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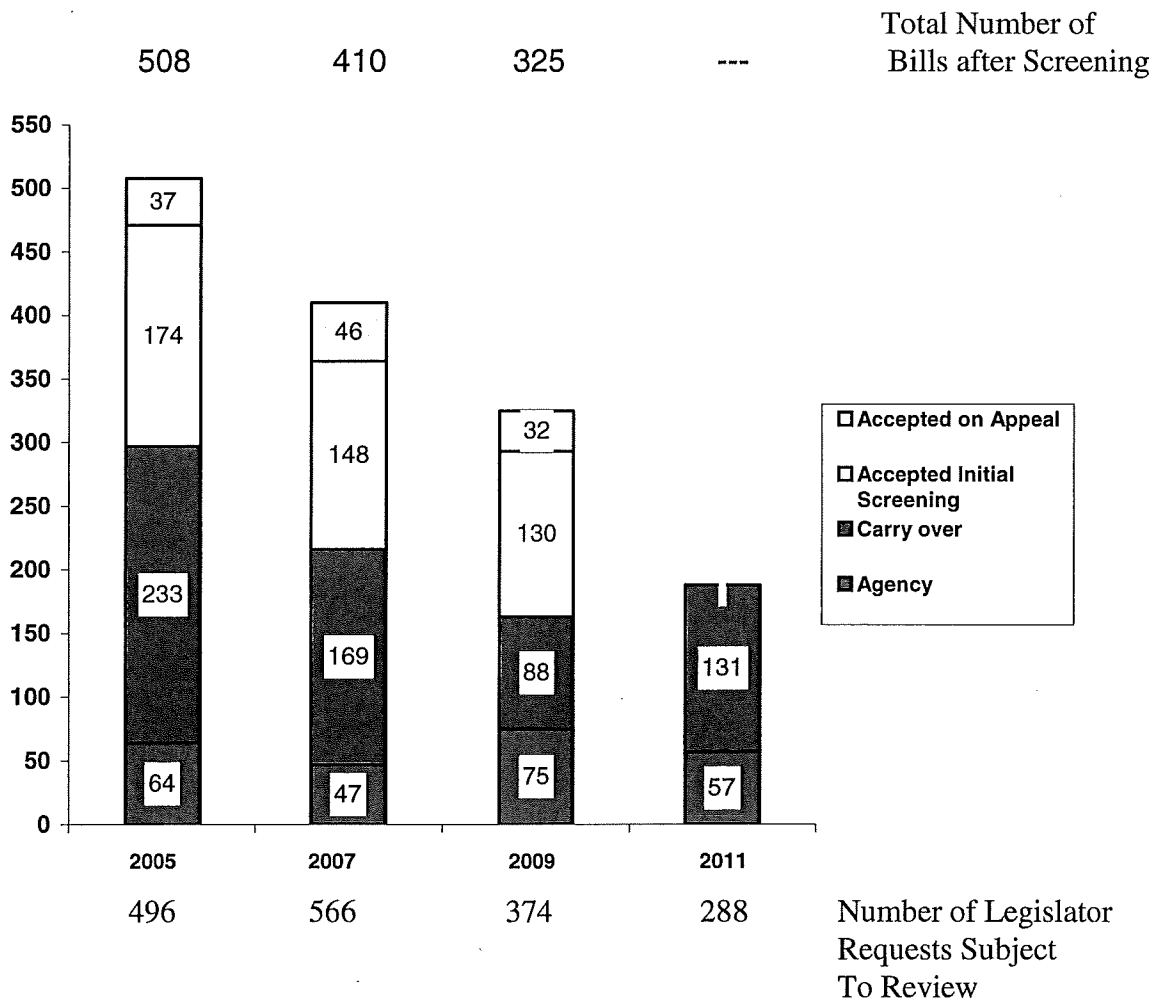
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PART 1

INTRODUCTION

This volume contains the bill requests submitted by Legislators before cloture on September 30, 2011 that are proposed for introduction in the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The requests are listed in Part 2 and are arranged by subject matter. 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 above shows categories of bill requests for this session and the past three second regular sessions.

Two years ago, in 2009, out of a total of 374 precloture legislator requests to review, 130 were admitted at the initial screening and 32 at the appeal screening for a total of 162 legislator bills accepted.

Four years ago, in 2007, out of a total of 566 precloture legislator requests to review, 148 were admitted at the initial screening and 46 at the appeal screening for a total of 194 legislator bills accepted.

Six years ago, in 2005, out of a total of 496 precloture legislator requests to review, 174 were admitted at the initial screening and 37 at the appeal screening for a total of 211 legislator bills accepted.

This year a total of 57 agency and independent bills were filed, as compared to 75 in 2009, 47 in 2007 and 64 in 2005.

Additionally, the workload of the Legislature includes 131 carryovers for the upcoming session, as compared to 88 in 2009, 169 in 2007 and 233 in 2005.

Included as separate parts at the rear of this volume are:

- Part 3. A list of bills that are being carried over into the Second Regular Session;
- Part 4. A list of bills arranged alphabetically by sponsor;
- Part 5. A list of approved studies; and
- Part 6. A list of agency bills already submitted arranged by subject matter.

PART 2

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

ANIMALS

DOGS

LR: 2379

SPONSOR: Rep. McKane of Newcastle

Title: An Act To Strengthen the Laws Regarding Dangerous Dogs

Comment: This bill would strengthen the laws regarding dangerous dogs.

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

STATE PARKS

LR: 2584

SPONSOR: Rep. Harlow of Portland

Title: An Act To Protect State Park Employees

Comment: This bill would permit state park employees to obtain, on request, bulletproof vests from the State.

FARMS

FERTILIZER

LR: 2506

SPONSOR: Rep. Libby of Waterboro

Title: An Act To Remove the \$100 Fee Required When Reporting Fertilizer and Agricultural Liming Materials Tonnage

Comment: This bill would remove the \$100 minimum fee required when submitting annual reports of commercial fertilizer and agricultural liming materials sold in the State.

FARMS

PRESERVATION

LR: 2509

SPONSOR: Sen. Saviello of Franklin

Title: An Act To Authorize the Registration of Farmland in 2012 and 2013

Comment: This bill would authorize the registration of farmland during calendar years 2012 and 2013 under the existing laws governing farmland registration.

LR: 2516

SPONSOR: Rep. Libby of Waterboro

Title: An Act To Help Promote Farming in Maine by Limiting the Liability of "Pick Your Own" Farms

Comment: This bill would limit the liability of "pick your own" farms. The bill would protect these farms from lawsuits should a customer trip and fall, for example, on uneven ground. A farm would be required to have signs that urge customers to use caution while at the farm and also inform customers that the farm is not liable in the event of an injury.

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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SVC DEPT
INFORMATION SERVICES BUREAU**

LR: 2530 SPONSOR: Rep. Cray of Palmyra
Title: An Act To Eliminate the Office of Information Technology
Comment: This bill would eliminate the Office of Information Technology within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

BOND ISSUES

ENERGY

LR: 2590 SPONSOR: Sen. Katz of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create Jobs through Development of Natural Gas Distribution
Comment: This bill would authorize a \$40,000,000 bond for the promotion of distribution of natural gas throughout Maine.

BOND ISSUES

MILITARY

LR: 2345 SPONSOR: Sen. Jackson of Aroostook
Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Redevelop the Former Loring Air Force Base
Comment: This bill would authorize a general fund bond issue to redevelop the former Loring Air Force Base.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2372 SPONSOR: Sen. Katz of Kennebec
Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Extend the Length of Time To Retire Unfunded Liability of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System
Comment: This bill would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Maine to increase from 10 years to 15 years the length of time within which the unfunded liability of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System resulting from experience losses must be retired.

LR: 2442 SPONSOR: Sen. Katz of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Amend the Internal Appeals Process Used by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System
Comment: This bill would limit the ability of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to overturn a decision of a hearing officer.

STATE FINANCES

BONDED DEBT

LR: 2656

SPONSOR: Sen. Raye of Washington

Title: An Act To Provide for an Advisory Referendum on the Approval of Tax-exempt Student Loan Revenue Bonds

Comment: This bill directs the Secretary of State to hold an advisory referendum at a statewide election to determine whether the voters of the State favor the Governor's approval of no more than \$50,000,000 of tax-exempt student loan revenue bonds for the next 3 years to be repaid by the loan recipients.

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CRIMES

DRUG OFFENSES

LR: 2587

SPONSOR: Rep. Webster of Freeport

Title: Resolve, Establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission To Develop an Integrated and Coordinated Statewide Response to Synthetic Hallucinogenic Drug Abuse

Comment: This resolve would establish the Blue Ribbon Commission To Develop an Integrated and Coordinated Statewide Response to Synthetic Hallucinogenic Drug Abuse. The commission would include representatives of the judicial branch, experts on substance abuse education and treatment, law enforcement personnel and prosecutors.

CRIMES

FRAUD

LR: 2397

SPONSOR: Rep. Soctomah of Passamaquoddy Tribe

Title: An Act To Impose a Penalty for Making False Claims Regarding Affiliation with a Federally Recognized Tribe

Comment: This bill would make it a crime to falsely claim affiliation with a federally recognized tribe in order to obtain services to which a member of a federally recognized tribe is entitled.

CRIMES

MINORS

LR: 2308

SPONSOR: Rep. Blodgett of Augusta

Title: An Act To Establish or Increase Criminal Penalties for Failure To Report a Missing or Deceased Child

Comment: This bill would make it a Class C crime for a parent, guardian or caretaker to fail to report the death or unexplained absence of a child.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2312 Representative Maker
LR 2311 Representative McCabe
LR 2310 Representative Olsen
LR 2309 Senator Thibodeau
LR 2313 Representative Timberlake

LR: 2309

SPONSOR: Sen. Thibodeau of Waldo

Title: An Act To Require That Authorities Be Notified within 48 Hours after a Child is Missing

Comment: This bill would require that authorities be notified within 48 hours after a child is missing and notified within 2 hours of a child's death.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2312 Representative Maker
LR 2311 Representative McCabe
LR 2310 Representative Olsen
LR 2308 Representative Blodgett
LR 2313 Representative Timberlake

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CRIMES

MINORS

- LR: 2324 SPONSOR: Sen. Hobbins of York
Title: An Act To Prohibit Verbal Sexual Solicitation of a Minor
Comment: This bill would make it illegal for a person to verbally solicit a minor to commit a prohibited act.
- LR: 2473 SPONSOR: Rep. Volk of Scarborough
Title: An Act To Define, Prevent and Suppress Gang Activity in the State
Comment: This bill would provide a legal definition for "gang" in Maine and make it a felony for an adult to recruit another person, particularly a juvenile, for gang-related activity.

CRIMES

MOTOR VEHICLE

- LR: 2478 SPONSOR: Rep. Bolduc of Auburn
Title: An Act To Give Parents the Option To Require Their Minor Child Who Has a Motor Vehicle Violation Record To Operate Only a Motor Vehicle That Can Be Monitored by Means of a Global Positioning System Device
Comment: This bill gives parents the option to require their minor child who has a motor vehicle violation record to operate only a motor vehicle that can be monitored by the parents or the police by means of a global positioning system device.

CRIMES

SEX OFFENSES

- LR: 2353 SPONSOR: Rep. Maker of Calais
Title: Resolve, To Create the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children
Comment: This bill would create a task force to identify and recommend ways to prevent the sexual abuse of children.
- LR: 2470 SPONSOR: Sen. Diamond of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Protect Children from Sexual Abuse and To Make Improvements to the Sex Offender Registry and the Computer Crimes Unit
Comment: This bill would establish 4 tiers in the sex offender registry based on the severity of the offense committed by the sex offender. The tiers would have different registration requirements. The bill would also include a description in lay terminology of the various sex offenses in the sex offender registry and establish the computer crimes unit as a separate bureau in the Department of Public Safety.

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PRISONERS

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

LR: 2386

SPONSOR: Rep. Clarke of Bath

Title: An Act Regarding Inmates on Public Works Projects

Comment: This bill would ensure that the administrator of a regional jail has the same authority as a sheriff has over a county jail to permit certain inmates to participate in public works-related projects or in the improvement of property owned by charitable organizations. It also removes the restriction that such inmates may work only on projects in the county where the jail is located.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2389 Senator Gerzofsky

LR: 2389

SPONSOR: Sen. Gerzofsky of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Prisoner Participation in Public Works Projects

Comment: This bill would permit participation in public works projects by inmates in regional jails in the same manner as inmates in county jails are permitted.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2386 Representative Clarke

PUBLIC SAFETY

COMMUNICATIONS

LR: 2585

SPONSOR: Rep. Lajoie of Lewiston

Title: An Act To Require Users of Disposable Cellular Telephones To Provide Identifying Information

Comment: This bill would require users of disposable cellular telephones to provide identifying information when these telephones are purchased to enable law enforcement officers and emergency responders to identify the callers.

