresholds for project review, new project reporting requirements, additional methods for determining community need, clarified roles for other state agencies used in the review process and the conduct of certificate of need hearings as adjudicatory proceedings using an impartial hearing officer and APA standards.

HUM

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES
HOSPITALS

LR: 2603 SPONSOR: Rep. Richardson of Brunswick

TITLE: An Act To Enhance Health Care Safety

CMNTS: This bill creates a Hospital Infections Disclosure Act to

improve infection rates.

HUM

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES NURSING HOMES

LR: 2750 SPONSOR: Rep. Richardson of Brunswick

TITLE: An Act To Ensure Appropriate Reimbursement of Rising Energy Costs for Long-term Care Facilities

CMNTS: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its principles of reimbursement for long-term care facilities to provide proper recognition of rapidly rising energy costs.

LR: 2787 SPONSOR: Sen. Sullivan

of York

TITLE: An Act To Reexamine and Reformulate Nursing Home Licensing and Inspection

CMNTS: This bill would allow for unannounced inspections of nursing homes.

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES REPORTING

LR: 2880 SPONSOR: Rep. Canavan

of Waterville

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Sentinel Event

Reporting

CMNTS: This bill would add events to be reported by health care facilities that constitute a "sentinel event" or an unanticipated death or major permanent loss of function.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 1580

HUM

HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL NURSES

LR: 2788 SPONSOR: Sen. Martin

of Aroostook

TITLE: An Act To Ensure Patient Safety

CMNTS: This bill would adjust nurse-to-patient ratios in hospitals

to levels shown necessary by recent research to ensure

patient safety.

HUM

HEALTH CARE RECORDS RETENTION

LR: 2764 SPONSOR: Rep. Smith of Van Buren

TITLE: An Act To Preserve Patient Records

CMNTS: This bill would prohibit hospitals or other medical

providers from destroying x-ray, CT or MRI films without

patient permission.

HUM

HEALTH CARE SERVICES DELIVERY

LR: 2658 SPONSOR: Rep. Tuttle, Jr. of Sanford

TITLE: An Act To Allow an Ambulance Company To Function as

a Medical Care Car

CMNTS: This bill would allow an ambulance company to function as a

medical care car on an ongoing basis once the ambulance company obtains the necessary initial referral from the

community action program, or "CAP".

HUM

HEALTH CARE SERVICES PHARMACIES

LR: 2475 SPONSOR: Rep. Thompson

of China

TITLE: An Act To Clarify Prescription Drug Labels

CMNTS: This bill would require that pharmacies include on prescription bottle labels the name of the medication that was written on the doctor's prescription. In this way, if the pharmacy fills the prescription with a generic drug, the patient will be able to identify the medication and take the medication in accordance with the doctor's

instructions.

LR: 2639 SPONSOR: Sen. Mayo, III of Sagadahoc

TITLE: An Act To Provide Additional Opportunities To Purchase

Affordable Prescription Drugs

CMNTS: This bill would authorize the Maine Board of Pharmacy to approve or license pharmacies in Canada and out of the country, and provide their names and links on a Maine Internet website. The pharmacies would provide up to a 90-day supply of mail-order drugs, approved by the FDA, not including narcotics.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 1651

LR: 2864 SPONSOR: Rep. Mills of Farmington

TITLE: An Act To Protect Community Pharmacies

CMNTS: This bill would give small community pharmacies the same discounts under MaineCare and state prescription drug programs for mail order and bulk prescriptions as the State is offering to larger mail order pharmacies and

distribution centers.

HUM

HEALTH CARE SERVICES
PLANNING

LR: 2629 SPONSOR: Sen. Brennan of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Guarantee Access to Medically Necessary
Medications during the Implementation of the Medicare Part
D Prescription Drug Program

CMNTS: This bill provides additional resources to the state agencies and contractors and other agencies involved in providing outreach to people who previously obtained drugs through MaineCare, the low-cost prescription drug program or other prescription drug programs. These resources will be used to help link those who are put at risk because they are unable to obtain medically necessary prescription drugs with those prescription drugs in a timely manner.

LR: 2630 SPONSOR: Sen. Sullivan of York

TITLE: An Act Permitting the Recycling of Unused Prescription Drugs

CMNTS: This bill would establish a prescription drug recycling program or repository for unused medications to be distributed to the needy.

HUM

HEALTH CARE SERVICES PREVENTION PROGRAMS

LR: 2494 SPONSOR: Rep. Marley of Portland

TITLE: Resolve, To Study the Designation of a Portion of Tobacco Settlement Funds for Hospital-based Smoking Cessation Programs

CMNTS: The purpose of this bill is to study the designation of a portion of tobacco settlement funds for hospital-based smoking cessation programs.

LR: 2792 SPONSOR: Sen. Edmonds

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Ban Vaccines Containing Thimerosal

CMNTS: This bill would ban the use of vaccines containing

thimerosal.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2832

LR: 2832 SPONSOR: Rep. Lerman of Augusta

TITLE: An Act To Protect Children from the Onset of Autism

CMNTS: This bill would protect children from the onset of autism

by banning the use of thimerosal.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2792 EDMONDS

HUM MEDICAID MAINECARE

LR: 2468 SPONSOR: Sen. Mayo, III of Sagadahoc

TITLE: An Act To Improve the MaineCare Program

CMNTS: This bill seeks to create a process for carrying out the reform proposed by the Governor to the MaineCare Program.

The process needs to include input from the Legislature, providers and consumers.

LR: 2539 SPONSOR: Rep. Fischer of Presque Isle

TITLE: An Act To Streamline MaineCare Billing

CMNTS: This bill would amend the payor-of-last-resort policy by requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to make payments to private insurers for services when MaineCare is the payor of only resort prior to filing a request for payment.

LR: 2541 SPONSOR: Rep. Fischer of Presque Isle

TITLE: An Act To Direct the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability To Investigate the MaineCare Billing Crisis and To Hold Individuals Accountable

CMNTS: This bill would direct OPEGA to investigate the MaineCare billing crisis.

CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD 1555

LR: 2613 SPONSOR: Rep. Burns

of Berwick

TITLE: Resolve, To Study the Efficient Delivery of Contracted Services by Social Workers to MaineCare Recipients

CMNTS: This resolve will create a task force to study the

efficient delivery of contracted services by social workers

to MaineCare recipients.

LR: 2737 SPONSOR: Rep. Glynn

of South Portland

TITLE: An Act To Protect Services for MaineCare Clients Designated

as Noncategorical

CMNTS: This bill would protect the services offered by MaineCare

to clients that are designated as noncategorical.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2896 BRANNIGAN

LR: 2875 SPONSOR: Rep. Browne

of Vassalboro

TITLE: An Act To Establish a Residency Requirement for MaineCare

Recipients

CMNTS: This bill would establish a 30-day residency requirement

for MaineCare recipients.

LR: 2896 SPONSOR: Rep. Brannigan of Portland

TITLE: An Act To Ensure Coordination and Effectiveness in the Provision of Outpatient and Medication Management Services under Maine's Noncategorical Waiver

CMNTS: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a process for tracking the number of mental health treatment sessions provided to noncategorical waiver beneficiaries for the purpose of appropriate clinical planning.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2737 GLYNN

HUM

MEDICAID

REIMBURSEMENT

LR: 2609 SPONSOR: Rep. Tuttle, Jr. of Sanford

TITLE: An Act To Increase Wheelchair Reimbursement Rates

CMNTS: This bill increases the wheelchair reimbursement rate under

MaineCare.

LR: 2791 SPONSOR: Sen. Edmonds of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Appropriately Compensate and Ensure the Supply

of Personal Care Assistants

CMNTS: This bill would increase the pay rate for personal care

assistants under the MaineCare program.

LR: 2991 SPONSOR: Sen. Edmonds

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Improve Retention, Quality and Benefits for Direct

Care Health Workers

CMNTS: This bill increases reimbursements for Medicaid providers

sufficient to provide health coverage for direct care

workers in long-term care settings.

HUM

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS

LR: 2833 SPONSOR: Rep. Lerman of Augusta

TITLE: An Act To Ensure Adequate Capacity at Riverview

Psychiatric Center

CMNTS: This bill would ensure adequate capacity at Riverview

Psychiatric Center by extending the agreement to keep the Stone Building open and also to begin construction on a new

wing.

HUM

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
PLANNING

LR: 2717 SPONSOR: Sen. Rosen

of Hancock

TITLE: Resolve, To Improve Quality and Access to Care through the Development of a Joint Strategic Plan

CMNTS: This resolve would require Maine's 4 mental disease hospitals to jointly develop a comprehensive strategic plan for the provision of hospital-based mental health services. The plan must create a coordinated safety net of programs and services and must be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services for approval and implementation.

HUM

PUBLIC HEALTH
DISEASE CONTROL

LR: 2519 SPONSOR: Rep. Faircloth

of Bangor

TITLE: An Act To Provide Parents with Information about Biohazards Affecting Children

CMNTS: This bill would provide parents with information about biohazards affecting children. It will be based on legislation presented by Senator Deborah Ortiz of California.

HUM

SMOKING

LICENSING

LR: 2586 SPONSOR: Rep. Grose

of Woolwich

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Smoking in Private Clubs

CMNTS: This bill would amend the law that allows smoking in private clubs if a majority of the members vote to allow smoking to change the requirement to a majority of those ballots received.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2597 CLARK
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2647 TURNER
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2654 JENNINGS
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2694 MILLER

LR: 2597 SPONSOR: Rep. Clark

of Millinocket

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Law Governing Smoking in Private Clubs

CMNTS: This bill would amend the law that governs smoking in private clubs to change from a majority of those members that vote to a majority of members present and voting the number of members necessary to change a club's smoking policy.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2586 GROSE
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2647 TURNER
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CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2694 MILLER

LR: 2654 SPONSOR: Rep. Jennings of Leeds

TITLE: An Act To Clarify the Voting Procedures for Private Clubs To Determine Smoking Policies

CMNTS: This bill would clarify that, in order to establish on-premises smoking policies, a veterans' service organization or private club must demonstrate, through a secret ballot, that a majority of those members present and voting have voted to allow smoking.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2586 GROSE CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2597 CLARK CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2647 TURNER CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2694 MILLER

HUM

SMOKING

WORKPLACE

LR: 2647 SPONSOR: Sen. Turner of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Clarify the Workplace Smoking Laws

CMNTS: This bill would amend the law regarding smoking in private clubs.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2586 GROSE CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2597 CLARK CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2654 **JENNINGS** CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2694 MILLER

LR: 2694 SPONSOR: Rep. Miller of Somerville

TITLE: An Act To Clarify the Workplace Smoking Act of 1985

CMNTS: This bill would clarify the law requiring a club to vote if it wishes to allow smoking. The clarifications would require the vote to cover the whole facility and would more clearly state that the vote requirement does not apply to qualified veterans service organizations.

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CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2647 TURNER
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2654 JENNINGS

HUM

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

LR: 2742 SPONSOR: Rep. Millett, Jr. of Waterford

TITLE: An Act To Improve Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Services

CMNTS: This bill would improve substance abuse rehabilitation services by creating a process to involve local communities in the licensing process.

HUM

TEMPORARY ASSIST TO NEEDY FAMILIES PROVISIONS

LR: 2572 SPONSOR: Rep. Tuttle, Jr. of Sanford

TITLE: An Act To Reinstate the Clothing Allowance for Recipients of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

CMNTS: This bill reinstates the clothing allowance of \$100 per child with a \$250 limit per family for recipients of aid under the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

IFW

FISH

SMELTS

LR: 2774 SPONSOR: Rep. Smith of Van Buren

TITLE: An Act To Allow Smelt Dipping in Long Lake in Aroostook

County

CMNTS: This bill would provide for the continuation of smelt

dipping after 2005 in Long Lake.

IFW

GAME

BEAR

LR: 2877 SPONSOR: Rep. Churchill of Washburn

TITLE: An Act To Prohibit Bear Hunting with Dogs in Organized

Territories

CMNTS: This bill would prohibit bear hunting with dogs in

organized territories.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 1319

IFW

GAME

DEER

LR: 2614 SPONSOR: Rep. Watson

of Bath

TITLE: An Act To Prevent the Introduction of Chronic Wasting Disease

CMNTS: To minimize the introduction of chronic wasting disease (CWD) into Maine, this bill would grant the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife authority to prohibit hunters who travel to other states and provinces to hunt deer or elk from returning to Maine with carcass parts that pose a risk of CWD. Boned-out meat, hardened antlers, skull caps that have been cleaned free of brain and other tissues, hides without the head portion and finished taxidermy mounts may be lawfully transported into Maine. The restriction would apply to wild mule deer, white-tailed deer, elk, moose and caribou that are taken in any state or province outside Maine and to all species of deer and elk killed in commercial hunting preserves that are taken in any state or province outside Maine.

IFW

GAME

MOOSE

LR: 2585 SPONSOR: Rep. Jackson

of Fort Kent

TITLE: An Act To Increase the Number of Moose Permits for the Lottery by 500

CMNTS: This bill would increase by 500 the number of moose permits

available through the lottery.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2661 MOODY

LR: 2661 SPONSOR: Rep. Moody of Manchester

TITLE: An Act To Enhance the Integrity of the Moose Lottery

CMNTS: This bill would require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to have the moose hunting lottery process reviewed annually to ensure that it is applied fairly.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ: LR 2585 JACKSON

IFW

HUNTING

BOW AND ARROW

LR: 2624 SPONSOR: Rep. Wheeler, Sr. of Kittery

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Archery Hunting Season

CMNTS: This bill would allow an expanded archery season for deer in areas that are closed to firearm hunting and also would allow the taking of 2 deer during the archery hunting season.

IFW

HUNTING

ELDERLY LICENSES

LR: 2623 SPONSOR: Rep. Grose of Woolwich

TITLE: An Act To Provide a Free Moose Hunting Permit to Residents 70 Years of Age or Older

CMNTS: This bill would provide a free moose hunting permit to Maine residents over 70 years of age who have hunted during the previous 10 years.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 762

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IFW

HUNTING

REGULATIONS

LR: 2701 SPONSOR: Rep. Joy

of Crystal

TITLE: An Act To Control Alcohol in the Maine Woods

CMNTS: This bill prohibits hunters from possessing alcohol while

in possession of or in proximity to firearms.

WHT

INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE DEPT ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2584 SPONSOR: Sen. Bryant

of Oxford

TITLE: An Act To Make Changes To Certain Laws Governing Fisheries

and Wildlife

CMNTS: This bill would make various changes to the laws governing

inland fisheries and wildlife.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 1004

IFW

RECREATION

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES

LR: 2652 SPONSOR: Rep. Craven

of Lewiston

TITLE: Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Examine Issues Associated with Laws Requiring Permission To Use All-terrain Vehicles on Another's Land

CMNTS: This bill would direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to examine issues associated with compliance with laws requiring permission to use all-terrain vehicles on privately owned land. This bill would require that the department examine issues including how members of the public determine the identity of and contact the owners of large tracts of land in unpopulated areas.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2679 GAGNON

LR: 2679 SPONSOR: Sen. Gagnon

of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing All-terrain Vehicles

CMNTS: This bill would amend the law requiring express permission of a landowner in order for another person to operate an ATV on that landowner's land. This bill would enact an exception to that requirement if a person has a deeded right of way to the land and that person is obligated to maintain the right of way.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2652 CRAVEN

LR: 2997 SPONSOR: Rep. Dudley of Portland

TITLE: An Act To Increase Public Control over the Designation of ATV Trails

CMNTS: This bill would require that state agencies would have to take public comment into account before designating ATV trails on state-owned or state-controlled lands.

IFW

RECREATION SNOWMOBILES

LR: 2569 SPONSOR: Sen. Martin of Aroostook

TITLE: An Act To Authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Allow the Operation of Snowmobiles Registered outside the State at Special Events Occurring in the State

CMNTS: This bill corrects an error that was made when Public Law 2005, chapter 457 removed the authority granted to the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by Public Law 2005, chapter 1 to allow the operation of snowmobiles registered outside the State at special events occurring in the State.

TFW

RECREATION WATERCRAFT

LR: 2722 SPONSOR: Rep. Fletcher of Winslow

TITLE: An Act To Improve Water-skiing Safety

CMNTS: This bill would permit the use of a rear-view wide-angle mirror on a boat while towing a person on water skis.

IFW

WILDLIFE

COYOTES

LR: 2963 SPONSOR: Rep. Mills

of Farmington

TITLE: An Act Concerning the Tagging of Coyotes

CMNTS: This bill would allow a coyote killed with a firearm to be

tagged at a licensed tagging station. Current law requires

that the coyote be tagged by a game warden.

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JUD

ABUSE

ELDER

LR: 2560 SPONSOR: Sen. Mayo, III

of Sagadahoc

TITLE: An Act To Prevent Elder Financial Abuse

CMNTS: This bill would make all employees of banks, savings

institutions and credit unions mandated reporters of elder

financial abuse.

JUD

ABUSE

PROTECTION ACTIONS

LR: 2571 SPONSOR: Sen. Strimling

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Provide Notification to a Person Who Holds a Protection from Abuse Order When the Person against Whom the Order Is Held Attempts To Purchase a Firearm

CMNTS: This bill provides notification to a person who holds a protection from abuse order when the person against whom the order is held attempts to purchase a firearm.

LR: 2858 SPONSOR: Sen. Plowman of Penobscot

TITLE: An Act Concerning Court Orders Issued for the Protection of Children

CMNTS: This bill would require judges to specifically indicate actions taken by the court rather than rely on the generic printed matter appearing on the forms used to issue court orders regarding the reunification and rehabilitation of families. It defines rehabilitation efforts based on federal definitions and it clarifies the period of time dedicated to the efforts of reunification and rehabilitation of families.

JUD

ADOPTION

DISCLOSURE

LR: 2450 SPONSOR: Rep. Davis of Falmouth

TITLE: An Act To Provide Adult Adoptees Access to Their Original Birth Certificates

CMNTS: This bill would permit an adult adoptee to obtain a copy of the adoptee's original, unaltered birth certificate. It also permits a birth parent to express a preference regarding contact with the adoptee by filing a contact preference form with the registrar of vital records.

JUD

CIVIL PROCEDURE DEBTOR/CREDITOR RIGHTS

LR: 2778 SPONSOR: Rep. Mills

of Farmington

TITLE: An Act To Improve the Efficiency of the District Court with Regard to Certain Evictions

CMNTS: This bill is the recommendation of a working group of representatives of landlords, tenants and participants from the judicial system requested by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary to suggest methods of improving the efficiency of the District Court in handling evictions for nonpayment while still ensuring substantive and procedural due process to tenants. This will give the District Court flexibility to adjudicate evictions for nonpayment while nonpayment of rent when the tenant fails to appear in court. It would authorize the court to designate a quasi-judicial officer to determine whether the landlord is in compliance with the forcible entry and detainer process, determine that the only issue is nonpayment of rent and then grant judgment if the tenant fails to appeal. A request for a hearing or the inclusion of any other issues would require the case to be scheduled for the usual eviction docket in that court. This process would be employed in courts in which eviction dockets are not scheduled on a weekly basis.

JUD

COURTS

DISTRICT COURT

LR: 2878 SPONSOR: Rep. Bowles of Sanford

TITLE: An Act To Allow the Display of POW-MIA Flags at Courthouses

CMNTS: This bill would authorize the District Court, Superior Court or Supreme Judicial Court to display the POW-MIA flag at a courthouse whenever the flag of the United States is flown.

JUD COURTS JURY

LR: 2969 SPONSOR: Rep. Schatz of Blue Hill

TITLE: An Act To Exempt Dentists from Jury Duty

CMNTS: This bill would exempt dentists from jury duty.

JID

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CHILD CUSTODY

LR: 2915 SPONSOR: Sen. Perry of Penobscot

TITLE: An Act To Protect Children from Contact with Convicted Sex

Offenders

CMNTS: This bill would allow a court to consider persons with whom a parent lives in determining whether to grant primary residence or contact. It would allow the court to prohibit residence or contact with a parent who lives with a

convicted sex offender.

LR: 2920 SPONSOR: Rep. Dunn of Bangor

TITLE: An Act Regarding Child Custody Evaluations

CMNTS: This bill provides good-faith protection for psychologists

conducting child custody evaluations similar to protections

existing in Florida and West Virginia.

JUD

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CHILD SUPPORT

LR: 2543 SPONSOR: Rep. Fischer of Presque Isle

TITLE: Resolve, To Create a Task Force To Study the Child Support

System

CMNTS: This resolve would create a task force to study the child

support system.

LR: 2590 SPONSOR: Rep. Flood

of Winthrop

TITLE: An Act To Allocate Child Support Appropriately

CMNTS: This bill would authorize a court to stop the collection

process of back child support if the parent paying the support can prove that the child has been living with that

parent during the time of nonpayment of the support.

LR: 2698 SPONSOR: Sen. Cowger

of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Protect the Health and Welfare of Children

and Spouses in Need of Enhanced Child Support

Enforcement Services

CMNTS: This bill would ensure timely payments from noncustodial parents and provide stricter measures for delinquent

payments. It would also hold noncustodial parents

responsible for debt incurred by custodial parents due to

late payment or nonpayment.

JUD

DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVORCE

LR: 2845 SPONSOR: Sen. Bromley of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Ensure Economic Fairness for Partners of Long-term Marriages

CMNTS: This bill would require people who have been married for a long time to pool their salaries and split the aggregate equally for as many years as the marriage lasted if they get divorced. This bill would make the salary of the person who was a stay-at-home parent equal to the salary of the person who worked all the years of their marriage and received increases in salary.

LR: 2903 SPONSOR: Rep. Mills of Farmington

TITLE: An Act To Correct Deficiencies in the Divorce Laws

CMNTS: This bill would clarify the grounds and procedures for a divorce in cases in which one spouse has become permanently medically incompetent. This bill would also clarify that the trial court may entertain requests for and issue orders for spousal support while a case is on appeal.

LR: 2911 SPONSOR: Rep. Mills of Farmington

TITLE: Resolve, Authorizing the Family Law Advisory Commission To Study Property Division Issues in Unmarried Relationships

CMNTS: The resolve would direct the Family Law Advisory Commission to study and report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary with proposed legislation dealing with current partnership laws, laws relating to the partition of real estate, current provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A and equitable concepts of unjust enrichment and quantum merit, in situations involving the separation of unmarried couples.

JUD

DOMESTIC RELATIONS
MARRIAGE

LR: 2674 SPONSOR: Rep. Marley of Portland

TITLE: An Act To Remove the Clergy as a Signatory on a Marriage License

CMNTS: This bill would remove the authority of the clergy to solemnize a marriage. Only an agent of the State would have the authority to sign a marriage license.

JUD

FREEDOM OF ACCESS
RECORD CONFIDENTIALITY

LR: 2741 SPONSOR: Rep. Hotham of Dixfield

TITLE: An Act To Protect Access to Social Security Numbers

CMNTS: This bill would prohibit the use of social security numbers as account numbers by public and private entities.

JUD

HUMAN RIGHTS
DISABLED PERSONS

LR: 2936 SPONSOR: Sen. Clukey

of Aroostook

TITLE: An Act To Define "Disability" in the Maine Human Rights Act

CMNTS: This bill would define "disability" in the Maine Human

Rights Act as it is defined in the federal Americans with

Disabilities Act.

JUD

HUMAN RIGHTS
DISCRIMINATION

LR: 2873 SPONSOR: Rep. Makas

of Lewiston

TITLE: An Act To Protect the Rights of Women

CMNTS: This bill would establish a system of monitoring to ensure

that women are not discriminated against in terms of the

State's budget allocation, delivery of services and employment practices. This bill would also ensure that any

laws passed do not discriminate against women.

