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125TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



APPEALED BILL REQUESTS

Office of the Revisor of Statutes

BOOK II APPEALS

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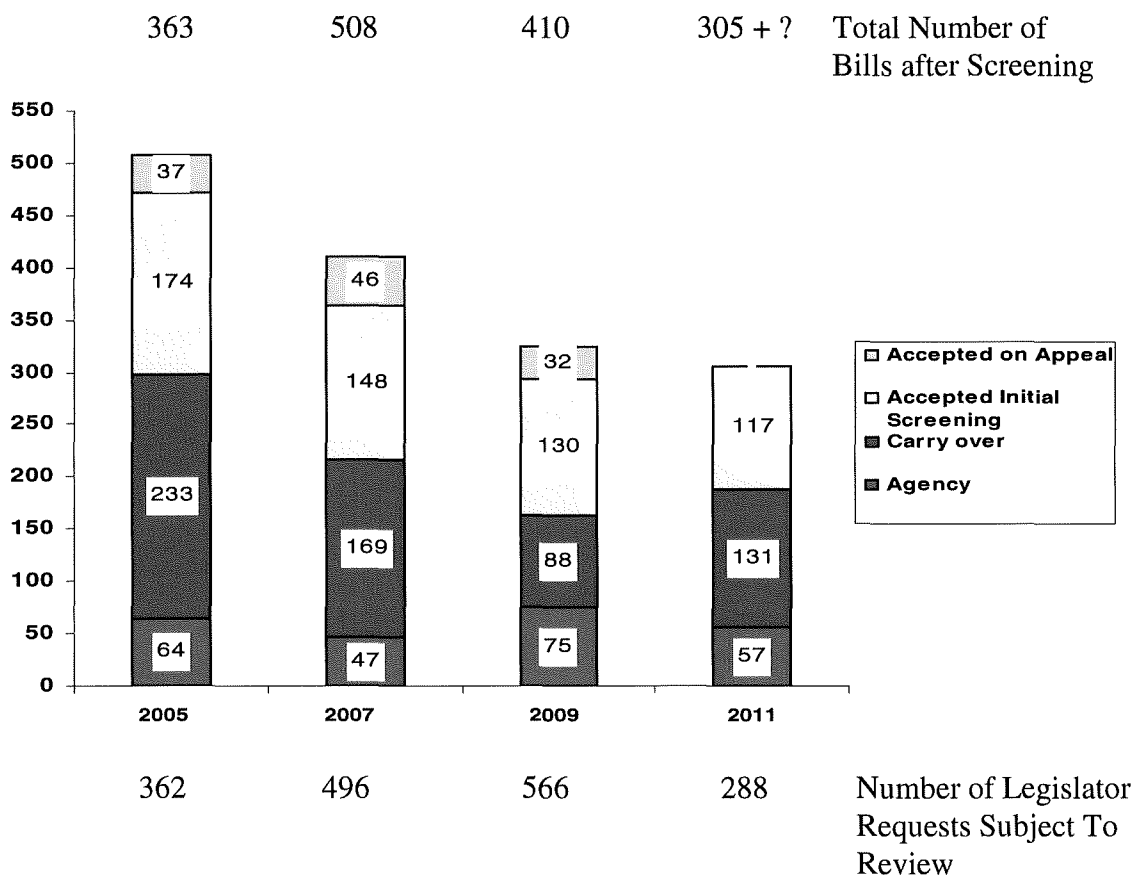
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INTRODUCTION

This volume contains the titles and summaries of the 63 bill requests filed before cloture, rejected at the Legislative Council's October 31st meeting and appealed by the appeal deadline on October 8th. The council accepted 117 of 288 requests at its October 31st meeting. Part 7 contains a record of the vote for the requests and is sorted by sponsors' names in alphabetical order. Each sponsor's appeal notice is reproduced as received followed immediately by the ballot for the appealed request. Part 8 contains a list of appealed bills by broad subject. Part 9 contains a list of bill requests accepted by broad subject. Part 10 contains a list of accepted bill requests in order alphabetically by sponsor.

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PART 7

125th Legislature
Second Regular Session

Appeal Letters and Voting Records of
Legislative Council Meeting of
October 31, 2011



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November 7, 2011

Sen. Kevin Raye, Chair
Legislative Council
115 State House Station
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Dear President Raye:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2541 Resolve, to Remedy the Inequity Created by Opt Out Charges for Smart Meters

This is an emergency because the installation of these meters, which have been in progress this past year, will be completed during the first quarter of 2012 and the cost of opting out is unfairly affecting the elderly, the poor and other vulnerable citizens who cannot afford the up to 100% tax on their electricity delivery charge to opt out, whether for reasons of privacy or for health concerns.

The stimulus funds, which CMP used to pay for half of the cost of smart meters were to be used to increase jobs, not to eliminate permanent jobs (meter readers) and replace them with temporary jobs (installers).

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 17 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roberta B. Beavers".

Bobbi Beavers
State Representative

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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EUT	ELECTRIC UTILITIES PLANNING	LR: 2541
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Sponsor: Rep. Beavers, R. of South Berwick
Resolve, Regarding Opt-out Charges for Smart Meters

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	Yes	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alford	No	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	Out

Comments

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



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November 3, 2011

Sen. Kevin Raye, Chair
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Dear President Raye:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR: 2315 An Act To Require Birthing Facilities To Screen Newborns for Congenital Heart Disease

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 17 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry E. M. Beck".

State Representative District 76

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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HHS HEALTH CARE SERVICES
 SCREENING

LR: 2315

Sponsor: Rep. Beck, H. of Waterville

An Act To Require Birthing Facilities To Screen Newborns for Congenital Heart Disease

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	Yes
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

Comments

This bill would require licensed health care facilities with inpatient birthing services to perform pulse oximetry screening on newborns to detect congenital heart disease.



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To: President Raye
Legislative Council Chairperson

From: Representative Beliveau of Kittery

Re: Notice of Appeal for LR 2476, An Act To Amend the Definition of "Zoning Ordinance"

Date: November 7, 2011

Please reconsider the rejection of the precloture bill request filed for introduction in the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature on the following grounds:

1. The 123rd Legislature enacted an amendment in June of 2007 to a subsection definition of zoning ordinance to one paragraph (Title 30-A MRS §4314(3)), *but failed* to make the same amendment to another similarly worded sub-section that required the same definition (Title 30-A MRS §4352(2)). This Amendment corrects the prior omission.
2. This omission, if left uncorrected, could result in unnecessary litigation by:
 - a. empowering municipalities to enact ordinances that directly conflict with dimensional standards contained in their Comprehensive Plans and causing citizens to challenge such enactments in court; and
 - b. causing citizens to petition the courts for declaratory judgments on the unconstitutionality of the State statute (allowing municipalities to significantly alter abutting property value circumventing the controls contained in the municipal comprehensive planning process).
3. The State Planning Office has been contacted and agrees that the prior amendment was incomplete and should be corrected.

For the above reasons, I respectfully request this appeal be granted and the Amendment allowed to continue for consideration by the Second Regular Session.

Respectfully,

Representative Beliveau of Kittery

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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ENR	LAND USE	LR: 2476
	COMPREHENSIVE PLANS	

Sponsor: Rep. Beliveau, D. of Kittery
An Act To Amend the Definition of "Zoning Ordinance"

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alford	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	Out

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.



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November 8, 2011

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye, Chair
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Re: L.R. 2423, "*An Act Regarding Successor Tax Rates under the Unemployment Laws*"

Dear President Raye:

I am writing to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision regarding L.R. 2423, "*An Act Regarding Successor Tax Rates under the Unemployment Laws.*" Should Council members have any questions as to why this bill is an emergency and should be admitted for consideration during the 125th Legislature's Second Regular Session, I will be in attendance at the November 17 meeting to address their concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you wish to discuss this matter with me personally, I can be reached by phone at 502-2926.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul E. Bennett".

Paul E. Bennett
State Representative

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125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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LCED EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION

LR: 2423

Sponsor: Rep. Bennett, P. of Kennebunk

An Act Regarding Successor Tax Rates under the Unemployment Laws

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	Yes	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	Yes	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alfond	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	Out

Comments

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.



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Sen. Kevin Raye, Chair
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Dear President Raye:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR 2351: Resolve, To Improve Care Options for Sufferers of Serious Illness.**

Maine faces a crisis with respect to end-of-life care. This fall, I learned Maine has no plan in the face of this crisis.

Already, too many Mainers die painfully and without options for home or hospice care. This avoidable situation will worsen without a plan. We are the oldest state in the nation, and by 2030 fully 58% of our population is expected to be over 65.

Maine ranks 28th out of 50 States in Medicare Hospice utilization with 37.8%. Many areas of the state still have no access to hospice or palliative care options. Also, recent data shows that one in four Americans dying each year is a veteran. Mainers deserve better.

Before voting, please consider whether you feel basic hospice or palliative care options should be available to you or to a loved one in time of need.

Acting now does not necessarily require major new public expense. Both the Hospice Association and the health care practitioners I am working with believe we can wait no longer to create a plan to address this crisis. They are eager to get to work.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 17 to discuss this proposal and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Seth Berry".

Seth Berry

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plus the unorganized territory of Perkins Township

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HHS HEALTH CARE SERVICES
 HOSPICES

LR: 2351

Sponsor: Rep. Berry, S. of Bowdoinham

An Act To Improve Care Options for Sufferers of Serious Illness

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	Yes
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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.



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Dear President Raye:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR 2364, An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Computer Programs for the Purpose of Evading Sales Tax.**

This summer, new computer programs called "zappers" became a widespread concern among state tax officials. These sophisticated tax-evasion programs are legal in Maine and most other states. Many states are now moving forward to ban them.

Maine may have more reason to worry than most states. Across our border, the Canada Revenue Agency has found that one in three restaurants audited have used zappers, robbing others taxpayers of about \$1 million per incident. Quebec has been especially hard hit, losing \$417 million to zapper fraud in just one fiscal year and identifying over 230 zapper cases.

In the U.S., zapper expert Richard Ainsworth, a featured presenter this summer at NCSL, believes literally billions in fraud are being committed in individual states each year.

As my House Chair, Rep. Knight, said recently to Mal Leary, zappers are subversive and should be outlawed in Maine. This bill would allow us to act.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 17 to discuss this proposal and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Seth Berry".

Seth Berry

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TAX	SALES AND USE TAX	LR: 2364
	PROVISIONS REVISED	

Sponsor: Rep. Berry, S. of Bowdoinham

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

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

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.



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Sen. Kevin Raye, Chair
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Dear President Raye:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of LR 2406, and change its title to An Act To Prevent Recidivism by Highest-Risk Drug Users.

I submit this proposal at the request of the Maine Association of Substance Abuse Providers.

As you know, our battle against drug abuse must be waged on all three fronts: education, treatment, and regulation. This bill will help us ensure effective treatment and prevent recidivism by highest-risk users.

Specifically, the bill proposes a competitive, RFP approach for quality sentencing and treatment to ensure accountability and results in areas of greatest need. It proposes to do this by redeploying an existing federal funding stream. Both components will generate discussion and therefore require a hearing.

Due to the bath salts epidemic, some areas such as greater Bangor and Waterville are especially in need, and might be ideal candidates for this need-based, competitive funding.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 17 to discuss this proposal and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Seth Berry".

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CJPS

CRIMES

LR: 2406

DRUG OFFENSES

Sponsor: Rep. Berry, S. of Bowdoinham

An Act To Prevent Recidivism by High-Risk Drug Users

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alford	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

Comments

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



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November 8, 2011

To: Senator Kevin Raye, Chair of Legislative Council

Re: LR 2591, An Act to Secure the Safety of
Electrical Power Transmission Lines

This legislation proposes to substantially solve two problems simultaneously.

The first problem is the biohazards of electromagnetic fields around power lines.

The second problem is the vulnerability of our power lines, themselves, to potentially catastrophic damage from geomagnetic solar storms, and from electromagnetic pulse (EMP) characteristic of nuclear explosions well known as most likely to come from terrorists, accidents, or hostile nations -- that could leave us without electric power for months or years.

The GRID Act passed the U.S. House unanimously in August of 2010, but was gutted in the Senate. It responded to the urgent threat assessment about EMP (a term used also for solar storms) by the U.S. Congressional EMP Commission, the Strategic Posture Commission, and the National Academy of Sciences, directing that power lines, among other infrastructure, be "hardened" against such threats.

The vital, emergency importance of this was summarized by Peter Pry, a former CIA analyst and executive director of the EMP Commission, who said, "Within 12 months of an EMP attack or a massive solar flare, between two-thirds to 90 percent of the U.S. Population would perish" from lack of electricity. Solar storm activity has been increasing and scientists expect it to peak in 2012 and 2013, as new power lines are being constructed in Maine. Just a few weeks ago we barely missed one that still caused an aurora over Alabama and interrupted power in several dozen power districts in the South. An 8-hour difference in when it struck would have been a tragedy. Scientists say the question of a strike is not "if," but "when."

On Aug. 1, 2010, Pry said that NASA reported that satellites had detected a coronal mass ejection, or CME, "heading toward the Earth's direction," and the federal government issued a warning that a giant electromagnetic pulse from the solar storm might damage the electric grid of the United States. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said that it could have caused a "devastating impact on the national power grid." (Newsmax article of Oct. 14, 2010) In 1859 a strike extensively burned out much of the insulation of the national telegraphy system.