SENTENCES

TIME SERVED

LR: 2502

SPONSOR: Rep. Haskell of Portland

Title: An Act To Clarify the Court's Authority To Grant Credit toward Payment of Fines Given for Jail Time

Comment: This bill would clarify the court's authority to grant persons credit toward their fines for time served in incarceration. Two provisions currently exist in statute, one for fines for days and one for days for fines; however, the restrictions on the application of these provisions are inconsistent. The purpose of this bill is to make the 2 provisions consistent to eliminate confusion and ensure the law is properly applied.

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

ADMINISTRATORS

DUTIES

LR: 2613 SPONSOR: Rep. O'Brien of Lincolnville
Title: An Act To Enhance Professional Development for School Superintendents
and Principals
Comment: This bill would require superintendents and principals in public schools to
teach in classrooms each year as part of their continuing education.

ADULT EDUCATION

PROGRAMS

LR: 2631 SPONSOR: Sen. Patrick of Oxford
Title: An Act To Establish an Adult Education College and Career Pathways System
in Maine
Comment: This bill would establish an adult education college and career pathways
system in Maine by building on the existing Maine college transition
programs.

CONSOLIDATION

ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS

LR: 2436 SPONSOR: Rep. Burns of Whiting
Title: An Act To Modify the Alternative Organizational Structure Budget Approval
Process
Comment: This bill would give the member entities of an alternative organizational
structure the choice to continue with the budget process in the Maine Revised
Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1461-B, subsection 3, paragraph C or to apportion
the costs of system administration and special education administration among
the school administrative units in proportion to the services to be performed.

CULTURAL AGENCIES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

LR: 2327 SPONSOR: Rep. Fredette of Newport
Title: Resolve, To Amend the Resolve Establishing a Task Force on Franco-
Americans
Comment: This bill would amend Resolve 2011, chapter 102, which established the Task
Force on Franco-Americans, to extend the date by which the task force may
obtain funding and reduce the cost.

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SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

ADJUSTMENTS

LR: 2325 SPONSOR: Rep. Malaby of Hancock
Title: An Act To Create an Equal Education Funding Model
Comment: This bill would repeal the current school funding formula and instead distribute to municipalities exactly the same amount of money per student for each day a student is in attendance.
Jt Rule 217 Ruling Needed: LD 93

LR: 2380 SPONSOR: Rep. Gifford of Lincoln
Title: An Act To Enforce Prompt Payment to Career and Technical Education Regions
Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to ensure prompt payment by school administrative units to career and technical education regions.

LR: 2382 SPONSOR: Rep. Turner of Burlington
Title: An Act Regarding the School Fund in the Town of Burlington
Comment: This bill would allow the Town of Burlington to lapse the funds remaining in a school fund to the town's general fund.

LR: 2432 SPONSOR: Rep. Lovejoy of Portland
Title: An Act To Ensure Equitable School Funding in the State
Comment: This bill would amend the school funding formula to repeal the changes enacted in Public Law 2011, chapter 419. In addition, this bill would amend the formula that established the stipend for student poverty and direct the Department of Education to study the current funding formula.

SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

LR: 2400 SPONSOR: Sen. Snowe-Mello of Androscoggin
Title: An Act To Improve the Budget Approval and Validation Process
Comment: This bill would require that a regional school unit's last approved budget stay in effect if a municipality votes down a proposed school-year budget.

SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

STATE/LOCAL SHARE

LR: 2618 SPONSOR: Sen. Raye of Washington
Title: An Act To Clarify Municipal Budget Requirements within an Alternative Organizational Structure
Comment: This bill would clarify that an alternative organizational structure follows the same procedure as a regional school unit for committing taxes in the absence of approval of the school unit budget.

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SCHOOL PROGRAMS

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

LR: 2443

SPONSOR: Rep. Pilon of Saco

Title: An Act To Establish the Maine State High School Marching Band

Comment: This bill would establish the Maine State High School Marching Band.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

HEALTH CARE

LR: 2646

SPONSOR: Rep. Cain of Orono

Title: An Act To Prevent Cost Increases in Health Care for Rural Maine School Districts

Comment: This bill would prevent cost increases in health care for rural school districts.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

STATE MANDATED PROGRAMS

LR: 2607

SPONSOR: Sen. Alfond of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Encourage Parental Involvement in Education

Comment: This bill would require every local school district to develop and implement a program to involve parents in the schools and classrooms. Plans must be submitted to the Department of Education every August. The Department of Education would develop a forum on their website to post the plans by district and by school, along with opportunities for parents to communicate about plans via the website.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

LR: 2525

SPONSOR: Sen. Langley of Hancock

Title: An Act To Clarify the Membership of Intermediate Educational Unit Boards

Comment: This bill would clarify that employees of Head Start programs may serve as members of the boards of directors of Child Development Service System units.

TEACHERS

CERTIFICATION

LR: 2635

SPONSOR: Sen. Alfond of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Restructure the National Board Certification Program for Teachers

Comment: This bill would restructure Maine's participation in the National Board Certification program for teachers to provide incentives for teachers to improve their effectiveness through national certification.

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

AIR QUALITY

EMISSIONS

LR: 2363

SPONSOR: Rep. Sirocki of Scarborough

Title: An Act To Withdraw the State from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative
Comment: Current law requires the State to withdraw from the regional greenhouse gas initiative if other participating states have a total carbon dioxide emissions budget totaling less than 35,000 tons. This bill would eliminate this condition for withdrawal, and instead require the State simply to withdraw from the regional greenhouse gas initiative.

AIR QUALITY

OPEN BURNING

LR: 2433

SPONSOR: Sen. Courtney of York

Title: An Act To Reduce Open Burning in Community Neighborhoods
Comment: This bill would reduce open burning in community neighborhoods by authorizing limited open burnings at the primary business location of commercial operators engaged in the business of removing and disposing of leaves, brush, deadwood and tree cuttings.

CONTAINERS - RETURNABLE

BOTTLES

LR: 2456

SPONSOR: Rep. Hamper of Oxford

Title: An Act To Reduce Fraud Relating to Returnable Containers
Comment: This bill would reduce the incidence of the redemption of beverage containers on which no deposit has been paid.
Jt Rule 217 Ruling Needed: LD 900 ONTP

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPT

PROCEDURES

LR: 2513

SPONSOR: Sen. Saviello of Franklin

Title: An Act To Refine the Definition of "Person Aggrieved" in Proceedings before the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission
Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing proceedings before the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to define "person aggrieved."

GROUND WATER

WELLS

LR: 2357

SPONSOR: Rep. Sirocki of Scarborough

Title: An Act To Improve Well Water Testing at Licensed Child Care Facilities
Comment: This bill would require testing of well water used at licensed child care facilities for arsenic and cadmium.

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WASTES

RECYCLING

LR: 2445

SPONSOR: Rep. Knapp of Gorham

Title: An Act To Improve Recycling of Mercury-containing Lamps

Comment: This bill would make improvements in the recycling program for mercury-containing fluorescent lamps by creating efficiencies in the collection program, improving recycling education and enhancing the long-term viability of the program.

WATER QUALITY

SALT RUNOFF

LR: 2576

SPONSOR: Rep. Knapp of Gorham

Title: An Act To Reduce Sedimentation in Lakes and Ponds

Comment: This bill would require that culverts provided by the Department of Transportation within one mile of a body of water have plunge pools on either end of the culverts and check dams where appropriate to slow the velocity of water in order to reduce sedimentation and phosphorous runoff in lakes and ponds.

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**ELECTRIC UTILITIES
PLANNING**

LR: 2541 SPONSOR: Rep. Beavers of South Berwick
Title: Resolve, Regarding Opt-out Charges for Smart Meters
Comment: This bill would prohibit the assessment of additional charges to consumers who opt out of having a smart meter connected to the home.

**ELECTRIC UTILITIES
RESTRUCTURING**

LR: 2489 SPONSOR: Sen. Sherman of Aroostook
Title: An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Electric Industry Restructuring
Comment: This bill would clarify the laws governing electric industry restructuring by providing that affiliates of transmission and distribution utilities, as well as transmission and distribution utilities, are not permitted to own, have a financial interest in or otherwise control generation or generation-related assets located in Maine or used to provide electric service in Maine unless permitted by the Public Utilities Commission.

**ELECTRIC UTILITIES
TRANSMISSION LINES**

LR: 2591 SPONSOR: Rep. Boland of Sanford
Title: An Act To Secure the Safety of High-voltage Transmission Lines
Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission, when approving the construction of a transmission line, to consider the impact of electromagnetic fields on public health and the vulnerability of the electric transmission system to interruption. Projects previously approved would be required to incorporate protection measures.
Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2642 Representative O'Connor

LR: 2642 SPONSOR: Rep. O'Connor of Berwick
Title: An Act To Protect Maine Children through an Emergency Update of Electric Power Transmission Rules
Comment: This bill would enact regulations restricting how close to homes, schools, childcare centers and playgrounds a high-voltage power line may be installed.
Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2591 Representative Boland

**ENERGY
AUDITS**

LR: 2581 SPONSOR: Rep. Chapman of Brooksville
Title: An Act To Establish Disclosure Standards for Energy Auditors and Weatherization Contractors
Comment: This bill would require energy auditors to disclose to customers and potential customers relationships with businesses that provide the type of services recommended by the auditor and the right of the customer to choose service providers.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CHILD CARE

LR: 2593

SPONSOR: Rep. Stevens of Bangor

Title: An Act To Update the Standards for Identification of Quality Child Care Providers for Purposes of Payment Differentials

Comment: This bill would update the method of identifying quality child care providers for the purpose of payment differentials to reflect recent changes in professional standards.

FOOD STAMPS

GUIDELINES

LR: 2474

SPONSOR: Sen. Sullivan of York

Title: An Act To Prohibit Soda and Candy from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Comment: This bill would seek a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture that would prohibit the purchase of soda and candy with food stamps.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

PROCEDURES

LR: 2343

SPONSOR: Sen. Craven of Androscoggin

Title: An Act Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services To Specify Duration of Service When Setting Rates by Rule

Comment: This bill would require that the Department of Health and Human Services establish by rule that the department must specify duration of service when setting rates for service.

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

HOSPITALS

LR: 2469

SPONSOR: Rep. Espling of New Gloucester

Title: An Act To Allow Hospitals To Charge a Copayment for Nonemergency Use of an Emergency Room by Certain MaineCare Recipients

Comment: This bill would allow a hospital to charge a copayment for emergency room visits by MaineCare recipients when the hospital determines the patient does not have an emergency medical condition and provides that patient with assistance in finding an alternative provider.

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**HEALTH CARE SERVICES
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

LR: 2426 SPONSOR: Sen. McCormick of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Conform Maine's Prescription Privacy Laws with the United States Constitution
Comment: This bill would repeal provisions of Maine's laws providing confidentiality for certain prescription drug information relating to prescribers to conform state law to the United States Supreme Court decision in *Sorrell v. IMS Health, Inc.*, 131 S. Ct. 2653 (2011) holding unconstitutional similar provisions in the laws of Vermont.

LR: 2490 SPONSOR: Rep. Gifford of Lincoln
Title: An Act To Require That Pseudoephedrine Be Made Available by Prescription Only
Comment: This bill would make pseudoephedrine and products containing pseudoephedrine available by prescription only.
Jt Rule 217 Ruling Needed: LD 774

LR: 2544 SPONSOR: Rep. Willette of Mapleton
Title: An Act To Restrict Further the Amount of Methamphetamine Precursors That May Be Bought or Sold
Comment: This bill would amend the current restrictions on the sale of a targeted methamphetamine precursor to limit sales to 3.6 grams per day and 9 grams per 30 days. It also places the same restrictions on purchases.

**HEALTH CARE SERVICES
SCREENING**

LR: 2315 SPONSOR: Rep. Beck of Waterville
Title: An Act To Require Birthing Facilities To Screen Newborns for Congenital Heart Disease
Comment: This bill would require licensed health care facilities with inpatient birthing services to perform pulse oximetry screening on newborns to detect congenital heart disease.

**MEDICAID
FRAUD**

LR: 2614 SPONSOR: Rep. Gifford of Lincoln
Title: An Act Relating to False Claims under the Medicaid Program
Comment: This bill would amend the laws regarding the penalties for false claims under the Medicaid program to model those laws after the federal False Claims Act.

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
CIVIL COMMITMENTS

LR: 2630

SPONSOR: Rep. Moulton of York

Title: An Act To Clarify the Status of Patients Held under Involuntary Commitment Applications

Comment: This bill would clarify that a judicial finding that an application and certificate are in order for transport of a person for mental health evaluation and treatment is not a determination of involuntary commitment.