JUD

MEDICAL RIGHTS LIVING WILLS

LR: 2448 SPONSOR: Rep. Grose of Woolwich

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Living Wills of

Terminally Ill Persons

CMNTS: This bill proposes to set forth standard language to be

included in living wills to provide increased guidance and certainty when a patient is terminally ill or when a doctor

has determined that all lifesaving means have been

exhausted.

JUD

MEDICAL RIGHTS

PATIENT'S RIGHTS

LR: 2464 SPONSOR: Sen. Bryant

of Oxford

TITLE: An Act To Ensure the Authority of "Do-Not-Resuscitate"

Orders in Health Care Directives

CMNTS: This bill would clarify that a health care directive

containing a "DO-NOT-RESUSCITATE" order must be followed by

emergency responders.

JUD

PROBATE

GUARDIAN AD LITEM

LR: 2830 SPONSOR: Rep. Lerman of Augusta

TITLE: An Act To License Guardians Ad Litem

CMNTS: This bill would license guardians ad litem.

JUD

PROBATE

PROCEEDINGS

LR: 2556 SPONSOR: Rep. Sykes

of Harrison

TITLE: An Act To Ensure Fair Inheritance

CMNTS: This bill allows step-family members to appeal to the

probate judge for consideration of inheritance in the event

of an intestate death.

JUD

REAL ESTATE

EMINENT DOMAIN

LR: 2459 SPONSOR: Rep. Pelletier-Simpson of Auburn

TITLE: An Act To Clarify Laws Governing Eminent Domain

CMNTS: This bill would provide more limited-use eminent domain

power than was allowed in the Kelo decision.

CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD 1203 1297

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2460 LINDELL

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2461 STRIMLING

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2462 MAKAS

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2467 TURNER

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2498 JOY

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2504 MERRILL

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2642 MERRILL

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2723 FLETCHER

LR: 2460 SPONSOR: Rep. Lindell of Frankfort

TITLE: An Act To Limit the Use of Eminent Domain

CMNTS: This bill would prohibit the use of eminent domain in situations when the property would be turned over to a private entity for purposes of economic revitalization.

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LR: 2461 SPONSOR: Sen. Strimling of Cumberland

TITLE: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Prohibit the Taking of Private Property for Commercial Development

CMNTS: This constitutional resolution proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Maine to prohibit the taking of private property for commercial development.

CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD 1203 1297

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2459 PELLETIER-SIMPSON

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2460 LINDELL

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CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2642 MERRILL

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2642 FLETCHER

LR: 2462 SPONSOR: Rep. Makas of Lewiston

TITLE: An Act To Clarify the Eminent Domain Laws in the State

CMNTS: This bill would address the circumstances when a community has the right to take land from a citizen under eminent domain and would specifically address the community's right as it pertains to business development ventures.

CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD 1203 1297

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2459 PELLETIER-SIMPSON

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CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2642 MERRILL

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2723 FLETCHER

LR: 2467 SPONSOR: Sen. Turner of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Clarify the Use of Eminent Domain Power by the State and its Political Subdivisions

CMNTS: This bill would limit the exercise of eminent domain authority by the State and local governments to addressing public transportation infrastructure needs and to the uses specifically authorized under current Maine law.

CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD 1203 1297

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2459 PELLETIER-SIMPS

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2460 LINDELL

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CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2723 FLETCHER

LR: 2498 SPONSOR: Rep. Joy of Crystal

TITLE: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Change the Scope of Application for Eminent Domain Property Seizures

CMNTS: This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to prohibit the use of eminent domain to seize private property for the sole purpose of increasing tax revenue or creating jobs.

CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD 1203 1297

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2459 PELLETIER-SIMPSON

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CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2723 FLETCHER

LR: 2504 SPONSOR: Rep. Merrill of Appleton

TITLE: An Act To Restrict the Use of Eminent Domain Law

CMNTS: This bill would prohibit governments from using their eminent domain power to take privately owned property for the purpose of turning that property over to retail, industrial, office or residential developers. This bill is based on Alabama law.

CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD 1203 1297

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LR: 2642 SPONSOR: Rep. Merrill of Appleton

TITLE: An Act To Protect Businesses from Unnecessary Eminent Domain Takings

CMNTS: This bill would require the State to make a showing that the taking is an absolute necessity to accomplish the public purpose. In all instances where it is possible, the State may take only the portion of the business that is necessary for a public purpose so as to allow the private business to continue. This bill would be retroactive in that it would apply to any taking in which the terms of the taking have not been finally determined, including both the process of determining price or a timely filed appeal of that value determination.

CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD 1203 , 1297

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LR: 2723 SPONSOR: Rep. Fletcher of Winslow

TITLE: An Act To Clarify the Eminent Domain Statutes

CMNTS: This bill would clarify eminent domain provisions of Maine law for economic development through public use and prevent the use of eminent domain for commercial private use.

CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD 1203 , 1297

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2459 PELLETIER-SIMPSON

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2460 LINDELL

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2461 STRIMLING

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JUD

TORTS

TORT CLAIMS ACT

LR: 2780 SPONSOR: Sen. Martin

of Aroostook

TITLE: An Act To Reform the Maine Tort Claims Act

CMNTS: This bill would eliminate language providing a governmental entity immunity from liability under the Maine Tort Claims

Act for the performance of or failure to perform a

discretionary function.

LABOR

LAB

COMPENSATION
MINIMUM WAGE

LR: 2876 SPONSOR: Rep. Browne

of Vassalboro

TITLE: An Act To Provide Job Opportunities for Students by Lowering the Minimum Wage for Young People

CMNTS: This bill would provide a minimum wage for a person under 18 years of age that is equal to the federal minimum wage.

LAB

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS
HEALTH INSURANCE

LR: 2454 SPONSOR: Rep. Canavan

of Waterville

TITLE: An Act To Provide Access to Health Care for Workers

CMNTS: The bill is based on a Maryland law that required certain employers to pay as a percentage of their payroll a specific amount of employee health insurance costs. Failure to meet that requirement resulted in the employers' paying the difference between that percentage and their actual costs to the State's Medicare system. This request as LR 2386 was not accepted at the June 14, 2005 meeting of the Legislative Council.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2794 EDMONDS CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2826 LERMAN

LR: 2794 SPONSOR: Sen. Edmonds

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Prevent State Taxpayers from Subsidizing Large Employers

CMNTS: This bill would require large employers to contribute toward the cost of the state health care system, unless they provide a certain level of funding for employee health coverage.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2454 CANAVAN CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2826 LERMAN

LR: 2826 SPONSOR: Rep. Lerman

of Augusta

TITLE: An Act To Provide Health Care Security

CMNTS: This bill would require large retail stores to offer better health insurance to their employees.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2454 CANAVAN CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2794 EDMONDS

LAB

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS LEAVE POLICIES

LR: 2606 SPONSOR: Sen. Schneider of Penobscot

TITLE: An Act To Assist Maine Military Families

CMNTS: This bill requires that businesses with 50 or more

employees give 15 unpaid days of leave for immediate family members of any Maine person serving in the military, after

the family members' vacation time is used.

LAB

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES HARASSMENT

LR: 2795 SPONSOR: Sen. Edmonds

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Protect Workers from Intimidation

CMNTS: This bill would prevent employers from engaging in coercive practices against employees with regard to political views.

LAB

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES HIRING

LR: 2828 SPONSOR: Rep. Lerman of Augusta

TITLE: An Act To Create Employment Opportunities for People

with Disabilities

CMNTS: This bill would create incentives for employees to hire

people with disabilities.

LR: 2849 SPONSOR: Sen. Snowe-Mello of Androscoggin

TITLE: An Act To Clarify the Definition of "Employee" for State
Government and Ensure the Continued Use of Subcontractors

CMNTS: This bill would implement the recommendations of the Governor's task force to examine the use of subcontractors and the status of subcontractors as employees.

LAB

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES
JOB SECURITY

LR: 2981 SPONSOR: Rep. Bryant of Windham

TITLE: An Act To Protect the Employment Rights of Military Reserve and National Guard Personnel

CMNTS: The bill would allow members of the military reserve and National Guard returning from temporary duty overseas 72 hours before returning to work rather than the 8 hours provided under federal law.

LAB

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES
MINORS

LR: 2482 SPONSOR: Rep. Moore of Standish

TITLE: An Act To Repeal the Requirement That Employees Who Are Minors Be Overseen by a Superior in Order To Sell Tobacco Products

CMNTS: This bill would repeal the requirement that employees who are younger than 17 years of age must be in the presence of an adult supervisor to sell tobacco products.

LAB

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES WORK HOURS

LR: 2588 SPONSOR: Rep. Flood of Winthrop

TITLE: An Act To Establish a Reasonable Length for the Work Day

CMNTS: The purpose of this bill is to prevent employers from changing the start time and finish time of a work day on a daily basis. The bill proposes to set up guidelines for employers on setting times.

LAB

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2986 SPONSOR: Rep. Mills of Farmington

TITLE: An Act To Clarify the Unemployment Laws Relating To Subcontractors

CMNTS: This bill would clarify that the services performed by a subcontractor are not considered employment for purposes of the unemployment compensation laws if the work performed is generally done by a subcontractor who performs such work for multiple contractors in the course of the subcontractor's annual employment and is the type of work that is generally done by an independent contractor.

LAB

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY BENEFITS

LR: 2931 SPONSOR: Sen. Bartlett II of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Improve the Maine Enterprise Option Program

CMNTS: This bill would change the Maine Enterprise Option program, which allows a person to start a business and to receive self-employment income without reducing unemployment benefits, by allowing that person to receive per diem compensation as an employee for services provided by that business without a reduction in unemployment benefits.

LAB

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION

LR: 2987 SPONSOR: Rep. Smith of Van Buren

TITLE: An Act To Revise the Unemployment Law

CMNTS: This bill would require employers whose employees draw more benefits than are paid in by the employer to pay increased

unemployment contributions.

LAB

LABOR RELATIONS
DISPUTE RESOLUTION

LR: 2834 SPONSOR: Rep. Smith of Van Buren

TITLE: An Act To Preserve Citizens' Access to the Courts

CMNTS: This bill would require a provision of a contract requiring binding arbitration or denying access to Maine courts to be

specifically agreed to in writing in order to be

enforceable.

LAB

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY PROCEDURES

LR: 2540 SPONSOR: Rep. Fischer of Presque Isle

TITLE: An Act To Improve Workplace Safety

CMNTS: This bill would require businesses to post policies on safety for all employees. If there are more than 15 employees, the business must have training for new hires and annual training for managers. This bill would also create a task force to help improve workplace safety.

LAB

STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2471 SPONSOR: Sen. Strimling of Cumberland

TITLE: Resolve, To Direct the Maine State Retirement System To

Divest Certain Holdings

CMNTS: This resolve directs the Maine State Retirement System to divest any holdings it has in the countries of Sudan and

Uganda due to their human rights violations.

LAB

STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM BENEFITS

LR: 2840 SPONSOR: Rep. Smith

of Van Buren

TITLE: An Act To Limit Double-dipping of Retirement Funds

CMNTS: This bill would repeal the law passed by the 120th Legislature that allowed retirees in the Maine State

Retirement System to return to employment without a

reduction in benefits.

LR: 2922 SPONSOR: Rep. Millett, Jr. of Waterford

TITLE: An Act To Clarify the Change of Beneficiary Provision in the Maine State Retirement System Laws

CMNTS: This bill would allow a retiree under the Maine State Retirement System to change the beneficiary of that person in the case of a divorce if the divorce judgment stipulates the retiree's pension rights are not marital property.

LAB

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS

LR: 2819 SPONSOR: Rep. Smith

of Van Buren

TITLE: An Act To Include Unemployment Benefits in the Calculation of Average Weekly Wage for Seasonal Workers

CMNTS: This bill would provide that, for purposes of workers' compensation, the average weekly wage for a seasonal worker will be calculated to include unemployment benefits received in the year immediately preceding the worker's injury.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2820 SMITH W

LR: 2820 SPONSOR: Rep. Smith

of Van Buren

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Calculation of Average Weekly Wages for Seasonal Workers

CMNTS: This bill would provide that, for purposes of workers' compensation, the average weekly wage for a seasonal worker will be calculated using the year immediately preceding the worker's injury.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2819 SMITH W

LR: 2992 SPONSOR: Sen. Edmonds of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Protect Injured College Students

CMNTS: This bill would provide that, for purposes of calculating

the workers' compensation benefit, a full-time college

student is not considered to be a seasonal worker.

LAB

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD

LR: 2608 SPONSOR: Rep. Tuttle, Jr. of Sanford

TITLE: Resolve, To Expedite a Workers' Compensation Case

CMNTS: This resolve directs the Joint Standing Committee on Labor to review the case of Joseph Greenier (Workers Compensation

Board Case #89021459E) and make recommendations to the

board for resolution of the case.

LAB

WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS

LR: 2895 SPONSOR: Sen. Weston

of Waldo

TITLE: An Act To Allow Employers To Make Payments for Undisputed

Portions of Workers' Compensation Claims

CMNTS: This bill would allow an employer to provide payment to an

employee filing a workers' compensation claim for those portions of the claim the employer does not dispute.

LAB

WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROCEDURES

LR: 2839 SPONSOR: Rep. Smith

of Van Buren

TITLE: An Act To Protect Workers and Medical Examinations

CMNTS: This bill would allow workers required by their employers

to submit to an examination by a physician, surgeon or chiropractor to record or videotape the examination.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

LVA

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AGENCY STORES

LR: 2697 SPONSOR: Rep. Patrick

of Rumford

TITLE: An Act To Clarify Provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws

CMNTS: This bill would clarify that agency liquor stores may sell

any distilled spirits package, combination of packages, or market promotion material for spirits that has been approved by the State Liquor and Lottery Commission and which conforms to standards set forth under the Federal

Alcohol Administration Act.

LR: 2894 SPONSOR: Rep. Mills

of Farmington

TITLE: An Act To Allow Small Businesses To Participate

in Liquor Sales

CMNTS: This bill would allow for agency liquor stores in a

municipality with a population of more than 5,000 but less than 20,000 where a state liquor store has been closed.

LVA

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSING

LR: 2688 SPONSOR: Rep. Percy of Phippsburg

TITLE: An Act To Support Small Businesses with Limited Sales of Alcoholic Beverages

CMNTS: This bill would allow smaller retail stores to procure a seasonal or part-time liquor license and would establish a reduced license fee for stores with a low volume of liquor sales.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2851 WEBSTER

LR: 2851 SPONSOR: Rep. Webster of Freeport

TITLE: An Act To Create Fairness in Liquor Licensing Fees

CMNTS: This bill would create a progressive fee for certain liquor

licensing based on the volume of sales.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2688 PERCY

LVA

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LIQUOR

LR: 2680 SPONSOR: Sen. Gagnon of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Improve the Liquor Laws

CMNTS: This bill would enact changes to improve the liquor laws.

LVA

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LIQUOR SALES

LR: 2746 SPONSOR: Sen. Martin of Aroostook

TITLE: An Act To Provide Greater Control of the Sale and

Distribution of Liquor

CMNTS: This bill reinstates the state system of wholesale sales

and distribution of liquor.

LVA

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WINE

LR: 2685 SPONSOR: Rep. Duplessie of Westbrook

TITLE: An Act To Allow the Importation of Wine

CMNTS: This bill would allow the interstate and overseas sale of

wine to Maine residents.

CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD 560

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2808 RICHARDSON J

LR: 2808 SPONSOR: Rep. Richardson of Brunswick

TITLE: An Act To Permit the Direct Shipment of Wine to Maine

Consumers

CMNTS: This bill would permit the direct shipment of wine to Maine

consumers.

CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD 560

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2685 DUPLESSIE

LR: 2890 SPONSOR: Rep. Dunn of Bangor

TITLE: An Act To Allow Independent Wineries To Serve Wine at

Trade Shows

CMNTS: This bill would allow independent wineries to serve wine

directly to consumers at trade shows.

LVA

ELECTIONS

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

LR: 2632 SPONSOR: Rep. Blanchette of Bangor

TITLE: An Act To Require Clean Election Candidates To Submit

Receipts for Expenditures above \$10

CMNTS: This bill requires clean election candidates to submit

receipts for expenditures above \$10.

LVA

ELECTIONS

CAMPAIGNS

LR: 2633 SPONSOR: Rep. Blanchette of Bangor

TITLE: An Act To Prohibit Clean Election Candidates from Hiring

Immediate Family Members as Campaign Workers

CMNTS: This bill prohibits clean election candidates from hiring

immediate family members as campaign workers and paying

them with clean election funds.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ: LR 2885 DUGAY

LVA

ELECTIONS

CANDIDATES

LR: 2634 SPONSOR: Rep. Blanchette of Bangor

TITLE: An Act To Prohibit a Clean Election Candidate from

Organizing a Political Action Committee

CMNTS: This bill prohibits a clean election candidate from

organizing a political action committee.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 368

LR: 2683 SPONSOR: Sen. Gagnon

of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Improve the Laws Governing Election Practices

and Ethics

CMNTS: This bill would make various changes to improve the laws

governing election practices and ethics.

LR: 2885 SPONSOR: Rep. Dugay

of Cherryfield

TITLE: An Act Concerning the Use of Clean Election Funds

CMNTS: This bill would prohibit candidates from using clean

election funds to hire and pay as campaign staff immediate

family members. The bill would not prohibit the

reimbursement of family members for expenses incurred.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2633 BLANCHETTE

LVA

ELECTIONS

CITIZEN INITIATIVES

LR: 2784 SPONSOR: Rep. Bowles

of Sanford

TITLE: An Act To Clarify That the Costs Associated with Enacting

a Direct Initiative Appear on the Ballot

CMNTS: This bill would require that the costs associated with

enacting a direct initiative appear on the ballot.

LVA

ELECTIONS

PETITIONS

LR: 2646 SPONSOR: Rep. Pilon

of Saco

TITLE: An Act To Assist Municipal Clerks in Certifying Citizen's

Initiative Petitions

CMNTS: This bill would provide municipal clerks with a period of

time within which to certify citizen's initiative petitions

before the clerks need to submit the petitions to the

Secretary of State's office.

LVA

ELECTIONS

VOTING PROCEDURES

LR: 2779 SPONSOR: Rep. Collins of Wells

TITLE: An Act To Require Voters To Provide Proof of United

States Citizenship

CMNTS: This bill would require a person registering to vote to

provide proof of United States citizenship.

LVA

GAMBLING

GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

LR: 2865 SPONSOR: Rep. Valentino of Saco

TITLE: An Act To Require Approval of the Gambling Control

Board for the Transfer of Any Ownership in an Off-track

Betting Facility

CMNTS: This bill would require the approval of the Gambling

Control Board for the transfer of any ownership in an

off-track betting facility.

LR: 2866 SPONSOR: Rep. Valentino

of Saco

TITLE: Resolve, To Consolidate the Jurisdiction over Any Entity

Involved in Gambling

CMNTS: This resolve would give control over any entity involved in

gambling, gaming, wagering, lottery or games of chance to

the Gambling Control Board.

LVA

GAMBLING

GAMES OF CHANCE

LR: 2682 SPONSOR: Sen. Gagnon

of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Improve the Laws Governing Gaming

CMNTS: This bill would enact changes to improve the laws governing

gaming.

LVA

GAMBLING

HARNESS RACING

LR: 2937 SPONSOR: Rep. Crosby, III of Topsham

TITLE: An Act To Allow All Races Approved by the Maine Harness Racing Commission for an Agricultural Fair To Be Simulcast

CMNTS: This bill would allow all races approved by the Maine Harness Racing Commission for an agricultural fair to be simulcast, including those that occur before or after the scheduled fair dates.

LVA

GAMBLING

LOTTERIES

LR: 2856 SPONSOR: Rep. Bishop, Jr. of Boothbay

TITLE: An Act To Provide Additional Home Heating Assistance to Low-income Residents

CMNTS: This bill would designate revenue from one of the instant lotteries to be used to provide additional home heating assistance to low-income residents.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2536 LERMAN CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2575 CUMMINGS CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2724 FLETCHER CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2868 BRENNAN CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2933 FLETCHER

LVA

GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

LR: 2884 SPONSOR: Rep. Canavan

of Waterville

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Public Officials and

Conflict of Interest

CMNTS: This bill would strengthen the conflict of interest law

concerning public officials, as recommended by a prior

study.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2872 CANAVAN

LVA

GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS DISCLOSURES

LR: 2872 SPONSOR: Rep. Canavan

of Waterville

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Disclosure Law for Public Officials

CMNTS: This bill would require elected officials to disclose if

they held a substantial interest in a company, if they served as a director or officer of a company and if any

company in which they or a family member holds a

substantial interest has any contracts with the State.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2884 CANAVAN

LVA

GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS
ETHICS COMMISSION

LR: 2879 SPONSOR: Rep. Canavan

of Waterville

TITLE: An Act To Require the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Produce a Register with Photos of All Registered Lobbyists

CMNTS: This bill proposes to require the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to produce an annual register of all lobbyists registered in the State and to supply copies of the register to all members of the Legislature. The register must contain a photo of each lobbyist.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2893 WEBSTER

LVA

LOBBYISTS

DISCLOSURE

LR: 2517 SPONSOR: Sen. Edmonds

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Improve Transparency in Elections and the Operation of Government

CMNTS: This bill would require people who lobby the executive branch to comply with the lobbyist disclosure and registration law and would amend the definition of "political action committee".

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2859 CANAVAN

LR: 2715 SPONSOR: Rep. Canavan of Waterville

TITLE: An Act To Require Lobbyists To Wear Identification Badges

CMNTS: This bill would require lobbyists to wear identification

badges in order to enhance security in the capitol complex.

LR: 2859 SPONSOR: Rep. Canavan

of Waterville

TITLE: An Act To Extend the Lobbyist Reporting Requirements to Executive Branch Lobbying Activities

CMNTS: This bill would require that individuals who lobby the executive branch be subject to the same reporting requirements as any lobbyist that receives payment for that lobbyist's services.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2517 EDMONDS

LR: 2893 SPONSOR: Rep. Webster of Freeport

TITLE: An Act To Provide Information to the Public Regarding Lobbying and Lobbyists

CMNTS: In addition to the information already required by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices of those required to register for lobbying activity, this bill would require the commission to provide to the public, by January 1, 2007, in a web-based format, a means to search and identify lobbyists by photo, by lobbying firm or state agency, by issues they represent or by the committees of jurisdiction with which they typically interact. This web-based information would include a photo, a professional biography detailing contact information, relevant past professional work, a description of the firm the lobbyist is paid by, the lobbyist's specific issues, work or specialty and a list of organizations or companies the lobbyist represents.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2879 CANAVAN

LVA

VETERANS

SERVICES

LR: 2508 SPONSOR: Rep. Tuttle, Jr. of Sanford

TITLE: Resolve, To Create a Joint Select Committee To Study

Agent Purple

CMNTS: This resolve establishes a joint select committee to study

the effects of Agent Purple.

MARINE RESOURCES

MAR

COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSES

LR: 2743 SPONSOR: Rep. Pelletier-Simpson of Auburn

TITLE: An Act To Protect Alewives

CMNTS: This bill would cap the number of alewife licenses to the current number, with current licensees being given first chance at renewal. A lottery by the Department of Marine Resources would issue unissued licenses, which would cost more.

MAR

COMMERCIAL FISHING PRACTICES

LR: 2579 SPONSOR: Rep. Sockalexis of Penobscot Nation n

TITLE: An Act To Provide Penobscot Tribal Members with the Same Privilege To Take Marine Organisms as Is Provided to Passamaquoddy Tribal Members

CMNTS: This bill provides Penobscot tribal members with the same privilege to take marine organisms as is provided to Passamaquoddy tribal members.