There are known, available, low-cost hardening fixes that power companies could readily implement. They would also reduce electromagnetic fields around power lines. It is timely as we commence power line construction, that we consider this legislation. UMO stands ready to offer its support, language has been developed in New York, national agencies are pressing for action, and government certified contractors are prepared to consult. If it's important enough to be considered by Congress, and shown to the public on C-Span, considered an emergency by scientific experts, it's vital for Maine to consider steps to protect her own. Please support hearing LR 2591.

District 142 Sanford (part)

*Thank you
Andrea*

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EUT ELECTRIC UTILITIES
 TRANSMISSION LINES

LR: 2591

Sponsor: Rep. Boland, A. of Sanford

An Act To Secure the Safety of Electrical Power Transmission Lines

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alford	No	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	Out

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



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November 8, 2011

The Honorable Kevin Raye, Chair
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Dear President Raye:

I am writing to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision regarding *LR 2641 "An Act To Protect Blueberry Lands from Damage from Dog Training."*

Should Council members have any relevant questions as to why this bill is an emergency and should be admitted for consideration during the 125th Legislature's Second Regular Session, I will be in attendance at the November 17 meeting to address their concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you wish to discuss this matter with me personally, I can be reached at 557-6185.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David C. Burns".

David C. Burns

State Representative

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
Legislative Council Action On Legislative Bill Requests

IFW	GAME BEAR	LR: 2641
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Sponsor: Rep. Burns, D. of Whiting

An Act To Protect Blueberry Lands from Damage from Dog Training

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alford	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	Out

Comments

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

Jt Rule 217 Ruling Needed: LD 996

State Senate President Kevin Raye
Chair of the Legislative Council
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

November 7, 2011

Dear President Raye,

I am writing to appeal the October 31 decision of the Legislative Council to reject LR 2616 "An Act to Improve Municipal Campaign Reporting Requirements". This bill would require a 42 day pre-general election campaign report for municipal candidates.

Currently there is only an 11 day pre-general election report required for municipal candidates. In the City of Portland we just had a high profile mayoral campaign with 15 candidates. When the 11 day reports were filed one candidate reported raising over \$83,000 and others raised over \$40,000 each. While these contributions were being made throughout the summer months and thousands of dollars were being spent on various expenses, the voters were in the dark until 11 days before the election. I strongly feel that the general public has a right to know this information much sooner.

An additional 42-day pre-general election report is in the public interest and improves our campaign disclosure laws. This requirement would also be in alignment with state candidate reporting requirements, most of whom raise and spend far less money than some of the candidates for Mayor did in Portland this year.

Perhaps this bill would not be necessary for many of our smaller communities where candidates raise and spend very little money. I am open to an amendment to only require this earlier report for municipalities of a certain size and would welcome this discussion in the Veteran and Legal Affairs Committee which I serve on.

If you consider the amount of campaign fund raising and spending that just took place in Portland I hope you will agree with me that the time has come to consider requiring a 42-day municipal campaign report in addition to the 11-day report, at least for the larger municipalities.

I think this bill deserves a public hearing and discussion in the second regular session. Please support allowing it to go forward. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ben Chipman
State Representative

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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VLA	ELECTIONS	LR: 2616
	CAMPAIGN FINANCE	

Sponsor: Rep. Chipman, B. of Portland

An Act To Improve Municipal Campaign Reporting Requirements

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	Yes
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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.

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Senate of
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November 8, 2011

The Honorable Kevin Raye, President of the Senate
Chair, Legislative Council
Revisor of Statutes
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Dear President Raye;

This letter notifies you of my intent to appeal the decision of the Legislative Council not to allow LR 2343, entitled "An Act Requiring the Department of health and Human Services to Specify Duration of Service When Setting Rates by Rule." LR 2343 would require the Department to specify an expected time period for services when rulemaking. This bill is an emergency because there are currently rules being proposed by the Department which are vague about the amount of time the provider is expected to work for the payment involved. This lack of clarity could lead to abuse of the system by either providers or the Department.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning this bill. I look forward to seeing you on Appeal Day.

Very truly yours,



Senator Margaret Craven
Senate District 16

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
Legislative Council Action On Legislative Bill Requests

HHS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT
PROCEDURES

LR: 2343

Sponsor: Sen. Craven, M. of Androscoggin

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

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

Comments

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.



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The Honorable Speaker Robert W. Nutting, Vice-Chair of the Legislative Council

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Re: L.R. 2306 Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority to Place Signs Directing Motorists to Gould Academy at the Interstate Exits Closest to Gould Academy in Bethel

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

I am writing to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision regarding Re: L.R. 2306 Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority to Place Signs Directing Motorists to Gould Academy at the Interstate Exits Closest to Gould Academy in Bethel;

Should Council members have any additional questions as to why this bill is an emergency and should be admitted for consideration during the 125th Legislature's Second Regular Session please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you wish to discuss this matter with me personally, I can be reached at home, 875-5075, or on my cell phone at 739-9971.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jarrod Crockett".

Jarrod Crockett

State Representative

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TRA	ROADS	LR: 2306
	DIRECTIONAL SIGNS	

Sponsor: Rep. Crockett, J. of Bethel

Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority To Place Signs Directing Motorists to Gould Academy at the Interstate Exits Closest to Gould Academy in Bethel

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

Comments

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.



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November 8, 2011

The Honorable Senate President Kevin L. Raye, Chair of the Legislative Council
The Honorable Speaker Robert W. Nutting, Vice-Chair of the Legislative Council
Legislative Council
115 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Re: L.R. 2412, An Act to Simplify the Foreclosure Process on Abandoned Time-Share Condominiums

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

I am writing to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision regarding
Re: L.R. 2412, An Act to Simplify the Foreclosure Process on Abandoned Time-Share Condominiums

Should Council members have any additional questions as to why this bill is an emergency and should be admitted for consideration during the 125th Legislature's Second Regular Session please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you wish to discuss this matter with me personally, I can be reached at home, 875-5075, or on my cell phone at 739-9971.

Respectfully

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JUD REAL ESTATE
 TIMESHARES

LR: 2412

Sponsor: Rep. Crockett, J. of Bethel

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

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

Comments

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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Re: L.R. 2413, An Act to Designate April as the Month of the Military Child

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

I am writing to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision regarding
Re: L.R. 2413, An Act to Designate April as the Month of the Military Child.

Should Council members have any additional questions as to why this bill is an emergency and should be admitted for consideration during the 125th Legislature's Second Regular Session please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you wish to discuss this matter with me personally, I can be reached at home, 875-5075, or on my cell phone at 739-9971.

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SLG	STATE GOVERNMENT	LR: 2413
	STATE COMMEMORATIONS	

Sponsor: Rep. Crockett, J. of Bethel

An Act To Designate April as the Month of the Military Child

Pres. Raye	Yes	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alfond	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	Out

Comments

This bill would designate April as "Month of the Military Child."



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The Honorable Speaker Robert W. Nutting, Vice-Chair of the Legislative Council
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Re: L.R. 2414, An Act Regarding the Use of Antique Automobiles

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

I am writing to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision regarding
Re: L.R. 2414, An Act Regarding the Use of Antique Automobiles.

Should Council members have any additional questions as to why this bill is an emergency and should be admitted for consideration during the 125th Legislature's Second Regular Session please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you wish to discuss this matter with me personally, I can be reached at home, 875-5075, or on my cell phone at 739-9971.

Respectfully

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TRA MOTOR VEHICLES
 ANTIQUE

LR: 2414

Sponsor: Rep. Crockett, J. of Bethel

An Act Regarding the Use of Antique Automobiles

Pres. Raye	Yes	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alfond	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	Out

Comments

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.



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November 8, 2011

Honorable Kevin Raye, Senate President
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Dear President Raye,

Please accept this letter as my appeal of the decision of the Legislative Council to reject LR 2471, *An Act To Facilitate the Growth of Small Business through Economic Gardening*. This legislation will reduce red tape for small businesses that grow and produce local food and will create jobs. Because there are hundreds of thousands of people without work, and one in five Maine children experiencing food insecurity, this bill constitutes an emergency.

Additionally, legislation pending at the federal level, specifically the Local Farms, Food and Jobs Act will dramatically affect our local farms in a positive way. LR 2471 will serve as a companion piece of state legislation to ensure a seamless transition for our farmers and small businesses.

LR 2471 will bring a number of key stakeholders together to improve the local and regional food system infrastructure, boost income, expand access to healthy food and enhance agriculture research.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Senator Cynthia Dill

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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LCED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 PLANNING

LR: 2471

Sponsor: Sen. Dill, C. of Cumberland

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

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alford	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

Comments

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



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November 8, 2011

Sen. Kevin Raye, Chair
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Dear President Raye:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2599 An Act To Address Research and Teaching and in Maine's Institutions of Higher Education.

The goal of the legislation is to allow private colleges/universities to enter into cooperative agreements with state agencies, most typically DHHS. LR 2599 meets the Legislature's emergency standard because of its budget implications and the need to provide real alternatives for the state to enter into cooperative agreements.

According to OPEGA, the State of Maine spent \$22.8 Million in FY '07 of which \$4.9 million was general fund and an additional \$4.2 million was special and other revenue fund. Maine taxpayers contribute \$9.1 Million and federal pass thru grants are equal to \$13.7 million.

The problem is that current Law (Title 5, section 1825-B(2)(E)) limits cooperative agreements to the University of Maine System and Community Colleges. This prevents state agencies from entering agreements with private entities even if the public universities lack the capacity.

Many states, allow private entities to compete with state entities for these cooperative agreements. In Maine, it would be great if the state could use expertise at places like Bowdoin, Colby, Husson and the University of New England, in addition to the great partnerships at the University of Maine and Community College System. We believe this would inject some competition in these contracts and could result in savings for the state, as well as serve as a tool to utilize diverse resources to make sure the state is getting the very best support it can.

This is a budget matter for the state, and without an enhancement of the current system, the state will be limited in its ability to enter new cooperative agreements and save taxpayer dollars.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to addressing the Council on November 17 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

Mark Eves
State Representative

District 146 North Berwick and South Berwick (part)

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SLG STATE GOVERNMENT
 CONTRACTED SERVICES

LR: 2599

Sponsor: Rep. Eves, M. of North Berwick

An Act To Address Research and Teaching in Maine's Institutions of Higher Education

Pres. Raye	Yes	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	Yes	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

Comments

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.



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November 8, 2011

Hon. Kevin L. Raye, President of the Senate
Legislative Council
115 State House Station
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Dear Senate President Raye:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2600 "An Act to Ensure the Continuation of Federal Matching Funds for Certain MaineCare Services"

This legislation would simply clarify under state law that qualified and licensed health care professionals could supervise case management. This change will avoid a loss in federal dollars for this important service as well as any concern that CMS could come back to the state and say that they have been improperly billing for this service.

Targeted case management is an essential part of our MaineCare program. It serves individuals with complex and challenging health care needs. The integrity of this service needs the Legislature's protection now in light of questions raised by CMS due to the absence of specific wording in the licensing laws making clear that various capable professionals are allowed to do this work. Delay in clarifying the law will be costly to the state budget and will eliminate necessary health care jobs by disqualifying existing case managers whose services are needed.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 17 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

State Representative Mark Eves

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HHS	MEDICAID MAINECARE	LR: 2600
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Sponsor: Rep. Eves, M. of North Berwick

An Act To Ensure the Continuation of Federal Matching Funds for Certain MaineCare Services

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

Comments

This bill would make explicit the existing legal authority of licensed health care practitioners to deliver case management services as part of their licensed scope of practice and to supervise certain qualified personnel.



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November 8, 2011

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye, Chair
Legislative Council
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Re: L.R. 2354, "*An Act To Improve Workers' Compensation Coverage for Volunteer Firefighters*"

Dear President Raye:

I am writing to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision regarding L.R. 2354, "*An Act To Improve Workers' Compensation Coverage for Volunteer Firefighters*." Should Council members have any questions as to why this bill is an emergency and should be admitted for consideration during the 125th Legislature's Second Regular Session, I will be in attendance at the November 17 meeting to address their concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you wish to discuss this matter with me personally, I can be reached by phone at 586-5680.

Respectfully,

Leslie T. Fossel
State Representative

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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LCED WORKERS COMPENSATION
PROCEDURES

LR: 2354

Sponsor: Rep. Fossel, L. of Alna

Ac Act To Improve Workers' Compensation Coverage for Volunteer Firefighters

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

Comments

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

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November 7, 2011

President Kevin Raye, Chair
Maine Legislative Council
Maine State Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Appeal of Rejection of LR 2524

Dear President Raye:

The purpose of this letter is to appeal the decision by the Legislative Council to reject hearing my bill, LR 2524, An Act to Appropriate Funds To Support the University-Business Information Technology and Computer Science Partnership.

As you may not be aware, there is an existing demand for jobs in Maine in the field of Computer Science. These are good paying jobs and this is an opportunity to keep young people in Maine, educate them, and then have them stay in Maine and become productive citizens for our State.

The idea behind the bill is to simply provide some seed money from the State with an accompanying challenge to the business community to match the same. For example, I foresee where the bill could be written to say the State of Maine will provide \$250,000.00 with a required match from the business community of a 3 to 1 match, (\$750,000.00) in order for the money to become committed for a total of \$1,000,000.00 in scholarships or the like. This public-private partnership in investing in Maine's future is exactly the type of pilot project that ought to be seriously considered by the State.