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**INSURANCE
HEALTH**

- LR: 2319 SPONSOR: Sen. Courtney of York
Title: An Act To Change Certain Effective Dates Regarding Guaranteed Access and the Purchase of Health Insurance from outside Maine
Comment: This bill would change the effective dates of provisions of law authorizing the purchase of insurance from a regional insurer or health maintenance organization and through the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association to allow these provisions to take effect immediately instead of in January 2014 and July 2012.
- LR: 2398 SPONSOR: Rep. Sarty, Jr. of Denmark
Title: An Act To Restore Supplemental Health Insurance Coverage for Disadvantaged Children of State Retirees
Comment: This bill would restore supplemental health insurance coverage for disadvantaged children over 19 years of age of retirees in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.
- LR: 2448 SPONSOR: Sen. Martin, Jr. of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Health Insurance for Certain State Employees
Comment: This bill would exempt certain persons in appointed positions in State Government who have not yet reached retirement age, but who have the number of years required, from the requirement that a person retire by January 1, 2012 or be responsible for 100% of health insurance premiums until retirement.
- LR: 2522 SPONSOR: Sen. Katz of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Clarify Health Insurance Benefits for Disabled Participants in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System
Comment: This bill would clarify the laws governing health insurance benefits for disabled participants in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to ensure that these participants are able to access health insurance benefits before they reach normal retirement age.
- LR: 2529 SPONSOR: Sen. Rector of Knox
Title: An Act To Allow Employees of the Small Enterprise Growth Fund To Participate in the State's Group Health Plan
Comment: This bill would allow employees of the Small Enterprise Growth Fund to participate in the State's group health plan.
- LR: 2535 SPONSOR: Rep. Martin of Eagle Lake
Title: An Act To Repeal the Authority for an Insurer To Vary the Premium Rate Based on Geographic Area
Comment: This bill would repeal the authority for a health insurance provider to vary the premium rate based on geographic area.

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INSURANCE PRACTICES

CANCELLATION

LR: 2451

SPONSOR: Rep. O'Connor of Berwick

Title: An Act To Amend the Insurance Law as It Pertains to Notification of
Cancellation or Nonrenewal

Comment: This bill would amend the insurance law as it pertains to the notification of the
cancellation and nonrenewal of insurance policies.

INSURANCE PRACTICES

CLAIMS PROCESSING

LR: 2569

SPONSOR: Rep. Cushing, III of Hampden

Title: An Act Regarding Insurance Adjusters

Comment: This bill would clarify that clerical activities associated with licensed
insurance adjuster activities for electronic portable devices do not require an
adjustor's license. It also would amend the laws governing the reporting
standards for nonresident owners of claims adjusting businesses.

INSURANCE PRACTICES

REINSURANCE

LR: 2369

SPONSOR: Sen. Courtney of York

Title: An Act To Extend the Scope of the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance
Association

Comment: This bill would extend the provisions of the law governing the Maine
Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association to apply to small groups of 10 or
fewer.

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HUNTING

REGULATIONS

LR: 2543 SPONSOR: Rep. Cray of Palmyra
Title: An Act To Prohibit Hunting within 1,200 Feet of a Dwelling
Comment: This bill would prohibit hunting within 1,200 feet, or 400 yards, of a dwelling.

LR: 2609 SPONSOR: Rep. Wood of Sabattus
Title: An Act To Increase the Hours of the Day Authorized for Turkey Hunting
Comment: This bill would increase the portion of the day during which turkey hunting is authorized.

HUNTING

YOUTH LICENSES

LR: 2579 SPONSOR: Rep. Harmon of Palermo
Title: An Act To Encourage Youth Hunting
Comment: This bill would increase by 1% the number of antlerless deer permits available for youth.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE DEPT

FUNDING

LR: 2521 SPONSOR: Sen. Raye of Washington
Title: An Act To Ensure a Reliable Funding Stream for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Comment: This bill would establish a means of funding the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

RECREATION

PROPERTY ACCESS

LR: 2422 SPONSOR: Rep. Cushing, III of Hampden
Title: An Act To Strengthen the Relationship between Land Users and Landowners
Comment: This bill would make statutory changes that would help continue the tradition of public recreational access to private land. Specifically, it would revamp the Landowners and Sportsmen Relations Advisory Board's functions, establish a strategy for long-term funding of a landowner relations program, implement the recommendations being developed for a land user certification program and update the landowner liability laws as they relate to public use of private land.

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JUDICIARY

ATTORNEYS

ATTORNEYS FEES

LR: 2639

SPONSOR: Sen. Martin, Jr. of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Improve Interaction between State Agencies and Small Businesses

Comment: This bill would authorize the award of administrative costs or litigation costs to the prevailing party in an administrative action or court action involving the State. This bill would require that the penalties be withdrawn and that the prevailing party be afforded restitution for attorney and court costs. If the State were to prevail, it would be awarded compensation for its defense fees.

Jt Rule 217 Ruling Needed: LD 1093

CIVIL PROCEDURE

PROCESS

LR: 2403

SPONSOR: Sen. Jackson of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Require Reciprocity in Restraining Orders

Comment: This bill would require that restraining orders apply to both parties concerning contact.

CIVIL PROCEDURE

SMALL CLAIMS

LR: 2503

SPONSOR: Rep. Priest of Brunswick

Title: An Act To Provide Magistrates To Assist the Court in Handling Small Claims and Landlord-tenant Cases

Comment: This bill would permit the use of magistrates in small claims and landlord-tenant cases in order to avoid significant delays in district court. The court would be authorized to increase filing fees to cover the cost.

COURTS

JURISDICTION

LR: 2435

SPONSOR: Rep. Maloney of Augusta

Title: An Act To Establish a Veterans Court

Comment: This bill would establish a pilot program creating within the judicial system a specialized court for military veterans staffed by veterans.

COURTS

JURORS

LR: 2418

SPONSOR: Rep. Tilton of Harrington

Title: An Act To Increase the Mileage Allowance for Jurors

Comment: This bill would raise the mileage allowance for jurors from 15¢ per mile to 25¢.

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FREEDOM OF ACCESS

RECORD CONFIDENTIALITY

LR: 2651

SPONSOR: Rep. Hayes of Buckfield

Title: An Act To Protect the Privacy of Social Workers

Comment: This bill would prohibit the State from making public the results of licensed clinical social worker examinations.

HUMAN RIGHTS

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

LR: 2367

SPONSOR: Rep. Russell of Portland

Title: An Act To Limit the Definition of "Person" to a Human Being

Comment: This bill would limit the definition of "person" to a human being.

LEGAL SERVICES

INDIGENT

LR: 2425

SPONSOR: Sen. Hastings, III of Oxford

Title: An Act To Facilitate Recovery of Debts Owed to the State for Indigent Legal Services

Comment: This bill would authorize the Judicial Branch to disclose financial information to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services for the purpose of aiding the commission in collection of amounts owed to the commission for indigent legal services.

NATIVE AMERICANS

LAND CLAIMS SETTLEMENT

LR: 2355

SPONSOR: Rep. Mitchell of Penobscot Nation

Title: An Act To Change the Procedures for Approval of Certain Gaming Facilities within Indian Territory

Comment: This bill would amend the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act to permit federally recognized tribes in Maine to operate gaming facilities within Indian territory under the procedures of the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

REAL ESTATE

TIMESHARES

LR: 2412

SPONSOR: Rep. Crockett of Bethel

Title: An Act To Simplify the Foreclosure Process on Abandoned Time-share Condominiums

Comment: This bill would treat abandoned time-share condominiums as abandoned property in order to reduce the costs of foreclosure for the remaining time-share holders.

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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BUSINESS PRACTICES

AUTOMOBILE SALES

LR: 2601 SPONSOR: Rep. Fossel of Alna
Title: An Act To Allow Automobile Sales on Sunday
Comment: This bill would allow automobile sales on Sundays.
Jt Rule 217 Ruling Needed: LD 186

LR: 2661 SPONSOR: Rep. Cushing, III of Hampden
Title: An Act To Amend the Uniform Commercial Code Regarding Motor Vehicle Warranties
Comment: This bill would amend the Uniform Commercial Code to codify the practice by sellers and manufacturers of motor vehicles of excluding or modifying implied warranties.

BUSINESS PRACTICES

GASOLINE STATIONS

LR: 2361 SPONSOR: Rep. O'Connor of Berwick
Title: An Act To Facilitate the Purchase of Reduced Ethanol Fuel by Consumers in the State
Comment: This bill would require that, in addition to any other gasoline they offer, retail dealers and distributors of gasoline in the State offer for sale gasoline blended with only 3% ethanol.

LR: 2446 SPONSOR: Sen. Hastings, III of Oxford
Title: An Act To Protect Gasoline Marketers from Liability for Selling Federally Mandated Gasoline
Comment: This bill would exempt from liability for damage to engines retailers and wholesalers of gasoline that contains more than 10% ethanol, if that percentage is required by the federal government.

BUSINESS PRACTICES

HOME HEATING

LR: 2344 SPONSOR: Sen. Patrick of Oxford
Title: An Act To Protect Consumers Who Enter into Prepaid Oil Contracts
Comment: This bill would require an oil company to reimburse customers who enter into prepaid oil contracts.

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PLANNING**

LR: 2471 SPONSOR: Sen. Dill of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Facilitate the Growth of Small Business through Economic Gardening

Comment: This bill would eliminate barriers to sustainable agriculture and create a regulatory environment that encourages the local production of food.

LR: 2647 SPONSOR: Sen. Hobbins of York

Title: Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Facilitate the Development of Unoccupied Mills

Comment: This resolve would establish the Task Force To Facilitate the Development of Unoccupied Mills. The purpose of the task force is to help municipalities with unoccupied mills to develop the sites and to help improve their local economies.

LR: 2649 SPONSOR: Sen. Hobbins of York

Title: Resolve, To Create the Task Force To Bolster and Expand Exports of Maine Products and Services

Comment: This resolve would create the Task Force To Bolster and Expand Maine Exports of Products and Services. The task force would study ways to increase the level of exports of products and services of Maine businesses. The task force would also study ways to simplify the process of exporting.

**EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION**

LR: 2423 SPONSOR: Rep. Bennett of Kennebunk

Title: An Act Regarding Successor Tax Rates under the Unemployment Laws

Comment: This bill would provide that the recalculated rate of the unemployment tax for a successor employer is the weighted average of the 2 employers' experience rates instead of a simple average.

**EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
PROCEDURES**

LR: 2332 SPONSOR: Rep. Waterhouse of Bridgton

Title: An Act To Provide That Persons Hiring Assistants To Provide Home Care for Relatives Are Not Employers for Purposes of Unemployment Compensation Laws

Comment: This bill would provide that persons hiring home care assistants for relatives in the home are not employers for purposes of unemployment compensation laws.

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LABOR RELATIONS

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

LR: 2352 SPONSOR: Sen. Collins of York
Title: An Act To Increase Communication between Labor Unions and Their Members
Comment: This bill would prohibit automatic payroll deductions for the purpose of paying union dues. It would require union dues to be billed monthly from union headquarters to the home address of the union member and would apply to both private and public employees who are members of any employee organization or labor union.
Jt Rule 217 Ruling Needed: LD 788
Closely Related CO: LD309

LICENSING

ACCOUNTANTS

LR: 2620 SPONSOR: Rep. Cushing, III of Hampden
Title: An Act To Preserve the Integrity of the Maine Certified Public Accountant Examination
Comment: This bill would preserve the integrity of the Maine Certified Public Accountant examination by preventing nonresidents and those not meeting a minimum accounting education requirement from gaining access to the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination under a Maine application.

LICENSING

COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING

LR: 2532 SPONSOR: Rep. Goode of Bangor
Title: An Act To Permit Hair Braiding without a Cosmetology License
Comment: This bill would permit a person to provide hair braiding services without holding a cosmetology license.

LICENSING

DENTAL PERSONNEL

LR: 2362 SPONSOR: Rep. Sirocki of Scarborough
Title: An Act To Establish a Board of Dental Hygienists
Comment: Currently, dental hygienists are regulated under the Board of Dental Examiners, which oversees dentists and other dental professions. This bill would establish a separate Board of Dental Hygienists.

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LICENSING

RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS

LR: 2510 SPONSOR: Sen. Saviello of Franklin
Title: An Act To Allow the Administration of Nitrous Oxide for Analgesic Purposes
by Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners under the Direction of a Physician
Comment: This bill would allow the administration of nitrous oxide for analgesic
purposes by licensed respiratory care practitioners under the direction of a
physician.

**WORKERS COMPENSATION
BOARD**

LR: 2652 SPONSOR: Rep. Prescott of Topsham
Title: Resolve, Directing the Workers' Compensation Board To Revise the Medical
Fee Schedule To Use an Appropriate Conversion Factor in the Payment of
Anesthesia Services
Comment: This resolve would direct the Workers' Compensation Board to revise the
medical fee schedule as it relates to payment for anesthesia services.