MAR

HARBORS

HARBORMASTERS

LR: 2709 SPONSOR: Sen. Hastings III of Oxford

TITLE: An Act Regarding the Appointment of Harbormasters

CMNTS: This bill would make discretionary, rather than obligatory, the requirement that a harbormaster be appointed upon the request of a person desiring mooring privileges.

MAR

LOBSTERS

LICENSING

LR: 2664 SPONSOR: Sen. Sullivan

of York

TITLE: An Act To Require Maine Residency in Order To Sell Lobster

In-state

CMNTS: This bill requires that a person selling lobster in Maine

be a Maine resident.

LR: 2725 SPONSOR: Sen. Raye

of Washington

TITLE: An Act To Assist Lobstermen Deployed for Military Service

in Time of War

CMNTS: This bill would address problems faced by lobstermen

deployed for military service in time of war.

MAR

LOBSTERS

TRAPS

LR: 2916 SPONSOR: Rep. Tuttle, Jr. of Sanford

TITLE: An Act To Establish a Transferable Lobster Trap Tag System

CMNTS: This bill would establish a lobster trap tag system similar

to ones in Florida and other states that would allow a lobsterman to sell tags to another licensee. It also establishes equity that can be used as collateral or transferred. When tags are sold or transferred, \$5 per tag

will be paid to the State.

MAR

MARINE PLANTS SEAWEED

LR: 2660 SPONSOR: Rep. Trahan

of Waldoboro

TITLE: An Act To Clarify the Status of the Seaweed Harvesting

Industry as a Public Resource

CMNTS: This bill would clarify that the seaweed industry is a

public resource.

MAR

MARINE RESOURCES DEPT DEVELOPMENT

LR: 2480 SPONSOR: Rep. Emery

of Cutler

TITLE: An Act To Improve Water Monitoring at Clam Flats

CMNTS: This bill would require the Department of Marine Resources

to improve the monitoring of waters at clam flats.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2699 RAYE

MAR

SEA URCHINS SEASONS

LR: 2479 SPONSOR: Rep. Emery

of Cutler

TITLE: An Act To Allow Sea Urchin Harvesters To Make Up Fishing

Days Lost to Inclement Weather

CMNTS: This bill would allow sea urchin harvesters to make up

fishing days lost due to inclement weather.

MAR

SHELLFISH

LR: 2522 SPONSOR: Rep. Trahan of Waldoboro

TITLE: An Act To Clarify the Law Relating to the Digging of Clams in a Closed Area

CMNTS: This bill clarifies that when clam flats are closed for any reason clam diggers on the flats during the period of

closure are not penalized.

MAR

SHELLFISH

MAHOGANY QUAHOGS

LR: 2699 SPONSOR: Sen. Raye of Washington

TITLE: An Act To Ensure Enhanced Red Tide Testing

CMNTS: This bill would change the current fee system that funds testing for red tide performed by the Department of Marine Resources. It would require dealers of all species that are tested for red tide to pay the restructured fee, ensure uniform collection of the fee and require the revenue from the fee to be deposited into a dedicated account to cover the cost of enhanced testing required during the red tide season.

season.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2480

EMERY

NATURAL RESOURCES

NAT

AIR QUALITY **EMISSIONS**

LR: 2862 SPONSOR: Sen. Mitchell of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Prevent Noise and Air Pollution in the

Town of Oakland

CMNTS: This bill would require Guilford Transportation trains that run through the Town of Oakland to stop for a change of crew only at the rail yard where train noise and diesel fumes are anticipated, when stops will not disrupt residential neighbors' sleep and enjoyment of their

property and where the noise, fumes and odor pollution will

not harm the public.

NAT

CONTAINERS - RETURNABLE BOTTLES

LR: 2783 SPONSOR: Sen. Perry

of Penobscot

TITLE: An Act To Increase the Bottle Deposit

CMNTS: This bill would increase the existing 5-cent deposit on

certain bottles to 10 cents.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2979 NORTON

LR: 2889 SPONSOR: Rep. Dunn

of Bangor

TITLE: An Act To Provide Redemption Centers with Handling Supplies

CMNTS: This bill would require distributors to provide redemption

centers with handling supplies.

LR: 2979 SPONSOR: Rep. Norton of Bangor

TITLE: An Act To Increase the Refund Value of Beverage Containers

CMNTS: This bill would increase the existing 5-cent deposit on

certain bottles to 10 cents.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2783 PERRY J

NAT

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPT POWERS

LR: 2925 SPONSOR: Sen. Cowger of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Consolidate the Management of Solid Waste

CMNTS: This bill would consolidate the management of solid waste in the Department of Environmental Protection. Currently, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Executive Department, State Planning Office are responsible

for the management of solid waste.

NAT

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPT PROCEDURES

LR: 2499 SPONSOR: Rep. Joy of Crystal

TITLE: Resolve, To Create a Study Commission To Coordinate Maine's Climate Change Policy

CMNTS: This resolve creates a study commission to coordinate Maine's climate change policy with the federal policy.

NAT

FUELS

GASOLINE

LR: 2525 SPONSOR: Sen. Strimling

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Cap the Price of Gas

CMNTS: This bill would cap the wholesale price of gas.

LR: 2536 SPONSOR: Rep. Lerman

of Augusta

TITLE: An Act To Provide an Energy Emergency Relief Fund for Home Heating Oil and Gasoline

CMNTS: This bill establishes a \$5,000,000 energy emergency relief fund to supplement current low-income home heating fuel programs and to provide assistance for higher fuel costs to providers of emergency services.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2575 CUMMINGS CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2724 FLETCHER CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2856 BISHOP CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2868 BRENNAN CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2933 FLETCHER

TAN

FUELS

SOLID FUEL

LR: 2512 SPONSOR: Rep. Barstow

of Gorham

TITLE: Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Adopt Rules Addressing Health and Safety Issues Relating to the Operation of

Wood-burning Furnaces

CMNTS: This resolve directs the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules addressing health and safety issues relating to the operation of wood-burning furnaces.

NAT

GROUND WATER **AQUIFERS**

LR: 2744 SPONSOR: Rep. Pelletier-Simpson of Auburn

TITLE: Resolve, To Protect Drinking Water

CMNTS: This resolve would require that aquifers in Maine be studied to ascertain their long-term sustainability.

NAT

GROUND WATER CONSERVATION

LR: 2796 SPONSOR: Sen. Edmonds of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Protect Maine's Groundwater Resources

CMNTS: This bill would amend Maine law to prevent unreasonable use

of groundwater.

LR: 2860 SPONSOR: Sen. Weston of Waldo

TITLE: An Act To Establish the Maine State Agricultural Drought Protection Act

CMNTS: This bill would establish a program to protect the rights of farmers for the wise and reasonable use of water during severe agricultural droughts where those rights may be limited by the establishment of a restricted low-flow limit to protect streams from water quality degradation.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2861 WESTON

LR: 2861 SPONSOR: Sen. Weston of Waldo

TITLE: An Act To Create the Maine Agricultural Water Source
Development and Management Program

CMNTS: This bill would establish a water source development and management program to ensure that agricultural producers have access to water for crop and livestock needs, especially during agricultural droughts.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2860 WESTON

NAT

LAND USE

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

LR: 2886 SPONSOR: Rep. Piotti

of Unity

TITLE: Resolve, To Require a Study of the Laws Relating to

Conservation Easements

CMNTS: This resolve would require the study of the laws relating to conservation easements in Maine. The study commission would report out a bill, making appropriate amendments to these laws, to be considered by the Legislature in 2007. The purpose of these amendments would be to ensure that conservation easements protect important conservation lands

for future generations.

NAT

LAND USE

SHORELAND ZONING

LR: 2891 SPONSOR: Rep. Mills

of Farmington

TITLE: An Act To Require Legislative Review of Department of Environmental Protection Shoreland Zoning Rules

CMNTS: This bill would require that the proposed amendments to chapter 1000 of the guidelines for municipal shoreland ordinances currently being promulgated for comment by the Department of Environmental Protection be reviewed by the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources and the Legislature before the rules go into effect.

NAT

LAND USE

SUBDIVISIONS

LR: 2799 SPONSOR: Sen. Edmonds

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Sustain Good Local Planning Practices

CMNTS: This bill would allow municipalities with longstanding

oversight of subdivisions to continue overseeing

development of property, even if that oversight is more

rigorous than state law.

NAT

OILS

ABOVEGROUND TANKS

LR: 2810 SPONSOR: Sen. Cowger

of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Change Responsibility for the Regulation of Above-ground Storage Tanks to the Department of

Environmental Protection

CMNTS: The bill would shift the regulation of above-ground petroleum storage tanks from the State Fire Marshal's Office to the Department of Environmental Protection, which is already responsible for the regulation of underground

petroleum storage tanks.

NAT

PROTECTED NATURAL RESOURCES SAND DUNES

LR: 2961 SPONSOR: Sen. Hobbins

of York

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Sand Dune Protection

 ${\tt CMNTS:}$ This bill would amend the laws protecting sand dunes to

recognize erosion resulting in part from man-made

structures and to allow the longer-term placement of an

offshore breakwater to protect property.

NAT

SURFACE WATER LAKES

LR: 2451 SPONSOR: Rep. Muse

of Fryeburg

TITLE: An Act To Protect the Water Quality of Colcord Pond and

Bickford Pond in Porter

CMNTS: This bill would prohibit the use of personal watercraft on

Colcord Pond and Bickford Pond in Porter. This request as LR 2407 was withdrawn at the May 26, 2005 meeting of the

Legislative Council.

LR: 2583 SPONSOR: Sen. Rosen

of Hancock

TITLE: An Act To Improve Water Quality and Safety of Phillips

Lake

CMNTS: This bill would remove the maximum height restriction for

the dam at the outlet of Phillips Lake.

NAT

SURFACE WATER RIVERS

LR: 2662 SPONSOR: Rep. Muse

of Fryeburg

TITLE: An Act To Ban Alcohol Consumption on the Saco River

CMNTS: This bill would ban the use of alcoholic beverages on the

Saco River.

NAT

TOXIC SUBSTANCES

REDUCTION AND PREVENTION

LR: 2831 SPONSOR: Rep. Lerman

of Augusta

TITLE: An Act To Protect Pregnant Women from Mercury Overexposure

CMNTS: This bill would require supermarkets to label fish that

have a higher concentration of mercury than federal

standards.

LR: 2848 SPONSOR: Sen. Martin of Aroostook

TITLE: An Act To Protect Maine Families and the Environment by

Improving the Collection and Recycling of Mercury

Thermostats

CMNTS: This bill would require manufacturers to pay for the safe

recovery, collection and recycling of mercury-added

thermostats and strengthen the existing mercury thermostat

collection laws.

TAK

WASTE FACILITIES INCINERATORS

LR: 2721 SPONSOR: Sen. Hobbins of York

TITLE: An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Governor's Task Force Regarding the Shutdown of the Maine Energy Recovery Company Trash-burning Facility in Biddeford

CMNTS: This bill would implement the recommendations of the Governor's task force regarding the shutdown of the Maine Energy Recovery Company trash-burning facility in Biddeford.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2718 DAIGLE CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2959 HOBBINS CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 3036 TWOMEY

LR: 3034 SPONSOR: Rep. Twomey of Biddeford

TITLE: An Act To Address Bypass Waste at Incinerators

CMNTS: This bill would address the problem of out-of-state waste

being brought into Maine.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REO: LR 2635 COWGER

NAT

WASTE FACILITIES LANDFILLS

LR: 2491 SPONSOR: Rep. Twomey of Biddeford

TITLE: An Act To Require a Solid Waste Facility Decommissioning Fee

CMNTS: This bill would require all municipal solid waste

facilities to require payment of a decommissioning fee from

its clients for any future decommissioning costs.

LR: 2635 SPONSOR: Sen. Cowger of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Ensure Long-term Capacity of Municipal Landfills

CMNTS: This bill prohibits municipally owned landfills from

accepting out-of-state waste.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 3034 TWOMEY

NAT

WASTES

HAZARDOUS WASTES

LR: 2761 SPONSOR: Sen. Bartlett II of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Increase the Availability of Household

Hazardous Waste Disposal Options

CMNTS: This bill would require municipalities to provide hazardous

household waste disposal services to residents.

Municipalities would be able to choose among a series of options for providing these services, including, but not

limited to, a central municipal collection point or

periodic curbside pickup.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 381

NAT

WASTES

RECYCLING

LR: 2972 SPONSOR: Rep. Babbidge of Kennebunk

TITLE: An Act To Promote Recycling of Cellular Telephones

CMNTS: This bill, which is modelled on California law, would

promote the recycling of cellular telephones.

NAT

WASTES

SPECIAL WASTES

LR: 3038 SPONSOR: Rep. Mills of Farmington

TITLE: An Act Relating to Automobile Graveyards and Junkyards

CMNTS: This bill would require that the limitations on automobile graveyards, automobile recycling businesses and junkyard permits don't apply to automobile hobbyists or to automobile repair or auto body businesses that are required to store vehicles on the property due to nonpayment of the owner.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SLG

COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONERS

LR: 2500 SPONSOR: Rep. Saviello

of Wilton

TITLE: An Act To Increase the Number of Franklin County

Commissioners from 3 to 5

CMNTS: This bill increases the number of Franklin County

Commissioners from 3 to 5.

LR: 2514 SPONSOR: Rep. Barstow

of Gorham

TITLE: An Act To Increase the Number of Cumberland County

Commissioners from 3 to 7

CMNTS: This bill increases the number of Cumberland County Commissioners from 3 to 7. A task force established by Cumberland County will establish new county commissioner

districts to be in place until the next general

redistricting.

SLG

COUNTY GOVERNMENT FUNDING

LR: 2966 SPONSOR: Rep. Schatz

of Blue Hill

TITLE: An Act To Create Provisions for Exemptions of County

Government Spending Caps

CMNTS: This bill would create provisions for exemptions of county

government spending caps.

SLG

COUNTY GOVERNMENT **OFFICERS**

LR: 2534 SPONSOR: Sen. Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis

TITLE: An Act To Increase Certain Fees Paid to Sheriffs and Their

Deputies

CMNTS: This bill would increase the fees to be paid to sheriffs

and deputies for service of certain writs and complaints.

LR: 2551 SPONSOR: Rep. Saviello of Wilton

TITLE: An Act To Allow Deputy Sheriffs To Serve on County

Commission Committees

CMNTS: This bill would allow deputy sheriffs to serve on county

commission committees.

SLG

COUNTY GOVERNMENT REGISTERS OF DEEDS

LR: 2513 SPONSOR: Rep. Barstow

of Gorham

TITLE: An Act To Exempt Municipalities from Paying Fees

for Filing Deeds

CMNTS: This bill exempts municipalities from fees imposed for

filing deeds in a registry of deeds.

SLG

COUNTY GOVERNMENT RESTRUCTURING

LR: 2988 SPONSOR: Rep. Barstow

of Gorham

TITLE: An Act To Strengthen County Government

CMNTS: This bill would add to county government the responsibility for delivering services and make county government more responsive to people. The bill would shift responsibility for providing certain services currently provided by municipalities and the State to county government. It would also change certain elected positions to appointments.

SLG

LEGISLATURE LEGISLATORS

LR: 2505 SPONSOR: Rep. Tuttle, Jr. of Sanford

TITLE: An Act To Increase the Legislative Housing Allowance,

Mileage Reimbursement and Constituent Expense

CMNTS: This bill increases the housing allowance, mileage

reimbursement and constituent expense for Legislators.

LR: 2516 SPONSOR: Rep. Cain of Orono

TITLE: RESOLUTION, Amending the Constitution of Maine To Lower the Age of Eligibility for Election to the House of Representatives

CMNTS: This resolution would amend the Constitution of Maine to decrease from 21 years of age to 18 years of age the minimum age for election to the Maine House of Representatives.

LR: 2587 SPONSOR: Rep. Flood of Winthrop

TITLE: An Act To Control the Number of Bill Proposals of the Legislature

CMNTS: This bill proposes to control the number of bills submitted by Legislators. The bill creates an honor system to control submission of bills by seniority and allows Legislators to transfer their rights to other Legislators.

SLG

MUNICIPALITIES
DEORGANIZATION

LR: 2452 SPONSOR: Rep. Hanley of Paris

TITLE: An Act To Allow the Buckfield Village Corporation To Be Dissolved and Combined with the Town of Buckfield

CMNTS: This bill authorizes the dissolution of the Buckfield Village Corporation and allows it to become part of the Town of Buckfield. This request as LR 2410 was withdrawn at the May 26, 2005 meeting of the Legislative Council.

LR: 2453 SPONSOR: Sen. Raye of Washington

TITLE: An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of Drew Plantation

CMNTS: This bill continues the process of deorganizing Drew Plantation. This request as LR 2375 was withdrawn at the

May 26, 2005 meeting of the Legislative Council.

SLG

MUNICIPALITIES
RECORDS MANAGEMENT

LR: 2568 SPONSOR: Sen. Martin of Aroostook

TITLE: An Act To Allow the Towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill and Chapman To Deposit All Tax Receipts, Grant Receipts and Other Income and Revenues into One Depository Account

CMNTS: This bill would allow the towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill and Chapman to deposit all tax receipts, grant receipts and other income and revenues of the towns into one depository account pursuant to an interlocal agreement.

SLG

MUNICIPALITIES REIMBURSEMENT

LR: 2526 SPONSOR: Rep. Barstow of Gorham

TITLE: Resolve, To Study Municipal Services Billing Problems

CMNTS: This resolve directs a working group, headed jointly by the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Transportation, to propose changes in the statutes to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government for an overall collections process for public safety billing.

SLG

MUNICIPALITIES RESERVE FUNDS

LR: 2496 SPONSOR: Sen. Clukey

of Aroostook

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Municipal Tax Cap To Protect Municipalities That Use Reserve Funds To Lower Their Mill Rates

CMNTS: This bill amends the laws governing the municipal tax cap to allow a municipality to use reserve funds raised through property taxes to reduce the mill rate without being penalized in the calculation of the municipal tax cap for the next year.

SLG

MUNICIPALITIES SECESSION

LR: 2562 SPONSOR: Rep. McKenney of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Authorize Chebeague Island To Secede from the

Town of Cumberland

CMNTS: This bill would authorize Chebeague Island to secede from

the Town of Cumberland.

SLG

MUNICIPALITIES TOWNS

LR: 2566 SPONSOR: Sen. Bromley of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Change the Name of Little Island to Chickering

Island

CMNTS: This bill changes the name of Little Island to Chickering

Island.

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LR: 2959 SPONSOR: Sen. Hobbins of York

TITLE: An Act To Confirm the Authority of the City of Saco To Acquire Extraterritorial Facilities

CMNTS: This bill would confirm the authority of the City of Saco, as provided in its charter, to issue bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to acquire interests in real estate located outside the political boundaries of the city in order to improve environmental or economic conditions within the city. This confirmation of the city's extraterritorial authority is required in connection with the city's plan to issue bonds to acquire and ultimately close the MERC facility in Biddeford.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2718 DAIGLE CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2721 HOBBINS CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 3036 TWOMEY

SLG

STATE AGENCIES

ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL SERV DEP

LR: 2533 SPONSOR: Rep. Barstow of Gorham

TITLE: An Act To Restore Funding to the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services

CMNTS: This bill requires that funding removed by the supplemental budget be restored to the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services.

SLG

STATE BOARDS

MAINE-CANADIAN LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY

LR: 2733 SPONSOR: Rep. Sherman

of Hodgdon

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman Act

CMNTS: This bill would remove language requiring that the

appointment of the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman is subject to review by the legislative committee and confirmation by

the Senate.

SLG

STATE GOVERNMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT

LR: 2968 SPONSOR: Rep. Schatz

of Blue Hill

TITLE: An Act To Improve the Public Hearing Process

CMNTS: This bill would improve the public hearing process.

SLG

STATE GOVERNMENT

CONTRACTED SERVICES

LR: 2673 SPONSOR: Sen. Weston

of Waldo

TITLE: An Act To Prohibit the Maine State Housing Authority from Imposing Requirements Regarding Health Insurance on Contractors Who Bid on Maine State Housing Authority

Projects

CMNTS: This bill would prohibit the Maine State Housing Authority from imposing requirements regarding health insurance on contractors who bid on Maine State Housing Authority

projects.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2762 BROMLEY

LR: 2762 SPONSOR: Sen. Bromley

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act Regarding Preferences in Bidding on Maine State

Housing Authority Contracts

CMNTS: This bill would eliminate preferences in bidding on

contracts, adopted by rule by the Maine State Housing

Authority, for companies that provide health insurance to

their employees.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ: LR 2673 WESTON

SLG

STATE GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE DEPT

LR: 2463 SPONSOR: Rep. Moore of Standish

TITLE: An Act To Increase the Salary of the Governor

CMNTS: This bill provides that the next governor must be paid at

least 10% more than any other State Government employee.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2732 COURTNEY

of York LR: 2732 SPONSOR: Sen. Courtney

TITLE: An Act To Increase the Governor's Salary

CMNTS: This bill would increase the Governor's salary to \$1 more

than the highest-paid commissioner.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2463 MOORE G

SLG STATE GOVERNMENT FUTURE PLANNING

LR: 2510 SPONSOR: Rep. Barstow of Gorham

TITLE: An Act To Modernize Maine Government

CMNTS: This bill seeks to modernize state, regional and local levels of government to achieve cost savings and improve the delivery of services.

LR: 2838 SPONSOR: Rep. Lindell of Frankfort

TITLE: Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Study and Recommend Ethical Standards for State Agencies

CMNTS: This resolve would establish a commission to study and recommend ethical standards for all state agencies including: measures to require agencies to follow their own rules; defining "clean" in the Maine Clean Elections Act; and reviewing safeguards to ensure that laws to protect the disabled are enforced.

LR: 2892 SPONSOR: Sen. Mills of Somerset

TITLE: An Act To Improve the Efficiency of State Government

CMNTS: This bill would provide the State Planning Office with certain duties and powers to enable that office to improve the efficiency of State Government.

SLG

STATE GOVERNMENT
INFORMATION SYSTEMS

LR: 2815 SPONSOR: Rep. Tardy

of Newport

TITLE: Resolve, To Investigate the Causes of State Computer

Malfunctions

CMNTS: This resolve would require that an investigation be done to

find out the cause of state computer malfunctions.

SLG

STATE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM REVIEW

LR: 2681 SPONSOR: Sen. Gagnon

of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Improve the Efficiency of the Office of Program

Evaluation and Government Accountability

CMNTS: This bill would enact measures to aid in the efficient

operation of the Office of Program Evaluation and

Government Accountability.

SLG

STATE GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS

LR: 2690 SPONSOR: Sen. Weston

of Waldo

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Fees for Probate Filings

CMNTS: This bill would amend the fees for probate filings.

SLG

STATE GOVERNMENT PURCHASES

LR: 2793 SPONSOR: Sen. Edmonds

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Strengthen Maine's Purchasing Code of Conduct

CMNTS: This bill would ensure that Maine is able to monitor and enforce compliance with the state purchasing code of conduct, including disclosure of factory locations, independent monitoring, and providing alternative methods of enforcing compliance.

SLG

STATE GOVERNMENT
STATE COMMEMORATIONS

LR: 2563 SPONSOR: Rep. Curley

of Scarborough

TITLE: An Act To Establish November as "Lung Cancer Awareness

Month"

CMNTS: This bill would establish the month of November as "Lung

Cancer Awareness Month".

SLG

STATE GOVERNMENT STATE PERSONNEL

LR: 2790 SPONSOR: Sen. Schneider

of Penobscot

TITLE: An Act To Encourage Reporting of Potential Fraud in

State Government

CMNTS: This bill would ensure confidentiality of information provided to government hotlines that employees and the public call to report potential fraud regarding internal financial operations of government. The bill would also authorize the State to establish a confidential fraud hotline to enable members of the public to report potential fraud and abuses of State Government programs.