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I also understand the fiscal challenges facing our next Legislative session, however, I believe this type of bill is exactly the type and tone we ought to be considering with a required 3 to 1 match from the business community.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this Appeal request.

Sincerely,

Kenneth W. Fredette,
State Representative

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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AFA SPENDING
 EDUCATION

LR: 2524

Sponsor: Rep. Fredette, K. of Newport

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

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alford	Yes	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	Out

Comments

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

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November 8, 2011

Senate President Kevin Raye, Chair
125th Legislative Council
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Dear President Raye,

This letter is to notify you of my intent to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on **LR 2571, An Act to Require Notification to Opposing Parties Regarding Appeals to the State Board of Property Tax Review**. I appreciate the opportunity to explain the merits of this bill and why it should be allowed in the upcoming session.

LR 2571 was brought to my attention from the Finance Director for the Town of Brunswick. The bill would require a party filing an appeal with the State Board of Property Tax Review to notify the opposing parties. It is my understanding this notification provision would be beneficial for municipalities, especially as many cities and towns all around the state are trying to operate with less personnel and resources to follow these appeals.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning LR 2571. I look forward to seeing you on appeal's day.

Sincerely,



Stan Gerzofsky
Senator – District 10

cc: Members of the Legislative Council
Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Executive Director's Office

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TAX PROPERTY TAX
 APPEALS

LR: 2571

Sponsor: Sen. Gerzofsky, S. of Cumberland

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

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	Yes
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

Comments

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

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November 8, 2011

The Honorable Kevin Raye, President of the Senate
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Dear President Raye;

This letter notifies you of my intent to appeal the decision of the Legislative Council not to allow LR 2648, entitled "Resolve, To Create the Small Business Promotion Task Force." LR 2648 would set up the Small Business Promotion Task Force to help small businesses create jobs. Given the continued poor state of our economy, and the critical role that small businesses must play in the recovery, I feel that this bill warrants consideration as an emergency measure.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning this bill. I look forward to seeing you on Appeal Day.

Very truly yours,



Senator Seth Goodall
District 19

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LCED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

LR: 2648

Sponsor: Sen. Goodall, S. of Sagadahoc

Resolve, To Create the Small Business Promotion Task Force

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	Yes	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

Comments

This resolve would create the Small Business Promotion Task Force to help small businesses, create jobs and rejuvenate Maine's economy.



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November 7, 2011

Sen. Kevin Raye, Chair
Legislative Council
115 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Raye:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2532 An Act To Permit Hair Braiding without a Cosmetology License

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 17 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Goode".

Adam Goode
State Representative

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
Legislative Council Action On Legislative Bill Requests

LCED LICENSING

LR: 2532

COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING

Sponsor: Rep. Goode, A. of Bangor

An Act To Permit Hair Braiding without a Cosmetology License

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	Yes
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alford	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

Comments

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



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November 1, 2011

Sen. Kevin Raye, Chair
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Dear President Raye:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2669 An Act To Enhance Affordable Quality Health Care in Maine

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 17 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

State Representative Anne Graham

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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IFS	INSURANCE	LR: 2669
	HEALTH	

Sponsor: Rep. Graham, A. of North Yarmouth
An Act To Enhance Affordable Quality Health Care in Maine

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alford	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

Comments

This bill would establish a council to monitor health care payment reform, innovation, accessibility and quality. The bill would also require the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to review and approve proposed insurance premium rate increases and to provide oversight of the reinsurance market.



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The Honorable Kevin L. Raye, Chair
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Re: L.R. 2456, "*An Act To Reduce Fraud Relating to Returnable Containers*"

Dear President Raye:

I am writing to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision regarding L.R. 2456, "*An Act To Reduce Fraud Relating to Returnable Containers*." This bill would permit municipalities to accept donations of returnable beverage containers provided the municipality posts a sign at the point of collection advising consumers that beverage containers purchased outside of Maine are not returnable. The posted language shall be similar to that required in 32 M.R.S.A. Sec. 1866(8). Facilities used by municipalities to collect returnable beverage containers must provide a dedicated area to collect those containers that are separate from other waste and recyclable materials. A container in the municipal waste or recycling stream shall not be removed by any person for purposes of redeeming or attempting to redeem a deposit value for that container.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you wish to discuss this matter with me personally, I can be reached by phone at 739-0096.

Respectfully,

James M. Hamper
State Representative

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ENR CONTAINERS - RETURNABLE
 BOTTLES

LR: 2456

Sponsor: Rep. Hamper, J. of Oxford

An Act To Reduce Fraud Relating to Returnable Containers

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alfond	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	Out

Comments

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



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November 3, 2011

Sen. Kevin Raye, Chair
Legislative Council
115 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Raye:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

**LR: 2502 An Act To Clarify the Court's Authority To Grant Credit toward Payment
of Fines Given for Jail Time**

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 17 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Haskell".

State Representative District 117

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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CJPS SENTENCES
 TIME SERVED

LR: 2502

Sponsor: Rep. Haskell, A, of Portland

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

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

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.

125th Legislature
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Senate President Kevin Raye, Chair
125th Legislative Council
Office of the Revisor of Statutes
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Dear President Raye,

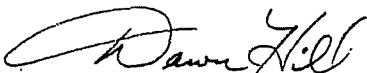
This letter is to notify you of my intent to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on **LR 2602, An Act to Provide Tort Claims Immunity for Non-Maine Regional Transit**. I appreciate the opportunity to explain the merits of this bill and why it should be allowed in the upcoming session. I believe you will find this legislation meets the emergency criteria.

LR 2602 was brought to my attention by officials from Kittery and the surrounding towns because there are limited transportation options since the closure of the Memorial Bridge. There is a disconnect for pedestrian and bicycle travelers between the two states and state border communities because Memorial Bridge is the only bridge to allow for pedestrian and bicycle use. There is also a demand for public transportation in Kittery, the shopping outlets, Eliot, and the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. This means of transportation is essential for helping our businesses and residents along the state line. Unfortunately, there are no public transportation companies from Maine in the area; however, a New Hampshire transit system, COAST, was approached by some of the towns to provide the service.

But, the company is currently prohibited by the New Hampshire Local Government Center, under which their property and liability coverage is provided through their pooled public risk management programs, to further extend their service into Maine. The concern is that their operations in Maine are not subject to similar TORT Claim protections as they are in New Hampshire, thereby exposing the New Hampshire Local Government Center Property-Liability Trust risk pool to greater risk. Without protection in Maine Law, the transit business faces insurance issues and is thus reluctant to expand its services. This is an emergency measure because it is important that we keep our state open and accessible during the bridge closure. It is important in helping our businesses and residents.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning LR 2602. I look forward to seeing you on appeal's day.

Best,



Dawn Hill

Senator – District 1

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JUD	TORTS IMMUNITY	LR: 2602
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Sponsor: Sen. Hill, D. of York

An Act To Provide Tort Claims Immunity for Non-Maine Regional Transit Organizations That Provide Regular Service in Maine

Pres. Raye	Yes	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alford	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

Comments

This bill would provide the same tort claims immunity to transit organizations operating in Maine but organized under the laws of another state as applies to transit organizations organized in Maine.



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November 8, 2011

Sen. Kevin Raye, Chair
Legislative Council
115 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Raye:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2657 An Act to provide for Economic Development with Offshore Wind Power

The Act would authorize the Finance Authority of Maine, the Maine Technology Institute or other agencies or organizations to provide financial assistance to manufacturers of equipment associated with qualified offshore wind projects and wind turbine assembling facilities in Maine.

The Act intends to keep Maine at the Forefront of the development of offshore wind power. The Act seeks to help enable significant economic development and environmental benefits for the State, while ensuring that the benefits must exceed the cost and any potential adverse impact no matter how small. The Act seeks to ensure that development of offshore wind projects provide a net positive benefit, both economically and environmentally, for Maine.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 17 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Hinck".

State Representative John Hinck

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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TAX INCOME TAX
 CREDITS

LR: 2657

Sponsor: Rep. Hinck, J. of Portland

An Act To Provide for Economic Development with Offshore Wind Power

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	Out

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.



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November 8, 2011

The Honorable Kevin Raye, Chair
Legislative Council
115 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye,

I am writing to formally request reconsideration of **LR 2375** for the following reasons:

1. The issue of low cost renewable energy is one of the most important and time sensitive issues facing our State. It has huge impacts on both the economy and the environment.
2. The Maine Legislature and government has recognized this requirement by expediting the permitting process for wind projects which have not demonstrated low cost or the dependable and efficient production of electricity. At the same time the impact of wind sites may not have fully considered the impact of those sites on tourism, wildlife, nearby property values and human health.
3. Concurrently, dams in Maine are being removed without adequate consideration of their specific potential to produce low cost renewable electricity.
4. Once a dam has been removed it is unlikely that it would ever be replaced.
5. The permitting of dams and the federal licensing process is complex and costly.

Due to the complexity and importance of the requirement for low cost, renewable energy it is in Maine's vital interest to have a moratorium on the removal of hydroelectric capable dams. The moratorium should last until a process is in place to evaluate the potential electricity production capability of existing dams. If it is the Legislative Council's goal to limit the number of complex issues addressed by the second session of the 125th Legislature, the legislation could require an investigation and report to ensure that all the issues are developed to be addressed by the first session of the 126th Legislature. The legislation should also make provisions for dam removal for safety or clear cost considerations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Johnson

State Representative

District 27 Abbot, Beaver Cove, Bowerbank, Brownville, Cambridge, Greenville, Guilford, Monson, Parkman, Sebec, Shirley, Willimantic and Plantation of Kingsbury, plus the unorganized territories of Blanchard Township, Northeast Piscataquis (including Barnard and Elliottsville Townships) and Northwest Piscataquis

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EUT ALTERNATIVE ENERGY
 HYDROPOWER

LR: 2375

Sponsor: Rep. Johnson, P. of Greenville

An Act To Improve Maine's Capacity To Produce Low-cost Renewable Energy

Pres. Raye	Yes	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	Yes	Rep. Curtis	Yes
Sen. Plowman	Yes	Rep. Cushing	Yes
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alford	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

Comments

This bill would prohibit the issuance of a permit to remove a dam from hydroelectric generating capacity unless there is a demonstrated replacement for the energy.

125th Legislature
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November 7, 2011

The Honorable Kevin Raye
Chair, Legislative Council
Office of the Reviser of Statutes
State House Station 7
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Dear President Raye:

Please consider this my written appeal from the decision of the Legislative Council to deny my request for introduction of LR 2419: An Act to Guarantee Basic Preventive Dental Health Services for Children in Maine.

The American Dental Association (ADA), as well as all evidence-based dental practice criteria, recommend that children (beginning at age 1) have regular fluoride treatments in order to significantly reduce the risk of dental disease. Unfortunately, some major dental insurers have now altered such basic preventive care, and have limited their reimbursements to only once a year for fluoride treatments, despite definitive evidence-based standards that have been set by the ADA. I believe that is a mistake and this is one area in which a mandate is appropriate and critical.

Dental professionals tell us that this current policy will cause some children in Maine to experience high levels of dental disease that would otherwise be prevented. I respectfully suggest this makes this matter an "emergency" in terms of dealing with it right away.

I might also add that it is my understanding that MaineCare already does provide these services to low income Mainers.

Interestingly enough, many Delta Dental affiliates around the Country have signed a letter to United States DHHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius calling upon federal regulators to endorse a set of dental services that include adopting the ADA's recommendations on use of fluorides and dental sealants. Included in this list of Delta's is Maine's largest dental insurer, Northeast Delta Dental, who has also asked that the essential dental benefit being developed apply ADA evidence-based guidelines on fluoride.

This relatively inexpensive fluoride treatment will save Mainers large amounts in the long run. I respectfully suggest the Council reconsider its position and allow this bill to go forward this session.

I thank you.

Best regards,



Roger J. Katz
State Senator, District 24
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IFS INSURANCE
 DENTAL

LR: 2419

Sponsor: Sen. Katz, R. of Kennebec

An Act To Guarantee Basic Preventive Dental Health Services for Children in Maine

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	Yes	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

Comments

This bill would require dental insurance companies to cover fluoride treatments for children less than 18 years of age consistent with American Dental Association recommendations.



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November 3, 2011

The Honorable Senate President Kevin L. Raye, Chair of the Legislative Council
The Honorable Speaker Robert W. Nutting, Vice-Chair of the Legislative Council
Legislative Council

115 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Re: LR 2347 "An Act To Provide for Grooming of the Perimeter Road at Baxter State Park"

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

I am writing to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision regarding
LR 2347 "An Act To Provide for Grooming of the Perimeter Road at Baxter State Park"

My reason for appealing your decision is simple. Roxanne Quimby will likely close a section of ITS 85 as it runs through her property. Clubs have relocated this trail twice as per Quimby's wishes. Once this major ITS trail is closed, it will disrupt a major north-south snowmobile corridor. The 26,000 members of the Maine Snowmobile Association and the 2,200 Maine's businesses who support the MSA would like this corridor to remain accessible by permitting the grooming of the Baxter State Park perimeter road. This alternative route would need to be in place by the 2012-2013 snowmobiling season to avoid disruption to the industry and businesses, thus requiring action during this Second session. Should Council members have any additional questions as to why this bill is an emergency and should be admitted for consideration during the 125th Legislature's Second Regular Session please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you wish to discuss this matter with me personally, I can be reached at home, 365-4704, or on my cell phone at 267-1828.