**WORKERS COMPENSATION
PROCEDURES**

LR: 2349 SPONSOR: Rep. MacDonald of Boothbay
Title: An Act To Amend Laws Governing Workers' Compensation for Volunteer
Firefighters and Emergency Services Personnel
Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing workers' compensation for
volunteer firefighters and emergency medical service personnel to ensure
coverage under workers' compensation beginning upon the receipt by the
person of the call to attend a fire or accident.
Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2354 Representative Fossel

LR: 2354 SPONSOR: Rep. Fossel of Alna
Title: An Act To Improve Workers' Compensation Coverage for Volunteer
Firefighters
Comment: This bill would provide that workers' compensation for volunteer firefighters
begins at the time an emergency call is received.
Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2349 Representative MacDonald

LR: 2402 SPONSOR: Sen. Jackson of Aroostook
Title: An Act To Address Inequities in the Workers' Compensation System
Comment: This bill would address inequities concerning class codes in the workers'
compensation system.
Jt Rule 217 Ruling Needed: LD 866

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

REGISTERS OF DEEDS

LR: 2421

SPONSOR: Sen. Thomas of Somerset

Title: An Act Concerning Copying Fees for Users of County Registries of Deeds

Comment: Under current law, the fees specified for making abstracts and copies of records at the register of deeds will be repealed July 31, 2012. This bill would eliminate the repeal and continue the charges specified in current law.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

LR: 2376

SPONSOR: Rep. Kaenrath of South Portland

Title: An Act To Reform the Process for Congressional Redistricting

Comment: This bill would create a nonpartisan process for congressional redistricting modeled on Iowa's process by requiring nonpartisan legislative staff to prepare a plan.

LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

LR: 2467

SPONSOR: Rep. Cotta of China

Title: An Act Relating to the Term of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council

Comment: This bill would change the term of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council to a 2-year term beginning January 15, 2014 and provide a method to fill vacancies for the remainder of a term.

LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATORS

LR: 2307

SPONSOR: Rep. Soctomah of Passamaquoddy Tribe

Title: An Act To Require That Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in Maine Be Included in a Single Legislative District

Comment: This bill would require that federally recognized Indian tribes in Maine be included in a single legislative district. This legislative district may include nontribal members.

LEGISLATURE

SESSIONS

LR: 2334

SPONSOR: Rep. Fredette of Newport

Title: An Act To Allow the Adjutant General To Appear before a Joint Session of the Legislature To Address the Legislature

Comment: This bill would allow the Adjutant General to appear before a joint session of the Legislature to address the Legislature.

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**STATE GOVERNMENT
CONTRACTED SERVICES**

LR: 2599 SPONSOR: Rep. Eves of North Berwick
Title: An Act To Address Research and Teaching in Maine's Institutions of Higher Education
Comment: This bill would include private, nonprofit regionally accredited institutions of higher education with main campuses in Maine in the list of entities entitled to a waiver of the requirement of competitive bidding by the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

**STATE GOVERNMENT
REPORTS**

LR: 2512 SPONSOR: Sen. Plowman of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Require Agencies and Their Legal Representatives To Report the Cost of Pursuing Actions in Administrative and Court Proceedings
Comment: This bill would require agencies and their legal representatives to report the cost of pursuing actions in administrative and court proceedings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over the agency on an annual basis.

LR: 2538 SPONSOR: Rep. Prescott of Topsham
Title: An Act To Create Accountability for Department Reporting
Comment: This bill would impose monetary sanctions on state departments and agencies that fail to complete and submit reports to the Legislature as required by law.

**STATE GOVERNMENT
STATE COMMEMORATIONS**

LR: 2331 SPONSOR: Rep. Turner of Burlington
Title: An Act To Promote POW/MIA Recognition Day
Comment: This bill would promote the 3rd Friday in September as POW/MIA Recognition Day.

LR: 2413 SPONSOR: Rep. Crockett of Bethel
Title: An Act To Designate April as the Month of the Military Child
Comment: This bill would designate April as "Month of the Military Child."

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TAXATION

ESTATE TAX

PROVISIONS REVISED

LR: 2634 SPONSOR: Rep. Chipman of Portland
Title: An Act To Promote Fairness in Maine's Estate Tax Exemption
Comment: This bill would restore the exemption under the estate tax to the level in effect in 2009.

INCOME TAX

CREDITS

LR: 2392 SPONSOR: Sen. Collins of York
Title: An Act To Improve Maine's Economy by Establishing a Tax Credit for New Homeowners
Comment: This bill would establish a tax credit for the construction of a home by a first-time homeowner. The tax credit would be effective beginning in tax year 2012.

LR: 2537 SPONSOR: Rep. Martin of Eagle Lake
Title: An Act To Provide for Economic Development
Comment: This bill would provide for economic development through the creation of a tax credit.

LR: 2657 SPONSOR: Rep. Hinck of Portland
Title: An Act To Provide for Economic Development with Offshore Wind Power
Comment: This bill would establish a program to provide tax credits for offshore renewable wind energy for qualified wind energy facilities in wind energy zones.

INCOME TAX

ELDERLY

LR: 2578 SPONSOR: Rep. Harmon of Palermo
Title: An Act To Reduce Taxes for Retired People
Comment: This bill would eliminate income tax on self-employed individual retirement plans for people 65 years of age or older.

INCOME TAX

EXEMPTIONS

LR: 2302 SPONSOR: Rep. Bickford of Auburn
Title: An Act To Facilitate the Employment of the Unemployed
Comment: This bill would provide tax incentives to an employer and employee when that employer hires an employee who has been unemployed for a significant period of time.

Jt Rule 217 Ruling Needed: LD 521

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MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX

LR: 2356

SPONSOR: Rep. Mitchell of Penobscot Nation

Title: An Act To Provide a Tax Exemption for Tobacco Sold to Federally
Recognized Tribes for Religious Ceremonial Purposes

Comment: This bill would permit enrolled members of federally recognized Maine tribes
to buy up to 16 ounces of tobacco each month for religious ceremonial
purposes without paying taxes on that tobacco.

PROPERTY TAX

APPEALS

LR: 2571

SPONSOR: Sen. Gerzofsky of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Require Notification to Opposing Parties Regarding Appeals to the
State Board of Property Tax Review

Comment: This bill would require a party filing an appeal with the State Board of
Property Tax Review to notify opposing parties.

PROPERTY TAX

DEFERRALS

LR: 2322

SPONSOR: Rep. Long of Sherman

Title: An Act To Allow the Deferral of Property Taxes

Comment: This bill would expand the municipal property tax deferral program for senior
citizens to include other property owners in the State.

PROPERTY TAX

MAINE RESIDENTS PROPERTY TAX PROG

LR: 2507

SPONSOR: Sen. Plowman of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Amend the Circuitbreaker Program

Comment: This bill would require renters who apply for benefits under the Circuitbreaker
Program to include in the application either a notarized statement that the rent
has been paid in full or a signed statement to that effect from the landlord.

PROPERTY TAX

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

LR: 2573

SPONSOR: Rep. Shaw of Standish

Title: An Act To Prohibit Municipalities from Imposing Fees on Ice Fishing Shacks

Comment: This bill would prohibit municipalities from imposing fees on ice fishing
shacks.

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SALES AND USE TAX

EXEMPT ITEMS

LR: 2383 SPONSOR: Sen. Thomas of Somerset
Title: An Act To Exempt from the Sales and Use Tax All Fuel Used in Commercial Forestry
Comment: This bill would exempt from the sales and use tax fuel used in commercial forestry. Current law imposes the use tax on fuel used for commercial purposes on which the user gets a refund of the motor fuel tax.
Jt Rule 217 Ruling Needed: LD 42

LR: 2487 SPONSOR: Sen. Courtney of York
Title: An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Electricity for Thermal Storage Heating Power
Comment: This bill would exempt electricity used to charge residential thermal electric storage space and water heaters from the sales and use tax.

LR: 2519 SPONSOR: Sen. Raye of Washington
Title: An Act To Promote Jobs in the Motor Coach Industry by Providing a Sales Tax Exemption for Certain Buses
Comment: This bill would exempt from sales and use tax buses with a capacity of at least 47 passengers engaged in transporting passengers on an interstate or foreign cruise.

SALES AND USE TAX

ITEMS TAXED

LR: 2395 SPONSOR: Rep. Harvell of Farmington
Title: An Act To Amend the Sales Tax as It Pertains to Trailers
Comment: This bill would amend the sales tax as it pertains to trailers.

SALES AND USE TAX

LOCAL OPTION

LR: 2393 SPONSOR: Rep. Pilon of Saco
Title: An Act To Stabilize Municipal Budgets
Comment: This bill would permit a municipality to adopt a local sales tax if approved by a municipal referendum.
Jt Rule 217 Ruling Needed: LD 826

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TRANSPORTATION

MOTOR CARRIERS

WEIGHT

LR: 2438 SPONSOR: Sen. Schneider of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Increase Truck Weight Limits
Comment: This bill would increase the truck weight limits to match the federal truck weight limits.

MOTOR VEHICLES

ANTIQUE

LR: 2414 SPONSOR: Rep. Crockett of Bethel
Title: An Act Regarding the Use of Antique Automobiles
Comment: This bill would create a presumption, for the owner of a registered antique vehicle who owns another vehicle that is registered and inspected, that the owner's primary vehicle is the one that is registered and inspected.

MOTOR VEHICLES

FARM VEHICLES

LR: 2454 SPONSOR: Sen. Whittemore of Somerset
Title: An Act To Clarify the Definition of "Tractor" under the Motor Vehicle Laws
Comment: This bill would amend the definition of "tractor" under the motor vehicle laws to clarify that tractors used solely to service residential premises are exempt from registration requirements and may be covered as personal property under most homeowner's policies.

MOTOR VEHICLES

INSPECTION

LR: 2592 SPONSOR: Rep. Martin of Eagle Lake
Title: An Act To Revise Motor Vehicle Inspection Laws with Regard to Tire Sizes
Comment: This bill would amend the motor vehicle inspection laws with regard to tire sizes.

LR: 2606 SPONSOR: Sen. Mason of Androscoggin
Title: An Act To Modernize Maine's Vehicle Inspection Program
Comment: This bill would modernize the motor vehicle inspection program by adopting an electronic inspection program.
Closely Related CO: LD 198

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ROADS

DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

- LR: 2306 SPONSOR: Rep. Crockett of Bethel
Title: Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority To Place Signs Directing Motorists to Gould Academy at the Interstate Exits Closest to Gould Academy in Bethel
Comment: This resolve would direct the Maine Turnpike Authority to place directional signs on the Maine Turnpike at the northbound and southbound exits of the highway that are located closest to Gould Academy in Bethel and require Gould Academy to assume all costs associated with the directional signs.
- LR: 2391 SPONSOR: Sen. Collins of York
Title: Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority To Place Signs at Exit 19 on the Maine Turnpike Indicating the Location of Antiques Retailers
Comment: This bill would direct the Maine Turnpike Authority to erect signs at Exit 19 on the Maine Turnpike indicating the location of antiques retailers.
- LR: 2598 SPONSOR: Sen. Hill of York
Title: An Act To Allow Signs along Interstate 95 for the Town of Kittery and Its Businesses and Establishments
Comment: This bill would allow signs placed along Interstate 95 to direct travelers to Kittery locations.

ROADS

NAMING

- LR: 2410 SPONSOR: Rep. Rosen of Bucksport
Title: Resolve, To Name Route 1-A between Brewer and Ellsworth the Korean War Veterans Highway
Comment: This resolve would name the portion of Route 1-A between Brewer and Ellsworth the Korean War Veterans Highway.

ROADS

PUBLIC WAYS

- LR: 2370 SPONSOR: Rep. Chase of Wells
Title: An Act To Protect a Private Memorial Placed in a Public Right-of-way
Comment: This bill would prohibit the removal or destruction of a private memorial placed in a public right of way to memorialize a deceased person as long as the memorial does not hinder traffic. Protection would last for 12 months.

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

AGENCY STORES

LR: 2431 SPONSOR: Rep. Lovejoy of Portland

Title: An Act To Support Maine Small Business

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing state agency liquor licenses as follows:
1. It would change the ratio of population to number of stores so that larger communities have the same number of stores per 1000 residents; and
2. It would require that 50% of the licenses be set aside for small businesses.

LR: 2457 SPONSOR: Rep. Bickford of Auburn

Title: An Act To Deregulate Price Controls Imposed by the State on Liquor Stores

Comment: This bill would allow an owner of a liquor store, after the liquor has been bought at wholesale, to sell it at whatever price the owner wants.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

LICENSING

LR: 2411 SPONSOR: Rep. Harmon of Palermo

Title: An Act To Amend the Liquor Laws as They Pertain to Off-premises Catering at Planned Events or Gatherings

Comment: This bill would require that in order to have a taste-testing festival a person must apply for an off-premises catering license.

LR: 2595 SPONSOR: Sen. Katz of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Allow Certain Spas and Salons To Apply for a Beer or Wine License or Both

Comment: This bill would allow certain spas and salons to apply for a beer or wine license or both.

LR: 2655 SPONSOR: Sen. Plowman of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Correct Errors in Recently Enacted Laws Governing Agency Liquor Stores

Comment: This bill would make technical amendments to the law to correctly reflect the intent of the Legislature when it enacted Public Law 2011, chapter 460. This bill would adjust the license fee and eliminate language in order to conform the law to the legislative documents that were adopted by the Legislature.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

LIQUOR

LR: 2577 SPONSOR: Rep. Harmon of Palermo

Title: An Act To Make Maine Liquor Prices and Taxes Equal to Those in New Hampshire

Comment: This bill would make the prices of and taxes on liquor the same as in New Hampshire.