TAXATION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROCESS TO RAISE TAXES

LR: 2974 SPONSOR: Sen. Strimling

of Cumberland

TITLE: Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution To

Restrict Tax Increases

CMNTS: This resolution would propose an amendment to the

Constitution of Maine to require a 3/5 majority vote of the

Legislature to enact a broad-based tax increase.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 150

LR: 2703 SPONSOR: Rep. Bishop, Jr. of Boothbay

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Charter of the Boothbay Harbor Sewer

District

CMNTS: This bill would extend the territory of the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District to include all of the territory of the Town of Boothbay to provide for regional sewer service. The bill also increases the debt limit of the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District from \$5,500,000 to \$8,500,000 to assist the Town of Boothbay in extending sewer service north along the State Route 27 corridor to allow for economic development and the additional protection of the region's drinking water resources in the Adams Pond watershed.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 499

UTE

UTILITY DISTRICTS NEW

LR: 2532 SPONSOR: Sen. Mills

of Somerset

TITLE: An Act To Establish the Athens Water District

CMNTS: This bill would establish the Athens Water District.

LR: 2596 SPONSOR: Sen. Martin of Aroostook

TITLE: An Act To Create the Washburn Water and Sewer District

CMNTS: This bill would create the Washburn Water and Sewer

District.



TAX INCOME TAX CREDITS

LR: 2528 SPONSOR: Sen. Mitchell of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Establish a Refundable Historic

Rehabilitation Credit

CMNTS: This bill would allow a refundable historic rehabilitation credit to a developer that owns 2 or more structures located in the Kennebec Arsenal District National Historic Landmark. The refundable credit is limited to \$500,000 per year and is allowed only for 4 consecutive tax years

beginning in 2006.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2547 MITCHELL CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2823 LERMAN CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2824 LERMAN

LR: 2695 SPONSOR: Sen. Bartlett II of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Encourage Energy Independence for Maine

CMNTS: This bill would create a tax credit for companies that make biofuels. The bill would also create a tax credit for companies, manufacturers and supplies of renewable energy or green-based products. The bill would establish a hot line for contributions to supplement the LIHEAP program and also allocate \$20 million from the General Fund to supplement the LIHEAP program.

LR: 2823 SPONSOR: Rep. Lerman

of Augusta

TITLE: An Act To Promote the Redevelopment of Historic Structures

CMNTS: This bill would promote the redevelopment of historic structures by amending the historic rehabilitation credits.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2528 MITCHELL CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2547 MITCHELL CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2824 LERMAN

LR: 2982 SPONSOR: Sen. Perry

of Penobscot

TITLE: An Act To Ensure Continued Viability of Affordable Housing

CMNTS: This bill would clarify that intangible assets should not be taken into account in the assessment of affordable housing projects financed with the federal Low-income Housing Tax Credit.

TAX

INCOME TAX
DEDUCTIONS

LR: 2975 SPONSOR: Rep. Driscoll

of Westbrook

TITLE: An Act To Promote College Savings Accounts

CMNTS: This bill would treat all out-of-state 529 plans the same as Maine's 529 plan for the purposes of taxation.

TAX

INCOME TAX
EXEMPTIONS

LR: 2692 SPONSOR: Rep. Robinson

of Raymond

TITLE: An Act To Exempt Military Pensions from State Income Tax

CMNTS: This bill would exempt from the state income tax military

pension income.

CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD 972

TAX

INCOME TAX

LR: 2907 SPONSOR: Rep. Millett, Jr. of Waterford

TITLE: An Act To Enact the Maine Recovery Act

CMNTS: This bill would place Maine on an immediate path to long-term economic recovery and stability by implementing changes to the State's tax and budgeting laws. It does so by establishing appropriate maximum levels for overall taxation based on the Maine economy's ability to fund the cost of State Government, a limit on the rate of tax increases and a timetable for bringing tax policies and spending levels into compliance.

TAX

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES
ALCOHOL TAXES

LR: 2745 SPONSOR: Rep. Perry of Calais

TITLE: An Act To Address the Problems Created by Substance Abuse in Maine

CMNTS: This bill would provide greater funding for public and private substance abuse programs by increasing the premiums collected on the sales of distilled spirits, wine and sparkling wine and malt beverages.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 841 705 CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD 1595 CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2720 FAIRCLOTH

TAX

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES EXCISE TAX

LR: 2720 SPONSOR: Rep. Faircloth of Bangor

TITLE: An Act To Increase the Excise Tax Imposed on Beer and Wine Except for Beer and Wine Produced by Microbreweries

CMNTS: This bill would increase the excise tax imposed on malt liquor and wine by 35 cents and 70 cents, respectively. Small manufacturers of malt liquor and wine would be exempt from the excise tax increase.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 841 705 CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD 1595 CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2745 PERRY A

LR: 2751 SPONSOR: Rep. Richardson of Brunswick

TITLE: An Act To Reduce the Impact of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax on Maine Residents

CMNTS: This bill would replace the current motor vehicle excise tax of 24 mills to which new vehicle purchases are subject with a new excise tax rate of 17 1/2 mills.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2965 SCHATZ

LR: 2888 SPONSOR: Rep. Dunn of Bangor

TITLE: An Act To Adjust the Excise Tax Filing Schedule for Wine Producers

CMNTS: This bill would change the excise tax filing schedule for wine producers to coincide with the sales tax schedule.

LR: 2965 SPONSOR: Rep. Schatz

of Blue Hill

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Excise

Tax on New Automobiles

CMNTS: This bill would amend the laws governing the excise tax on

new automobiles.

· CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2751 RICHARDSON J

TAX

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES MOTOR FUEL TAX

LR: 2535 SPONSOR: Sen. Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis

TITLE: An Act To Eliminate the State Portion of the Gasoline Tax

CMNTS: This bill would eliminate the state portion of the gasoline

tax.

LR: 2749 SPONSOR: Rep. Richardson

of Brunswick

TITLE: An Act To Eliminate the Double Taxation of Motor Fuels

CMNTS: This bill would allow consumers to apply for a rebate for

fuel taxes for miles traveled on the Maine Turnpike.

TAX

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES
REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX

LR: 2724 SPONSOR: Rep. Fletcher of Winslow

TITLE: An Act To Conserve Energy in Maine Homes

CMNTS: This bill would restore funding to the Maine State Housing Authority from the real estate transfer tax to be used to weatherize the homes of Maine residents to reduce energy consumption.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2536 LERMAN CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2575 CUMMINGS CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2856 BISHOP CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2868 BRENNAN CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2933 FLETCHER

TAX

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES
SERVICE PROVIDER TAX

LR: 2470 SPONSOR: Rep. Craven of Lewiston

TITLE: An Act To Allow for the Reimbursement of the Private Nonmedical Institution Service Provider Tax

CMNTS: This bill would allow private-pay patients who are billed by their private nonmedical institutions for the 5% service provider tax to be reimbursed by the State for the amount of the tax if those private-pay patients pay that tax out of their own pockets.

CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD 146

LR: 2524 SPONSOR: Sen. Cowger

of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Exempt Certain Businesses from the Service Provider Tax for Use of Audio and Visual Rentals

CMNTS: This bill exempts businesses from a service provider tax on certain audio and visual rental transactions if the amount received from the business is 1% or less of the business's total gross receipts.

LR: 2696 SPONSOR: Sen. Rotundo

of Androscoggin

TITLE: An Act To Eliminate Inequities in the Service Provider Tax

CMNTS: This bill would eliminate inequities in the service provider tax that arise from the imposition of the tax on a business' gross billing rather than on the amount actually paid to the business.

LR: 2938 SPONSOR: Sen. Plowman

of Penobscot

TITLE: An Act To Require the State To Honor Its Obligations to Health Care Providers under the Tax and Match Program

CMNTS: This bill would make the State's share of the tax and match program a solemn contract. This request as LR 2405 was withdrawn at the May 26, 2005 meeting of the Legislative Council.

TAX

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES
SPECIAL FUEL TAX

LR: 2523 SPONSOR: Sen. Courtney of York

TITLE: An Act To Reduce Heating Fuel Taxes Paid by Businesses

CMNTS: Under this bill, the 5% current tax paid by businesses

would be reduced to 2 1/2%.

LR: 2675 SPONSOR: Sen. Diamond of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Exempt Fuel Distributors from Filing Quarterly

Reports if Tax Is Paid at the Time of Purchase

CMNTS: This bill would exempt a distributor from filing a

quarterly report if the distributor pays the taxes at the

time of purchase of the fuel.

TAX

PROPERTY TAX
CONDOMINIUMS

LR: 2686 SPONSOR: Rep. Duplessie

of Westbrook

TITLE: An Act To Clarify Municipal Valuations of Resort Property

CMNTS: This bill would require that time share valuations for tax

purposes be based on a building's value as if the unit were

owned by a single taxpayer.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 1226

TAX

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPT OWNERS

LR: 2702 SPONSOR: Rep. Bishop, Jr. of Boothbay

TITLE: An Act To Extend the Veterans' Property Tax

Exemption to All Veterans

CMNTS: This bill extends the veterans' property tax exemption to all veterans. Current law limits the exemption to veterans

who served during a federally recognized war period.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 365 CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD

LR: 2825 SPONSOR: Rep. Lerman of Augusta

TITLE: An Act To Adjust the Eligibility for Nonprofit

Exemption

CMNTS: This bill would require a person to meet the federal

requirements of the federal designation 501(c)(3) in order

to qualify as a nonprofit.

LR: 2827 SPONSOR: Rep. Lerman of Augusta

TITLE: An Act To More Equitably Pay for Municipal Services

CMNTS: This bill would establish a plan where nonprofits would pay

for services offered by a municipality in lieu of paying

taxes.

LR: 2836 SPONSOR: Rep. Farrington of Gorham

TITLE: An Act To Reduce Taxes on the Property of Religious

Societies

CMNTS: This bill would increase the property tax exemption for property used by religious organizations as parsonages from \$20,000 to \$50,000 and the exemption for personal property from \$6,000 to \$15,000.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2487 LINDELL

TAX

PROPERTY TAX
EXEMPT PROPERTY

LR: 2487 SPONSOR: Rep. Lindell of Frankfort

TITLE: An Act To Exempt from Property Tax Church Residences and Residences Maintained for the Staff of Tax-exempt

Organizations

CMNTS: This bill would provide tax-exempt property status to all residences of staff that are owned by churches and nonprofit organizations.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2836 FARRINGTON

TAX

PROPERTY TAX
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

LR: 2678 SPONSOR: Sen. Gagnon of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Allow Municipalities To Enact a Local Option Homestead Property Tax Exemption

CMNTS: This bill would allow municipalities to enact a local option homestead property tax exemption.

LR: 2782 SPONSOR: Sen. Perry

of Penobscot

TITLE: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution

of Maine To Provide for a \$40,000 Nonreimbursable

Homestead Exemption

CMNTS: This bill would amend the Constitution of Maine to provide

for a \$40,000 nonreimbursable homestead exemption.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 177

TAX

PROPERTY TAX

MAINE RESIDENTS PROPERTY TAX PROG

LR: 2666 SPONSOR: Sen. Sullivan

of York

TITLE: An Act To Clarify the Qualifications for the Maine

Residents Property Tax Program

CMNTS: This bill would allow residents who rent out their property

to qualify for the Maine Residents Property Tax Program if they rent out the property for less than one month per year.

TAX

PROPERTY TAX

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

LR: 2637 SPONSOR: Sen. Davis, Sr.

of Piscataquis

TITLE: An Act To Exempt Snow Grooming Equipment and Machinery

From the Personal Property Tax

CMNTS: This bill would exempt snow grooming equipment and

machinery from the personal property tax.

LR: 2752 SPONSOR: Rep. Richardson of Brunswick

TITLE: An Act To Encourage New Businesses and Business Expansions in Maine

CMNTS: This bill would exempt from the personal property tax business machinery and equipment and replace the Business Tax Reimbursement program with a reimbursement to municipalities currently receiving revenues from the personal property tax on business equipment.

TAX

PROPERTY TAX
RELIEF

LR: 2537 SPONSOR: Rep. Cummings of Portland

TITLE: An Act To Provide Additional Property Tax Relief to Maine Citizens

CMNTS: This bill would require municipalities to use 90% of the increased state funding for education for property tax relief beginning in fiscal year 2006-07.

LR: 2611 SPONSOR: Sen. Andrews of York

TITLE: An Act To Make the Taxing of Lobster Traps Optional

CMNTS: This bill would make the taxing of lobster traps optional.

TAX

PROPERTY TAX PROCEDURES COLLECTION

LR: 2818 SPONSOR: Rep. Perry

of Calais

TITLE: An Act To Require That a Written Agreement Regarding Responsibility for Property Taxes Be Filed with the Municipality upon the Transfer of Ownership of That Property

CMNTS: This bill would require that, in every sale of real property, an agreement between the parties regarding the responsibility for property taxes on that property be filed with the municipality in which the property is located.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2653 CRAVEN

TAX

REVENUE SERVICES BUREAU ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2798 SPONSOR: Sen. Edmonds

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Strengthen Maine's Craft Brewing Industry

CMNTS: This bill would create tax incentives for craft breweries to increase their exports of malt beverages and would

create a new license for contract brewers.

TAX

REVENUE SERVICES BUREAU **PROCEDURES**

LR: 2544 SPONSOR: Rep. Fischer of Presque Isle

TITLE: An Act To Protect Citizens from Unfair Taxation

CMNTS: This bill would require Maine Revenue Services to work with

a task force to establish more consumer-oriented

explanations of Maine's tax code.

LR: 2882 SPONSOR: Rep. Tardy

of Newport

TITLE: An Act To Establish Guidelines and Criteria for Maine

Revenue Services Audits

CMNTS: This bill would establish guidelines and criteria for Maine

Revenue Service audits.

TAX

SALES & USE TAX EXEMPT ITEMS

LR: 2529 SPONSOR: Rep. Cebra

of Naples

TITLE: An Act To Establish a Back-to-school Tax-free Shopping

Weekend

CMNTS: This bill establishes a back-to-school sales-tax-free

weekend during the 2nd full weekend in August.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 81, 452, 747 CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2822 LERMAN CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2837 LINDELL

LR: 2547 SPONSOR: Sen. Mitchell of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Expand Pine Tree Zone Tax Credits To Aid in the Refurbishing of Historic Maine Buildings

CMNTS: This bill would expand the Pine Tree Zone tax benefit program to provide developers with a sales tax exemption on building materials used in the refurbishing of historic Maine buildings for mixed-use development and with an income tax deduction for income earned during the refurbishing.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2528 MITCHELL CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2823 LERMAN CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2824 LERMAN

LR: 2553 SPONSOR: Rep. Thomas of Ripley

TITLE: An Act To Exempt Equipment Sold for Alternate Energy Use from Sales Tax

CMNTS: This bill exempts from sales tax all equipment sold for alternate energy use.

LR: 2812 SPONSOR: Rep. Piotti of Unity

TITLE: An Act To Repeal the Tax on Vegetable Seeds for Home Gardens

CMNTS: This bill would repeal the tax on vegetable seeds for home gardens.

LR: 2822 SPONSOR: Rep. Lerman of Augusta

TITLE: An Act To Establish a Tax-free Day

CMNTS: This bill would establish a sales-tax-free day in August.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 81, 452, 747 CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2529 CEBRA CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2837 LINDELL

LR: 2837 SPONSOR: Rep. Lindell of Frankfort

TITLE: An Act To Authorize a Sales Tax Holiday

CMNTS: This bill would authorize the Governor to establish one day per year on which no sales tax would be charged.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 81 452, 747 CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2529 CEBRA CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2822 LERMAN

TAX

SALES & USE TAX ITEMS TAXED

LR: 2573 SPONSOR: Sen. Plowman of Penobscot

TITLE: An Act To Place a Moratorium on the Imposition of the Sales Tax on Wood Stoves and Furnaces

CMNTS: This bill places a moratorium for 10 months on the imposition of the sales tax on wood stoves and furnaces.

LR: 2802 SPONSOR: Sen. Cowger

of Kennebec

TITLE: An Act To Clarify the Taxable Status of Processing Fees Charged in Connection with Cancelled Lodging Reservations

CMNTS: This bill would clarify the sales tax law to specifically state that processing fees or forfeited advanced deposits held by an innkeeper in connection with a cancelled lodging reservation or the failure of a guest to show on the day of arrival are not subject to sales tax.

TAX

SALES & USE TAX REFUNDS

LR: 2580 SPONSOR: Rep. Sockalexis of Penobscot Nation n

TITLE: An Act To Return Sales Tax Collected on Sales Occurring on the Penobscot Indian Nation Reservation and Tribal Lands to the Penobscot Indian Nation

CMNTS: This bill returns the sales tax collected on sales occurring on the Penobscot Indian Nation reservation and tribal lands to the Penobscot Indian Nation. Current law provides a similar benefit to the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

TAX

TAX ASSESSMENT ASSESSORS

LR: 2626 SPONSOR: Sen. Diamond

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Clarify the Responsibilities of the State Tax Assessor Regarding Local Assessors

CMNTS: This bill would require a full-time professional assessor used by a municipality to be certified by the Bureau of Revenue Services and would require supervision of local assessors by the State Tax Assessor.

TAX

TAX ASSESSMENT VALUATION

LR: 2643 SPONSOR: Rep. Marley

of Portland

TITLE: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Limit Increases in Property Tax Assessments

CMNTS: This resolution would limit increases in property tax to 10% per year.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 902

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2747 CURLEY CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2855 BISHOP

LR: 2653 SPONSOR: Rep. Craven

of Lewiston

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Assessment of Property Taxes in the Event of a Change of Ownership of the Property

CMNTS: This bill would require the tax assessor to change the records once notice of a change in ownership of real property is received. Additionally this bill would exempt the previous property owner from liability for any taxes incurred after the change in ownership as long as the previous property owner provides certain information, such as a copy of the executed deed, to the assessor.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REO: LR 2818 PERRY A

LR: 2747 SPONSOR: Rep. Curley

of Scarborough

TITLE: An Act To Cap the Rate of Increase for Property Valuation

CMNTS: This bill would cap the rate of increase for property

valuations.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 902

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2643 MARLEY CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2855 BISHOP

LR: 2821 SPONSOR: Rep. Lerman

of Augusta

TITLE: An Act To Adjust the Real Estate Property Valuation

Process

CMNTS: This bill would exclude the sales of 2nd homes in the

process of valuations for primary residences.

LR: 2855 SPONSOR: Rep. Bishop, Jr. of Boothbay

TITLE: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Limit Increases in Property Valuation for Residents 62 Years of Age and Older

CMNTS: This constitutional resolution would limit increases in property valuation to 3% per year for residents 62 years of age and older. When property is transferred, its valuation returns to its fair market value.

JR 217 RULING NEEDED:LD 1199
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2643 MARLEY
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2747 CURLEY

TRANSPORTATION

TRA

MOTOR CARRIERS SAFETY

LR: 2486 SPONSOR: Rep. Ash, Jr. of Belfast

TITLE: An Act To Prevent Dangerous Commercial Drivers on Maine's Highways

CMNTS: This bill requires an agency within Maine to request an independent contractor using a commercial driver's license to provide verification of a valid driver's license and driving record before the agency hires the contractor to transport goods on Maine's highways.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2489 FAIRCLOTH
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2506 TUTTLE
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2507 TUTTLE
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2530 DAMON
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2531 MARLEY

LR: 2506 SPONSOR: Rep. Tuttle, Jr. of Sanford

TITLE: An Act To Require a Truck Driver To Take a Driver's Test and Safety Course Every 3 Years

CMNTS: This bill requires a truck driver to take a 24-hour safety course every 3 years and also requires a truck driver to take a driver's test every 3 years.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2486 ASH
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2489 FAIRCLOTH
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2507 TUTTLE
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2530 DAMON
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2531 MARLEY

LR: 2530 SPONSOR: Sen. Damon of Hancock

TITLE: An Act To Improve Highway Safety

CMNTS: This bill would amend the authority of the Motor Carrier Review Board and make other changes to improve highway safety in Maine with particular regard to the hazard represented by perpetual violators of Maine's motor vehicle laws.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2486 ASH
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2489 FAIRCLOTH
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2506 TUTTLE
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2507 TUTTLE
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2531 MARLEY

LR: 2531 SPONSOR: Rep. Marley of Portland

TITLE: An Act To Ensure Accountability Regarding Commercial Vehicle Contractors

CMNTS: This bill would increase the liability of those who contract with commercial vehicle contractors.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2486 ASH
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2489 FAIRCLOTH
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2506 TUTTLE
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2507 TUTTLE

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2530 DAMON

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MOTOR CARRIERS WEIGHT

LR: 2567 SPONSOR: Sen. Bromley

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Modify the Gross Weight Limits for Certain 2 and 3

Axle Vehicles

CMNTS: This bill would modify the gross weight limits for vehicles

having 2 or 3 axles that carry permanently mounted snow removal equipment to take into consideration the weight of

that equipment.

TRA

MOTOR VEHICLES
FARM VEHICLES

LR: 2874 SPONSOR: Rep. Browne

of Vassalboro

TITLE: An Act To Allow Farm Trucks That Weigh over 9,000 Pounds

To Be Eligible for Farm Specialty Plates

CMNTS: This bill would allow farm trucks that weigh over 9,000

pounds to be eligible for farm specialty plates.

TRA

MOTOR VEHICLES NOISE

LR: 2760 SPONSOR: Sen. Damon

of Hancock

TITLE: An Act To Amend Maine's Noise Ordinance Laws

CMNTS: This bill would allow a decibel reader to be used to

measure a vehicle's exhaust noise level.

TRA

MOTOR VEHICLES
NUMBER PLATES

LR: 2719 SPONSOR: Rep. Jackson

of Fort Kent

TITLE: An Act To Clarify the Intent of the Law That Allows

Retired Firefighters To Retain Their Firefighter License

Plates

CMNTS: This bill would clarify the intent of Public Law 2005,

chapter 80, "An Act To Allow Retired Firefighters To Retain

Their Firefighter License Plates, " so that it applies

retroactively to all retired firefighters.

TRA

MOTOR VEHICLES
REGISTRATION

LR: 2472 SPONSOR: Rep. Blanchard

of Old Town

TITLE: An Act To Ensure Business Equity and Vehicle Registration

CMNTS: This bill requires the registration in Maine of all

construction and road-maintenance-oriented vehicles being

rented in Maine for operation on a public way.

TRA

MOTOR VEHICLES
SALES & TITLES

LR: 2598 SPONSOR: Sen. Bromley

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Improve the Process for Issuing Duplicate Motor

Vehicle Certificates of Title

CMNTS: This bill would eliminate the requirement that a duplicate

certificate of title or certificate of salvage contain

language indicating that the certificate is a duplicate.

TRA

MOTOR VEHICLES SEAT BELTS

LR: 2548 SPONSOR: Rep. Hogan, Sr.

of Old Orchard Beach

TITLE: An Act To Require That Passengers in the Beds of Pick-up

Trucks Wear Seat Belts

CMNTS: This bill would require any passenger in the bed of a

pick-up truck to wear a seat belt.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2711 BURNS

LR: 2711 SPONSOR: Rep. Burns

of Berwick

TITLE: An Act Concerning Seat Belts

CMNTS: This bill would modify who is required to wear seat belts.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2548 HOGAN

TRA

NAVIGATION FERRIES

LR: 2622 SPONSOR: Sen. Savage

of Knox

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Ferry Service Travel for Individuals with Catastrophic Illness

CMNTS: This bill would offer transportation services from the Maine State Ferry Service to and from regularly scheduled, medically necessary appointments with medical care

providers to a person who has a catastrophic illness.