Respectfully,

Ricky Long

State Representative

District 9 Bancroft, Crystal, Dyer Brook, Haynesville, Hersey, Island Falls, Linneus, Ludlow, Merrill, Mount Chase, New Limerick, Oakfield, Patten, Sherman, Smyrna, Stacyville, Weston and Plantations of Glenwood, Macwahoc, Moro and Reed, plus the unorganized territories of North Penobscot (part, including Herseytown Township) and South Aroostook (including Benedicta, Molunkus and Silver Ridge Townships)

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ACF PUBLIC LANDS
STATE PARKS

LR: 2347

Sponsor: Rep. Long, R. of Sherman

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

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alford	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	Out

Comments

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



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November 8, 2011

The Honorable Kevin Raye, Chair
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Dear President Raye:

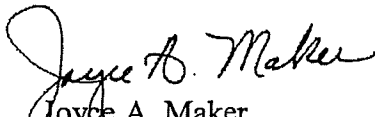
I am writing to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision regarding ***LR 2353 "Resolve, To Create the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children."***

This Legislature needs to take immediate action to help prevent the sexual abuse of children. We cannot just sit by and hope that the laws currently in place will be effective, leaving the fate of many children in the hands of their abusers. Creating this task force and determining better ways to protect children from abuse needs to begin immediately

Should Council members have any relevant questions as to other reasons why this bill is an emergency and should be admitted for consideration during the 125th Legislature's Second Regular Session, I will be in attendance at the November 17 meeting to address their concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you wish to discuss this matter with me personally, I can be reached at 214-9676.

Respectfully,


Joyce A. Maker
State Representative

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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CJPS CRIMES LR: 2353
SEX OFFENSES

Sponsor: Rep. Maker, J. of Calais

Resolve, To Create the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children

Pres. Raye	Yes	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	Yes
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

Comments

This bill would create a task force to identify and recommend ways to prevent the sexual abuse of children.

Office of the Revisor of the Statutes
7 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

President Kevin Raye, Chair of the Legislative Council

Re: LR 2325 An Act to Create an Equal K-12 Educational Funding Model

Dear President Raye,

I am hereby requesting that the Legislative Council revisit LR 2325, An Act to Create an Equal K-12 Educational Funding Model. You are no doubt aware that you represent 54 communities, 13 of which get 0 in state GPA funding. That inequity has been created by an ill conceived school funding model which places disproportionate emphasis on property valuation while ignoring the underlying needs of our children, many of whom in your rural district and mine have extensive special needs and participate in the free and reduced lunch program.

Our K-12 educational funding allocation methodology reveals a legislature that has for too long outsourced its policy making prerogative to a funding model that not only violates equal protection principles, but is also amended annually. Is it not the time to say that every child deserves the equal support of the state?

In June of 2010, Dr. David Silvernail and Ida Batista of MEPRI issued a report on *The Impact of the Relationship Between Maine's Funding Formula Changes and Student Achievement*, the conclusion of which was "there appears to be no relationship between funding formula changes and student achievement".

If indeed the funding formula has little or no impact on student achievement-then why not discard it and realize the attendant cost savings?

Funding for education should flow equitably on a per pupil basis to provide a universally high quality education. Economic growth and retaining Maine's rural character rely on attracting and keeping young families and providing quality education in every community.

For many residents of coastal and waterfront communities, this is clearly an **emergency**. Property taxes for year round residents of these communities continue to rise unabated, as school populations shrink and state wide valuation falls. Mandated programming and special need requirements further exacerbate this situation. Small businesses and young families are leaving as property taxes render their homes unaffordable. In short, this policy is turning many of these towns into retirement communities. I do not believe this to be your vision for the future of rural and coastal Maine.

Rep. Richard S. Malaby
District 34

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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EDU	SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA ADJUSTMENTS	LR: 2325
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Sponsor: Rep. Malaby, R. of Hancock
An Act To Create an Equal Education Funding Model

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alfond	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
	0	10	0	0	
Total:					Out

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.

Jt Rule 217 Ruling Needed: LD 93



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Sen. Kevin Raye, Chair
Legislative Council
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Dear President Raye:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2435 An Act To Establish a Veterans Court

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 17 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maeghan Maloney".

State Representative Maeghan Maloney

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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JUD COURTS
 JURISDICTION

LR: 2435

Sponsor: Rep. Maloney, M. of Augusta
An Act To Establish a Veterans Court

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	Yes
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alford	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

Comments

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



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Sen. Kevin Raye, Chair
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115 State House Station
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Dear President Raye:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill requests:

LR: 2536 An Act To Create a License Plate To Recognize the 2014 World Acadian Congress

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 17 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John L. Martin', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

State Representative District 1

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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TRA	MOTOR VEHICLES NUMBER PLATES	LR: 2536
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Sponsor: Rep. Martin, J. of Eagle Lake

An Act To Create a License Plate To Recognize the 2014 World Acadian Congress

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

Comments

This bill would establish a license plate commemorating the 2014 World Acadian Congress. Revenues from the new plate would be used to support the 2014 World Acadian Congress.



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November 3, 2011

Sen. Kevin Raye, Chair
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115 State House Station
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Dear President Raye:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill requests:

LR: 2537 An Act To Provide for Economic Development

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 17 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

State Representative District 1

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TAX INCOME TAX
 CREDITS

LR: 2537

Sponsor: Rep. Martin, J. of Eagle Lake
An Act To Provide for Economic Development

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	Out

Comments

This bill would provide for economic development through the creation of a tax credit.

Gresser, Suzanne

From: wayne mitchell [waymitch10@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2011 12:01 PM
To: Revisor's Office (revisor.office@legislature.maine.gov)
Subject: Appeal of bill to Legislative Council
11-7-2011

To The Revisor,

Please accept this electornic correspondence as an official notice to the Legislative Council that I am appealing their denial of my Legislative bills; LR2356- LR-2365 and LR-2355,

Please notify me as to the time and hearing date for the appeal hearing.

Respectfully,
Rep. Wayne T. Mitchell
Penobscot Nation Tribal Representative
Penobscot Nation

11/7/2011

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JUD NATIVE AMERICANS LR: 2355
 LAND CLAIMS SETTLEMENT

Sponsor: Rep. Mitchell, W. of Penobscot Nation

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

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	No	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	Out

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.

Gresser, Suzanne

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Rep. Wayne T. Mitchell
Penobscot Nation Tribal Representative
Penobscot Nation

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TAX	MISCELLANEOUS TAXES TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX	LR: 2356
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Sponsor: Rep. Mitchell, W. of Penobscot Nation

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

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alford	Yes	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	Out

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.

Gresser, Suzanne

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To: Revisor's Office (revisor.office@legislature.maine.gov)
Subject: Appeal of bill to Legislative Council

11-7-2011

To The Revisor,

Please accept this electornic correspondence as an official notice to the Legislative Council that I am appealing their denial of my Legislative bills; LR2356, LR-2365 and LR-2355,

Please notify me as to the time and hearing date for the appeal hearing.

Respectfully,
Rep. Wayne T. Mitchell
Penobscot Nation Tribal Representative
Penobscot Nation

11/7/2011

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
Legislative Council Action On Legislative Bill Requests

VLA GAMBLING
 BINGO

LR: 2365

Sponsor: Rep. Mitchell, W. of Penobscot Nation

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

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

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



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November 4, 2011

The Honorable Kevin Raye, Chair
Legislative Council
115 State House Station
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Dear President Raye:

I am writing to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision regarding ***LR 2340 "An Act To Delay Implementation Population for Purposes of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code."***

Should Council members have any relevant questions as to why this bill is an emergency and should be admitted for consideration during the 125th Legislature's Second Regular Session, I will be in attendance at the November 17 meeting to address their concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you wish to discuss this matter with me personally, I can be reached at 289-9047.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Beth A. O'Connor'.

Beth A. O'Connor
State Representative

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
Legislative Council Action On Legislative Bill Requests

LCED INDUSTRIES
 CONSTRUCTION

LR: 2340

Sponsor: Rep. O'Connor, B. of Berwick

An Act To Delay Implementation of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code

Pres. Raye	Yes	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	Yes	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	Yes	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alfond	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	Out

Comments

This bill would delay by 2 years implementation of the requirement that municipalities with over 4,000 residents enforce the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.



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November 4, 2011

The Honorable Kevin Raye, Chair

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Dear President Raye:

I am writing to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision regarding **LR 2451 "An Act to Amend the Insurance Law as It Pertains to Notification of Cancellation or Nonrenewal."**

Should Council members have any relevant questions as to why this bill is an emergency and should be admitted for consideration during the 125th Legislature's Second Regular Session, I will be in attendance at the November 17 meeting to address their concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you wish to discuss this matter with me personally, I can be reached at 289-9047.

Respectfully,

Beth A. O'Connor

State Representative

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
Legislative Council Action On Legislative Bill Requests

IFS INSURANCE PRACTICES
 CANCELLATION

LR: 2451

Sponsor: Rep. O'Connor, B. of Berwick

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

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alfond	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	Out

Comments

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



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November 4, 2011

The Honorable Kevin Raye, Chair

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115 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Dear President Raye:

I am writing to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision regarding ***LR 2642 "An Act to Protect Maine Children Through an Emergency Update of Electric Power Transmission Rules."***

Should Council members have any relevant questions as to why this bill is an emergency and should be admitted for consideration during the 125th Legislature's Second Regular Session, I will be in attendance at the November 17 meeting to address their concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you wish to discuss this matter with me personally, I can be reached at 289-9047.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Beth A. O'Connor'.

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State Representative

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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EUT	ELECTRIC UTILITIES TRANSMISSION LINES	LR: 2642
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Sponsor: Rep. O'Connor, B. of Berwick

An Act To Protect Maine Children through an Emergency Update of Electric Power
Transmission Rules

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alford	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	Out

Comments

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

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November 8, 2011

Honorable Kevin Raye, Senate President
Chair, Legislative Council
c/o Revisor of Statutes
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Augusta, ME 04333

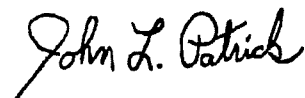
Dear President Raye,

Please accept this letter as my intent to appeal the decision of the Legislative Council to reject LR 2631, *An Act To Establish an Adult Education College and Career Pathways System in Maine*, for consideration by the Legislature in the upcoming session. With the state of our economy I feel any legislation that could help train new workers and jumpstart new careers must be considered an emergency.

The College Transition is a cost-effective program operated by adult education programs in all 16 counties and has a documented record of success in preparing those who complete the program to succeed in college. Adding a Career Pathways job-readiness component to this could help the many adults who are out of work and need a clear direction toward employment and/or post-secondary education. For these Mainers, their situation is an emergency. Allowing approval will allow for a full discussion of this bill so that the benefits can be clearly articulated.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Senator John Patrick

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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EDU	ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS	LR: 2631
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Sponsor: Sen. Patrick, J. of Oxford

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

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alford	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

Comments

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



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November 2, 2011

The Honorable Senate President Kevin L. Raye, Chair of the Legislative Council
The Honorable Speaker Robert W. Nutting, Vice-Chair of the Legislative Council
Legislative Council
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Re: LR 2653 An Act To Provide for Licensing of Recreational Therapists

Dear Speaker Nutting:

I am writing to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision regarding LR 2653 "An Act To Provide for Licensing of Recreational Therapists". Should Council members have any relevant questions as to why this bill is an emergency and should be admitted for consideration during the 125th Legislature's Second Regular Session please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you wish to discuss this matter with me personally, I can be reached at home, 453-2137, or on my cell phone at 692-7726.

Respectfully,

John J. Picchiotti
State Representative

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
Legislative Council Action On Legislative Bill Requests

LCED	LICENSING RECREATIONAL THERAPISTS	LR: 2653
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Sponsor: Rep. Picchiotti, J. of Fairfield
An Act To Provide for Licensing of Recreational Therapists

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	Out

Comments

This bill would require the licensure of recreational therapists and would establish a board to oversee the process of licensure and the conduct of those licensed by the board.



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The Honorable Senate President Kevin L. Raye, Chair of the Legislative Council
The Honorable Speaker Robert W. Nutting, Vice-Chair of the Legislative Council
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Re: LR 2374 An Act To Exempt Documentation Fees for Motor Vehicles and Personal Watercraft from Sales Tax

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

I am writing to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision regarding LR: 2374 "An Act To Exempt Documentation Fees for Motor Vehicles and Personal Watercraft from Sales Tax". I recently learned that the Maine Revenue Services requires all automobile dealers to charge Maine sales tax on documentation fees every time they sell a vehicle in Maine. To me the doc fee is a service charge to cover the cost of labor to prepare the paper work for vehicle sales. Since we do not charge sales tax for the labor portion of other services provided in Maine, It seems to me to unfair to impose this tax on doc fees. I see it as emergency every time we take money unjustly from the people of our state.

I realize that this bill, if passed, would result in a decline in revenue to the State of Maine, but I see this as a debate that should happen now. I respectfully request that you reconsider your decision on this bill and allow LR 2374 to be heard in the 125th Legislative Session.