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GAMBLING

BINGO

LR: 2365

SPONSOR: Rep. Mitchell of Penobscot Nation

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing High-stakes Beano Games

Comment: This bill would eliminate the limitation of 27 weekends per year for the operation of high stakes beano games by licensed federally recognized tribes. This bill would also allow the Penobscot Nation and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians to operate electronic beano.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2303 Representative Soctomah

GAMBLING

GAMES OF CHANCE

LR: 2303

SPONSOR: Rep. Soctomah of Passamaquoddy Tribe

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to High-stakes Beano Conducted by the Passamaquoddy Tribe

Comment: This bill would eliminate the provision in the law that limits an organization licensed to operate high-stakes beano games to operation of those games on 27 weekends a year. It also would allow the Passamaquoddy Tribe to operate electronic beano.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2365 Representative Mitchell, W.

GAMBLING

PROCEEDS

LR: 2318

SPONSOR: Rep. Berry of Bowdoinham

Title: An Act To Improve Equine Welfare

Comment: This bill would change the distribution formula for the racinos that have been proposed to provide \$200,000 per year to equine welfare activities in the animal welfare program.

LR: 2662

SPONSOR: Rep. Carey of Lewiston

Title: An Act To Ensure Equal Treatment and Regulation of Casinos

Comment: This bill would ensure the equal treatment and regulation of all casinos.

LANDLORD AND TENANT

ENTRY AND DETAINER

LR: 2384

SPONSOR: Sen. Hastings, III of Oxford

Title: An Act To Clarify the Process of Removal of a Person from a Dormitory or Residential Facility Operated by a Charitable or Philanthropic Organization

Comment: This bill would provide that the forcible entry and detainer process does not apply to the eviction of persons from certain residential facilities operated by a charitable or philanthropic organization.

PART 3

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION SYSTEM - APPROVED CARRY OVER REQUESTS

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Committee Name	Title	Sponsors	Date Approved/Action
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry			
LD: 362	Resolve, Directing the Department of Conservation To Acquire an Easement To Provide Access to the Dead River	MCCABE	6/3/2011
LD: 1109	Resolve, To Target Job Creation in the Agricultural Sector To Improve the Stability and Economic Strength of Rural Maine	MCCABE	6/3/2011
LD: 1120	An Act To Move the Land for Maine's Future Program to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources	MOULTON	6/3/2011
Appropriations and Financial Affairs			
LD: 63	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Repair the Mountain Division Rail Line	DIAMOND PLUMMER	6/14/2011
LD: 111	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Large-scale Marketing and Research and Development for Bulk Sales of Maine Seafood Worldwide	KUMIEGA	6/14/2011
LD: 225	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$50,000,000 To Fund Research and Development	RECTOR CAIN	6/14/2011
LD: 263	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Construction of a Marine Technology Incubator Facility at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute	RUSSELL	6/14/2011
LD: 359	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Wastewater and Drinking Water Revolving Loan Funds	FLOOD GOODALL	6/14/2011
LD: 381	An Act To Establish a New Method of Determining the State Budget	AYOTTE RAYE	6/14/2011
LD: 399	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund LifeFlight	COLLINS MARTIN J	6/14/2011

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	LD: 852 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Maine's Natural Resource-based Economy	TRAHAN CAIN	6/14/2011
	LD: 874 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Educational Opportunities for Underserved Regions of the State	ALFOND WAGNER	6/14/2011
	LD: 894 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Highway and Bridge Infrastructure To Meet the Needs of the Business Sector and To Create Jobs	DIAMOND	6/14/2011
	LD: 919 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Weatherize and Upgrade the Energy Efficiency of Maine Homes and Businesses and To Provide for a Trained Workforce for Maine's Energy Future	HINCK	6/14/2011
	LD: 948 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create Jobs through Energy Efficiency	BARTLETT	6/14/2011
	LD: 979 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create an Animal and Plant Diagnostic Facility at the University of Maine	EDGECOMB SHERMAN	6/14/2011
	LD: 990 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$1,000,000 for Road and Bridge Construction	PATRICK CROCKETT	6/14/2011
	LD: 1187 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Revitalize Maine's Downtowns through Innovative Business Development and the Creative Economy	SULLIVAN CASAVANT	6/14/2011
	LD: 1240 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Reduce the Cost of Government through Energy Efficiency	FITTS	6/14/2011
	LD: 1386 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Challenger Learning Center of Maine	STEVENS FARNHAM	6/14/2011
	LD: 1395 An Act To Authorize a Highway Fund Bond Issue To Improve Maine's Roads and Bridges	CEBRA	6/14/2011
Criminal Justice and Public Safety			
	LD: 648 An Act To Prohibit Organized Retail Theft	PLUMMER	6/3/2011
	LD: 1088 An Act Regarding the Writing of Bad Checks	MARTIN T	6/3/2011
	LD: 1095 An Act To Facilitate the Construction and Operation of Private Prisons by Authorizing the Transport of Prisoners out of State	THOMAS DAVIS	6/3/2011

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Environment and Natural Resources				
	LD: 693	An Act Concerning Solid Waste Facility Citizen Advisory Committees	DUCHESNE	6/14/2011
	LD: 781	An Act To Establish Flushability Standards for Consumer Products Advertised as Flushable	WALSH INNES	6/4/2011
	LD: 879	An Act To Ensure Adequate Landfill Capacity in the State for Solid Waste	CURTIS WHITTEMORE	6/3/2011
	LD: 1278	An Act To Stabilize Solid Waste Management Funding	DUCHESNE	6/3/2011
	LD: 1412	An Act To Promote the Proper Disposal of Used Medical Sharps	WALSH INNES	6/3/2011
	LD: 1458	An Act To Transfer Recycling Technical Assistance and Solid Waste Policy Responsibilities from the State Planning Office to the Department of Environmental Protection	MOULTON SULLIVAN	6/3/2011
Health and Human Services				
	LD: 612	An Act To Provide Reimbursement for Medication Therapy Management Services	RECTOR FITTS	6/3/2011
	LD: 646	Resolve, To Improve Communication Regarding and the Coordination of Care for Children Who Are Prescribed Antipsychotic Medications	WELSH CRAVEN	6/16/2011
	LD: 806	An Act To Provide Public Access to Price Lists of Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Facilities	BERRY LANGLEY	6/3/2011
	LD: 897	An Act To Amend the Application Process for the Progressive Treatment Program	HILL	6/3/2011
	LD: 936	An Act To Conform Maine Menu Labeling Laws to Federal Standards	STRANG BURGESS MCCORMICK	6/3/2011
	LD: 1114	An Act To Improve Preventive Dental Health Care and Reduce Future Avoidable Costs	STRANG BURGESS CRAVEN	6/16/2011
	LD: 1115	Resolve, To Review Oversight and Advisory Responsibilities Related to Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorders	STRANG BURGESS ALFOND	6/28/2011
	LD: 1364	An Act To Improve the Quality and Reduce the Cost of Health Care	FITTS RAYE	6/3/2011

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Committee Name	Title	Sponsors	Date Approved/Action
Judiciary			
LD: 145	An Act To Protect Homeowners Subject to Foreclosure by Requiring the Foreclosing Entity To Provide the Court with Original Documents	BEAVERS	6/10/2011
LD: 324	An Act To Authorize Parents with Power of Attorney To Make Decisions Regarding the Education of Their Adult Children	KENT ALFOND	6/3/2011
LD: 419	An Act To Ensure the Payment of Survivor Benefits to Certain Children	ROSEN R	6/3/2011
LD: 651	An Act To Improve Tribal-State Relations	PRIEST BLISS	6/3/2011
LD: 978	An Act To Amend the Probate Code Regarding Powers of Attorney, Education of Children and Guardianship	STEVENS ROSEN R	6/3/2011
LD: 1377	An Act To Adopt the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act	SANBORN BRANNIGAN	6/3/2011
LD: 1465	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Freedom of Access	ROSEN R	6/3/2011
LD: 1530	An Act To Amend the Housing Provisions of the Maine Human Rights Act	HASTINGS	6/3/2011
LD: 1546	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Deference Afforded to Agency Decisions	PLOWMAN FITTS	6/3/2011
Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development			
LD: 309	An Act To Make Voluntary Membership in a Public Employee Labor Organization in the State	WINSOR SNOWE-MELLO	6/6/2011
LD: 323	An Act To Implement a Coordinated Strategy To Attract New Businesses, Expand Existing Businesses and Develop a Consistent and Recognizable Maine Brand	VOLK RECTOR	6/3/2011
LD: 384	An Act To Provide Incentives To Foster Economic Growth and Build Infrastructure in the State	PICCHIOTTI WHITEMORE	6/3/2011
LD: 765	An Act To Address the Documented Educational and Rehabilitation Needs of Persons Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired	DAVIS THIBODEAU	6/29/2011
LD: 771	An Act To Establish the St. John Valley Regional Planning Commission	AYOTTE JACKSON	6/3/2011

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Committee Name		Title	Sponsors	Date Approved/Action
Taxation	LD: 543	An Act To Protect Legislative Intent in Rulemaking	PRESCOTT GOODALL	6/29/2011
	LD: 769	An Act To Review the Functions of the State Planning Office	MOULTON RECTOR	6/3/2011
	LD: 1550	An Act To Change Document Filing Fees for County Registries of Deeds	MOULTON COLLINS	6/3/2011
	LD: 52	An Act To Dedicate a Percentage of the Sales and Use Tax on Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Parts to the Highway Fund	CEBRA THOMAS	6/3/2011
	LD: 234	An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption to Commercial Horticulturists	HARVELL	6/28/2011
	LD: 305	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Allow Land and Buildings To Be Assessed Differently	CHIPMAN	6/3/2011
	LD: 590	An Act To Require Certain Changes to Sales and Use Tax Policy Application or Practice	CHASE SHERMAN	6/28/2011
	LD: 835	An Act To Strengthen Maine's Economy through Improvements to the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit	KNIGHT SNOWE-MELLO	6/3/2011
	LD: 849	An Act To Provide Tax Relief for Maine's Citizens by Reducing Income Taxes	TRAHAN KNIGHT	6/29/2011
	LD: 876	An Act To Convert Vacant Commercial Property to Occupied Commercial Property	BENNETT	6/3/2011
	LD: 1138	An Act To Prevent Unnecessary Expulsion of Landowners from the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law Program	KNIGHT LANGLEY	6/3/2011
	LD: 1164	An Act To Support Maine Farms and Alleviate Hunger	DION ALFOND	6/3/2011
	LD: 1225	An Act To Create an Income Tax Return Checkoff To Fund Cancer Screening, Detection and Prevention	STRANG BURGESS RAYE	6/3/2011
	LD: 1470	An Act To Ensure Harvesting of Timber on Land Taxed under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law	RAYE MAKER	6/3/2011
	LD: 1535	An Act Relating to Fiscal Notes on Proposed Legislation	KNIGHT TRAHAN	6/3/2011

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Committee Name	Title	Sponsors	Date Approved/Action
LD: 1539	An Act To Improve Laws on Gaming	RAYE	6/3/2011
Total Carryovers Approved: 134			

PART 4

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Senator Alfond of Cumberland

LR: 2533

Title: An Act To Improve the Readiness of Maine High School Graduates

Comments: This bill would require the Maine Community College System and the University of Maine System to report annually on the number of Maine high school students who are enrolled in remediation course work at each campus within their respective systems.

LR: 2603

Title: An Act To Restore Equity in Revenue Sharing

Comments: This bill would establish a separate category of state-municipal revenue sharing to apply to municipalities with a mill rate of 15 mills or more. It would reduce the impact of high property tax burdens on municipalities that serve as regional service centers.

LR: 2607

Title: An Act To Encourage Parental Involvement in Education

Comments: This bill would require every local school district to develop and implement a program to involve parents in the schools and classrooms. Plans must be submitted to the Department of Education every August. The Department of Education would develop a forum on their website to post the plans by district and by school, along with opportunities for parents to communicate about plans via the website.

LR: 2635

Title: An Act To Restructure the National Board Certification Program for Teachers

Comments: This bill would restructure Maine's participation in the National Board Certification program for teachers to provide incentives for teachers to improve their effectiveness through national certification.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Beavers of South Berwick

LR: 2541

Title: Resolve, Regarding Opt-out Charges for Smart Meters

Comments: This bill would prohibit the assessment of additional charges to consumers who opt out of having a smart meter connected to the home.

Sponsor: Representative Beliveau of Kittery

LR: 2476

Title: An Act To Amend the Definition of "Zoning Ordinance"

Comments: This bill would specify that only a town-wide cluster development ordinance or a design ordinance is exempt from being consistent with a comprehensive plan.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham

LR: 2318

Title: An Act To Improve Equine Welfare

Comments: This bill would change the distribution formula for the racinos that have been proposed to provide \$200,000 per year to equine welfare activities in the animal welfare program.