TRA

OPERATOR'S LICENSES

LR: 2488 SPONSOR: Rep. Curley of Scarborough

TITLE: An Act To Safeguard Maine's Highways

CMNTS: This bill would enact measures concerning drivers with multiple driving offenses to better safeguard Maine's highways. This bill would implement the recommendations of the Perpetual Violators in Maine Working Group, including the establishment of mandatory jail time for repeat offenders.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2492 BARTLETT CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2497 DIAMOND CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2738 GERZOFSKY

TRA

OPERATOR'S LICENSES SUSPENSION

LR: 2738 SPONSOR: Rep. Gerzofsky of Brunswick

TITLE: An Act To Require the Secretary of State to Notify Local Law Enforcement Agencies of Driver's License Suspensions

CMNTS: This bill would require the Secretary of State to inform local law enforcement agencies of all driver's license suspensions.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2488 CURLEY CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2492 BARTLETT CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2497 DIAMOND

TRA

OPERATOR'S LICENSES
TRUCK

LR: 2489 SPONSOR: Rep. Faircloth

of Bangor

TITLE: An Act To Require a Business To Request Proof of a Valid Driver's License before Hiring a Trucker To Haul Its Goods

CMNTS: This bill requires a business that hires a trucker to haul its goods to verify that the trucker has a valid driver's license.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2486 ASH
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2506 TUTTLE
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2507 TUTTLE
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2530 DAMON
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2531 MARLEY

LR: 2507 SPONSOR: Rep. Tuttle, Jr. of Sanford

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TITLE: An Act To Encourage a Law Enforcement Agency To Pursue Truckers with Suspended Licenses

CMNTS: This bill would give any law enforcement agencies \$100 for every plate that they take from truck drivers that have suspended licenses.

CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2486 ASH
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2489 FAIRCLOTH
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2506 TUTTLE
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2530 DAMON
CLOSELY RELATED LEG REQ:LR 2531 MARLEY

TRA

RAILROADS

PRESERVATION

LR: 2659 SPONSOR: Rep. Sampson

of Auburn

TITLE: An Act To Modernize the Charter of the Lewiston and Auburn

Railroad Company

CMNTS: This bill would update the articles of incorporation of the

Lewiston and Auburn Railroad Company.

LR: 2671 SPONSOR: Rep. Finch

of Fairfield

TITLE: An Act To Protect Real Estate Values Impaired by Railroad

Operations

CMNTS: This bill would require the railroad to offer to purchase

any property located within 1000 feet of a railroad grade crossing where horns are sounded that remains on the market

for more than one year.

TRA

ROADS

BRIDGES

LR: 2601 SPONSOR: Sen. Rosen

of Hancock

TITLE: Resolve, To Name the New Hancock-Waldo Bridge

CMNTS: This resolve names the newly built Hancock-Waldo Bridge

according to the decision of the group to name the bridge.

LR: 2625 SPONSOR: Sen. Diamond of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Clarify the Assessment of Costs To Maintain a Private Way or Bridge

CMNTS: This bill would require an assessment for the repair or maintenance of a private way or bridge to be applied proportionally on the owners according to the assessed valuation.

TRA

ROADS

CONSTRUCTION

LR: 2651 SPONSOR: Rep. Craven of Lewiston

TITLE: An Act To Require That New Road Construction or Repair Include Sidewalks or Bike Trails or Both

CMNTS: This bill would require that new road construction and repair include sidewalks or bike trails or both.

TRA

ROADS

DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

LR: 2700 SPONSOR: Rep. Crosby, III of Topsham

TITLE: An Act To Allow Businesses To Place a Sign at the Topsham Mall Exit on Interstate 95

CMNTS: This bill would allow businesses to pay the \$12,000 cost to put a sign at the Topsham exit on Interstate 95.

TRA

ROADS

HIGHWAY SAFETY

LR: 2495 SPONSOR: Rep. Marley

of Portland

TITLE: Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Study the Feasibility of Establishing Sound and Pollution Barriers along

Portions of Interstate 295

CMNTS: This bill would establish a commission to study the feasibility of establishing sound and pollution barriers along portions of Interstate 295 through Portland.

TRA

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS INTERSECTIONS

LR: 2684 SPONSOR: Rep. Duplessie of Westbrook

TITLE: An Act To Improve Traffic Safety at Intersections

CMNTS: This bill would require traffic signal lights to have a

specific time delay between changes and would establish the

minimum duration of that delay.

TRA

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS PARKING

LR: 2621 SPONSOR: Rep. Marley

of Portland

TITLE: An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Parking in Access Aisles

Adjacent to Parking Spaces for the Physically Disabled

CMNTS: This bill would establish a minimum width for access aisles

adjacent to parking spaces for the physically disabled in

which parking is prohibited.

LR: 2740 SPONSOR: Rep. Hotham of Dixfield

TITLE: An Act To Support Campgrounds in Maine

CMNTS: This bill would allow overnight recreational vehicle camping at a big box store parking area only if campgrounds within a 10-mile radius of the store could not accommodate the recreational vehicle.

TRA

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS TOWING

LR: 2591 SPONSOR: Rep. Flood of Winthrop

TITLE: An Act To Ensure Reimbursement for Towing Services

CMNTS: This bill would ensure that a towing company is reimbursed for services by the owner of the car that is towed. The bill proposes to suspend the license of a motorist who does not pay the towing fees.

TRA

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS
TRUCKS

LR: 2607 SPONSOR: Rep. Carr of Lincoln

TITLE: An Act To Increase Efficiency in Truck Hauling

CMNTS: This bill allows trucks hauling chips and sawdust in trailers that are 53 feet long to utilize the same roads that trucks with trailers that are 48 feet long are authorized to use, as long as the overall length of the truck and trailer is not over 74 feet and the wheel base axle distance is the same.

TRA

TURNPIKE AUTHORITY POWERS

LR: 2561 SPONSOR: Sen. Mayo, III of Sagadahoc

TITLE: An Act Regarding Competitive Bidding by the Maine Turnpike

Authority

CMNTS: This bill would require the Maine Turnpike Authority to award certain contracts not related to construction or

reconstruction of the turnpike by competitive bidding, open to the public, and require that the authority, absent good cause, award such contracts to the lowest responsible

bidder.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

ELECTRIC UTILITIES RATES

LR: 2934 SPONSOR: Rep. Fletcher

of Winslow

TITLE: An Act To Lower the Cost of Electricity

CMNTS: This bill would prohibit utilities operating under an

alternate rate plan from belonging to a regional

transmission organization or independent system operation that requires Maine electricity consumers to pay more for electricity than the Public Utilities Commission determines

necessary.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION POWERS

LR: 2581 SPONSOR: Rep. Sockalexis of Penobscot Nation n

TITLE: Resolve, Authorizing the Public Utilities Commission To Permit the Establishment of a Tribal Energy District within Penobscot Indian Nation Lands for the Development of Renewable Energy Resources

CMNTS: This resolve authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to allow the Penobscot Indian Nation to establish an energy district within the Penobscot Indian Nation lands in accordance with the laws of the State for the purpose of developing renewable energy resources such as wind, hydropower and geothermal power.

LR: 2958 SPONSOR: Rep. Brautigam of Falmouth

TITLE: An Act To Protect Maine's Electricity Consumers

CMNTS: This bill would give the Public Utilities Commission the authority to withdraw from participation in the system of any independent system operator if the commission finds that the interests of Maine electricity consumers are not adequately protected.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS CELLULAR PHONES

LR: 2552 SPONSOR: Rep. Thomas

of Ripley

TITLE: An Act To Improve Cell Phone Service in Maine

CMNTS: This bill would allow cell phone users to keep analog phones when switching service until the quality of digital service is equal to that of analog in all parts of the

State.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS TELEPHONE SYSTEMS

LR: 2520 SPONSOR: Rep. Robinson

of Raymond

TITLE: An Act To Allow for Access to Digital Phone Service for

Customers in Rural Areas

CMNTS: This bill would allow customers in rural areas access to digital phone service provided through cable companies.

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TELEVISION

CABLE TELEVISION

LR: 2800 SPONSOR: Sen. Edmonds

of Cumberland

TITLE: An Act To Enhance Competition and Consumer Choice in

the Telecommunications Industry

CMNTS: This bill would create a statewide cable franchise system,

based on a similar system enacted in Texas.

CLOSELY RELATED CO:LD 205

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UTILITY DISTRICTS

LR: 2485 SPONSOR: Rep. Emery

of Cutler

TITLE: An Act To Provide Funds to the Machias Wastewater

Treatment Plant

CMNTS: This bill would provide funds to the Machias Wastewater

Treatment Plant.

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UTILITY DISTRICTS CHARTER CHANGES

LR: 2620 SPONSOR: Rep. Jackson of Fort Kent

TITLE: An Act To Change the Charter of the Saint Francis Water

District

CMNTS: This bill would amend the charter of the Saint Francis Water District to allow town selectmen to serve on the

water district board.

Sen. Andrews of York

LR 2611 An Act To Make the Taxing of Lobster Traps Optional

LR 2612 An Act To Provide a Bill of Rights for Condominium Owners

Rep. Ash, Jr. of Belfast

LR 2486 An Act To Prevent Dangerous Commercial Drivers on Maine's Highways

LR 2627 An Act To Protect Consumers from Credit Card and Debit Card Holds

Rep. Austin of Gray

LR 2898 An Act To Protect Volunteer-earned Funds of the Maine Wildlife Park

Rep. Babbidge of Kennebunk

LR 2928 An Act Regarding Establishment of a Minimum Financial Standard Regarding Educational Cost Sharing

LR 2972 An Act To Promote Recycling of Cellular Telephones

LR 2984 An Act Regarding the Sharing of Educational Costs

Rep. Barstow of Gorham

LR 2510 An Act To Modernize Maine Government

LR 2511 Resolve, Establishing a Working Group in the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Education
To Examine the Powers of University Police Departments

- LR 2512 Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Adopt Rules Addressing Health and Safety Issues Relating to the Operation of Wood-burning Furnaces
- LR 2513 An Act To Exempt Municipalities from Paying Fees for Filing Deeds
- LR 2514 An Act To Increase the Number of Cumberland County
 Commissioners from 3 to 7
- LR 2526 Resolve, To Study Municipal Services Billing Problems
- LR 2533 An Act To Restore Funding to the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services
- LR 2734 An Act To Ensure Eligibility for Citizens 65 Years of Age and Older to Purchase Dirigo Choice Insurance
- LR 2988 An Act To Strengthen County Government
- Sen. Bartlett II of Cumberland
- LR 2474 An Act To Create Regional Economic Councils
- LR 2492 An Act To Increase the Penalty for the 3rd Offense of Operating after Suspension
- LR 2503 An Act To Require Mandatory Training for Law Enforcement Officers and Prosecutors Regarding Interaction with Citizens with Developmental Disabilities
- LR 2509 An Act To Prohibit the Advertisement of Tobacco and Alcohol within 500 Feet of a School
- LR 2599 An Act To Make Changes to the Maine Juvenile Code
- LR 2695 An Act To Encourage Energy Independence for Maine
- LR 2761 An Act To Increase the Availability of Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Options
- LR 2931 An Act To Improve the Maine Enterprise Option Program

Rep. Bierman of Sorrento

LR 2926 An Act Relating to Flanders Bay Community School District

Rep. Bishop, Jr. of Boothbay

- LR 2702 An Act To Extend the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption to All Veterans
- LR 2703 An Act To Amend the Charter of the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District
- LR 2855 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Limit Increases in Property Valuation for Residents 62 Years of Age and Older
- LR 2856 An Act To Provide Additional Home Heating Assistance to Low-income Residents
- Rep. Blanchard of Old Town
- LR 2472 An Act To Ensure Business Equity and Vehicle Registration
- LR 2521 An Act To Fund Pesticide Education in the State
- Rep. Blanchette of Bangor
- LR 2632 An Act To Require Clean Election Candidates To Submit Receipts for Expenditures above \$10
- LR 2633 An Act To Prohibit Clean Election Candidates from Hiring Immediate Family Members as Campaign Workers
- LR 2634 An Act To Prohibit a Clean Election Candidate from Organizing a Political Action Committee

Rep. Bowles of Sanford

LR 2784 An Act To Clarify That the Costs Associated with Enacting a Direct Initiative Appear on the Ballot

LR 2878 An Act To Allow the Display of POW-MIA Flags at Courthouses

Rep. Brannigan of Portland

LR 2896 An Act To Ensure Coordination and Effectiveness in the Provision of Outpatient and Medication Management Services under Maine's Noncategorical Waiver

Rep. Brautigam of Falmouth

LR 2958 An Act To Protect Maine's Electricity Consumers

Sen. Brennan of Cumberland

LR 2629 An Act To Guarantee Access to Medically Necessary
Medications during the Implementation of the Medicare Part
D Prescription Drug Program

LR 2644 An Act Regarding Standardized Testing in Maine

LR 2785 An Act To Prevent the Use of Nutritional Supplements by Maine Student Athletes

LR 2868 An Act To Provide Emergency Assistance to People at Risk Due to the High Cost of Heating Fuel

LR 2869 An Act To Improve the Health, Safety, Welfare and Education of Maine People

LR 2870 An Act To Invest in the Future of Maine Citizens

- Sen. Bromley of Cumberland
- LR 2566 An Act To Change the Name of Little Island to Chickering Island
- LR 2567 An Act To Modify the Gross Weight Limits for Certain 2 and 3 Axle Vehicles
- LR 2598 An Act To Improve the Process for Issuing Duplicate Motor Vehicle Certificates of Title
- LR 2748 An Act To Ensure the Continued Ability of the Maine Economic Growth Council To Produce Reports on Measures of Growth
- LR 2762 An Act Regarding Preferences in Bidding on Maine State Housing Authority Contracts
- LR 2775 An Act To Improve the Governance Structure of the Maine State Housing Authority
- LR 2845 An Act To Ensure Economic Fairness for Partners of Long-term Marriages
- Rep. Browne of Vassalboro
 - LR 2874 An Act To Allow Farm Trucks That Weigh over 9,000 Pounds To Be Eligible for Farm Specialty Plates
 - LR 2875 An Act To Establish a Residency Requirement for MaineCare Recipients
 - LR 2876 An Act To Provide Job Opportunities for Students by Lowering the Minimum Wage for Young People
- Sen. Bryant of Oxford
- LR 2464 An Act To Ensure the Authority of "Do-Not-Resuscitate"
 Orders in Health Care Directives
- LR 2473 An Act Concerning Members of School Administrative Districts' Finance Committees
- LR 2584 An Act To Make Changes To Certain Laws Governing Fisheries and Wildlife

Rep. Bryant of Windham

- LR 2927 An Act To Increase Agent Participation for Insurance Products
- LR 2981 An Act To Protect the Employment Rights of Military Reserve and National Guard Personnel

Rep. Burns of Berwick

- LR 2613 Resolve, To Study the Efficient Delivery of Contracted Services by Social Workers to MaineCare Recipients
- LR 2710 Resolve, To Study the Efficient Billing and Delivery of Social Services by 3rd Parties
- LR 2711 An Act Concerning Seat Belts
- LR 2712 An Act To Require Insurance Companies To Notify the Secretary of State upon Issuance of New Automobile Policies

Rep. Cain of Orono

- LR 2516 RESOLUTION, Amending the Constitution of Maine To Lower the Age of Eligibility for Election to the House of Representatives
- LR 2867 An Act To Promote Youth Involvement in County and Local Government

- Rep. Campbell, Sr. of Newfield
 - LR 2640 An Act To Keep Senior Citizens Safe from Falls
 - LR 2641 An Act To Provide Supplemental Funding for Mileage Reimbursement for Volunteers for the Meals on Wheels Program
- Rep. Canavan of Waterville
- LR 2454 An Act To Provide Access to Health Care for Workers
- LR 2715 An Act To Require Lobbyists To Wear Identification Badges
- LR 2716 An Act To Promote Transitional Employment for People with Mental Illness
- LR 2859 An Act To Extend the Lobbyist Reporting Requirements to Executive Branch Lobbying Activities
- LR 2872 An Act To Amend the Disclosure Law for Public Officials
- LR 2879 An Act To Require the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Produce a Register with Photos of All Registered Lobbyists
- LR 2880 An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Sentinel Event Reporting
- LR 2884 An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Public Officials and Conflict of Interest
- Rep. Carr of Lincoln
- LR 2607 An Act To Increase Efficiency in Truck Hauling
- Rep. Cebra of Naples
- LR 2529 An Act To Establish a Back-to-school Tax-free Shopping Weekend

Rep. Churchill of Washburn

LR 2877 An Act To Prohibit Bear Hunting with Dogs in Organized Territories

Rep. Clark of Millinocket

LR 2597 An Act To Amend the Law Governing Smoking in Private Clubs

LR 2804 An Act To Enable Local Adult Education Programs To Play a Greater Role in Helping Dislocated Workers

LR 2841 An Act To Delay New Assessment Practices for High School Students

Sen. Clukey of Aroostook

LR 2496 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Municipal Tax Cap
To Protect Municipalities That Use Reserve Funds To Lower
Their Mill Rates

LR 2936 An Act To Define "Disability" in the Maine Human Rights Act

Rep. Collins of Wells

LR 2779 An Act To Require Voters To Provide Proof of United States Citizenship

LR 2919 An Act To Implement the Privatization of Work Performed by the Maine Geological Survey

Sen. Courtney of York

LR 2490 An Act To Provide State Funding for the Fingerprinting of School Personnel

- LR 2523 An Act To Reduce Heating Fuel Taxes Paid by Businesses
- LR 2527 An Act To Prohibit Insurance Companies from Refusing To Issue or Renew Homeowners Insurance to People Who Own Dogs
- LR 2631 An Act To Amend the Sex Offender Registration Laws
- LR 2732 An Act To Increase the Governor's Salary

Sen. Cowger of Kennebec

- LR 2457 An Act To Require Insurance Companies To Notify the Bureau of Motor Vehicles when a Motor Vehicle Has Been Insured
- LR 2466 An Act To Require Health Insurers To Provide Notice of Reinstatement
- LR 2524 An Act To Exempt Certain Businesses from the Service Provider Tax for Use of Audio and Visual Rentals
- LR 2635 An Act To Ensure Long-term Capacity of Municipal Landfills
- LR 2698 An Act To Protect the Health and Welfare of Children and Spouses in Need of Enhanced Child Support Enforcement Services
- LR 2802 An Act To Clarify the Taxable Status of Processing Fees Charged in Connection with Cancelled Lodging Reservations
- LR 2810 An Act To Change Responsibility for the Regulation of Above-ground Storage Tanks to the Department of Environmental Protection
- LR 2925 An Act To Consolidate the Management of Solid Waste

Rep. Craven of Lewiston

- LR 2470 An Act To Allow for the Reimbursement of the Private Nonmedical Institution Service Provider Tax
- LR 2651 An Act To Require That New Road Construction or Repair Include Sidewalks or Bike Trails or Both

- LR 2652 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Examine Issues Associated with Laws Requiring Permission To Use All-terrain Vehicles on Another's Land
- LR 2653 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Assessment of Property Taxes in the Event of a Change of Ownership of the Property
- Rep. Cressey, Jr. of Cornish
- LR 2481 An Act To Adopt Jessica's Law
- Rep. Crosby, III of Topsham
- LR 2700 An Act To Allow Businesses To Place a Sign at the Topsham Mall Exit on Interstate 95
- LR 2937 An Act To Allow All Races Approved by the Maine Harness Racing Commission for an Agricultural Fair To Be Simulcast
- Rep. Crosthwaite of Ellsworth
- LR 2676 An Act To Provide for the Issuance of a Bench Warrant upon Failure To Appear for a Hearing on Nonpayment of a County Jail Reimbursement Fee
- Rep. Cummings of Portland
- LR 2537 An Act To Provide Additional Property Tax Relief to Maine Citizens
- LR 2575 An Act To Provide Supplemental Funds for Heating Assistance
- LR 2817 An Act To Establish Requirements and Standards for Health Savings Accounts for Small Businesses
- LR 2973 An Act To Improve Education in Maine

LR 2985 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create a
Block Grant Program to Promote Economic and Cultural
Development

Rep. Curley of Scarborough

LR 2488 An Act To Safeguard Maine's Highways

LR 2563 An Act To Establish November as "Lung Cancer Awareness Month"

LR 2672 An Act To Allow Law Enforcement Agencies To Maintain Public Sex Offender Registry Websites

LR 2747 An Act To Cap the Rate of Increase for Property Valuation

Rep. Daigle of Arundel

LR 2718 An Act To Assist the Cities of Biddeford and Saco

Sen. Damon of Hancock

LR 2530 An Act To Improve Highway Safety

LR 2760 An Act To Amend Maine's Noise Ordinance Laws

Rep. Davis of Falmouth

LR 2450 An Act To Provide Adult Adoptees Access to Their Original Birth Certificates

- Sen. Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis
- LR 2534 An Act To Increase Certain Fees Paid to Sheriffs and Their Deputies
- LR 2535 An Act To Eliminate the State Portion of the Gasoline Tax
- LR 2637 An Act To Exempt Snow Grooming Equipment and Machinery From the Personal Property Tax

Sen. Diamond of Cumberland

- LR 2497 An Act To Establish and Classify Penalties for Multiple Driving License Suspensions
- LR 2625 An Act To Clarify the Assessment of Costs To Maintain a Private Way or Bridge
- LR 2626 An Act To Clarify the Responsibilities of the State Tax Assessor Regarding Local Assessors
- LR 2675 An Act To Exempt Fuel Distributors from Filing Quarterly Reports if Tax Is Paid at the Time of Purchase
- LR 2767 An Act To Expand the List of Prior Crimes That May Be Considered When Determining Whether a Person Is a Repeat Sexual Assault Offender
- LR 2768 An Act Regarding the Sentencing and Release of Sex Offenders
- LR 2770 An Act To Create Mandatory Minimum Sentences for Persons Convicted of Certain Sex Offenses against Victims under 12 Years of Age
- LR 2771 An Act To Require Presentence Investigations of All Persons Convicted of a Sex Offense
- LR 2906 An Act To Provide Funding for the Construction of a Regional Career Center
- LR 2929 An Act To Improve Housing Conditions for Equines

Sen. Dow of Lincoln

LR 2909 An Act To Control Bomb Threats at Public Education Facilities

Rep. Driscoll of Westbrook

LR 2975 An Act To Promote College Savings Accounts

Rep. Dudley of Portland

LR 2993 An Act To Expand Childhood Readiness To Learn through Dental Screening

LR 2994 An Act To Reduce the Long-term Costs of Substance Abuse

LR 2997 An Act To Increase Public Control over the Designation of ATV Trails

Rep. Dugay of Cherryfield

LR 2885 An Act Concerning the Use of Clean Election Funds

LR 2964 An Act Regarding the Confidentiality of Reports of the Ombudsman Program

Rep. Dunn of Bangor

LR 2888 An Act To Adjust the Excise Tax Filing Schedule for Wine Producers

LR 2889 An Act To Provide Redemption Centers with Handling Supplies

LR 2890 An Act To Allow Independent Wineries To Serve Wine at Trade Shows

LR 2920 An Act Regarding Child Custody Evaluations

LR 2921 An Act Regarding Criminal Record Checks

Rep. Duplessie of Westbrook

LR 2684 An Act To Improve Traffic Safety at Intersections

LR 2685 An Act To Allow the Importation of Wine

LR 2686 An Act To Clarify Municipal Valuations of Resort Property

LR 2691 An Act To Enhance Firefighter Safety

LR 2980 An Act To Provide for Victims of Drivers Operating Under the Influence

Rep. Eder of Portland

LR 2515 Resolve, To Save Moosehead Lake

Rep. Edgecomb of Caribou

LR 2619 An Act To Dedicate a Portion of Automobile Registration Fees
To Fund Veterans Cemeteries