Thank you for taking the time to reconsider your decision on this bill. I look forward to having a chance to address you on November 17th. If you wish to discuss this matter with me personally, I can be reached at home, 892-6088, or on my cell phone at 415-5566.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary E. Plummer".

Gary Plummer

State Representative

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
Legislative Council Action On Legislative Bill Requests

TAX SALES AND USE TAX
EXEMPT ITEMS

LR: 2374

Sponsor: Rep. Plummer, G. of Windham

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

Pres. Raye	Yes	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alford	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	Out

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.



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The Honorable Speaker Robert W. Nutting, Vice-Chair of the Legislative Council
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115 State House Station
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Re: LR 2472 An Act To Increase the Pheasant Hunting Permit Fee

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

I am writing to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision regarding
LR: 2472 "An Act To Increase the Pheasant Hunting Permit Fee"

I received a request from the Windham/Gorham Rod and Gun Club to sponsor a bill to increase the fee for a pheasant stamp. Initially I told them that I didn't think that this would rise to the status of an emergency and the bill would have to wait until the 126th Legislature to be submitted. The entire amount raised from this increase would be used to stock pheasants. As I learned more about this proposal, I realized that there is a need that we maintain and increase the pheasant population sooner rather than later. If this bill has to wait until 2013, that will mean that these birds would not be released into the wild until 2015 or even 2016. If this happens, I fear that we will see significant erosion in the population of these game birds in Maine.

Should Council members have any additional questions as to why this bill is an emergency and should be admitted for consideration during the 125th Legislature's Second Regular Session please feel free to contact me. Thank you for taking the time to reconsider your decision on this bill. I look forward to having a chance to address you on November 17th.

If you wish to discuss this matter with me personally, I can be reached at home, 892-6088, or on my cell phone at 415-5566.

Respectfully,

Gary Plummer
State Representative

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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IFW	GAME BIRDS	LR: 2472
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Sponsor: Rep. Plummer, G. of Windham
An Act To Increase the Pheasant Hunting Permit Fee

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alfond	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	Out

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.

125th Legislature
Senate of
Maine
Senate District 22

Senator Christopher W. Rector
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November 7, 2011

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye
Chair of the Legislative Council
115 State House Station
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Dear President Raye:

Please let this letter serve as a request to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on the following bill: **LR 2529, "An Act to Allow Employees of the Small Enterprise Growth Fund To Participate in the State's Group Health Plan."**

The Small Enterprise Growth Fund (SEGF) has only two full time employees. During recent years, health insurance premiums have skyrocketed and the cost is now at an unsustainable level for SEGF. This quasi-state agency is pursuing what options are available and more affordable for its employees.

One such option, as proposed by LR 2529, would include SEGF in the statute list of entities eligible for the State Group Health Plan. The Finance Authority of Maine received approval from the 124th Legislature to participate in the state health plan and just this past year, employees from the Maine School of Science and Mathematics were also included as an eligible entity to participate.

It is extremely important to note that SEGF employees would still pay their own health insurance premiums. All this proposal allows for is an available group for these few employees to join so that they can afford to purchase health insurance.

I appreciate the Council's consideration of this appeal. As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Christopher W. Rector
State Senator

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
Legislative Council Action On Legislative Bill Requests

IFS INSURANCE
HEALTH

LR: 2529

Sponsor: Sen. Rector, C. of Knox

An Act To Allow Employees of the Small Enterprise Growth Fund To Participate in the
State's Group Health Plan

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

Comments

This bill would allow employees of the Small Enterprise Growth Fund to participate in the
State's group health plan.



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November 3, 2011

Sen. Kevin Raye, Chair
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115 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Raye:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR: 2367 An Act To Limit the Definition of "Person" to a Human Being

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 17 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

State Representative District 120

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
Legislative Council Action On Legislative Bill Requests

JUD HUMAN RIGHTS LR: 2367
 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

Sponsor: Rep. Russell, D. of Portland

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

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

Comments

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



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November 3, 2011

Sen. Kevin Raye, Chair
Legislative Council
115 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Raye:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR: 2504 An Act To Update Options under the Maine Learning Technology Initiative

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 17 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Russell".

State Representative District 120

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
Legislative Council Action On Legislative Bill Requests

EDU SCHOOL POLICIES
 COMPUTERS

LR: 2504

Sponsor: Rep. Russell, D. of Portland

An Act To Update Options under the Maine Learning Technology Initiative

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

Comments

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

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November 8, 2011

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye
Chair of the Legislative Council
115 State House Station
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Dear President Raye:

Please let this letter serve as a request to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on the following bill: LR 2385, "An Act To Resolve Conflicts in the Implementation of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code."

This bill will reconcile the differences between the two bills passed last session regarding building codes. The proposal will eliminate the confusion created last year.

I appreciate the Council's consideration of this appeal. As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Thomas Saviello
State Senator

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
Legislative Council Action On Legislative Bill Requests

LCED INDUSTRIES
 CONSTRUCTION

LR: 2385

Sponsor: Sen. Saviello, T. of Franklin

An Act To Resolve Conflicts in the Implementation of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	Yes	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alfond	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	Out

Comments

This bill would amend the law regarding the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code to remove the requirement that a code enforcement officer in a municipality that has not adopted the code be code certified and to limit enforcement of the code to those municipalities that have adopted or are enforcing the code.

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November 7, 2011

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye
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Dear President Raye:

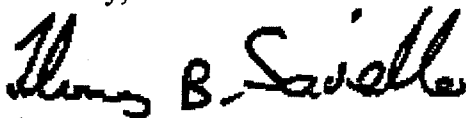
Please let this letter serve as a request to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on the following bill: LR 2510, "An Act To Allow the Administration of Nitrous Oxide for Analgesic Purposes by Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners under the Direction of a Physician."

Last year, this idea was suggested to the citizen oversight board. This board creates rules to be implemented in order to allow actions such as this to happen. The Governor held up approval until he was comfortable with allowing Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners to administer Nitrous Oxide. The new rule then went to the board for final approval. At that time, the AG's office said that the rule would need legislative approval.

This process took over 5 months and the final conclusion was made too late to be acted on last session. This rule change has the potential to cut medical costs.

I appreciate the Council's consideration of this appeal. As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Thomas Saviello
State Senator

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
Legislative Council Action On Legislative Bill Requests

LCED LICENSING

LR: 2510

RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS

Sponsor: Sen. Saviello, T. of Franklin

An Act To Allow the Administration of Nitrous Oxide for Analgesic Purposes by Licensed
Respiratory Care Practitioners under the Direction of a Physician

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alfond	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	Out

Comments

This bill would allow the administration of nitrous oxide for analgesic purposes by licensed
respiratory care practitioners under the direction of a physician.



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November 3, 2011

Sen. Kevin Raye, Chair
Legislative Council
115 State House Station
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Dear President Raye:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR: 2573 An Act To Prohibit Municipalities from Imposing Fees on Ice Fishing Shacks

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 17 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Shaw".

State Representative District 102

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
Legislative Council Action On Legislative Bill Requests

TAX	PROPERTY TAX	LR: 2573
	PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	

Sponsor: Rep. Shaw, M. of Standish

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

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alfond	No	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	Out

Comments

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



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November 8, 2011

The Honorable Kevin Raye, Chair
Legislative Council
115 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Dear President Raye:

I am writing to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision regarding LR 2362.

LR 2362 "An Act To Establish a Board of Dental Hygienists"

There are 1300 dental hygienists and 550 dentists registered in Maine. Currently, dental hygienists are regulated by the Maine Board of Dental Examiners whose membership does not appropriately reflect the number of licensed dental hygiene practitioners. This bill will address the possible conflict of interest of employee licensees being regulated by an employer dominated Board, while giving the dental hygiene profession a degree of "self-regulation" that is already afforded to most other health care professionals. The dental hygiene profession now includes Independent Practice Dental Hygienists and Public Health Supervision Hygienists, and has a growing importance in working to meet Maine's significant shortage of access to dental care. A shortage which has high costs for the State - last year, Maine spent \$6 million treating dental pain in emergency room visits.

I will be present on November 17th to answer any questions you may have regarding these bills. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Heather W. Sirocki".

Heather Sirocki
State Representative

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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LCED	LICENSING DENTAL PERSONNEL	LR: 2362
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Sponsor: Rep. Sirocki, H. of Scarborough
An Act To Establish a Board of Dental Hygienists

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	Yes
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alford	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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.



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November 8, 2011

The Honorable Kevin Raye, Chair
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Dear President Raye:

I am writing to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision regarding LR 2363.

LR 2363 "An Act To Enhance the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative"

Please note the name change and corresponding rationale change for this bill. I request that this bill be referred to the Energy and Utility Committee, not Natural Resources. As Maine struggles with high electricity rates, this bill will lower electricity rates to Mainers by allowing T&D utilities to sell electricity to retail customers from contracts that were negotiated with generators. If the contracts were ordered by the MPUC and/or independently developed by the T&D utility, the generators would be exempt from purchasing RGGI carbon dioxide credits. The added price of electricity attributable to the purchase of carbon dioxide credits would be offset in a lower contract price.

I will be present on November 17th to answer any questions you may have regarding these bills.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Heather Sirocki
State Representative

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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ENR AIR QUALITY
 EMISSIONS

LR: 2363

Sponsor: Rep. Sirocki, H. of Scarborough

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

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	Yes	Rep. Curtis	Yes
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	Yes
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alfond	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	Out

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.

125th Legislature
Senate of
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November 3, 2011

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye
Chair of the Legislative Council
115 State House Station
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Dear President Raye:

Please let this letter serve as a request to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on the following bill: **"LR 2399 - An Act To Expedite Restoration of Utilities after Storm Damage."**

This bill designed to help restore power to consumers in an emergency. It is needed this session because winter will soon be upon us, and we will experience power outages. Currently municipalities with licensed arborists and electricians are experiencing situations where they are prevented from helping restore power in an emergency by large utility companies.

Large utilities have their own priorities for restoring power in an emergency. I do not question those, only policies that prevent other community licensed professionals from assisting them in restoring power to everyone during an emergency as safely and quickly as possible. I have several instances of where power could have been restored sooner but for antiquated policies that should be reevaluated in light of changes in technology.

Letting the full Legislature consider this bill will bring those situations and problems to light and create an opportunity for communities and utility companies to problem solve together. We all have an interest in restoring power to our constituents as safely and quickly as possible.

Thank you for considering this appeal. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Lois Snowe-Mello
Senate District 15

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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EUT ELECTRIC UTILITIES
 PLANNING

LR: 2399

Sponsor: Sen. Snowe-Mello, L. of Androscoggin

An Act To Expedite Restoration of Utilities after Storm Damage

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alford	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	Out

Comments

This bill would allow electricians and local municipally-approved workers, including arborists and foresters, to begin work on downed trees and limbs during power outages after damaging storms.



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November 2, 2011

President Kevin L. Raye
Legislative Council Chair
Maine State Legislature
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Dear President Raye,

It is my intent to appeal the Council's rejection of the following LR request:
LR 2307, An Act To Require That Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in Maine Be
Included in a Single Legislative District. I believe this qualifies as emergency legislation
and look forward to presenting my reasons at the hearing on Thursday, November 17 at
10:00 AM in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Representative Madonnah M. Soctomah
Passamaquoddy Tribe

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SLG LEGISLATURE
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LR: 2307

Sponsor: Rep. Soctomah, M. of Passamaquoddy Tribe

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

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alfond	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	Out

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.



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November 2, 2011

President Kevin L. Raye
Legislative Council Chair
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Dear President Raye,

It is my intent to appeal the Council's rejection of the following LR request:
LR 2396, An Act To Return to the Passamaquoddy Tribe the Tax on Sales Occurring on
Land Held in Trust by the Passamaquoddy Tribe. I believe this qualifies as emergency
legislation and look forward to presenting my reasons at the hearing on Thursday,
November 17 at 10:00 AM in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Madonna Soctomah".

Representative Madonnah M. Soctomah
Passamaquoddy Tribe

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
Legislative Council Action On Legislative Bill Requests

TAX SALES AND USE TAX
REFUNDS

LR: 2396

Sponsor: Rep. Soctomah, M. of Passamaquoddy Tribe

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

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alford	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	Out

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.



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November 2, 2011

President Kevin L. Raye
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Dear President Raye,

It is my intent to appeal the Council's rejection of the following LR request:
LR 2458, An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing School Enrollment for Children Who
Are Placed in Foster Homes by Indian Child Welfare Agencies. I believe this qualifies
as emergency legislation and look forward to presenting my reasons at the hearing on
Thursday, November 17 at 10:00 AM in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Madonna Soctomah".

Representative Madonnah M. Soctomah
Passamaquoddy Tribe

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EDU	SCHOOL POLICIES	LR: 2458
	ATTENDANCE	

Sponsor: Rep. Soctomah, M. of Passamaquoddy Tribe

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

Pres. Raye	No		Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No		Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No		Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes		Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alford	Yes		Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	Out

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.



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November 4, 2011

The Honorable Kevin Raye, Chair

Legislative Council

115 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Dear President Raye:

I am writing to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision regarding ***LR 2450, Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services To Develop an Alternative Method of Calculating Minimum Staffing Levels in Nursing Homes.***

Nursing homes are currently under-reimbursed for their MaineCare residents by \$30 million per year and many struggle to stay in operation. During a time of scarce resources, this bill will encourage flexibility and efficiency, while promoting the goal of more person centered care for residents.