LR: 2351

Title: An Act To Improve Care Options for Sufferers of Serious Illness

Comments: This bill would direct the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to develop a plan that includes goals and benchmarks to enable all Maine residents to have access to affordable hospice care by 2025.

LR: 2364

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Computer Programs for the Purpose of Evading Sales Tax

Comments: This bill would prohibit the sale of computer software that alters the amount of sales made by a retailer for the purpose of reducing the amount of sales tax owed by that retailer. This bill would also require Maine Revenue Services to increase audits of businesses, such as restaurants and convenience stores, that do a significant amount of cash transactions.

LR: 2406

Title: An Act To Avert Future Drug Epidemics and Corrections Costs by Expanding the Availability of the Drug Court

Comments: This bill would expand the availability of the drug court in northern Maine.

Sponsor: Representative Black of Wilton

LR: 2615

Title: An Act To Exempt Maple Sugar Houses from the 1,000-foot Setback Requirement of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission

Comments: This bill would exempt maple sugar houses from the 1,000-foot setback requirement of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Boland of Sanford

LR: 2591

Title: An Act To Secure the Safety of High-voltage Transmission Lines

Comments: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission, when approving the construction of a transmission line, to consider the impact of electromagnetic fields on public health and the vulnerability of the electric transmission system to interruption. Projects previously approved would be required to incorporate protection measures.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2642 Representative O'Connor

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Burns, D. C. of Whiting

LR: 2436

Title: An Act To Modify the Alternative Organizational Structure Budget Approval Process

Comments: This bill would give the member entities of an alternative organizational structure the choice to continue with the budget process in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1461-B, subsection 3, paragraph C or to apportion the costs of system administration and special education administration among the school administrative units in proportion to the services to be performed.

LR: 2640

Title: An Act To Improve Accountability Concerning Travel Reimbursement under MaineCare

Comments: This bill would improve accountability in travel reimbursement payments to MaineCare methadone clients by verifying the travel of the recipients.

LR: 2641

Title: An Act To Protect Blueberry Lands from Damage from Dog Training

Comments: This bill would protect blueberry growers' lands from damage incurred by dog training by prohibiting such training in active blueberry areas.

JR 217 Ruling Needed: LD 996

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Carey of Lewiston

LR: 2662

Title: An Act To Ensure Equal Treatment and Regulation of Casinos

Comments: This bill would ensure the equal treatment and regulation of all casinos.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Chapman of Brooksville

LR: 2581

Title: An Act To Establish Disclosure Standards for Energy Auditors and Weatherization Contractors

Comments: This bill would require energy auditors to disclose to customers and potential customers relationships with businesses that provide the type of services recommended by the auditor and the right of the customer to choose service providers.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Chipman of Portland

LR: 2616

Title: An Act To Improve Municipal Campaign Reporting Requirements

Comments: This bill would require campaign finance reports for municipal candidates to be filed 42 days before a general election as is currently required for state and county candidates.

LR: 2627

Title: An Act Regarding Municipal Campaign Contribution Limits

Comments: This bill would limit campaign contributions to municipal candidates to \$350.

LR: 2628

Title: An Act To Restore Consumer Protections in Health Care

Comments: This bill would repeal Public Law 2011, chapter 90, which modified rating practices for individual and small group health plans and dealt with value-based purchasing of health care services.

LR: 2629

Title: An Act To Restore Health Care and Other Benefits for Legal Immigrants

Comments: This bill would restore MaineCare benefits to legal immigrants, repealing the limits imposed by the state budget passed earlier this year. This bill would also repeal the 5-year residency requirement for legal immigrants to receive any benefits such as TANF or food stamps, another restriction imposed by the state budget passed earlier this year.

LR: 2634

Title: An Act To Promote Fairness in Maine's Estate Tax Exemption

Comments: This bill would restore the exemption under the estate tax to the level in effect in 2009.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Clarke of Bath

LR: 2386

Title: An Act Regarding Inmates on Public Works Projects

Comments: This bill would ensure that the administrator of a regional jail has the same authority as a sheriff has over a county jail to permit certain inmates to participate in public works-related projects or in the improvement of property owned by charitable organizations. It also removes the restriction that such inmates may work only on projects in the county where the jail is located.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2389 Senator Gerzofsky

Sponsor: Representative Cotta of China

LR: 2467

Title: An Act Relating to the Term of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council

Comments: This bill would change the term of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council to a 2-year term beginning January 15, 2014 and provide a method to fill vacancies for the remainder of a term.

Sponsor: Representative Crafts of Lisbon

LR: 2424

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Relating to Concealed Firearms Locked in Vehicles

Comments: This bill would allow a state employee to keep a firearm locked in that employee's car on state property.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Cray of Palmyra

LR: 2530

Title: An Act To Eliminate the Office of Information Technology

Comments: This bill would eliminate the Office of Information Technology within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

LR: 2543

Title: An Act To Prohibit Hunting within 1,200 Feet of a Dwelling

Comments: This bill would prohibit hunting within 1,200 feet, or 400 yards, of a dwelling.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Cushing of Hampden

LR: 2422

Title: An Act To Strengthen the Relationship between Land Users and Landowners

Comments: This bill would make statutory changes that would help continue the tradition of public recreational access to private land. Specifically, it would revamp the Landowners and Sportsmen Relations Advisory Board's functions, establish a strategy for long-term funding of a landowner relations program, implement the recommendations being developed for a land user certification program and update the landowner liability laws as they relate to public use of private land.

LR: 2569

Title: An Act Regarding Insurance Adjusters

Comments: This bill would clarify that clerical activities associated with licensed insurance adjuster activities for electronic portable devices do not require an adjustor's license. It also would amend the laws governing the reporting standards for nonresident owners of claims adjusting businesses.

LR: 2620

Title: An Act To Preserve the Integrity of the Maine Certified Public Accountant Examination

Comments: This bill would preserve the integrity of the Maine Certified Public Accountant examination by preventing nonresidents and those not meeting a minimum accounting education requirement from gaining access to the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination under a Maine application.

LR: 2661

Title: An Act To Amend the Uniform Commercial Code Regarding Motor Vehicle Warranties

Comments: This bill would amend the Uniform Commercial Code to codify the practice by sellers and manufacturers of motor vehicles of excluding or modifying implied warranties.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Senator Diamond of Cumberland

LR: 2470

Title: An Act To Protect Children from Sexual Abuse and To Make Improvements to the Sex Offender Registry and the Computer Crimes Unit

Comments: This bill would establish 4 tiers in the sex offender registry based on the severity of the offense committed by the sex offender. The tiers would have different registration requirements. The bill would also include a description in lay terminology of the various sex offenses in the sex offender registry and establish the computer crimes unit as a separate bureau in the Department of Public Safety.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Espling of New Gloucester

LR: 2469

Title: An Act To Allow Hospitals To Charge a Copayment for Nonemergency Use of an Emergency Room by Certain MaineCare Recipients

Comments: This bill would allow a hospital to charge a copayment for emergency room visits by MaineCare recipients when the hospital determines the patient does not have an emergency medical condition and provides that patient with assistance in finding an alternative provider.

LR: 2501

Title: An Act To Create the New Gloucester Water District

Comments: This bill would create the New Gloucester Water District.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Fitts of Pittsfield

LR: 2612

Title: An Act Related to Specialty Tiers in Prescription Medication Pricing

Comments: This bill would provide that a health plan covering prescription medications may not require cost-sharing, deductibles or coinsurance that exceeds the dollar amount for non-preferred brand drugs or the equivalent.

LR: 2632

Title: An Act To Support Maine's Biomass and Forest Products Industries

Comments: This bill would amend the Community-based Renewable Energy Act to authorize the Public Utilities Commission to enter into short-term bridge contracts with qualifying biomass generators to ensure their continued operation during market fluctuations.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

LR: 2327

Title: Resolve, To Amend the Resolve Establishing a Task Force on Franco-Americans

Comments: This bill would amend Resolve 2011, chapter 102, which established the Task Force on Franco-Americans, to extend the date by which the task force may obtain funding and reduce the cost.

LR: 2333

Title: An Act To Amend the Maine Bail Code To Protect Victims of Domestic Violence

Comments: This bill would amend the Maine Bail Code to protect victims of domestic violence.

LR: 2334

Title: An Act To Allow the Adjutant General To Appear before a Joint Session of the Legislature To Address the Legislature

Comments: This bill would allow the Adjutant General to appear before a joint session of the Legislature to address the Legislature.

LR: 2523

Title: An Act To Eliminate the Priority Treatment of Innovative Schools for School Construction Funds

Comments: This bill would eliminate the funding set aside for innovative school construction projects and eliminate the priority treatment of innovative schools for school construction funds.

LR: 2524

Title: An Act To Appropriate Funds To Support the University-Business Information Technology and Computer Science Partnership

Comments: This bill would appropriate funds to the University of Maine System to support the University-Business Information Technology and Computer Science Partnership.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Gifford of Lincoln

LR: 2380

Title: An Act To Enforce Prompt Payment to Career and Technical Education Regions

Comments: This bill would enact measures designed to ensure prompt payment by school administrative units to career and technical education regions.

LR: 2490

Title: An Act To Require That Pseudoephedrine Be Made Available by Prescription Only

Comments: This bill would make pseudoephedrine and products containing pseudoephedrine available by prescription only.

JR 217 Ruling Needed: LD 774

LR: 2614

Title: An Act Relating to False Claims under the Medicaid Program

Comments: This bill would amend the laws regarding the penalties for false claims under the Medicaid program to model those laws after the federal False Claims Act.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Goode of Bangor

LR: 2532

Title: An Act To Permit Hair Braiding without a Cosmetology License

Comments: This bill would permit a person to provide hair braiding services without holding a cosmetology license.

Sponsor: Representative Hamper of Oxford

LR: 2456

Title: An Act To Reduce Fraud Relating to Returnable Containers

Comments: This bill would reduce the incidence of the redemption of beverage containers on which no deposit has been paid.

JR 217 Ruling Needed: LD 900 ONTP

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Harmon of Palermo

LR: 2411

Title: An Act To Amend the Liquor Laws as They Pertain to Off-premises Catering at Planned Events or Gatherings

Comments: This bill would require that in order to have a taste-testing festival a person must apply for an off-premises catering license.

LR: 2447

Title: An Act To Ensure Equal Tax Treatment for Providers of Residential Care to the Elderly and Disabled

Comments: This bill would exempt from the service provider tax private nonmedical institutions that provide services reimbursed under MaineCare for the elderly and disabled without specializing in a particular diagnosis. The tax is currently not imposed on similar providers that accept only private pay residents and do not participate in the MaineCare Program.

LR: 2577

Title: An Act To Make Maine Liquor Prices and Taxes Equal to Those in New Hampshire

Comments: This bill would make the prices of and taxes on liquor the same as in New Hampshire.

LR: 2578

Title: An Act To Reduce Taxes for Retired People

Comments: This bill would eliminate income tax on self-employed individual retirement plans for people 65 years of age or older.

LR: 2579

Title: An Act To Encourage Youth Hunting

Comments: This bill would increase by 1% the number of antlerless deer permits available for youth.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Haskell of Portland

LR: 2401

Title: An Act To Ensure Equal Treatment of Juvenile Case Records

Comments: This bill specifies that, whenever a juvenile has been adjudicated of a juvenile crime involving operation of a motor vehicle and the court transmits the abstract to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State may use those records only for purposes of any hearing held by the Secretary of State and that the records may not otherwise be made public or become part of the juvenile's driving or motor vehicle record. This bill would protect the record of a juvenile who is adjudicated of an illegal transportation of drugs charge, which is sealed in juvenile court but under current law is widely available when it is placed on the juvenile's driving record.

LR: 2502

Title: An Act To Clarify the Court's Authority To Grant Credit toward Payment of Fines Given for Jail Time

Comments: This bill would clarify the court's authority to grant persons credit toward their fines for time served in incarceration. Two provisions currently exist in statute, one for fines for days and one for days for fines; however, the restrictions on the application of these provisions are inconsistent. The purpose of this bill is to make the 2 provisions consistent to eliminate confusion and ensure the law is properly applied.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Hayes of Buckfield

LR: 2650

Title: An Act To Ensure Tax Equity between Maine Residents and Nonresidents in the Sale of Real Estate

Comments: This bill would provide equal treatment for Maine residents and nonresidents in the taxation of real estate sales.

LR: 2651

Title: An Act To Protect the Privacy of Social Workers

Comments: This bill would prohibit the State from making public the results of licensed clinical social worker examinations.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Hinck of Portland

LR: 2637

Title: An Act To Affirm the Right To Photograph or Videotape Public Officials in Public Places

Comments: This bill would affirm the right of an individual to photograph, film or videotape public events, including events involving public officials in public places, subject to place and manner restrictions for safety and to restrictions preventing undue interference with public officials' performance of their official duties.