Sen. Edmonds of Cumberland

LR 2517 An Act To Improve Transparency in Elections and the Operation of Government

LR 2791 An Act To Appropriately Compensate and Ensure the Supply of Personal Care Assistants

LR 2792 An Act To Ban Vaccines Containing Thimerosal

LR 2793 An Act To Strengthen Maine's Purchasing Code of Conduct

LR	2794	An Act To Prevent State Taxpayers from Subsidizing Large Employers
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LR	2797	An Act To Enhance Maine's Image as a Dog-friendly State
LR	2798	An Act To Strengthen Maine's Craft Brewing Industry
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LR	2800	An Act To Enhance Competition and Consumer Choice in the Telecommunications Industry
LR	2850	An Act To Maintain Standards for the Plumbing Profession
LR	2854	An Act To Maintain Standards for Consumers of Mechanical Services
LR	2983	An Act To Clarify an Easement across State Park Land
LR	2989	An Act To Improve the State's Authority To Prevent Price Gouging
LR	2991	An Act To Improve Retention, Quality and Benefits for Direct Care Health Workers
LR	2992	An Act To Protect Injured College Students

Rep. Emery of Cutler

- LR 2479 An Act To Allow Sea Urchin Harvesters To Make Up Fishing Days Lost to Inclement Weather
- LR 2480 An Act To Improve Water Monitoring at Clam Flats
- LR 2484 An Act To Establish a Scale for Teacher Salaries That Is Uniform throughout the State
- LR 2485 An Act To Provide Funds to the Machias Wastewater Treatment Plant

Rep. Faircloth of Bangor

- LR 2489 An Act To Require a Business To Request Proof of a Valid Driver's License before Hiring a Trucker To Haul Its Goods
- LR 2519 An Act To Provide Parents with Information about Biohazards Affecting Children
- LR 2600 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Use of Deadly Force in the Defense of Premises
- LR 2720 An Act To Increase the Excise Tax Imposed on Beer and Wine Except for Beer and Wine Produced by Microbreweries

Rep. Farrington of Gorham

- LR 2835 An Act To Inform Parents of Students' Privacy Rights
- LR 2836 An Act To Reduce Taxes on the Property of Religious Societies

Rep. Finch of Fairfield

LR 2671 An Act To Protect Real Estate Values Impaired by Railroad Operations

Rep. Fischer of Presque Isle

- LR 2539 An Act To Streamline MaineCare Billing
- LR 2540 An Act To Improve Workplace Safety
- LR 2541 An Act To Direct the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability To Investigate the MaineCare Billing Crisis and To Hold Individuals Accountable
- LR 2542 Resolve, To Create a Task Force To Ensure Fairness for Municipal Police Departments

- LR 2543 Resolve, To Create a Task Force To Study the Child Support System
- LR 2544 An Act To Protect Citizens from Unfair Taxation
- LR 2615 An Act To Protect Military Families

Rep. Fletcher of Winslow

- LR 2722 An Act To Improve Water-skiing Safety
- LR 2723 An Act To Clarify the Eminent Domain Statutes
- LR 2724 An Act To Conserve Energy in Maine Homes
- LR 2932 An Act To Encourage Energy Efficiency
- LR 2933 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund Energy Conservation Programs through Efficiency Maine
- LR 2934 An Act To Lower the Cost of Electricity

Rep. Flood of Winthrop

- LR 2587 An Act To Control the Number of Bill Proposals of the Legislature
- LR 2588 An Act To Establish a Reasonable Length for the Work Day
- LR 2589 An Act To Provide Concealed Weapon Permit Fees to Municipalities
- LR 2590 An Act To Allocate Child Support Appropriately
- LR 2591 An Act To Ensure Reimbursement for Towing Services
- LR 2754 An Act To Allow Public Notification of Minors 16 Years of Age and 17 Years of Age Arrested for Violent Felonies
- LR 2755 An Act To Prohibit Registered Sex Offenders from Establishing Residence within 1,000 Feet of a Public or Private School

Sen. Gagnon of Kennebec

- LR 2678 An Act To Allow Municipalities To Enact a Local Option Homestead Property Tax Exemption
- LR 2679 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing All-terrain Vehicles
- LR 2680 An Act To Improve the Liquor Laws
- LR 2681 An Act To Improve the Efficiency of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability
- LR 2682 An Act To Improve the Laws Governing Gaming
- LR 2683 An Act To Improve the Laws Governing Election Practices and Ethics

Rep. Gerzofsky of Brunswick

- LR 2738 An Act To Require the Secretary of State to Notify Local Law Enforcement Agencies of Driver's License Suspensions
- LR 2990 An Act To Create the 2-1-1 Information System

Rep. Glynn of South Portland

- LR 2669 An Act To Increase Accessibility to Health Insurance
- LR 2737 An Act To Protect Services for MaineCare Clients Designated as Noncategorical
- LR 2918 An Act To Lower Property Taxes by Exempting State and Municipal Employees from the Savings Offset Payment under Dirigo

Rep. Goldman of Cape Elizabeth

LR 2765 An Act To Promote the Efficient Use of State and Local Resources in the Calculation of the Transportation Costs Component of the School Funding Formula

Rep. Grose of Woolwich

LR 2448 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Living Wills of Terminally Ill Persons

LR 2586 An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Smoking in Private Clubs

LR 2623 An Act To Provide a Free Moose Hunting Permit to Residents 70 Years of Age or Older

LR 2970 An Act To Modify the Requirements for Provisional Social Worker Licenses

LR 2971 An Act To Accommodate Victims of Identity Theft

Rep. Hanley of Paris

LR 2452 An Act To Allow the Buckfield Village Corporation To Be Dissolved and Combined with the Town of Buckfield

Rep. Hanley of Gardiner

LR 2616 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Crime of Refusing To Submit to Arrest or Detention

Sen. Hastings III of Oxford

LR 2709 An Act Regarding the Appointment of Harbormasters

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LR 2721 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Governor's Task Force Regarding the Shutdown of the Maine Energy Recovery Company Trash-burning Facility in Biddeford

LR 2959 An Act To Confirm the Authority of the City of Saco To Acquire Extraterritorial Facilities

LR 2960 An Act To Implement Model Timeshare Foreclosure Procedures

LR 2961 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Sand Dune Protection

Rep. Hogan, Sr. of Old Orchard Beach

LR 2548 An Act To Require That Passengers in the Beds of Pick-up
Trucks Wear Seat Belts

LR 2549 An Act To Enhance the Laws Prohibiting Profiteering on Fuel

Rep. Hotham of Dixfield

LR 2739 An Act To Provide Funding to the Fractionation Development Center in Rumford

LR 2740 An Act To Support Campgrounds in Maine

LR 2741 An Act To Protect Access to Social Security Numbers

Rep. Jackson of Fort Kent

LR 2585 An Act To Increase the Number of Moose Permits for the Lottery by 500

- LR 2620 An Act To Change the Charter of the Saint Francis Water District
- LR 2719 An Act To Clarify the Intent of the Law That Allows Retired Firefighters To Retain Their Firefighter License Plates
- Rep. Jacobsen of Waterboro
- LR 2706 An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to Issuance of a Worthless Instrument
- LR 2707 An Act To Exempt Platform Lifts from the Annual Elevator Inspection
- Rep. Jennings of Leeds
- LR 2654 An Act To Clarify the Voting Procedures for Private Clubs
 To Determine Smoking Policies
- Rep. Joy of Crystal
- LR 2498 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Change the Scope of Application for Eminent Domain Property Seizures
- LR 2499 Resolve, To Create a Study Commission To Coordinate Maine's Climate Change Policy
- LR 2701 An Act To Control Alcohol in the Maine Woods
- Rep. Lerman of Augusta
- LR 2536 An Act To Provide an Energy Emergency Relief Fund for Home Heating Oil and Gasoline

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LR	2831	An Act To Protect Pregnant Women from Mercury Overexposure
LR	2832	An Act To Protect Children from the Onset of Autism
LR	2833	An Act To Ensure Adequate Capacity at Riverview Psychiatric Center

Rep. Lindell of Frankfort

- LR 2460 An Act To Limit the Use of Eminent Domain
- LR 2487 An Act To Exempt from Property Tax Church Residences and Residences Maintained for the Staff of Tax-exempt Organizations
- LR 2837 An Act To Authorize a Sales Tax Holiday
- LR 2838 Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Study and Recommend Ethical Standards for State Agencies

Rep. Makas of Lewiston

LR 2462 An Act To Clarify the Eminent Domain Laws in the State

LR 2873 An Act To Protect the Rights of Women

Rep. Marley of Portland

- LR 2494 Resolve, To Study the Designation of a Portion of Tobacco Settlement Funds for Hospital-based Smoking Cessation Programs
- LR 2495 Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Study the Feasibility of Establishing Sound and Pollution Barriers along Portions of Interstate 295
- LR 2531 An Act To Ensure Accountability Regarding Commercial Vehicle Contractors
- LR 2621 An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Parking in Access Aisles
 Adjacent to Parking Spaces for the Physically Disabled
- LR 2643 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Limit Increases in Property Tax Assessments
- LR 2674 An Act To Remove the Clergy as a Signatory on a Marriage License
- LR 2689 Resolve, To Reevaluate Maine's Ban on the Sale of Efficient Diesel Vehicles

Sen. Martin of Aroostook

- LR 2568 An Act To Allow the Towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill and Chapman To Deposit All Tax Receipts, Grant Receipts and Other Income and Revenues into One Depository Account
- LR 2569 An Act To Authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Allow the Operation of Snowmobiles Registered outside the State at Special Events Occurring in the State

- LR 2596 An Act To Create the Washburn Water and Sewer District
- LR 2667 An Act To Create a Single Board of Trustees To Oversee the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System
- LR 2746 An Act To Provide Greater Control of the Sale and Distribution of Liquor
- LR 2780 An Act To Reform the Maine Tort Claims Act
- LR 2788 An Act To Ensure Patient Safety
- LR 2809 An Act To Protect Health Insurance Consumers
- LR 2848 An Act To Protect Maine Families and the Environment by Improving the Collection and Recycling of Mercury Thermostats
- LR 3033 An Act To Restructure the Composition of the State Parole Board
- Sen. Mayo, III of Sagadahoc
- LR 2468 An Act To Improve the MaineCare Program
- LR 2560 An Act To Prevent Elder Financial Abuse
- LR 2561 An Act Regarding Competitive Bidding by the Maine Turnpike Authority
- LR 2639 An Act To Provide Additional Opportunities To Purchase Affordable Prescription Drugs
- LR 2657 An Act Regarding the Sharing of Costs in Certain School Districts
- LR 2789 Resolve, To Ensure Proper Accounting for Funds at the Department of Health and Human Services
- Rep. Mazurek of Rockland
- LR 2564 An Act To Amend the Restrictions for Enlarging a Cemetery

Rep. McKane of Newcastle

LR 2483 An Act To Enhance Free Market Health Insurance Reform

Rep. McKenney of Cumberland

LR 2562 An Act To Authorize Chebeague Island To Secede from the Town of Cumberland

Rep. Merrill of Appleton

LR 2504 An Act To Restrict the Use of Eminent Domain Law

LR 2610 An Act To Reimburse School Districts 75% of the Rise in Fuel Costs

LR 2642 An Act To Protect Businesses from Unnecessary Eminent Domain Takings

LR 2857 Resolve, To Examine the Sufficiency of Representation for Students in Special Education Cases

Rep. Miller of Somerville

LR 2577 An Act To Restore the Cost-sharing Agreement Established by the Voters of School Administrative District No. 40

LR 2694 An Act To Clarify the Workplace Smoking Act of 1985

LR 2772 An Act To Strengthen and Improve Review Procedures in the Certificate of Need Program

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- LR 2742 An Act To Improve Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Services
- LR 2907 An Act To Enact the Maine Recovery Act
- LR 2922 An Act To Clarify the Change of Beneficiary Provision in the Maine State Retirement System Laws
- Rep. Mills of Farmington
- LR 2565 An Act To Prevent Price Gouging
- LR 2778 An Act To Improve the Efficiency of the District Court with Regard to Certain Evictions
- LR 2846 An Act To Prevent Price Gouging in Necessities of Life
- LR 2847 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Emery Center at the University of Maine at Farmington
- LR 2864 An Act To Protect Community Pharmacies
- LR 2881 An Act To Authorize Flexibility in School Attendance Requirements in Emergencies
- LR 2891 An Act To Require Legislative Review of Department of Environmental Protection Shoreland Zoning Rules
- LR 2894 An Act To Allow Small Businesses To Participate in Liquor Sales
- LR 2897 An Act To Provide Proportionality in the Offense of Trafficking in Prison Contraband
- LR 2901 Resolve, Regarding the Operation of the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System
- LR 2903 An Act To Correct Deficiencies in the Divorce Laws
- LR 2908 Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Study Possible Uses of the Navy Facility in Franklin County
- LR 2911 Resolve, Authorizing the Family Law Advisory Commission To Study Property Division Issues in Unmarried Relationships

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LR 3038	An Act Relating to Automobile Graveyards and Junkyards

Sen. Mills of Somerset

LR 2532 An Act To Establish the Athens Water District

ID 2062 An Act Concerning the Warring of Courts

- LR 2545 An Act To Repeal the Surcharge on the Sale of Dogs and Cats
 That Have Not Been Neutered
- LR 2645 An Act To Provide Continued Funding for the Land for Maine's Future Program
- LR 2892 An Act To Improve the Efficiency of State Government

Sen. Mitchell of Kennebec

- LR 2528 An Act To Establish a Refundable Historic Rehabilitation Credit
- LR 2547 An Act To Expand Pine Tree Zone Tax Credits To Aid in the Refurbishing of Historic Maine Buildings
- LR 2559 An Act To Create the Maine Self-sufficiency Trust
- LR 2628 An Act To Promote Economic Development by Enhancing Educational Opportunities
- LR 2806 An Act To Expand the Responsibilities of the State Board of Education
- LR 2807 An Act To Require Appointment by the Governor to Boards of Visitors of the University of Maine System Campuses
- LR 2862 An Act To Prevent Noise and Air Pollution in the Town of Oakland
- LR 2863 An Act To Increase College Attainment of Maine Students by Expanding the Maine Tuition Waiver Program

- LR 2910 An Act To Establish a Child Advocate Position in the Disability Rights Center
- LR 2912 An Act To Provide for Accountability in Maine's Educational Systems by Creating a Higher Education Council
- LR 2962 An Act To Ensure Continuation of the Planning and Development of Collaborative Partnerships
- Rep. Moody of Manchester
- LR 2661 An Act To Enhance the Integrity of the Moose Lottery
- Rep. Moore of Standish
- LR 2463 An Act To Increase the Salary of the Governor
- LR 2482 An Act To Repeal the Requirement That Employees Who Are
 Minors Be Overseen by a Superior in Order To Sell Tobacco
 Products
- Rep. Muse of Fryeburg
- LR 2451 An Act To Protect the Water Quality of Colcord Pond and Bickford Pond in Porter
- LR 2662 An Act To Ban Alcohol Consumption on the Saco River
- LR 2663 An Act To Amend the Maine Education Law
- Rep. Norton of Bangor
 - LR 2803 An Act To Facilitate the Transition of Adult Education Students to Postsecondary Learning
- LR 2923 An Act To Prohibit School Systems from Voting on a Budget until a Collective Bargaining Agreement Has Been Finalized

LR 2924 An Act To Amend the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula

LR 2979 An Act To Increase the Refund Value of Beverage Containers

Sen. Nutting of Androscoggin

LR 2656 An Act To Ensure Adequate Posting of Notices of Holding on Credit Card Machines

LR 2935 An Act To Deter Environmental Terrorism in the State

Rep. Paradis, Jr. of Frenchville

LR 2904 An Act To Amend the Law Governing DNA Testing

Rep. Patrick of Rumford

LR 2697 An Act To Clarify Provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws

Rep. Pelletier-Simpson of Auburn

LR 2459 An Act To Clarify Laws Governing Eminent Domain

LR 2465 An Act To Protect Drivers' Privacy by Clarifying Ownership of Data Recorded by Event Data Recorders

LR 2743 An Act To Protect Alewives

LR 2744 Resolve, To Protect Drinking Water

LR 2883 An Act Regarding Child Welfare Services Contracting

Rep. Percy of Phippsburg

LR 2688 An Act To Support Small Businesses with Limited Sales of Alcoholic Beverages

Rep. Perry of Calais

- LR 2576 An Act To Increase Supervision of Red Tide on the Maine Coast
- LR 2745 An Act To Address the Problems Created by Substance Abuse in Maine
- LR 2818 An Act To Require That a Written Agreement Regarding Responsibility for Property Taxes Be Filed with the Municipality upon the Transfer of Ownership of That Property
- LR 2852 An Act To Clarify the Accountability of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

Sen. Perry of Penobscot

- LR 2781 An Act To Encourage the Use of Biodiesel Fuel in Home Heating
- LR 2782 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for a \$40,000 Nonreimbursable Homestead Exemption
- LR 2783 An Act To Increase the Bottle Deposit
- LR 2915 An Act To Protect Children from Contact with Convicted Sex Offenders
- LR 2982 An Act To Ensure Continued Viability of Affordable Housing

Rep. Pilon of Saco

LR 2646 An Act To Assist Municipal Clerks in Certifying Citizen's Initiative Petitions

Rep. Pingree of North Haven

- LR 2930 An Act To Ensure Special Education Funding under Essential Programs and Services to All Maine School Districts
- LR 3020 An Act To Require Audiological Reporting for Screenings of Young Children
- LR 3029 An Act To Maintain Prescription Drug Benefits for Seniors and People with Disabilities

Rep. Piotti of Unity

- LR 2812 An Act To Repeal the Tax on Vegetable Seeds for Home Gardens
- LR 2813 An Act To Create a Self-insurance Pool for Crossing of State-owned Railroad Tracks
- LR 2886 Resolve, To Require a Study of the Laws Relating to Conservation Easements
- LR 2887 An Act To Guide Growth within Unorganized Areas and Promote Economic Prosperity in Less Developed Regions

Sen. Plowman of Penobscot

- LR 2573 An Act To Place a Moratorium on the Imposition of the Sales Tax on Wood Stoves and Furnaces
- LR 2574 An Act To Allow the Department of Health and Human Services To Locate Parents Who Are Delinquent in Child Support Payments through Information Related to Cell Phones

- LR 2858 An Act Concerning Court Orders Issued for the Protection of Children
- LR 2938 An Act To Require the State To Honor Its Obligations to Health Care Providers under the Tax and Match Program
- Sen. Raye of Washington
- LR 2453 An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of Drew Plantation
- LR 2699 An Act To Ensure Enhanced Red Tide Testing
- LR 2725 An Act To Assist Lobstermen Deployed for Military Service in Time of War
- LR 2726 An Act To Ensure Options for Early Childhood Education Programs and Services
- LR 2773 An Act To Save the Marine Trades Center and Strengthen Maine's Boatbuilding Workforce
- LR 2900 An Act To Implement Certain Recommendations of the Washington County Economic Development Task Force
- Rep. Richardson of Brunswick
- LR 2603 An Act To Enhance Health Care Safety
- LR 2604 An Act To Establish a Development Authority for Brunswick Naval Air Station
- LR 2605 An Act To Provide Emergency Regional Economic Development
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- LR 2617 An Act To Assist the Visually Impaired To Obtain Information Regarding Current Events
- LR 2749 An Act To Eliminate the Double Taxation of Motor Fuels
- LR 2750 An Act To Ensure Appropriate Reimbursement of Rising Energy Costs for Long-term Care Facilities

LR 2751	An Act To Reduce the Impact of the Motor Vehicle Excise
	Tax on Maine Residents

- LR 2752 An Act To Encourage New Businesses and Business Expansions in Maine
- LR 2753 An Act To Recapitalize the Maine Downtown Center
- LR 2763 An Act To Promote Homeland Defense
- LR 2808 An Act To Permit the Direct Shipment of Wine to Maine Consumers

Rep. Rines of Wiscasset

- LR 2776 An Act To Recover Costs for School Districts
- LR 2777 An Act To Allow School Districts To Recover Certain Funds

Rep. Robinson of Raymond

- LR 2520 An Act To Allow for Access to Digital Phone Service for Customers in Rural Areas
- LR 2692 An Act To Exempt Military Pensions from State Income Tax
- LR 2704 An Act To Protect Small Payroll Processors

Sen. Rosen of Hancock

- LR 2583 An Act To Improve Water Quality and Safety of Phillips Lake
- LR 2601 Resolve, To Name the New Hancock-Waldo Bridge
- LR 2677 An Act To Conform the Certificate of Need Law To Industry Standards

LR 2717 Resolve, To Improve Quality and Access to Care through the Development of a Joint Strategic Plan

Sen. Rotundo of Androscoggin

LR 2696 An Act To Eliminate Inequities in the Service Provider Tax

LR 2714 An Act To Improve the Procedures of the Board of Licensure in Medicine

LR 2805 Resolve, To Ensure Continued Success in Procuring Grants for Arts Agencies

Rep. Sampson of Auburn

LR 2659 An Act To Modernize the Charter of the Lewiston and Auburn Railroad Company

Sen. Savage of Knox

LR 2622 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Ferry Service Travel for Individuals with Catastrophic Illness

Rep. Saviello of Wilton

LR 2500 An Act To Increase the Number of Franklin County Commissioners from 3 to 5

LR 2501 An Act To Regionalize the Supervision of Students from the Unorganized Territory

LR 2551 An Act To Allow Deputy Sheriffs To Serve on County Commission Committees

LR 2602 An Act To Require Legislative Approval of Changes Made to the Educational Assessment Testing

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- LR 2966 An Act To Create Provisions for Exemptions of County Government Spending Caps
- LR 2967 An Act To Streamline Criteria for Municipal General Assistance for Heating and Utility Assistance
- LR 2968 An Act To Improve the Public Hearing Process
- LR 2969 An Act To Exempt Dentists from Jury Duty
- Sen. Schneider of Penobscot
- LR 2606 An Act To Assist Maine Military Families
- LR 2790 An Act To Encourage Reporting of Potential Fraud in State Government
- LR 2899 Resolve, To Direct the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs To Review and Amend Warrants
- Rep. Sherman of Hodgdon
- LR 2733 An Act To Amend the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman Act
- LR 2735 An Act To Appropriate Funds To Fund the Office of the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman
- LR 2736 An Act To Require That Automobile Extended Warranties
 Purchased by Maine Citizens Provide That Arbitration
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- LR 2649 An Act To Clarify the Qualifications for Certain State Employment
- LR 2650 An Act To Require State Agencies To Report the Number of Convicted Felons Currently in Their Employ
- LR 2665 An Act To Develop an Appropriate Measure for a Loose Cord of Firewood

Rep. Smith of Van Buren

- LR 2756 An Act To Protect Retirement Funds
- LR 2764 An Act To Preserve Patient Records
- LR 2774 An Act To Allow Smelt Dipping in Long Lake in Aroostook County
- LR 2819 An Act To Include Unemployment Benefits in the Calculation of Average Weekly Wage for Seasonal Workers
- LR 2820 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Calculation of Average Weekly Wages for Seasonal Workers
- LR 2834 An Act To Preserve Citizens' Access to the Courts
- LR 2839 An Act To Protect Workers and Medical Examinations
- LR 2840 An Act To Limit Double-dipping of Retirement Funds
- LR 2987 An Act To Revise the Unemployment Law

Sen. Snowe-Mello of Androscoggin

LR 2558 An Act To Increase the Penalty for Throwing an Object at a Moving Vehicle