Should Council members have any relevant questions as to why this bill is an emergency and should be admitted for consideration during the 125th Legislature's Second Regular Session, I will be in attendance at the November 17 meeting to address their concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you wish to discuss this matter with me personally, I can be reached at 829-6264.

Respectfully,

Meredith Strang Burgess

State Representative

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
Legislative Council Action On Legislative Bill Requests

HHS HEALTH CARE FACILITIES
 NURSING HOMES

LR: 2450

Sponsor: Rep. Strang Burgess, M. of Cumberland

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

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	Yes
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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.



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November 8, 2011

Senate President Kevin Raye, Chair
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Dear President Raye,

This letter is to notify you of my intent to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on **LR 2474, *An Act to Prohibit Soda and Candy from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program***. I appreciate the opportunity to explain the merits of this bill and why it should be allowed in the upcoming session.

LR 2474 would allow the State of Maine to seek a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture to prohibit the purchase soda and candy with food stamps. In today's economy, most households in Maine are cutting back their expenses with a focus on only necessities. As elected officials, I am sure you have heard from those very same people who are enraged to learn that individuals receiving food stamps can purchase soda and candy. The main reason for this concern is because these two items provide absolutely no nutritional value. I challenge you to prove otherwise.

This is not an attempt to attack those who need food stamps. I understand the value in the program as a safety net for those who fall upon hard times. However, it is called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; and again, there are no nutritional benefits to soda and candy. With the greater epidemic of obesity in the United States, one must wonder why we would allow the purchase of soda and candy as part of an assistance program. If you allow LR 2474 to advance in the upcoming legislative session, we may be able to make a positive change in the wellness of the program.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning LR 2474. I look forward to seeing you on appeal's day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Sullivan".

Nancy Sullivan
Senator – District 4

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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HHS FOOD STAMPS
 GUIDELINES

LR: 2474

Sponsor: Sen. Sullivan, N. of York

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

Pres. Raye	Yes	Spkr. Nutting	Yes
Sen. Courtney	Yes	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	Yes	Rep. Cushing	Yes
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alford	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

Comments

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.

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November 3, 2011

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye
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Dear President Raye:

Please let this letter serve as a request to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on the following bill: **LR 2358, "An Act to Provide Funding to the Department of Transportation for a Feasibility Study for an East-West Highway."** This bill would provide the seed money for an independent, investment-grade feasibility study to determine whether or not there is a need for an east-west highway in Maine and if so, the best location for such a highway.

Hours upon hours of time and private work has gone into the planning of an east-west highway. The reason this issue needs to move forward at this time is simple. The return on investing a small amount of money needed for the proposed study would be huge. There is the probability of billions of dollars being pumped into the Maine economy, an economy that needs all the help it can get. The path this highway takes across Maine is through some of the poorest parts of our state. The good-paying construction and maintenance jobs will provide work for many families who desperately need the opportunities. The improved transportation for both business and tourism will be an even further boon to an area that hasn't had a lot of good economic news in decades. There are individuals in place now with the proper financial backing who want to see and can assist in helping an east-west highway come to fruition. We cannot afford to pass up that opportunity by delaying a feasibility study.

Thank you for considering this appeal. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Doug Thomas
State Senator

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
Legislative Council Action On Legislative Bill Requests

TRA TRANSPORTATION DEPT
 PLANNING

LR: 2358

Sponsor: Sen. Thomas, D. of Somerset

An Act To Provide Funding to the Department of Transportation for a Feasibility Study for an East-west Highway

Pres. Raye	Yes	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	Yes	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	No	Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alfond	No	Rep. Hayes	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	Out

Comments

This bill would provide funding for an independent, investment-grade feasibility study to determine the need for and location of an east-west highway in Maine.



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November 8, 2011

Sen. Kevin Raye, Chair
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Dear President Raye:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

**LR 2586 An Act To Implement an Integrated and Coordinated Statewide
Approach To Addressing the Use of Synthetic Hallucinogenic Drugs
and Other Drugs**

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 17 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Webster".

State Representative David Webster

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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CJPS	CRIMES	LR: 2586
	DRUG OFFENSES	

Sponsor: Rep. Webster, D. of Freeport

An Act To Implement an Integrated and Coordinated Statewide Approach To Addressing the Use of Synthetic Hallucinogenic Drugs and Other Drugs

Pres. Raye	No		Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No		Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No		Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes		Rep. Cain	No
Sen. Alfond	Yes		Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	Out

Comments

This bill would enact measures designed to implement an integrated and coordinated statewide approach to addressing the use of synthetic hallucinogenic drugs and other drugs. The bill would include components that amend the laws in the following subject areas: education; public safety; the judiciary; detoxification and treatment; and criminal prosecution.



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November 8, 2011

Sen. Kevin Raye, Chair
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Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Raye:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

**LR 2587 Resolve, Establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission to Develop an
Integrated and Coordinated Statewide Response To Synthetic
Hallucinogenic Drug Abuse**

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 17 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Webster".

State Representative David Webster

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session
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CJPS CRIMES
 DRUG OFFENSES

LR: 2587

Sponsor: Rep. Webster, D. of Freeport

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

Pres. Raye	No	Spkr. Nutting	No
Sen. Courtney	No	Rep. Curtis	No
Sen. Plowman	No	Rep. Cushing	No
Sen. Hobbins	Yes	Rep. Cain	Yes
Sen. Alfond	Yes	Rep. Hayes	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

Comments

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.

PART 8

125th Maine Legislature - Second Regular Session

Appealed Requests

ACF

LR: 2347 Sponsor: Rep. Long of Sherman
Title: An Act To Provide for Grooming of the Perimeter Road at Baxter State Park
Comment: This bill would allow and provide for the grooming of the perimeter road used by snowmobiles during the winter months.

AFA

LR: 2524 Sponsor: Rep. Fredette of Newport
Title: An Act To Appropriate Funds To Support the University-Business Information Technology and Computer Science Partnership
Comment: This bill would appropriate funds to the University of Maine System to support the University-Business Information Technology and Computer Science Partnership.

CJPS

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: 2406 Sponsor: Rep. Berry of Bowdoinham
Title: An Act To Prevent Recidivism by High-Risk Drug Users
Comment: This bill would expand the availability of the drug court in northern Maine.

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.

LR: 2586 Sponsor: Rep. Webster of Freeport
Title: An Act To Implement an Integrated and Coordinated Statewide Approach To Addressing the Use of Synthetic Hallucinogenic Drugs and Other Drugs
Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to implement an integrated and coordinated statewide approach to addressing the use of synthetic hallucinogenic drugs and other drugs. The bill would include components that amend the laws in the following subject areas: education; public safety; the judiciary; detoxification and treatment; and criminal prosecution.

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CJPS

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.

EDU

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: 2458 Sponsor: Rep. Soctomah of Passamaquoddy Tribe

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

Comment: 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.

LR: 2504 Sponsor: Rep. Russell of Portland

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

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

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.

ENR

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.

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ENR

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

LR: 2476 Sponsor: Rep. Beliveau of Kittery
Title: An Act To Amend the Definition of "Zoning Ordinance"
Comment: 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.

EUT

LR: 2375 Sponsor: Rep. Johnson of Greenville
Title: An Act To Improve Maine's Capacity To Produce Low-cost Renewable Energy
Comment: This bill would prohibit the issuance of a permit to remove a dam from hydroelectric generating capacity unless there is a demonstrated replacement for the energy.

LR: 2399 Sponsor: Sen. Snowe-Mello of Androscoggin
Title: An Act To Expedite Restoration of Utilities after Storm Damage
Comment: This bill would allow electricians and local municipally-approved workers, including arborists and foresters, to begin work on downed trees and limbs during power outages after damaging storms.

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.

LR: 2591 Sponsor: Rep. Boland of Sanford
Title: An Act To Secure the Safety of Electrical Power 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 Request: LR 2642 Representative O'Connor

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Appealed Requests

EUT

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 Request: LR 2591 Representative Boland

HHS

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.

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.

LR: 2351 Sponsor: Rep. Berry of Bowdoinham
Title: An Act To Improve Care Options for Sufferers of Serious Illness
Comment: 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: 2450 Sponsor: Rep. Strang Burgess of Cumberland
Title: Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services To Develop an Alternative Method of Calculating Minimum Staffing Levels in Nursing Homes
Comment: 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: 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.

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HHS

LR: 2600 Sponsor: Rep. Eves of North Berwick
Title: An Act To Ensure the Continuation of Federal Matching Funds for Certain MaineCare Services
Comment: This bill would make explicit the existing legal authority of licensed health care practitioners to deliver case management services as part of their licensed scope of practice and to supervise certain qualified personnel.

IFS

LR: 2419 Sponsor: Sen. Katz of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Guarantee Basic Preventive Dental Health Services for Children in Maine
Comment: This bill would require dental insurance companies to cover fluoride treatments for children less than 18 years of age consistent with American Dental Association recommendations.

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.

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: 2669 Sponsor: Rep. Graham of North Yarmouth
Title: An Act To Enhance Affordable Quality Health Care in Maine
Comment: This bill would establish a council to monitor health care payment reform, innovation, accessibility and quality. The bill would also require the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to review and approve proposed insurance premium rate increases and to provide oversight of the reinsurance market.

IFW

LR: 2472 Sponsor: Rep. Plummer of Windham
Title: An Act To Increase the Pheasant Hunting Permit Fee
Comment: 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.

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IFW

LR: 2641 Sponsor: Rep. Burns of Whiting
Title: An Act To Protect Blueberry Lands from Damage from Dog Training
Comment: This bill would protect blueberry growers' lands from damage incurred by dog training by prohibiting such training in active blueberry areas.
 Jt Rule 217 Ruling Needed: LD 996

JUD

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.

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.

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.

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.

LR: 2602 Sponsor: Sen. Hill of York
Title: An Act To Provide Tort Claims Immunity for Non-Maine Regional Transit Organizations That Provide Regular Service in Maine
Comment: This bill would provide the same tort claims immunity to transit organizations operating in Maine but organized under the laws of another state as applies to transit organizations organized in Maine.

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LCED

LR: 2340 Sponsor: Rep. O'Connor of Berwick
Title: An Act To Delay Implementation of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code
Comment: This bill would delay by 2 years implementation of the requirement that municipalities with over 4,000 residents enforce the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.

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 Request: LR 2349 Representative MacDonald

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.

LR: 2385 Sponsor: Sen. Saviello of Franklin
Title: An Act To Resolve Conflicts in the Implementation of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code
Comment: This bill would amend the law regarding the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code to remove the requirement that a code enforcement officer in a municipality that has not adopted the code be code certified and to limit enforcement of the code to those municipalities that have adopted or are enforcing the code.

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.

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: 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.

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LCED

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.

LR: 2648 Sponsor: Sen. Goodall of Sagadahoc
Title: Resolve, To Create the Small Business Promotion Task Force
Comment: This resolve would create the Small Business Promotion Task Force to help small businesses, create jobs and rejuvenate Maine's economy.

LR: 2653 Sponsor: Rep. Picchiotti of Fairfield
Title: An Act To Provide for Licensing of Recreational Therapists
Comment: This bill would require the licensure of recreational therapists and would establish a board to oversee the process of licensure and the conduct of those licensed by the board.

SLG

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.

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."

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.

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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.

LR: 2364 Sponsor: Rep. Berry of Bowdoinham
 Title: An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Computer Programs for the Purpose of Evading Sales Tax
 Comment: 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: 2374 Sponsor: Rep. Plummer of Windham
 Title: An Act To Exempt Documentation Fees for Motor Vehicles and Personal Watercraft from Sales Tax
 Comment: 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: 2396 Sponsor: Rep. Soctomah of Passamaquoddy Tribe
 Title: An Act To Return to the Passamaquoddy Tribe the Tax on Sales Occurring on Land Held in Trust by the Passamaquoddy Tribe
 Comment: 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: 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: 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.

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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TAX

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.

TRA

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: 2358 Sponsor: Sen. Thomas of Somerset
Title: An Act To Provide Funding to the Department of Transportation for a Feasibility Study for an East-west Highway
Comment: This bill would provide funding for an independent, investment-grade feasibility study to determine the need for and location of an east-west highway in Maine.

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.

LR: 2536 Sponsor: Rep. Martin of Eagle Lake
Title: An Act To Create a License Plate To Recognize the 2014 World Acadian Congress
Comment: This bill would establish a license plate commemorating the 2014 World Acadian Congress. Revenues from the new plate would be used to support the 2014 World Acadian Congress.

VLA

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 Request: LR 2303 Representative Soctomah

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VLA

LR: 2616 Sponsor: Rep. Chipman of Portland

Title: An Act To Improve Municipal Campaign Reporting Requirements

Comment: 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.