LR: 2657

Title: An Act To Provide for Economic Development with Offshore Wind Power

Comments: This bill would establish a program to provide tax credits for offshore renewable wind energy for qualified wind energy facilities in wind energy zones.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook

LR: 2345

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Redevelop the Former Loring Air Force Base

Comments: This bill would authorize a general fund bond issue to redevelop the former Loring Air Force Base.

LR: 2402

Title: An Act To Address Inequities in the Workers' Compensation System

Comments: This bill would address inequities concerning class codes in the workers' compensation system.

JR 217 Ruling Needed: LD 866.

LR: 2403

Title: An Act To Require Reciprocity in Restraining Orders

Comments: This bill would require that restraining orders apply to both parties concerning contact.

LR: 2597

Title: Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Program for Partnering Employers with Skilled Employees for Training and Employment

Comments: This resolve would direct the Department of Education to establish a pilot program based on a Rhode Island initiative that partners employers with adult education programs, community colleges and state agencies to identify jobs that need filling and to assist workers who need training.

Sponsor: Representative Kaenrath of South Portland

LR: 2376

Title: An Act To Reform the Process for Congressional Redistricting

Comments: This bill would create a nonpartisan process for congressional redistricting modeled on Iowa's process by requiring nonpartisan legislative staff to prepare a plan.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Senator Katz of Kennebec

LR: 2589

Title: An Act To Expand the Availability of Natural Gas to Maine Residents

Comments: This bill would establish a minimum equity contribution and a minimum and maximum capital reserve requirement for applicants to the Finance Authority of Maine seeking funds to finance energy distribution system projects for natural gas.

LR: 2590

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create Jobs through Development of Natural Gas Distribution

Comments: This bill would authorize a \$40,000,000 bond for the promotion of distribution of natural gas throughout Maine.

LR: 2595

Title: An Act To Allow Certain Spas and Salons To Apply for a Beer or Wine License or Both

Comments: This bill would allow certain spas and salons to apply for a beer or wine license or both.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Knapp of Gorham

LR: 2445

Title: An Act To Improve Recycling of Mercury-containing Lamps

Comments: This bill would make improvements in the recycling program for mercury-containing fluorescent lamps by creating efficiencies in the collection program, improving recycling education and enhancing the long-term viability of the program.

LR: 2575

Title: An Act To Create Excise Tax Equity and Consistency for Buses

Comments: This bill would provide the same excise tax treatment for motor coaches and school buses as exists for trucks, truck tractors and special mobile equipment and also provide that the excise tax for those vehicles be based on the purchase price.

LR: 2576

Title: An Act To Reduce Sedimentation in Lakes and Ponds

Comments: This bill would require that culverts provided by the Department of Transportation within one mile of a body of water have plunge pools on either end of the culverts and check dams where appropriate to slow the velocity of water in order to reduce sedimentation and phosphorous runoff in lakes and ponds.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock

LR: 2488

Title: An Act To Establish a Program To Certify Maine Shellfish

Comments: This bill would establish a program in the Department of Marine Resources to certify that shellfish are Maine products.

LR: 2525

Title: An Act To Clarify the Membership of Intermediate Educational Unit Boards

Comments: This bill would clarify that employees of Head Start programs may serve as members of the boards of directors of Child Development Service System units.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Long of Sherman

LR: 2322

Title: An Act To Allow the Deferral of Property Taxes

Comments: This bill would expand the municipal property tax deferral program for senior citizens to include other property owners in the State.

LR: 2347

Title: An Act To Provide for Grooming of the Perimeter Road at Baxter State Park

Comments: This bill would allow and provide for the grooming of the perimeter road used by snowmobiles during the winter months.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Lovejoy of Portland

LR: 2431

Title: An Act To Support Maine Small Business

Comments: This bill would amend the laws governing state agency liquor licenses as follows:

1. It would change the ratio of population to number of stores so that larger communities have the same number of stores per 1000 residents; and
2. It would require that 50% of the licenses be set aside for small businesses.

LR: 2432

Title: An Act To Ensure Equitable School Funding in the State

Comments: This bill would amend the school funding formula to repeal the changes enacted in Public Law 2011, chapter 419. In addition, this bill would amend the formula that established the stipend for student poverty and direct the Department of Education to study the current funding formula.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative MacDonald of Boothbay

LR: 2349

Title: An Act To Amend Laws Governing Workers' Compensation for Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Services Personnel

Comments: This bill would amend the laws governing workers' compensation for volunteer firefighters and emergency medical service personnel to ensure coverage under workers' compensation beginning upon the receipt by the person of the call to attend a fire or accident.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2354 Representative Fossel

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock

LR: 2325

Title: An Act To Create an Equal Education Funding Model

Comments: This bill would repeal the current school funding formula and instead distribute to municipalities exactly the same amount of money per student for each day a student is in attendance.

JR 217 Ruling Needed: LD 93

LR: 2359

Title: An Act To Require the Use of a Personal Flotation Device in a Kayak and Canoe

Comments: This bill would require a person in a kayak or canoe to wear a Type I, II or III personal flotation device.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Senator Martin of Kennebec

LR: 2448

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Health Insurance for Certain State Employees

Comments: This bill would exempt certain persons in appointed positions in State Government who have not yet reached retirement age, but who have the number of years required, from the requirement that a person retire by January 1, 2012 or be responsible for 100% of health insurance premiums until retirement.

LR: 2638

Title: An Act To Improve Maine's Snowmobiling Experience

Comments: This bill would increase snowmobile registration fees and give people the opportunity to donate to the Snowmobile Trail Fund without having to join a snowmobile club. The bill would also require that the donated funds must be used for trail maintenance.

LR: 2639

Title: An Act To Improve Interaction between State Agencies and Small Businesses

Comments: This bill would authorize the award of administrative costs or litigation costs to the prevailing party in an administrative action or court action involving the State. This bill would require that the penalties be withdrawn and that the prevailing party be afforded restitution for attorney and court costs. If the State were to prevail, it would be awarded compensation for its defense fees.

JR 217 Ruling Needed: LD 1093

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Senator Mason of Androscoggin

LR: 2605

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Stalking and Domestic Violence

Comments: This bill would increase the penalty for a 2nd offense under the laws governing stalking. It would also create the new crimes of "aggravated stalking" and "aggravated violation of a protective order."

LR: 2606

Title: An Act To Modernize Maine's Vehicle Inspection Program

Comments: This bill would modernize the motor vehicle inspection program by adopting an electronic inspection program.

Closely Related CO:LR 1407 LD 198

Sponsor: Senator McCormick of Kennebec

LR: 2426

Title: An Act To Conform Maine's Prescription Privacy Laws with the United States Constitution

Comments: This bill would repeal provisions of Maine's laws providing confidentiality for certain prescription drug information relating to prescribers to conform state law to the United States Supreme Court decision in *Sorrell v. IMS Health, Inc.*, 131 S. Ct. 2653 (2011) holding unconstitutional similar provisions in the laws of Vermont.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Mitchell, W. of Penobscot Nation

LR: 2355

Title: An Act To Change the Procedures for Approval of Certain Gaming Facilities within Indian Territory

Comments: This bill would amend the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act to permit federally recognized tribes in Maine to operate gaming facilities within Indian territory under the procedures of the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

LR: 2356

Title: An Act To Provide a Tax Exemption for Tobacco Sold to Federally Recognized Tribes for Religious Ceremonial Purposes

Comments: This bill would permit enrolled members of federally recognized Maine tribes to buy up to 16 ounces of tobacco each month for religious ceremonial purposes without paying taxes on that tobacco.

LR: 2365

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing High-stakes Beano Games

Comments: This bill would eliminate the limitation of 27 weekends per year for the operation of high stakes beano games by licensed federally recognized tribes. This bill would also allow the Penobscot Nation and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians to operate electronic beano.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2303 Representative Soctomah

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Moulton of York

LR: 2630

Title: An Act To Clarify the Status of Patients Held under Involuntary Commitment Applications

Comments: This bill would clarify that a judicial finding that an application and certificate are in order for transport of a person for mental health evaluation and treatment is not a determination of involuntary commitment.

LR: 2636

Title: An Act To Clarify the Liability of 3rd-party Building Inspectors

Comments: This bill would clarify the law to ensure that 3rd-party building inspectors acting pursuant to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code or a local building code have the same protection from liability under the Maine Tort Claims Act as other persons acting on behalf of a governmental entity.

Sponsor: Representative Nelson of Falmouth

LR: 2534

Title: An Act To Remove Limitations on Restoration to Service for Education Technicians
Who Retire on or after July 1, 2011

Comments: This bill would provide that education technicians who retire on or after July 1, 2011
may be restored to service without being limited to 5 years and 75% of normal
compensation.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2588 Senator Rector

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2594 Senator Hill

Sponsor: Representative O'Brien of Lincolnville

LR: 2613

Title: An Act To Enhance Professional Development for School Superintendents and Principals

Comments: This bill would require superintendents and principals in public schools to teach in classrooms each year as part of their continuing education.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Olsen of Phippsburg

LR: 2310

Title: An Act To Increase to a Class C Crime the Failure To Report a Missing Child within 24 Hours

Comments: This bill would make it a Class C crime for a parent or legal guardian to fail to report a missing child within 24 hours.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2308 Representative Blodgett

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2309 Senator Thibodeau

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2311 Representative McCabe

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2312 Representative Maker

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2313 Representative Timberlake

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Senator Patrick of Oxford

LR: 2344

Title: An Act To Protect Consumers Who Enter into Prepaid Oil Contracts

Comments: This bill would require an oil company to reimburse customers who enter into prepaid oil contracts.

LR: 2617

Title: Resolve, To Study the Funding Needs of Maine's Transportation Infrastructure

Comments: This resolve would establish a commission to study the funding needs of Maine's transportation infrastructure. The commission would review the current funding streams, identify the State's transportation needs and establish priorities, make recommendations and submit a report to the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

LR: 2631

Title: An Act To Establish an Adult Education College and Career Pathways System in Maine

Comments: This bill would establish an adult education college and career pathways system in Maine by building on the existing Maine college transition programs.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Pilon of Saco

LR: 2393

Title: An Act To Stabilize Municipal Budgets

Comments: This bill would permit a municipality to adopt a local sales tax if approved by a municipal referendum.

JR 217 Ruling Needed: LD 826

LR: 2443

Title: An Act To Establish the Maine State High School Marching Band

Comments: This bill would establish the Maine State High School Marching Band.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Plummer of Windham

LR: 2374

Title: An Act To Exempt Documentation Fees for Motor Vehicles and Personal Watercraft from Sales Tax

Comments: This bill would provide that documentation fees connected with the sale of a motor vehicle or a personal watercraft are not subject to sales tax.

LR: 2472

Title: An Act To Increase the Pheasant Hunting Permit Fee

Comments: This bill would increase the pheasant hunting permit fee to \$29, with \$27 designated to support the pheasant hunting program and \$2 retained by the vendor.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Priest of Brunswick

LR: 2503

Title: An Act To Provide Magistrates To Assist the Court in Handling Small Claims and Landlord-tenant Cases

Comments: This bill would permit the use of magistrates in small claims and landlord-tenant cases in order to avoid significant delays in district court. The court would be authorized to increase filing fees to cover the cost.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: President Raye of Washington

LR: 2619

Title: An Act To Increase Energy Options

Comments: This bill would grant to communities not served by consumer-owned utilities the opportunity to manage their own standard-offer electricity supplies in the same manner permitted for consumer-owned utilities.

LR: 2656

Title: An Act To Provide for an Advisory Referendum on the Approval of Tax-exempt Student Loan Revenue Bonds

Comments: This bill directs the Secretary of State to hold an advisory referendum at a statewide election to determine whether the voters of the State favor the Governor's approval of no more than \$50,000,000 of tax-exempt student loan revenue bonds for the next 3 years to be repaid by the loan recipients.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Richardson, W. of Warren

LR: 2378

Title: An Act Relating To Determining Population for Purposes of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code

Comments: This bill would provide that the prison population in a municipality would not be included when calculating population for purposes of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.

LR: 2420

Title: An Act To Improve Auxiliary Lighting on Personal Emergency Response Vehicles

Comments: This bill would authorize the use of improved auxiliary lighting on the personal vehicles of firefighters and emergency responders when responding to emergencies.

JR 217 Ruling Needed: LD 1148

LR: 2486

Title: An Act To Require Funds for Prearranged Funerals To Be Invested Subject to the Requirements of the Maine Uniform Prudent Investor Act

Comments: This bill would require that funds held in prearranged funeral and burial plans be invested and managed in a manner consistent with the Maine Uniform Prudent Investor Act.

LR: 2572

Title: An Act To Permit Financial Institutions To Share Certain Information for the Purpose of Preventing Electronic Bank Card Losses

Comments: This bill would permit financial institutions to share information about persons other than individuals to the same extent that information about individuals may be shared under federal law.

LR: 2596

Title: An Act To Correct Inconsistencies and Ambiguities in the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association Act

Comments: This bill would make technical corrections to address inconsistencies and ambiguities in the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association Act.