- LR 2849 An Act To Clarify the Definition of "Employee" for State
 Government and Ensure the Continued Use of Subcontractors
- Rep. Sockalexis of Penobscot Nation
- LR 2449 An Act To Clarify the Requirements for Maine Native
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- LR 2578 An Act To Provide Funding for Tribal Economic Development for the Penobscot Indian Nation and Other Federally Recognized Tribes
- LR 2579 An Act To Provide Penobscot Tribal Members with the Same Privilege To Take Marine Organisms as Is Provided to Passamaquoddy Tribal Members
- LR 2580 An Act To Return Sales Tax Collected on Sales Occurring on the Penobscot Indian Nation Reservation and Tribal Lands to the Penobscot Indian Nation
- LR 2581 Resolve, Authorizing the Public Utilities Commission To Permit the Establishment of a Tribal Energy District within Penobscot Indian Nation Lands for the Development of Renewable Energy Resources
- LR 2582 An Act To Establish a Penobscot Language Preservation Fund in the Department of Education
- Sen. Strimling of Cumberland
- LR 2461 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Prohibit the Taking of Private Property for Commercial Development
- LR 2471 Resolve, To Direct the Maine State Retirement System To Divest Certain Holdings
- LR 2525 An Act To Cap the Price of Gas
- LR 2570 An Act To Provide Funding for Firearms Safety Instructors to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

- LR 2571 An Act To Provide Notification to a Person Who Holds a Protection from Abuse Order When the Person against Whom the Order Is Held Attempts To Purchase a Firearm
- LR 2974 Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution To Restrict Tax Increases
- Sen. Sullivan of York
- LR 2630 An Act Permitting the Recycling of Unused Prescription Drugs
- LR 2655 An Act To Amend the Maine Consumer Credit Code as It Relates to Finance Charges for Loans on Open-end Credit
- LR 2664 An Act To Require Maine Residency in Order To Sell Lobster In-state
- LR 2666 An Act To Clarify the Qualifications for the Maine Residents Property Tax Program
- LR 2670 An Act To Include Dental Screening with Other Preschool Testing for Maine's Children
- LR 2693 An Act To Amend the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association Act
- LR 2759 An Act To Increase the Number of Members on the Board of Pesticide Control
- LR 2786 An Act To Appropriate Funds To Eliminate Cost Sharing under Certain MaineCare Programs
- LR 2787 An Act To Reexamine and Reformulate Nursing Home Licensing and Inspection
- Rep. Sykes of Harrison
- LR 2556 An Act To Ensure Fair Inheritance
- LR 2769 An Act To Reduce the Number of Sexually Explicit Items
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- LR 2522 An Act To Clarify the Law Relating to the Digging of Clams in a Closed Area
- LR 2660 An Act To Clarify the Status of the Seaweed Harvesting Industry as a Public Resource

Sen. Turner of Cumberland

- LR 2467 An Act To Clarify the Use of Eminent Domain Power by the State and its Political Subdivisions
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Rep. Tuttle, Jr. of Sanford

- LR 2505 An Act To Increase the Legislative Housing Allowance, Mileage Reimbursement and Constituent Expense
- LR 2506 An Act To Require a Truck Driver To Take a Driver's Test and Safety Course Every 3 Years
- LR 2507 An Act To Encourage a Law Enforcement Agency To Pursue Truckers with Suspended Licenses
- LR 2508 Resolve, To Create a Joint Select Committee To Study Agent Purple
- LR 2572 An Act To Reinstate the Clothing Allowance for Recipients of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
- LR 2608 Resolve, To Expedite a Workers' Compensation Case
- LR 2609 An Act To Increase Wheelchair Reimbursement Rates
- LR 2658 An Act To Allow an Ambulance Company To Function as a Medical Care Car
- LR 2916 An Act To Establish a Transferable Lobster Trap Tag System
- LR 2917 An Act Concerning Energy Conservation in Schools

Rep. Twomey of Biddeford

LR 2491 An Act To Require a Solid Waste Facility Decommissioning Fee

LR 3034 An Act To Address Bypass Waste at Incinerators

LR 3035 An Act To Allow the Use of Fallen Apples in Apple Cider

LR 3036 An Act To Purchase the Maine Energy Recovery Company

Rep. Valentino of Saco

LR 2865 An Act To Require Approval of the Gambling Control Board for the Transfer of Any Ownership in an Off-track Betting Facility

LR 2866 Resolve, To Consolidate the Jurisdiction over Any Entity Involved in Gambling

Rep. Walcott of Lewiston

LR 2705 An Act To Streamline the Reporting Requirements of the Department of Health and Human Services

Rep. Watson of Bath

LR 2614 An Act To Prevent the Introduction of Chronic Wasting Disease

Rep. Webster of Freeport

LR 2842 An Act To Ensure Appropriate Services for Certain Adults with Disabilities in Transition Due to Actions of the State

- LR 2851 An Act To Create Fairness in Liquor Licensing Fees
- LR 2893 An Act To Provide Information to the Public Regarding Lobbying and Lobbyists

Sen. Weston of Waldo

- LR 2673 An Act To Prohibit the Maine State Housing Authority from Imposing Requirements Regarding Health Insurance on Contractors Who Bid on Maine State Housing Authority Projects
- LR 2690 An Act To Amend the Fees for Probate Filings
- LR 2708 An Act Concerning the Implementation of Cuts in Child Development Services
- LR 2860 An Act To Establish the Maine State Agricultural Drought Protection Act
- LR 2861 An Act To Create the Maine Agricultural Water Source
 Development and Management Program
- LR 2895 An Act To Allow Employers To Make Payments for Undisputed Portions of Workers' Compensation Claims
- Rep. Wheeler, Sr. of Kittery
- LR 2624 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Archery Hunting Season
- Rep. Woodbury of Yarmouth
- LR 2905 An Act To Make Minor Technical Changes to Maine's Spending Growth Benchmarks

Sen. Woodcock of Franklin

LR 2595 An Act To Increase the Penalty for the Crime of Terrorizing

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L.D. 934	Resolve, To Transfer Ownership of Certain Public Reserved Lands to the Town of Allagash	JACKSON BRYANT B	06/15/05
L.D. 1064	An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Agricultural Composting Operations	WOODCOCK CARR	**
L.D. 1406	An Act To Preserve Public Access and Job Opportunities in the North Woods	COWGER	06/14/05
L.D. 1657	An Act To Minimize the Risk to Maine's Marine Waters and Organisms Posed by the Application of Pesticides	PERCY DAMON	06/14/05
Appropriations and L.D. 42	Financial Affairs An Act To Expand the Maine Economic Improvement Fund	FISCHER MARTIN	**
L.D. 78	An Act To Fund the Acquisition of Land by the Land for Maine's Future Board from the General Fund	CURLEY BARTLETT	06/15/05
L.D. 119	An Act To Promote Math and Science Education Learning Kindergarten to Grade 12	CAIN SCHNEIDER	**
L.D. 123	An Act Concerning Multiple-item Bond Issues	CLOUGH NASS R	06/15/05
L.D. 149	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,000,000 for the Fractionation Development Center	BRYANT B	06/15/05
L.D. 170	An Act To Provide Funding for a Veterans' Cemetery in Springvale	WHEELER ANDREWS	06/14/05
L.D. 180	An Act To Appropriate State Funds To Protect Potato Farmland in Aroostook County from Blight and Other Diseases That Could Occur with the 2004 Crop Unless Cull Potatoes Are Dumped Properly	PARADIS MARTIN	**
L.D. 198	An Act To Enhance the Role of the Fogler Library as the Research Library for the State of Maine	CAIN SCHNEIDER	06/15/05
L.D. 199	An Act To Support and Expand Regional Teacher Development Centers	NORTON TURNER	**

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L.D.	228		RAYE	**
L.D.	248	An Act To Provide Funding for Dues for the International Northeast Biotechnology Corridor	FINCH GAGNON	**
L.D.	263	An Act To Support and Expand Nursing Education Opportunities at Maine's Public Universities	MARTIN PERRY A	06/15/05
L.D.	273	An Act Regarding the So-called Katie Beckett Benefits in the MaineCare Program		06/15/05
L.D.	274	An Act To Raise the University of Maine System Debt Ceiling	TURNER MCKENNEY	06/15/05
L.D.	292	An Act To Establish a New Method of Determining the State Budget	JOY	06/14/05
L.D.	404	An Act To Ensure the State's Continued Commitment to Former Students Who Were Physically or Sexually Abused at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf or the Maine School for the Deaf	EDMONDS BLISS	06/15/05
L.D.	544	An Act To Ensure Statewide Access for Schools and Libraries to On-line Reference Materials and Periodicals	EDMONDS	06/15/05
L.D.	550	An Act To Appropriate Matching Funds for the Construction of a Convention Center in Oxford Hills	MILLETT HASTINGS	06/15/05
L.D.	586	An Act To Authorize a General Bond Issue To Improve the Quality and Safety of Teaching and Science Laboratories	SCHNEIDER NORTON	06/15/05
L.D.	588	An Act To Restore Support for HIV and AIDS Treatment and Prevention	DUDLEY COWGER	**
L.D.	622	An Act To Provide Funding towards the Employment of a Demersal Finfish Ecologist by the Gulf of Maine Research Institute	KAELIN	**
L.D.	636	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Construct a Freshwater Aquaculture and Freshwater Species Biotechnology Center	FINCH MARTIN	06/15/05
L.D.	669	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Infrastructure for Expanded Treatment Capacity for Alcoholism and Addiction in a Therapeutic Community Model	KOFFMAN BROMLEY	06/15/05
L.D.	755	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Fort Knox	WESTON	06/15/05

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L.D.	756	Revitalize Downtown Areas, Support Cultural Tourism	EDMONDS RECTOR	06/15/05
		and Expand Maine's Creative Economy	RECTOR	
L.D.	766	An Act To Support the New Century Community Program	KAELIN WESTON	**
L.D.	775	An Act To Provide a Stable Source of Funding for the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund	TRAHAN COWGER	**
L.D.	787	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Enhanced Development of Public Geographic Information	KOFFMAN COWGER	06/15/05
L.D.	794	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Allow	STRIMLING	06/15/05
		Municipalities To Purchase Fishing Rights and Equipment	DUDLEY	
L.D.	799	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create a	MITCHELL	06/15/05
		Holocaust Human Rights Center at the University of Maine at Augusta	LERMAN	
L.D.	808	An Act To Provide Funding for "Camp To Belong" To Reunite Siblings Separated by Foster Care	MOODY	**
L.D.	819	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Expand	EDMONDS	06/15/05
		Maine's Ocean-based Economy	ASH	
L.D.	844	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Stimulate Maine's Economy	BROMLEY	06/15/05
			RECTOR	
L.D.	876	An Act Authorizing a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage Development of Maine's Traditional Industries	PINGREE RAYE	06/15/05
L.D.	890	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Certain State Parks	WESTON	06/15/05
L.D.	891	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fight Global Warming through Energy Conservation	STRIMLING	06/15/05
L.D.	926	An Act Authorizing a General Fund Bond Issue To Preserve Maine's Traditional Working Waterfront and Farming Economies by Ensuring Access to Working Waterfront and Farmland	PERCY MILLS P	06/15/05
L.D.	969	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds To Support Economic Development	PIOTTI ROSEN R	06/15/05
L.D.	971	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Shared-use Trails	FAIRCLOTH DAMON	06/15/05

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L.D. 975	An Act To Create Entrepreneurship Internships for Maine High School and College Students	FISCHER BROMLEY	**
L.D. 997		GAGNON	06/15/05
	Available Federal Funds To Repair and Upgrade Maine National Guard Armories	PATRICK	
L.D. 999	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds for Building Renovations at Campuses of the University	SCHNEIDER	06/15/05
	of Maine System, the University of Southern Maine and the Maine Community College System	FISCHER	
L.D. 1000	An Act Authorizing a General Fund Bond Issue for Wastewater Treatment Systems for Fish Hatcheries	BRYANT B	06/15/05
L.D. 1001	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Construct and Upgrade Water Pollution Control Facilities and Public Water Systems, Clean Up Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Sites, Remove Hazardous Materials from Schools, Comply with	COWGER	06/15/05
L.D. 1020	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Stimulate Economic Growth and Job Creation through Investments in the Maine Economy	SMITH N	06/15/05
L.D. 1035	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds for the Land for Maine's Future Program	FISCHER BRYANT B	06/15/05
L.D. 1043	An Act To Provide Funds for the Preservation of Digital Records	EDMONDS	**
L.D. 1234	An Act To Reestablish the Maine Coast Environmental Trust Fund within the Department of Marine Resources	KAELIN WESTON	**
L.D. 1278	An Act Requiring Long-range Budget Planning	WOODBURY MARTIN	06/14/05
L.D. 1293	An Act To Assist Families and Children by Increasing Access to the Court System	PELLETIER-SIMPS HOBBINS	**
L.D. 1311	An Act To Preserve the Integrity of the Fund for a Healthy Maine	CUMMINGS	06/15/05
L.D. 1330	Resolve, To Lower the Cost of State Government by Approximately \$1,000,000 Annually	NUTTING J	06/15/05
L.D. 1348	An Act To Increase Funding for Meals on Wheels Program	CAMPBELL NASS R	**
L.D. 1540	• •	ROTUNDO	**
	Program	CUMMINGS	

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Business, Research L.D. 192	and Economic Developm An Act To Establish the Pine Tree Recreation Zone	MOODY DAVIS P	06/14/05
L.D. 1135	An Act To Safeguard Federalism in Trade	HUTTON STRIMLING	06/14/05
L.D. 1358	Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study Incentives That Foster Small Business Practices That Support the Economic Growth and Well-being of Maine People and Communities	WEBSTER DOW	06/14/05
L.D. 1629	An Act To Enable Bulk Purchasing of Heating Oil Eligible for Federal Reimbursement	RICHARDSON J MARTIN	06/14/05
L.D. 1653	Resolve, To Require the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Suspend Recently Enacted Rules Pertaining to the Office of Licensing and Registration, Board of Boilers and Pressure Vessels	MARTIN	06/14/05
L.D. 1663	An Act To Establish the Maine Higher Education Employer Initiative	ROTUNDO	06/14/05
Criminal Justice a L.D. 10	nd Public Safety Resolve, To Fund a Study Regarding Health Care for Maine's Firefighters		06/14/05
L.D. 17	An Act To Ensure Fair Reimbursement for the Medical Care Provided to State Inmates	RECTOR SNOWE-MELLO	**
L.D. 1018	An Act To Require a Criminal Background Check for the Initial Licensure of Emergency Medical Services Personnel	SYKES	**
L.D. 1140	Resolve, Directing the State Police and the County Sheriff's Departments To Enter into a Call-sharing Agreement	MCKENNEY	06/14/05
L.D. 1508	An Act To Regulate Fire Alarm Contractors	NASS R	06/14/05
Education and Cult L.D. 84	ural Affairs An Act Regarding Interscholastic Athletics	BRENNAN CUMMINGS	06/14/05
L.D. 96	An Act To Increase the Adult Education State Subsidy by a Specific Percentage	ROTUNDO	**
L.D. 200	An Act To Improve Teaching and Learning Conditions in Maine Schools	NORTON TURNER	06/14/05
L.D. 405	Resolve, To Establish an Education Pilot Program for Registered Nurses	MARTIN	**
		PERRY A	

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L.D. 979	An Act To Fund Youth Mentoring Programs	FISCHER EDMONDS	**
L.D. 1055	An Act To Require Academic and Community Input into	COWGER	06/14/05
	Major Decisions of the University of Maine System	LERMAN	
L.D. 1332	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Establish a Secondary Vocational Education Facility in Washington	RAYE	06/14/05
	County	DUGAY	
L.D. 1349	An Act To Encourage Neighborhood Schools and To Minimize Sprawl Caused by School Siting	PIOTTI MILLS P	06/14/05
L.D. 1381	An Act To Update Teachers' Minimum Salaries	MITCHELL DAVIS G	06/14/05
L.D. 1387	Resolve, To Promote Training Centers for Entrepreneurship	RICHARDSON J MITCHELL	**
L.D. 1425	An Act To Support the Efficient Implementation of Maine's Learning Results	CUMMINGS WESTON	06/14/05
L.D. 1640	An Act To Permit Charter Schools in Maine	WESTON	06/16/05
Health and Human S		DAVIS P	
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L.D. 151	An Act To Improve the Delivery of Maine's Mental Health Services	NUTTING J	**
L.D. 359	An Act To Change the Child Care Facility Licensing Laws	DUPREY	
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L.D. 444	An Act Providing Procedures To Protect Members upon Redesign of the MaineCare Program	BRENNAN	06/14/05
		PINGREE	
L.D. 463	Resolve, To Amend MaineCare Eligibility for the Workers with Disabilities Option	MAYO	06/14/05
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L.D. 678	An Act To Require Fair and Timely MaineCare Payments to Hospitals	MILLS P	**
		CROSTHWAITE	
L.D. 687	7 An Act To Amend the Hospital Tax	DOW	**
		MCKANE	

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L.D. 699	An Act To Repeal Tax and Match	NASS R	**	
L.D. 846	An Act To Prevent Discrimination against Persons without Health Insurance	LERMAN	06/14/05	
L.D. 904	An Act To Create the Maine Asthma and Lung Disease Research Fund	MARTIN	**	
L.D. 950	An Act To Allow the Shipment of Cigars into Maine	PLOWMAN	06/14/05	
L.D. 1036	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Burial or Cremation of Certain Persons	MAYO	06/14/05	
	of defeath refsons	BARSTOW		
L.D. 1183	An Act Regarding Access to Mental Health Services	BRENNAN	**	
		DUDLEY		
L.D. 1208	Resolve, Regarding the Prevention of Suicide	SCHNEIDER MILLER	06/17/05	
L.D. 1420	An Act To Establish a Maternal and Infant Death Review Panel	PINGREE MARTIN	06/14/05	
L.D. 1555	An Act To Improve Quality, Effectiveness and Efficiency in the Department of Health and Human Services	LERMAN NASS R	06/14/05	
L.D. 1614	An Act To Sustain and Strengthen Community Health Coalitions	ROSEN R PINGREE	06/14/05	
L.D. 1631	Resolve, Requiring the State To Reimburse Providers for Costs Incurred Due to MaineCare Reimbursement Delays	KAELIN WESTON	06/14/05	
Inland Fisheries				
L.D. 307	An Act To Improve Recreational Watercraft Safety	WATSON	06/14/05	
L.D. 354	An Act To Give Moose Permits to Members of the Wesget-Sipu Organization	JACKSON MARTIN	06/14/05	
L.D. 477	An Act To Authorize the Use of Tribal Sustenance Hunting Permits on State Lands	MOORE F	06/14/05	
Insurance and Financial Services				
L.D. 447	An Act To Require Health Insurers To Cover the Costs of Hearing Aids	EDMONDS	**	
L.D. 1680	An Act to Improve Dirigo Health	SULLIVAN GLYNN	06/16/05	

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Joint Select Comm: L.D.	ittee on Rules Ordered, the Senate concurring, that all roll call votes be posted to the Legislature's publicly accessible site on the Internet no later than one hour after the vote is taken.	VAUGHAN	06/14/05
L.D.	Ordered, the Senate concurring, that joint standing committees shall receive testimony from individuals and groups that represent multiple perspectives during public hearings.		06/14/05
L.D. 1346	An Act To Require Employers and Employees To Provide a 2-Week Notice before Terminating Employment	TWOMEY BRYANT B	06/14/05
Judiciary			
L.D. 61	An Act To Authorize a Judge To Order Involuntary Commitment of a Person with Mental Illness Not Taking Prescribed Medication	JACKSON MARTIN	06/14/05
L.D. 162	An Act To Protect the Rights of Leaseholders and Ensure Their Continued Access to Land	CLARK DAVIS P	06/14/05
L.D. 816	An Act To Prohibit Changing the Flow of Water on Another's Land	ANDREWS	06/14/05
L.D. 986	An Act To Amend the Maine Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act	HOBBINS	06/14/05
		PELLETIER-SIMPS	
L.D. 1045	An Act Regarding Contract Indemnification	HOBBINS	06/14/05
L.D. 1177	An Act To Limit the Early Release of Persons Convicted of Certain Crimes	WOODCOCK	06/14/05
L.D. 1203	An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning Eminent Domain	SCHNEIDER CROSBY	06/14/05
L.D. 1229	An Act To Strengthen the Enforcement of Divorce Decrees	MCKENNEY	06/14/05
L.D. 1288	An Act To Reduce Costs and Improve Efficiency of the Maine Criminal Justice System	BURNS CLUKEY	06/14/05
L.D. 1296	An Act To Provide for Victims of Trafficking	MARRACHE	06/14/05
L.D. 1297	An Act To Provide Just Compensation for Established Businesses During Eminent Domain Proceedings	BRYANT-DESCHENE	06/14/05
L.D. 1372	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Victims' Bill of Rights	MILLETT HASTINGS	06/14/05
L.D. 1455	An Act To Codify Public Records Exceptions		06/14/05

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L.D. 1518		RICHARDSON J EDMONDS	**
L.D. 1526	An Act To Enact the Uniform Parentage Act and Conforming Amendments and Additional Amendments to Laws Concerning Probate, Adoption, Child Support, Child Protection and Other Family Law Issues		06/14/05
L.D. 1569	An Act To Abolish the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission	MOORE F	06/14/05
L.D. 1609	An Act To Establish the Uniform Partnership Act	HOBBINS	06/14/05
L.D. 1646	An Act Regarding Buildings on Leased Lots	CLARK DAVIS P	06/14/05
L.D. 1679	An Act To Amend Procedures Used in Criminal Proceedings in Which the Victim Is Mentally Disabled	TUTTLE HOBBINS	06/14/05
L.D. 1682	An Act To Support Sibling Rights in Child Welfare Custody Matters	ANDREWS	06/14/05
Labor L.D. 235	An Act To Increase the Minimum Wage	TUTTLE BRYANT B	06/14/05
L.D. 350	An Act To Provide Funding To Allow Veterans Who Received Certain Combat Medals To Purchase Subsidized Service Time towards Their Retirement	CAMPBELL NASS R	**
L.D. 430	An Act To Modify the Obligation To Bargain under the Municipal Public Employees Labor Relations Law	NORTON EDMONDS	06/14/05
L.D. 748	Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Retirement Eligibility and Benefits for Corrections Officers, Certain Other Law Enforcement Officers and Mental Health Workers	GAGNON DUPLESSIE	06/16/05
L.D. 758	An Act To Increase Retired Teachers' Health Insurance Benefits	GLYNN	**
L.D. 1021	An Act To Implement Task Force Recommendations Relating to Parity and Portability of Benefits for Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters		06/14/05
L.D. 1050	An Act To Promote Enforcement of Labor Laws Affecting Employers	EDMONDS	06/14/05
		SMITH W	
L.D. 1276	An Act To Prohibit the Use of Foreign Labor Unless a Federal Prevailing Wage Is Set	JACKSON MARTIN	06/14/05
L.D. 1604	An Act To Restructure the Unfunded Liability of the Maine State Retirement System	STRIMLING	06/14/05