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ACF

- LR: 2506 Sponsor: Rep. Libby of Waterboro
An Act To Remove the \$100 Fee Required When Reporting Fertilizer and Agricultural Liming Materials Tonnage
- LR: 2509 Sponsor: Sen. Saviello of Franklin
An Act To Authorize the Registration of Farmland in 2012 and 2013
- LR: 2516 Sponsor: Rep. Libby of Waterboro
An Act To Help Promote Farming in Maine by Limiting the Liability of "Pick Your Own" Farms
- LR: 2615 Sponsor: Rep. Black of Wilton
An Act To Exempt Maple Sugar Houses from the 1,000-foot Setback Requirement of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission

AFA

- LR: 2373 Sponsor: Rep. Clark of Millinocket
An Act To Provide Funding To Operate the Dolby Landfill in East Millinocket
- LR: 2594 Sponsor: Sen. Hill of York
An Act To Amend Provisions Limiting the Return to Work after Retirement by Teachers, School Employees and State Employees
- LR: 2656 Sponsor: Sen. Raye of Washington
An Act To Provide for an Advisory Referendum on the Approval of Tax-exempt Student Loan Revenue Bonds

CJPS

- LR: 2308 Sponsor: Rep. Blodgett of Augusta
An Act To Establish Certain Crimes Relating to Missing or Deceased Children
- LR: 2310 Sponsor: Rep. Olsen of Phippsburg
An Act To Increase to a Class C Crime the Failure To Report a Missing Child within 24 Hours
- LR: 2324 Sponsor: Sen. Hobbins of York
An Act To Prohibit Verbal Sexual Solicitation of a Minor
- LR: 2333 Sponsor: Rep. Fredette of Newport
An Act To Amend the Maine Bail Code To Protect Victims of Domestic Violence
- LR: 2377 Sponsor: Rep. Casavant of Biddeford
An Act To Better Provide Notification to Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking When Defendants Make Bail
- LR: 2386 Sponsor: Rep. Clarke of Bath
An Act Regarding Inmates on Public Works Projects
- LR: 2397 Sponsor: Rep. Soctomah of Passamaquoddy Tribe
An Act To Impose a Penalty for Making False Claims Regarding Affiliation with a Federally Recognized Tribe
- LR: 2401 Sponsor: Rep. Haskell of Portland

An Act To Ensure Equal Treatment of Juvenile Case Records

LR: 2424 Sponsor: Rep. Crafts of Lisbon

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

LR: 2440 Sponsor: Rep. Stevens of Bangor

An Act To Establish a Pilot Program as an Alternative to the Drug Court

LR: 2470 Sponsor: Sen. Diamond of Cumberland

An Act To Rescue Children Who Are Being Sexually Abused and To Make Improvements to the Sex Offender Registry and the Computer Crimes Unit

LR: 2473 Sponsor: Rep. Volk of Scarborough

An Act To Define, Prevent and Suppress Gang Activity in the State

LR: 2605 Sponsor: Sen. Mason of Androscoggin

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Stalking and Domestic Violence

LR: 2644 Sponsor: Rep. Cain of Orono

An Act To Mandate the Use of Standardized Risk Assessment in the Management of Domestic Violence Crimes

EDU

LR: 2327 Sponsor: Rep. Fredette of Newport

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

LR: 2380 Sponsor: Rep. Gifford of Lincoln

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

LR: 2382 Sponsor: Rep. Turner of Burlington

An Act Regarding the School Fund in the Town of Burlington

LR: 2400 Sponsor: Sen. Snowe-Mello of Androscoggin

An Act To Improve the Budget Approval and Validation Process

LR: 2436 Sponsor: Rep. Burns of Whiting

An Act To Modify the Alternative Organizational Structure Budget Approval Process

LR: 2531 Sponsor: Rep. Ayotte of Caswell

An Act To Update the Laws Concerning the Maine School of Science and Mathematics

LR: 2533 Sponsor: Sen. Alfond of Cumberland

An Act To Improve the Readiness of Maine High School Graduates

LR: 2607 Sponsor: Sen. Alfond of Cumberland

An Act To Encourage Parental Involvement in Education

LR: 2635 Sponsor: Sen. Alfond of Cumberland

An Act To Restructure the National Board Certification Program for Teachers

ENR

LR: 2433 Sponsor: Sen. Courtney of York

An Act To Reduce Open Burning in Community Neighborhoods

LR: 2511 Sponsor: Sen. Saviello of Franklin

An Act To Clarify Site Location Exemptions for Previously Developed Sites

LR: 2513 Sponsor: Sen. Saviello of Franklin

An Act To Refine the Definition of "Person Aggrieved" in Proceedings before the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission

LR: 2514 Sponsor: Sen. Saviello of Franklin

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

EUT

LR: 2348 Sponsor: Sen. Thibodeau of Waldo

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

LR: 2350 Sponsor: Rep. Sarty, Jr. of Denmark

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

LR: 2434 Sponsor: Sen. Hill of York

An Act To Amend the Charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District

LR: 2489 Sponsor: Sen. Sherman of Aroostook

An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Electric Industry Restructuring

LR: 2501 Sponsor: Rep. Espling of New Gloucester

An Act To Create the New Gloucester Water District

LR: 2528 Sponsor: Rep. Parker of Veazie

An Act To Amend the Charter of the Veazie Sewer District

LR: 2589 Sponsor: Sen. Katz of Kennebec

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

LR: 2619 Sponsor: Sen. Raye of Washington

An Act To Increase Energy Options

LR: 2632 Sponsor: Rep. Fitts of Pittsfield

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

HHS

LR: 2426 Sponsor: Sen. McCormick of Kennebec

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

LR: 2544 Sponsor: Rep. Willette of Mapleton

An Act To Restrict Further the Amount of Methamphetamine Precursors That May Be Bought or Sold

LR: 2614 Sponsor: Rep. Gifford of Lincoln

An Act Relating to False Claims under the Medicaid Program

LR: 2630 Sponsor: Rep. Moulton of York

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

LR: 2640 Sponsor: Rep. Burns of Whiting

An Act To Improve Accountability Concerning Travel Reimbursement under MaineCare

LR: 2645 Sponsor: Rep. Cain of Orono

An Act To Ensure Access to Prescription Drugs in Rural Maine by Ensuring Fairness in Reimbursement for Mail Order Pharmacies

IFS

LR: 2369 Sponsor: Sen. Courtney of York

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

LR: 2387 Sponsor: Rep. Luchini of Ellsworth

An Act To Extend Certain Insurance Protection to Emergency Responders

LR: 2398 Sponsor: Rep. Sarty, Jr. of Denmark

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

LR: 2448 Sponsor: Sen. Martin, Jr. of Kennebec

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

LR: 2453 Sponsor: Rep. Picchiotti of Fairfield

An Act Regarding Subrogation of Medical Payments Coverage

LR: 2485 Sponsor: Rep. McKane of Newcastle

An Act To Permit a Pre-need Life Insurance Product and Limited License for Payment of Prearranged Funeral Plans

LR: 2486 Sponsor: Rep. Richardson of Warren

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

LR: 2522 Sponsor: Sen. Katz of Kennebec

An Act To Clarify Health Insurance Benefits for Disabled Participants in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

LR: 2569 Sponsor: Rep. Cushing, III of Hampden

An Act Regarding Insurance Adjusters

LR: 2572 Sponsor: Rep. Richardson of Warren

An Act To Permit Financial Institutions To Share Certain Information for the Purpose of Preventing Electronic Bank Card Losses and other Fraud

LR: 2596 Sponsor: Rep. Richardson of Warren

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

LR: 2612 Sponsor: Rep. Fitts of Pittsfield

An Act Related to Specialty Tiers in Prescription Medication Pricing

IFW

LR: 2422 Sponsor: Rep. Cushing, III of Hampden

An Act To Strengthen the Relationship between Land Users and Landowners

LR: 2484 Sponsor: Rep. Tilton of Harrington

An Act To Sustain the Elver Fishery

LR: 2521 Sponsor: Sen. Raye of Washington

An Act To Ensure a Reliable Funding Stream for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

JUD

LR: 2404 Sponsor: Sen. Hastings, III of Oxford

An Act To Clarify Authorization for a Court Facilities Bond

LR: 2425 Sponsor: Sen. Hastings, III of Oxford

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

LR: 2439 Sponsor: Sen. Schneider of Penobscot

- An Act To Remove Redundancy in Child Custody Laws
 LR: 2444 Sponsor: Rep. Nass of Acton
 An Act To Clarify the Requirements of Income Withholding Orders
 LR: 2503 Sponsor: Rep. Priest of Brunswick
 An Act To Provide Magistrates To Assist the Court in Handling Small Claims and Landlord-tenant Cases
 LR: 2651 Sponsor: Rep. Hayes of Buckfield
 An Act To Protect the Privacy of Social Workers
- LCED**
- LR: 2332 Sponsor: Rep. Waterhouse of Bridgton
 An Act To Provide That Persons Hiring Assistants To Provide Home Care for Relatives Are Not Employers for Purposes of Unemployment Compensation Laws
 LR: 2378 Sponsor: Rep. Richardson of Warren
 An Act Relating To Determining Population for Purposes of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code
 LR: 2405 Sponsor: Rep. Longstaff of Waterville
 An Act To Prevent the Theft and Illegal Sale of Copper
 LR: 2446 Sponsor: Sen. Hastings, III of Oxford
 An Act To Protect Gasoline Marketers from Liability for Selling Federally Mandated Gasoline
 LR: 2539 Sponsor: Rep. Nutting of Oakland
 An Act To Define the Term "Pharmacy Student Intern"
 LR: 2580 Sponsor: Rep. Strang Burgess of Cumberland
 An Act To Allow for the Timely Access to and Enhanced Administration of Injectable Medications, Biologicals, Immunizations and Vaccines
 LR: 2620 Sponsor: Rep. Cushing, III of Hampden
 An Act To Preserve the Integrity of the Maine Certified Public Accountant Examination
 LR: 2636 Sponsor: Rep. Moulton of York
 An Act To Clarify the Liability of 3rd-party Building Inspectors
 LR: 2647 Sponsor: Sen. Hobbins of York
 Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Facilitate the Development of Unoccupied Mills
 LR: 2649 Sponsor: Sen. Hobbins of York
 Resolve, To Create the Task Force To Bolster and Expand Exports of Maine Products and Services
 LR: 2652 Sponsor: Rep. Prescott of Topsham
 Resolve, To Ensure the Use of an Appropriate Conversion Factor in the Payment for Anesthesia Services Under the Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule
 LR: 2658 Sponsor: Rep. Prescott of Topsham
 An Act To Provide Additional In-store Advertising Space for Maine's Businesses by Removing License Posting Requirements
 LR: 2659 Sponsor: Rep. O'Connor of Berwick
 An Act To Conform Maine Law to Federal Law Regarding Payment of Overtime to Truck Drivers and Driver's Helpers
 LR: 2661 Sponsor: Rep. Cushing, III of Hampden
 An Act To Amend the Uniform Commercial Code Regarding Motor Vehicle Warranties

MAR

LR: 2488 Sponsor: Sen. Langley of Hancock
An Act To Establish a Program To Certify Maine Shellfish

LR: 2604 Sponsor: Sen. Snowe-Mello of Androscoggin
Resolve, Directing the Department of Marine Resources To Examine the Role of 3rd-party Laboratories in Conducting Testing for the Department

SLG

LR: 2329 Sponsor: Sen. Rosen of Hancock
An Act To Amend the Charter of the Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation

LR: 2331 Sponsor: Rep. Turner of Burlington
An Act To Promote POW/MIA Recognition Day

LR: 2334 Sponsor: Rep. Fredette of Newport
An Act To Allow the Adjutant General To Appear before a Joint Session of the Legislature To Address the Legislature

LR: 2421 Sponsor: Sen. Thomas of Somerset
An Act Concerning Copying Fees for Users of County Registries of Deeds

LR: 2512 Sponsor: Sen. Plowman of Penobscot
An Act To Require Agencies and Their Legal Representatives To Report the Cost of Pursuing Actions in Administrative and Court Proceedings

LR: 2515 Sponsor: Sen. Saviello of Franklin
An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Discontinued Town Ways

TAX

LR: 2305 Sponsor: Rep. McKane of Newcastle
An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Sale of Wood Pellets

LR: 2447 Sponsor: Rep. Harmon of Palermo
An Act To Ensure Equal Tax Treatment for Providers of Residential Care to the Elderly and Disabled

LR: 2487 Sponsor: Sen. Courtney of York
An Act To Create a Sales Tax Exemption for the Sale and Delivery of Off-Peak Electricity for Electric Thermal Storage Devices

LR: 2507 Sponsor: Sen. Plowman of Penobscot
An Act To Amend the Circuitbreaker Program To Require Proof of Payment of Rent

LR: 2519 Sponsor: Sen. Raye of Washington
An Act To Promote Jobs in the Motor Coach Industry by Providing a Sales Tax Exemption for Certain Buses

LR: 2520 Sponsor: Sen. Raye of Washington
An Act To Make Fisheries and Wildlife Projects Eligible for Tax Increment Financing Funds

LR: 2526 Sponsor: Rep. Keschl of Belgrade
An Act To Amend the Law Governing Abatements of Property Taxes for Infirmary or Poverty

LR: 2575 Sponsor: Rep. Knapp of Gorham
An Act To Create Excise Tax Equity and Consistency for Buses