Sponsor: Senator Rosen, R. of Hancock

LR: 2329

Title: An Act To Amend the Charter of the Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation

Comments: This bill would amend the charter of the Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation to remove the requirement that a nonresident officer of the Board of Overseers reside within 25 miles of the Lucerne-in-Maine fire station and a restriction on the staggering of terms.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Russell of Portland

LR: 2366

Title: An Act To Recognize Common-law Marriage

Comments: This bill would recognize common-law marriage.

LR: 2367

Title: An Act To Limit the Definition of "Person" to a Human Being

Comments: This bill would limit the definition of "person" to a human being.

LR: 2368

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Mortgage Securitization Practice of Endorsement in Blank

Comments: This bill would prohibit the mortgage securitization practice of endorsement in blank.

LR: 2441

Title: An Act To Restore Election Day Voter Registration

Comments: This bill would reinstate the ability of eligible individuals to register to vote up to and on the day of an election.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2479 Representative Bolduc

LR: 2504

Title: An Act To Update Options under the Maine Learning Technology Initiative

Comments: This bill would permit school districts to provide alternative technologies to students under the Maine Learning Technology Initiative.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Sarty of Denmark

LR: 2350

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Extraction of Water from Great Ponds for Purposes of Generating Energy

Comments: This bill would require that the State, through the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Department of Conservation and Department of Environmental Protection, authorize the volume of water to be extracted from great ponds for purposes of generating electricity.

LR: 2398

Title: An Act To Restore Supplemental Health Insurance Coverage for Disadvantaged Children of State Retirees

Comments: This bill would restore supplemental health insurance coverage for disadvantaged children over 19 years of age of retirees in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin

LR: 2514

Title: An Act To Facilitate the Use of Alternative Biomedical Waste Treatment Devices

Comments: This bill would authorize the use of alternative biomedical waste treatment devices by a health care provider to treat waste generated by that health care provider.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2505 Senator Dill

LR: 2515

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Discontinued Town Ways

Comments: Under existing law, a public easement is retained on discontinued town ways. This bill would authorize municipal officers to propose placing restrictions on the public easement, such as limiting motorized vehicle traffic, as part of the discontinuance order approved by the local legislative body.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Shaw of Standish

LR: 2573

Title: An Act To Prohibit Municipalities from Imposing Fees on Ice Fishing Shacks

Comments: This bill would prohibit municipalities from imposing fees on ice fishing shacks.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Sirocki of Scarborough

LR: 2357

Title: An Act To Improve Well Water Testing at Licensed Child Care Facilities

Comments: This bill would require testing of well water used at licensed child care facilities for arsenic and cadmium.

LR: 2362

Title: An Act To Establish a Board of Dental Hygienists

Comments: Currently, dental hygienists are regulated under the Board of Dental Examiners, which oversees dentists and other dental professions. This bill would establish a separate Board of Dental Hygienists.

LR: 2363

Title: An Act To Withdraw the State from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

Comments: Current law requires the State to withdraw from the regional greenhouse gas initiative if other participating states have a total carbon dioxide emissions budget totaling less than 35,000 tons. This bill would eliminate this condition for withdrawal, and instead require the State simply to withdraw from the regional greenhouse gas initiative.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Soctomah of Passamaquoddy Tribe

LR: 2303

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to High-stakes Beano Conducted by the Passamaquoddy Tribe

Comments: This bill would eliminate the provision in the law that limits an organization licensed to operate high-stakes beano games to operation of those games on 27 weekends a year. It also would allow the Passamaquoddy Tribe to operate electronic beano.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2365 Representative Mitchell, W.

LR: 2307

Title: An Act To Require That Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in Maine Be Included in a Single Legislative District

Comments: This bill would require that federally recognized Indian tribes in Maine be included in a single legislative district. This legislative district may include nontribal members.

LR: 2396

Title: An Act To Return to the Passamaquoddy Tribe the Tax on Sales Occurring on Land Held in Trust by the Passamaquoddy Tribe

Comments: This bill would require the Treasurer of State to return to the Passamaquoddy Tribe any tax collected on sales on land held in trust by the tribe.

LR: 2397

Title: An Act To Impose a Penalty for Making False Claims Regarding Affiliation with a Federally Recognized Tribe

Comments: This bill would make it a crime to falsely claim affiliation with a federally recognized tribe in order to obtain services to which a member of a federally recognized tribe is entitled.

LR: 2458

Title: An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing School Enrollment for Children Who Are Placed in Foster Homes by Indian Child Welfare Agencies

Comments: This bill would specifically authorize children who are placed outside the reservation by Indian Child Welfare agencies to attend school where the foster family resides.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Strang Burgess of Cumberland

LR: 2450

Title: Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services To Develop an Alternative Method of Calculating Minimum Staffing Levels in Nursing Homes

Comments: This resolve would authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to develop an alternative method of calculating minimum staffing levels in nursing homes.

LR: 2580

Title: An Act To Allow for the Timely Access to and Enhanced Administration of Injectable Medications, Biologicals, Immunizations and Vaccines

Comments: This bill would amend the law listing the named drugs and immunizations that pharmacists may administer to enable authorized pharmacists to administer any federally approved drug, immunization or vaccine as well as any allergy or other injectable biological. It would also change the minimum age for administration for all such medications to allow administration to a person 12 years of age or older and would reduce the minimum age for administration of influenza vaccines and intranasal influenza vaccines to 5 years. It would also enable an authorized pharmacist to hold an off-site clinic to administer all such medications without requiring the prior consent of the Maine Board of Pharmacy as long as the pharmacist or drug outlet has obtained prior approval of its plan of operation for operating the off-site clinic.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Senator Thibodeau of Waldo

LR: 2309

Title: An Act To Require That Authorities Be Notified within 48 Hours after a Child is Missing

Comments: This bill would require that authorities be notified within 48 hours after a child is missing and notified within 2 hours of a child's death.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2308 Representative Blodgett

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2310 Representative Olsen

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2311 Representative McCabe

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2312 Representative Maker

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2313 Representative Timberlake

LR: 2317

Title: An Act To Require a Minimum Number of School Days for All Schools

Comments: This bill would require all public and private elementary and secondary schools, regardless of the accrediting body, to meet for at least 175 days.

LR: 2348

Title: An Act To Create Efficiency in E-9-1-1 Call Centers

Comments: This bill would create efficiency in E-9-1-1 call centers.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Tilton of Harrington

LR: 2418

Title: An Act To Increase the Mileage Allowance for Jurors

Comments: This bill would raise the mileage allowance for jurors from 15¢ per mile to 25¢.

LR: 2484

Title: An Act To Sustain the Elver Fishery

Comments: This bill would sustain the market for elvers while conserving the elver resource by allowing fishing with reasonable conditions.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Turner of Burlington

LR: 2331

Title: An Act To Promote POW/MIA Recognition Day

Comments: This bill would promote the 3rd Friday in September as POW/MIA Recognition Day.

LR: 2382

Title: An Act Regarding the School Fund in the Town of Burlington

Comments: This bill would allow the Town of Burlington to lapse the funds remaining in a school fund to the town's general fund.

Sponsor: Representative Waterhouse of Bridgton

LR: 2332

Title: An Act To Provide That Persons Hiring Assistants To Provide Home Care for Relatives
Are Not Employers for Purposes of Unemployment Compensation Laws

Comments: This bill would provide that persons hiring home care assistants for relatives in the
home are not employers for purposes of unemployment compensation laws.

Sponsor: Senator Whittemore of Somerset

LR: 2454

Title: An Act To Clarify the Definition of "Tractor" under the Motor Vehicle Laws

Comments: This bill would amend the definition of "tractor" under the motor vehicle laws to clarify that tractors used solely to service residential premises are exempt from registration requirements and may be covered as personal property under most homeowner's policies.

Bill Requests for Screening

Sponsor: Representative Wood of Sabattus

LR: 2609

Title: An Act To Increase the Hours of the Day Authorized for Turkey Hunting

Comments: This bill would increase the portion of the day during which turkey hunting is authorized.

LR: 2610

Title: An Act To Facilitate the Stocking of Water Bodies by Municipalities

Comments: This bill would authorize a municipality to stock bodies of water within its boundaries with fish acquired from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or approved private hatcheries in accordance with standards and procedures established by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Under this bill, the municipality would be required to pay all of the expenses incurred by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in inspections and monitoring related to such fish stocking.

PART 5

**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND INTERIM STUDY GROUPS ESTABLISHED BY
THE 1ST REGULAR SESSION OF THE 125TH LEGISLATURE (2011)**

Interim Studies and Short-term Committees

Name	Authorized By	Report Date
Advisory Committee on Maine's Health Insurance Exchange ★	Resolve 105	IFW Committee 9/1/11*
Blue Ribbon Commission on Affordable Housing	Resolve 108	LCED Committee 2/15/12*
Commission on Reform of the Governance of Land Use Planning in the Unorganized Territory ★	Resolve 113	ACF Committee 1/4/12*
Commission to Reapportion Maine's Congressional Districts	JO HP 1186	To 125 th Legislature 8/31/11*
Commission to Study Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine	Resolve 112	AFA & HHS Committees 12/7/11*
Commission to Study Priorities and Timing of Judicial Proceedings in State Courts	Resolve 104	JUD Committee 12/7/11*
Committee to Review Issues Dealing with Regulatory Takings	Resolve 111	JUD Committee 12/7/11*
State Planning Office Working Group	PL 380, Part FF	AFA Committee 12/1/11*
Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center Working Group	PL 380, Part NN	AFA and HHS Committees 12/1/11*
Study the Creation of a School of Hospitality and Hotel Management in UMS	Resolve 53	EDU Committee 1/31/12*
Study the Promotion and Expansion of the Maine Maple Sugar Industry	Resolve 48	ACF Committee 12/7/11*
Task Force on Franco-Americans	Resolve 102	Legislature 12/6/11 preliminary rpt.; EDU Committee 11/7/12*

PART 6

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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

ANIMAL WELFARE

PULLING

2460 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Pull Events Commission

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2498 An Act To Streamline Regulation of Forestry Activities

2499 An Act To Extend the Time Allowed for Outcome-based Forestry

2500 An Act To Streamline the Paperwork Requirements of the State's Forest Practices Laws

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CONTAINERS

2459 An Act To Eliminate the Deposit Requirements for Containers of Limited and Restricted Use Pesticides

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

STATE FINANCES

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2625 An Act To Provide for the 2011 and 2012 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR ADULT OFFENDERS

2547 An Act Regarding Fees under the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision

INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR JUVENILES

2546 An Act To Establish a Separate State Council for Juveniles under the Interstate Compact for Juveniles

CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

2409 An Act Regarding the Interception of Telephone Calls of Residents of State Correctional Facilities and Jails

CORRECTIONS DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

2548 An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of Law Governing the Department of Corrections

FIRE SAFETY

PREVENTION

2561 An Act To Require Carbon Monoxide Detectors in All Residential Occupancies

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

2557 An Act To Ensure That the Public Is Duly Informed When Certain Juvenile Crimes Are Committed

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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HOME-BASED CARE

2495 An Act To Amend the Organization of the Quality Assurance Review Committee

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

ADMINISTRATION

2494 An Act To Clarify the Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services To Impose Administrative Sanctions upon Vendors, Providers and Participants in the Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

PROCEDURES

2491 An Act To Allow for Contingency Fee Agreements for the MaineCare Recovery Audit Contractors Agreement

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

DELIVERY

2496 An Act To Lessen the Regulatory Burden on Providers by Removing Outdated Requirements from the Maine Medical Laboratory Act

MEDICAID

PROVIDERS

2492 An Act To Limit Payment for Care and Treatment of Residents of State Institutions

VITAL STATISTICS

DATA RECORDS

2493 An Act Regarding the Filing of Birth, Death and Marriage Data

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

HUNTING

REGULATIONS

2567 An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Laws

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DOMESTIC RELATIONS

CHILD SUPPORT

2497 An Act To Repeal the Automatic Suspension of Child Support Obligations

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COMPENSATION

MINIMUM WAGE

2550 An Act To Clarify the Minimum Wage Law as It Relates to People with Disabilities

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

DISQUALIFICATION

2553 An Act To Correct an Inconsistency in Employment Security Law

2554 An Act To Prevent and Reduce Unemployment Benefit Fraud

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2556 An Act To Standardize Aviation-related Regulations

MOTOR VEHICLES

OMNIBUS

2643 An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

ROADS

DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

2555 An Act To Assist Travelers

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2623 An Act To Refine Transportation Capital Goals

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DEFENSE AND VETERANS SERVICES DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

2461 An Act To Update the Membership of the Homeland Security Advisory Council

2462 An Act To Update the Responsibilities and Duties of the Bureau of Maine
Veterans' Services

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2633 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Clean Election Act

VOTING PROCEDURES

2654 An Act To Amend the Election Laws

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GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

2562 An Act To Amend Maine's Gambling Laws