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L.D. 1628	An Act Regarding Occupational Safety and Health Training for Workers on State-funded Construction Projects	PATRICK BRYANT B	06/14/05
L.D. 1654	An Act To Prevent the Loss of Jobs through Outsourcing	ROTUNDO	06/14/05
Legal and Veterans L.D. 70	Affairs An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Funding of State Special Elections	BROWN	**
L.D. 234	An Act To Establish a Transparent Pricing Formula for Distilled Spirits	TUTTLE	06/14/05
L.D. 329	An Act Concerning Recognition of Qualified Political Parties	EDER	**
L.D. 496	An Act To Extend Term Limits	CANAVAN GAGNON	06/14/05
L.D. 560	An Act To Permit Interstate Wine and Malt Liquor Sales and Delivery to Homes	LINDELL PLOWMAN	06/14/05
L.D. 1112	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Change the Legislative Term to 4 years	JACKSON MARTIN	06/14/05
L.D. 1145	An Act To Allow Tournament Games for Charitable Purposes	PATRICK BRYANT B	**
L.D. 1596	An Act Limiting Clean Election Candidates' Campaign Soliciting	GAGNON	06/14/05
L.D. 1627	An Act To Allow Dual Liquor Licenses for On-premises Consumption and Off-premises Retail Sales	MITCHELL CANAVAN	06/14/05
Natural Resources L.D. 141	An Act To Ensure Proper Disposal of Debris and Protection of the Environment	MARTIN TWOMEY	06/14/05
L.D. 518	An Act To Regulate Lead-smart Renovators and Lead Sampling Technicians	DUPLESSIE	06/14/05
L.D. 635	An Act To Amend the Maine Sanitary District Enabling Act	KOFFMAN	06/14/05
L.D. 852	Resolve, To Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Undertake Phosphorus Control in Toothaker Pond in Phillips	SAVIELLO WOODCOCK	**
L.D. 1058	An Act To Regulate the Use of Batteries Containing Mercury	COWGER TWOMEY	06/14/05
L.D. 1327	An Act To Prohibit the Use of Mercury Fillings	MARTIN	06/14/05

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L.D. 1338	An Act To Limit Human Exposure to Mercury	DAMON	06/14/05
L.D. 1535	An Act Making Improvements to the Laws Regarding Local Land Use Ordinances	KOFFMAN BROMLEY	06/14/05
L.D. 1578	An Act To Ensure Certain Protections to Communities Hosting Waste-to-energy Facilities	HOBBINS TWOMEY	06/14/05
L.D. 1592	An Act Regarding Disposal of Dredged Materials		06/14/05
L.D. 1669	Resolve, To Authorize Certain Host Community Benefits Relative to a Landfill in the City of Old Town Owned by the State	BLANCHARD SCHNEIDER	06/14/05
State and Local Go	overnment		
L.D. 631	An Act To Establish a Maine Law Sunset Review Committee	CROSTHWAITE DAVIS P	06/14/05
L.D. 798	_ · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	HOBBINS	06/14/05
	Programs	PELLETIER-SIMPS	
L.D. 889	An Act To Create the County Government Capital Improvements Revolving Loan Fund	WESTON	06/14/05
L.D. 925	An Act To Fairly Apportion the Cost of Sheriff Patrol Services	BARSTOW	06/14/05
L.D. 1003	An Act To Establish the Androscoggin County Budget Advisory Committee and the Somerset County Budget Advisory Committee	SNOWE-MELLO	06/14/05
L.D. 1127	Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project To Assist Towns Interested in Multitown Cooperation and Governance	ANDREWS	06/14/05
	interested in Multitown cooperation and Governance	BARSTOW	
L.D. 1230	An Act To Facilitate and Promote Regional Cooperation	SHIELDS CLUKEY	.06/14/05
L.D. 1414	An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Create Municipal Fire Districts	DUPLESSIE PERRY J	06/14/05
L.D. 1481	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Enactment Procedures for Ordinances	BROMLEY	06/16/05
	for Ordinances	KOFFMAN	
Taxation			
L.D. 2	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Limit the Rate of Change in Taxable Value of Homestead Land	PERCY DAMON	06/14/05

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L.D. 19	An Act To Clarify the Law Regarding Transfer Tax Liability for Deeds between Domestic Partners		**
L.D. 74	An Act To Increase Eligibility for the Property Tax Exemption for Veterans'	DAVIS G	**
L.D. 118	An Act To Provide Tax Relief for People with Functional Limitations	BOWLES DAVIS P	**
L.D. 169	An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Resale Certificates	MOODY	* *
L.D. 195	An Act To Conform the Maine Tax Code with the Federal Health Savings Accounts Laws	RECTOR PERRY J	**
L.D. 236	An Act To Change Nonresident Income Tax Filing Requirements	MCCORMICK COURTNEY	**
L.D. 275	An Act To Promote Energy Conservation and a Cleaner Environment	COURTNEY BLISS	**M
L.D. 308	An Act To Extend the Tax Credit for Clean Fuel Infrastructure Development	BLISS BARTLETT	**
L.D. 325	An Act To Clarify the Definition of "Domiciled" for Maine Income Tax Purposes	CUMMINGS	**
L.D. 353	An Act To Exempt the United States Flag and the Flag of the State of Maine from State Taxation	CRESSEY COURTNEY	**
L.D. 436	An Act To Eliminate Estate Taxes on Family-owned Businesses	BOWEN COURTNEY	**
L.D. 484	An Act To Enact the Tax Fairness Act	WATSON	06/14/05
L.D. 535	An Act To Clarify for Tax Purposes That Manure Removal and Storage Are Operations Directly Involved in the Raising and Care of Livestock	WESTON MILLETT	**
L.D. 593	An Act To Alter Trade-in Allowances Regarding Motor Homes	GERZOFSKY COURTNEY	**
L.D. 613	An Act To Provide Tax Incentives to Small Businesses	HANLEY S COWGER	**
L.D. 626	An Act Relating to the Sale of Foreclosed Property	TWOMEY BRYANT B	**
L.D. 632	An Act To Lower the Tax Burden for Small Businesses and Low-income Families	BOWEN COURTNEY	**

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L.D. 672	An Act To Promote Ornamental Horticulture by Amending the Definition of "Commercial Agricultural Production"	FLETCHER NUTTING J	**
L.D. 700	An Act To Provide Tax Benefits for Sale of Leased Land Used	DAVIS P	**
	as a Primary Residence	CLARK	^ ^
L.D. 716	An Act To Create an Income Tax Checkoff To Support Veterans' Cemeteries	THOMPSON MARTIN	**
L.D. 791	An Act Concerning the Taxation of Property Owned by Certain Veterans' Organizations	MARTIN	**
	Certain veterans Organizations	PINEAU	
L.D. 972	An Act To Exempt Military Pensions for Future Military Retirees from State Income Tax	EBERLE DAVIS P	**
L.D. 1074	An Act To Stimulate Economic Development in Maine's Aviation Industry	DAIGLE PERRY J	**
L.D. 1090	An Act To Create a Grandparent-to-grandchild Exemption in the Real Estate Transfer Tax	CRESSEY COURTNEY	**
L.D. 1102	An Act To Connect the BETR Program with Job Retention	CLARK STRIMLING	06/14/05
L.D. 1116	An Act To Exempt from the Sales Tax Electricity Used in Homes	CAMPBELL COURTNEY	**
L.D. 1158	An Act To Allow Employee Retirement Disability Benefits To Be Eligible for the Pension Deduction under Maine Income Tax Law	DUDLEY STRIMLING	**
L.D. 1165	An Act To Encourage the Preservation of Affordable Housing	GLYNN	**
L.D. 1258	An Act To Provide for Department of Labor Services and Other Services in Unorganized Territories	MARTIN	06/14/05
	Other Services in Unorganized Territories	JACKSON	
L.D. 1328	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	MARTIN	06/14/05
	Public Access	PINEAU	
L.D. 1343	An Act To Simplify Rent and Property Tax Relief	EDER STRIMLING	06/14/05
L.D. 1400	An Act To Reduce Payments under the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program and To Eliminate Double Dipping and Increase Conformity with the Internal Revenue Code	MILLS P	06/14/05

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L.D. 1552	An Act To Make Owners of Cooperative Housing Eligible for the Homestead Exemption	CROSBY MAYO	**
L.D. 1557	An Act To Improve the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement	STRIMLING	06/17/05
	Program	HUTTON	
L.D. 1585	An Act To Provide a Temporary Sales Tax Exemption for Prescription Drugs for Animals	MCKENNEY PERRY J	**
L.D. 1587	An Act To Modernize Maine's Tax Code	DUDLEY STRIMLING	06/14/05
L.D. 1594	An Act To Provide an Income Tax Exemption to Recent College Graduates Who Work in Maine To Help Them Pay College Loans	STEDMAN	06/14/05
L.D. 1595	An Act To Rebalance Maine's Tax Code	WOODBURY PERRY J	06/17/05
L.D. 1605	An Act To Reform the Income Tax for Middle-income and Lower-income Families	STRIMLING	06/14/05
		WOODBURY	
L.D. 1607	An Act To Provide Incentives for Maine Film Production	PINGREE SAVAGE	06/14/05
L.D. 1625	An Act To Fully Fund the Homestead Exemption	COWGER	**
		BOWLES	^^
L.D. 1647	An Act To Award Income Tax Credits for Boiler or Furnace Systems That Reduce or Eliminate Certain Pollutants	DUDLEY PERRY J	**
L.D. 1660	An Act To Reduce Income Taxes and Encourage Economic Growth in Maine	WOODBURÝ PERRY J	06/14/05
Transportation			
L.D. 128	An Act To Create a License Plate for the Elks Organization	MILLER	06/14/05
L.D. 371	An Act To Distribute Revenue in the Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund to Municipalities and Counties and	SAVAGE	**
	To Assist Law Enforcement Officers with Unmet Catastrophic Medical Needs	MARLEY	
L.D. 419	An Act To Create a License Plate for the National Rifle Association	CEBRA	06/14/05
L.D. 437	An Act To Create an Agriculture Recognition License Plate	TRAHAN NUTTING J	06/14/05
L.D. 492	An Act To Create a Special Higher Education License Plate	RECTOR ROSEN R	06/14/05

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L.D. 501	An Act To Amend the Operator's License and Nondriver Identification Card Requirements for Nonimmigrants	COLLINS DAMON	06/16/05
L.D. 510	An Act Concerning Dismantling of Railroad Track	RICHARDSON J EDMONDS	06/14/05
L.D. 1159	An Act To Promote Transportation Investments within Downtowns and Urban Compacts	FISHER DAMON	06/14/05
L.D. 1396	An Act To Create a Specialty License Plate for Members of the Maine National Guard	PLOWMAN	06/14/05
L.D. 1430	An Act To Establish Special License Plates To Honor Maine Residents Serving Overseas	PILON SULLIVAN	06/14/05
L.D. 1464	An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Motorized Scooters, Motor-driven Cycles and Mopeds	SAMPSON SAVAGE	06/17/05
Utilities and Ener	cav		
L.D. 205	An Act Providing for Regulation of the Cable Television Industry by the Public Utilities Commission	GERZOFSKY EDMONDS	06/14/05
L.D. 207	An Act To Require Electric Utilities To Permit Customers To Pay Electric Utility Bills in Their Communities	TWOMEY BRYANT B	06/14/05
L.D. 407	An Act To Place the Emergency Services Communication	HOBBINS	06/14/05
	Bureau within the Department of Public Safety	PARADIS	
L.D. 637	An Act To Allow Qualified Health Centers To Obtain Telecommunications Education Access Funding	BLISS BARTLETT	06/14/05
L.D. 1065	An Act To Promote Economic Development and Sustainable	BRENNAN	06/14/05
	Energy	BLISS	
L.D. 1347	Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission To Amend Its Rules Governing Net Energy Billing	PINKHAM	06/14/05
L.D. 1377	An Act Regarding Municipally Owned Street Lighting	WOODCOCK	06/14/05
L.D. 1379	An Act To Amend the Maine Wind Energy Act	STRIMLING	
		FLETCHER	**
L.D. 1440	An Act To Encourage the Implementation of High-speed Internet Access in Rural and Isolated Areas	PINGREE DAMON	06/14/05
L.D. 1675	An Act To Make a Standard Alternative Form of Regulation Available to Rural Telephone Companies	HOBBINS	06/14/05

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Study Commission	Report Date
Study of Forest Ownership in Maine (staff study in conjunction with carry over of LD 1406)	Not specified
Criminal Justice Committee Review of Sex Offender Laws (P.L. 2005, c. 423)	No Report
Task Force to Study Maine's Homeland Security Needs (Resolve 2005, c. 126)	12/7/05 Interim report 11/1/06 - Final Report
Legislative Youth Advisory Council (P.L. 2001, c. 439, as amended by P.L. 2005, c. 414))	Annually
Review and Recodify Laws Pertaining to Violence in Our Schools (Resolve 2005,c. 120	Legislation due 12/7/05
Blue Ribbon Panel on the Future of MaineCare (Resolve 2005, c. 117)	12/7/05
Task Force to Study Cervical Cancer Prevention, Detection and Education (Resolve 2005, c. 121)	12/7/05 and 11/1/06
Health Care System and Health Security Board (P.L. 2001, Part ZZZZ))	12/7/05
Freedom of Access Advisory Committee (Resolve 2005, c. 123)	12/7/05
Study State Compliance with Federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (Resolve 2005, c. 118)	12/7/05
Study Commission Regarding Livable Wages (Resole 2005, c. 128)	12/7/05
Citizen Trade Policy Commission (P.L. 2003, c. 699)	Annually
Commission to Arrange for a Monument Honoring Women Veterans of Maine (Resolve 2005, c. 116)	1/2/06 and 3/1/06
Commission to Study Alternative Voting Procedures, and Citizen Initiative Process and Minor Party Ballot Access (Resolve 2005, c. 127)	12/7/05
Commission to Establish a Memorial for Emergency Medical Services Personnel (Resolve 2005, c. 124)	1/15/06 and 3/15/06
Commission to Study the Cost of Providing Certain Services in the Unorganized Territories (Resolve 2005, c. 125)	12/7/05

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ACRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

ACF

ANIMAL WELFARE

CRUELTY

LR: 2727

SPONSOR:

An Act Amending the Animal Welfare Laws

ACF

ANIMALS

LIVESTOCK

LR: 2728

SPONSOR:

An Act To Amend Certain Animal Health Laws

ACF

FORESTRY

TIMBER HARVESTING

LR: 2730

SPONSOR:

An Act To Provide Forest Certification Cost-share Incentives

to Forest Landowners and Licensed Foresters

ACF

FORESTRY

TIMBER HARVESTING

LR: 2731

SPONSOR:

An Act To Permit Supplemental Environmental Projects for

Forest Practices Act Violations

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INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

BAN

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

CREDIT UNIONS

LR: 3003

SPONSOR:

An Act To Address Benefits for Employees and Officers of

Credit Unions

BAN

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

DEBT COLLECTION

LR: 3001

SPONSOR:

An Act To Amend the Debt Collection Law

BAN

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

INVESTMENTS

LR: 3002

SPONSOR:

An Act To Establish the Securities Investor Education and

Training Fund

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BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BEC

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING

LR: 2957

SPONSOR:

An Act To Repeal the Sunset on the Marketing Promotion

Fund

BEC

LICENSING

OMNIBUS

LR: 2998

SPONSOR:

An Act To Address Emergency Licensure Procedures

BEC

LICENSING

RADIOLOGICAL TECHNICIANS

LR: 3004

SPONSOR:

An Act To Amend the Licensure Laws of the Medical Radiation

Health and Safety Act

BEC

LICENSING

REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

LR: 3000

SPONSOR:

An Act To Amend Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Law

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CRJ

CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION

LR: 3012

SPONSOR:

An Act To Improve the Prisoner Phone System

CRJ

CORRECTIONS DEPT

PROCEDURES

LR: 3013

SPONSOR:

An Act To Improve the Ability of the Department of Corrections To Share Information Related to Clients in Order To Improve Treatment and Rehabilitative Services

CRJ

CORRECTIONS DEPT

PROCEDURES

LR: 3014

SPONSOR:

An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Department of

Corrections

CRJ

CORRECTIONS DEPT

PROCEDURES

LR: 3015

SPONSOR:

An Act To Eliminate Administrative Preliminary Hearings

for Probationers

CRJ

CRIMES

THEFTS

LR: 2729

SPONSOR:

An Act To Strengthen Maine's Timber Theft Laws

CRJ

JUVENILE OFFENDERS

JUVENILE CODE

LR: 3016

SPONSOR:

An Act To Amend the Criminal Code and Various Provisions

Related to Juveniles

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

EDU

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION DISTRICT REFERENDA

LR: 3022

SPONSOR:

An Act To Amend the Elementary School Closing Process for School Administrative Districts and Community School Districts

EDU

SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA STATE/LOCAL SHARE

LR: 3021

SPONSOR:

An Act To Further the Implementation of the Essential Programs and Services Funding Model

EDU

SPECIAL EDUCATION
CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

LR: 3023

SPONSOR:

An Act To Improve Early Childhood Special Education

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HUM

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

CHILD CARE

LR: 3007

SPONSOR:

An Act To Update Licensing and Certification Requirements for Child Care Facilities and Family Child Care Providers

HUM

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

FOSTER CARE

LR: 3005

SPONSOR:

An Act To Extend Tuition Waivers to Persons Who Have Resided in Foster Care or Subsidized Adoptive Care or Who Have Subsidized Guardians

HUM

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

ELIGIBILITY

LR: 3006

SPONSOR:

An Act To Expand the Alternative Aid Program

HUM

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

PROCEDURES

LR: 3009

SPONSOR:

An Act To Give the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services Administrative Subpoena Authority

HUM

HEALTH DATA ORGANIZATION

PROCEDURES

LR: 2554

SPONSOR:

An Act To Amend the Maine Health Data Organization

Laws

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HUM

PUBLIC HEALTH RESTAURANTS

LR: 3011

SPONSOR:

An Act To Set a Maximum on Penalties Imposed for Licensing Violations by Eating Establishments, Eating and Lodging Places, Lodging Places, Recreational Camps or Camping Areas

HUM

TEMPORARY ASSIST TO NEEDY FAMILIES PROVISIONS

LR: 3008

SPONSOR:

An Act To Clarify Participation Requirements in the ASPIRE-TANF Program

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

IFW

FISHING

YOUTH LICENSES

LR: 2594

SPONSOR:

An Act To Make License Requirements and Rules Consistent

for Youth Anglers

IFW

INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2593

SPONSOR:

An Act To Revise Certain Fish and Wildlife Laws

IFW

RECREATION

SNOWMOBILES

LR: 2592

SPONSOR:

An Act To Give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the Authority To Allow the Operation of Snowmobiles Registered outside the State at Special Events

Occurring in the State

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JUDICIARY

JUD

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

CHARITIES

LR: 2999

SPONSOR:

An Act To Clarify the Charitable Solicitations Act

JUD

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES

LR: 2977

SPONSOR:

An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Corporations, Limited

Partnerships, Limited Liability Companies and Limited

Liability Partnerships

JUD

PROBATE

GUARDIANS

LR: 2939

SPONSOR:

An Act To Clarify Recent Changes Regarding the Effect on

Inheritance Rights and Public Benefits

JUD

REAL ESTATE

COVENANTS

LR: 3031

SPONSOR:

An Act Regarding LMF Working Waterfront Covenants

JUD

TORTS

IMMUNITY

LR: 2940

SPONSOR:

An Act Regarding Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations

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LABOR

LAB

STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM **LEGISLATORS**

LR: 2913

SPONSOR:

An Act To Clarify Maine State Retirement System Benefits

for Certain Legislators

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LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

LVA

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

BUREAU OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

LR: 2953

SPONSOR:

An Act To Clarify the Liquor Law

LVA

ELECTIONS

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

LR: 2978

SPONSOR:

An Act To Amend the Election Laws

LVA

GAMBLING

GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

LR: 3024

SPONSOR:

An Act To Amend Unlawful Gambling

LVA

GAMBLING

GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

LR: 3025

SPONSOR:

An Act To Clarify Definitions under the Law

Regulating Slot Machines

LVA

GAMBLING

GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

LR: 3026

SPONSOR:

An Act To Amend the Abandoned Property Rules

Relating to Slot Machine Credit Slips

LVA

GAMBLING

GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

LR: 3027

SPONSOR:

An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Gambling Laws

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MARINE RESOURCES

MAR

COMMERCIAL FISHING PRACTICES

LR: 2945

SPONSOR:

An Act To Amend the Statutes Governing the Commercial

Fishing Safety Council

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NATURAL RESOURCES

NAT

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPT

POWERS

LR: 2944

SPONSOR:

An Act To Protect Money Due and Owing to the State from

Discharge in Bankruptcy

NAT

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPT

PROCEDURES

LR: 2941

SPONSOR:

An Act To Amend Certain Laws Administered by the Department

of Environmental Protection

NAT

OILS

ABOVEGROUND TANKS

LR: 2942

SPONSOR:

An Act To Prevent Motor Fuel Spills from Aboveground

Storage Tanks That Have Underground Piping

NAT

PROTECTED NATURAL RESOURCES

SAND DUNES

LR: 2943

SPONSOR:

An Act Concerning Certain Provisions in the Natural

Resources Protection Act Related to Activities in

Coastal Areas

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SLG

STATE AGENCIES AUDIT DEPT

LR: 2843

SPONSOR:

An Act To Expand Notification Requirements for Internal Control Inquiries Made by Nonstate Organizations

SLG

STATE AGENCIES AUDIT DEPT

LR: 2844

SPONSOR:

An Act To Expand the Auditing Powers of the Department of Audit and To Clarify the Confidentiality of Audit Working Papers and Information

SLG

STATE GOVERNMENT LAND CONVEYANCES

LR: 2946

SPONSOR:

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Enter into Long-term Ground Leases of Real Property and To Convey Certain Buildings, as follows: the Department of Labor Building at 19 Union Street in Augusta, Maine, and the "Stone Building" Complex Formerly Occupied by the Augusta Mental Health Institute in Augusta, Maine

SLG

STATE GOVERNMENT LAND CONVEYANCES

LR: 2948

SPONSOR:

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Sell or Lease the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property Located on Maine State Highway #191 in East Machias; U.S. Route 1 in Thomaston; U.S. Route 2 in Skowhegan; Hospital Street in Augusta; and a Parcel along the Presumpscot River in Falmouth

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STATE GOVERNMENT **PUBLIC WORKS**

LR: 2949

SPONSOR:

An Act To Clarify the Time Period in Which Municipalities Must File Notices of Intent with the State for Purposes of **Issuing Building Permits**

SLG

STATE GOVERNMENT

PURCHASES

LR: 2955

SPONSOR:

An Act To Strengthen the State Purchasing Code of Conduct

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TAXATION

TAX

INCOME TAX

FEDERAL CONFORMITY

LR: 2954

SPONSOR:

An Act To Conform the Maine Tax Laws for 2005 to the United

States Internal Revenue Code

TAX

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

FRANCHISE TAX

LR: 2956

SPONSOR:

An Act To Offer Financial Institutions an Option for

Payment of Maine Tax

TAX

PROPERTY TAX

CURRENT USE TAXES

LR: 3030

SPONSOR:

An Act To Change the Effect of Local Ordinances on the State

TAX

PROPERTY TAX

CURRENT USE TAXES

LR: 3032

SPONSOR:

Resolve, To Establish a Working Group To Define a Current Use Taxation Program for Commercial Fishing Activities

TAX

REVENUE SERVICES BUREAU

PROCEDURES

LR: 2950

SPONSOR:

An Act Concerning Technical Changes to the Tax Laws

TAX

REVENUE SERVICES BUREAU

PROCEDURES

LR: 2951

SPONSOR:

An Act To Make Minor Substantive Changes to the Tax Laws

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TAX

TAX ASSESSMENT **ASSESSORS**

LR: 2952

SPONSOR:

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory

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TRANSPORTATION

TRA

MOTOR VEHICLES NUMBER PLATES

LR: 2976

SPONSOR:

An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

TRA

NAVIGATION

FERRIES

LR: 3019

SPONSOR:

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Ferry Service Travel for

Individuals with Catastrophic Illness

TRA

ROADS

LIGHTING

LR: 3017

SPONSOR:

An Act To Amend Certain Transportation Laws

TRA

TRANSPORTATION DEPT

PROCEDURES

LR: 3018

SPONSOR:

An Act To Prohibit Use Charges against the State for the

Structures Located within the State Right of Way