LR: 2650 Sponsor: Rep. Hayes of Buckfield

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

TRA

- LR: 2316 Sponsor: Sen. Thomas of Somerset
Resolve, To Name 2 Bridges in the Town of Harmony
- LR: 2336 Sponsor: Sen. Katz of Kennebec
An Act To Allow Disabled Veterans To Receive Two Sets of Special Designating License Plates
- LR: 2390 Sponsor: Rep. Timberlake of Turner
Resolve, To Direct the Department of Transportation To Restrict Spending on the Ricker Hill Road in the Town of Turner
- LR: 2410 Sponsor: Rep. Rosen of Bucksport
Resolve, To Name Route 1-A between Brewer and Ellsworth the Korean War Veterans Highway
- LR: 2438 Sponsor: Sen. Schneider of Penobscot
An Act To Increase Truck Weight Limits
- LR: 2454 Sponsor: Sen. Whittemore of Somerset
An Act To Clarify the Definition of "Tractor" under the Motor Vehicle Laws
- LR: 2468 Sponsor: Sen. Sullivan of York
An Act To Remove a Barrier to Response by Emergency Medical Personnel
- LR: 2574 Sponsor: Sen. Collins of York
An Act To Simplify Toll Discounts and Amend Certain Powers and Procedures of the Maine Turnpike Authority
- LR: 2592 Sponsor: Rep. Martin of Eagle Lake
An Act To Revise Motor Vehicle Inspection Laws with Regard to Tire Sizes
- LR: 2598 Sponsor: Sen. Hill of York
Resolve, To Allow Signs along Interstate 95 for the Town of Kittery and Its Businesses and Establishments
- LR: 2606 Sponsor: Sen. Mason of Androscoggin
An Act To Modernize Maine's Vehicle Inspection Program

VLA

- LR: 2326 Sponsor: Sen. Raye of Washington
Resolve, To Establish a Stakeholder Group for the Development of a Plan for the Inventory and Proper Care of Veterans' Graves
- LR: 2346 Sponsor: Rep. Johnson of Greenville
An Act To Enhance a Community's Ability To Update Its Veterans Honor Roll
- LR: 2384 Sponsor: Sen. Hastings, III of Oxford
An Act To Clarify the Process of Removal of a Person from a Dormitory or Residential Facility Operated by a Charitable or Philanthropic Organization
- LR: 2411 Sponsor: Rep. Harmon of Palermo
An Act To Amend the Liquor Laws as They Pertain to Off-premises Catering at Planned Events or Gatherings
- LR: 2655 Sponsor: Sen. Plowman of Penobscot
An Act To Correct Errors in Recently Enacted Laws Governing Agency Liquor Stores

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Sponsor: Sen. Alfond of Cumberland

LR: 2533

An Act To Improve the Readiness of Maine High School Graduates

LR: 2607

An Act To Encourage Parental Involvement in Education

LR: 2635

An Act To Restructure the National Board Certification Program for Teachers

Sponsor: Rep. Ayotte of Caswell

LR: 2531

An Act To Update the Laws Concerning the Maine School of Science and Mathematics

Sponsor: Rep. Black of Wilton

LR: 2615

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

Sponsor: Rep. Blodgett of Augusta

LR: 2308

An Act To Establish Certain Crimes Relating to Missing or Deceased Children

Sponsor: Rep. Burns of Whiting

LR: 2436

An Act To Modify the Alternative Organizational Structure Budget Approval Process

LR: 2640

An Act To Improve Accountability Concerning Travel Reimbursement under MaineCare

Sponsor: Rep. Cain of Orono

LR: 2644

An Act To Mandate the Use of Standardized Risk Assessment in the Management of Domestic Violence Crimes

LR: 2645

An Act To Ensure Access to Prescription Drugs in Rural Maine by Ensuring Fairness in Reimbursement for Mail Order Pharmacies

Sponsor: Rep. Casavant of Biddeford

LR: 2377

An Act To Better Provide Notification to Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking When Defendants Make Bail

Sponsor: Rep. Clark of Millinocket

LR: 2373

An Act To Provide Funding To Operate the Dolby Landfill in East Millinocket

Sponsor: Rep. Clarke of Bath

LR: 2386

An Act Regarding Inmates on Public Works Projects

Sponsor: Sen. Collins of York

LR: 2574

An Act To Simplify Toll Discounts and Amend Certain Powers and Procedures of the Maine Turnpike Authority

Sponsor: Sen. Courtney of York

LR: 2369

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

LR: 2433

An Act To Reduce Open Burning in Community Neighborhoods

LR: 2487

An Act To Create a Sales Tax Exemption for the Sale and Delivery of Off-Peak Electricity for Electric Thermal Storage Devices

Sponsor: Rep. Crafts of Lisbon

LR: 2424

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

Sponsor: Rep. Cushing, III of Hampden

LR: 2422

An Act To Strengthen the Relationship between Land Users and Landowners

LR: 2569

An Act Regarding Insurance Adjusters

LR: 2620

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

LR: 2661

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

Sponsor: Sen. Diamond of Cumberland

LR: 2470

An Act To Rescue Children Who Are Being Sexually Abused and To Make Improvements to the Sex Offender Registry and the Computer Crimes Unit

Sponsor: Rep. Espling of New Gloucester

LR: 2501

An Act To Create the New Gloucester Water District

Sponsor: Rep. Fitts of Pittsfield

LR: 2612

An Act Related to Specialty Tiers in Prescription Medication Pricing

LR: 2632

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

Sponsor: Rep. Fredette of Newport

LR: 2327

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

LR: 2333

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

LR: 2334

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

Sponsor: Rep. Gifford of Lincoln

LR: 2380

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

LR: 2614

An Act Relating to False Claims under the Medicaid Program

Sponsor: Rep. Harmon of Palermo

LR: 2411

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

LR: 2447

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

Sponsor: Rep. Haskell of Portland

LR: 2401

An Act To Ensure Equal Treatment of Juvenile Case Records

Sponsor: Sen. Hastings, III of Oxford

LR: 2384

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

LR: 2404

An Act To Clarify Authorization for a Court Facilities Bond

LR: 2425

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

LR: 2446

An Act To Protect Gasoline Marketers from Liability for Selling Federally Mandated Gasoline

Sponsor: Rep. Hayes of Buckfield

LR: 2650

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

LR: 2651

An Act To Protect the Privacy of Social Workers

Sponsor: Sen. Hill of York

LR: 2434

An Act To Amend the Charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District

LR: 2594

An Act To Amend Provisions Limiting the Return to Work after Retirement by Teachers, School Employees and State Employees

LR: 2598

Resolve, To Allow Signs along Interstate 95 for the Town of Kittery and Its Businesses and Establishments

Sponsor: Sen. Hobbins of York

LR: 2324

An Act To Prohibit Verbal Sexual Solicitation of a Minor

LR: 2647

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

LR: 2649

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

Sponsor: Rep. Johnson of Greenville

LR: 2346

An Act To Enhance a Community's Ability To Update Its Veterans Honor Roll

Sponsor: Sen. Katz of Kennebec

LR: 2336

An Act To Allow Disabled Veterans To Receive Two Sets of Special Designating License Plates

LR: 2522

An Act To Clarify Health Insurance Benefits for Disabled Participants in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

LR: 2589

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

Sponsor: Rep. Keschl of Belgrade

LR: 2526

An Act To Amend the Law Governing Abatements of Property Taxes for Infirmary or Poverty

Sponsor: Rep. Knapp of Gorham

LR: 2575

An Act To Create Excise Tax Equity and Consistency for Buses

Sponsor: Sen. Langley of Hancock

LR: 2488

An Act To Establish a Program To Certify Maine Shellfish

Sponsor: Rep. Libby of Waterboro

LR: 2506

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

LR: 2516

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

Sponsor: Rep. Longstaff of Waterville

LR: 2405

An Act To Prevent the Theft and Illegal Sale of Copper

Sponsor: Rep. Luchini of Ellsworth

LR: 2387

An Act To Extend Certain Insurance Protection to Emergency Responders

Sponsor: Rep. Martin of Eagle Lake

LR: 2592

An Act To Revise Motor Vehicle Inspection Laws with Regard to Tire Sizes

Sponsor: Sen. Martin, Jr. of Kennebec

LR: 2448

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

Sponsor: Sen. Mason of Androscoggin

LR: 2605

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Stalking and Domestic Violence

LR: 2606

An Act To Modernize Maine's Vehicle Inspection Program

Sponsor: Sen. McCormick of Kennebec

LR: 2426

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

Sponsor: Rep. McKane of Newcastle

LR: 2305

An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Sale of Wood Pellets

LR: 2485

An Act To Permit a Pre-need Life Insurance Product and Limited License for Payment of Prearranged Funeral Plans

Sponsor: Rep. Moulton of York

LR: 2630

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

LR: 2636

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

Sponsor: Rep. Nass of Acton

LR: 2444

An Act To Clarify the Requirements of Income Withholding Orders

Sponsor: Rep. Nutting of Oakland

LR: 2539

An Act To Define the Term "Pharmacy Student Intern"

Sponsor: Rep. O'Connor of Berwick

LR: 2659

An Act To Conform Maine Law to Federal Law Regarding Payment of Overtime to Truck Drivers and Driver's Helpers

Sponsor: Rep. Olsen of Phippsburg

LR: 2310

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

Sponsor: Rep. Parker of Veazie

LR: 2528

An Act To Amend the Charter of the Veazie Sewer District

Sponsor: Rep. Picchiotti of Fairfield

LR: 2453

An Act Regarding Subrogation of Medical Payments Coverage

Sponsor: Sen. Plowman of Penobscot

LR: 2507

An Act To Amend the Circuitbreaker Program To Require Proof of Payment of Rent

LR: 2512

An Act To Require Agencies and Their Legal Representatives To Report the Cost of Pursuing Actions in Administrative and Court Proceedings

LR: 2655

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

Sponsor: Rep. Prescott of Topsham

LR: 2652

Resolve, To Ensure the Use of an Appropriate Conversion Factor in the Payment for Anesthesia Services Under the Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule

LR: 2658

An Act To Provide Additional In-store Advertising Space for Maine's Businesses by Removing License Posting Requirements

Sponsor: Rep. Priest of Brunswick

LR: 2503

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

Sponsor: Sen. Raye of Washington

LR: 2326

Resolve, To Establish a Stakeholder Group for the Development of a Plan for the Inventory and Proper Care of Veterans' Graves

LR: 2519

An Act To Promote Jobs in the Motor Coach Industry by Providing a Sales Tax Exemption for Certain Buses

LR: 2520

An Act To Make Fisheries and Wildlife Projects Eligible for Tax Increment Financing Funds

LR: 2521

An Act To Ensure a Reliable Funding Stream for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LR: 2619

An Act To Increase Energy Options

LR: 2656

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

Sponsor: Rep. Richardson of Warren

LR: 2378

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

LR: 2486

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

LR: 2572

An Act To Permit Financial Institutions To Share Certain Information for the Purpose of Preventing Electronic Bank Card Losses and other Fraud

LR: 2596

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

Sponsor: Sen. Rosen of Hancock

LR: 2329

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

LR: 2410

Resolve, To Name Route 1-A between Brewer and Ellsworth the Korean War Veterans Highway

Sponsor: Rep. Sarty, Jr. of Denmark

LR: 2350

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

LR: 2398

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

Sponsor: Sen. Saviello of Franklin

LR: 2509

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

LR: 2511

An Act To Clarify Site Location Exemptions for Previously Developed Sites

LR: 2513

An Act To Refine the Definition of "Person Aggrieved" in Proceedings before the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission

LR: 2514

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

LR: 2515

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Discontinued Town Ways

Sponsor: Sen. Schneider of Penobscot

LR: 2438

An Act To Increase Truck Weight Limits

LR: 2439

An Act To Remove Redundancy in Child Custody Laws

Sponsor: Sen. Sherman of Aroostook

LR: 2489

An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Electric Industry Restructuring

Sponsor: Sen. Snowe-Mello of Androscoggin

LR: 2400

An Act To Improve the Budget Approval and Validation Process

LR: 2604

Resolve, Directing the Department of Marine Resources To Examine the Role of 3rd-party Laboratories in Conducting Testing for the Department

Sponsor: Rep. Soctomah of Passamaquoddy Tribe

LR: 2397

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

Sponsor: Rep. Stevens of Bangor

LR: 2440

An Act To Establish a Pilot Program as an Alternative to the Drug Court

Sponsor: Rep. Strang Burgess of Cumberland

LR: 2580

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

Sponsor: Sen. Sullivan of York

LR: 2468

An Act To Remove a Barrier to Response by Emergency Medical Personnel

Sponsor: Sen. Thibodeau of Waldo

LR: 2348

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

Sponsor: Sen. Thomas of Somerset

LR: 2316

Resolve, To Name 2 Bridges in the Town of Harmony

LR: 2421

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

Sponsor: Rep. Tilton of Harrington

LR: 2484

An Act To Sustain the Elver Fishery

Sponsor: Rep. Timberlake of Turner

LR: 2390

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Transportation To Restrict Spending on the Ricker Hill Road in the Town of Turner

Sponsor: Rep. Turner of Burlington

LR: 2331

An Act To Promote POW/MIA Recognition Day

LR: 2382

An Act Regarding the School Fund in the Town of Burlington

Sponsor: Rep. Volk of Scarborough

LR: 2473

An Act To Define, Prevent and Suppress Gang Activity in the State

Sponsor: Rep. Waterhouse of Bridgton

LR: 2332

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

Sponsor: Sen. Whittemore of Somerset

LR: 2454

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

Sponsor: Rep. Willette of Mapleton

LR: 2544

An Act To Restrict Further the Amount of Methamphetamine Precursors That May Be Bought or Sold

Total number of bills accepted: 117