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Legislative Council meeting
on October 30, 2013

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TO: Members of the Legislative Council

FROM: Suzanne M. Gresser, Revisor of Statutes *SMG*

RE: Information for October 30th Council Meeting:
Screening of Bill Requests for the 126th 2nd Regular Session

DATE: October 22, 2013

This notebook is being distributed only to members of the Legislative Council and their staff offices, the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House and the nonpartisan staff offices. Part 2 of the notebook contains a list of bill requests received by the cloture date of September 27, 2013, arranged by subject matter, and includes for each request a title and a brief comment summarizing the request. With the assistance of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of Fiscal and Program Review, the Revisor's Office has annotated the list in an attempt to identify:

- Requests that appear closely related to other requests that have been filed for consideration in the 2nd Regular Session

These requests are not necessarily duplicate requests. We have grouped together for your consideration and ultimate determination bills with a similar goal or purpose that could potentially appear in the same bill or that clearly deal with the same set of issues.

- Requests that appear closely related to a bill that has been carried over to the 2nd Regular Session

If a carryover bill, either by its subject matter or its title, appears potentially broad enough to incorporate a request if it were proposed as an amendment, we have identified the request as being closely related to that carryover bill.

- Requests that may require a ruling from the Presiding Officers under Joint Rule 217, which limits the introduction of a measure that has been finally rejected in a previous session of this Legislature

This notebook also contains other information that may be useful for the Legislative Council in the screening meeting, including a list of request titles arranged alphabetically by sponsor, a list of carryover bills, a list of approved studies, and a list of departmental and agency bills arranged by subject matter.

This notebook is not distributed to the public by the Revisor's Office since the comments are not yet public information; however, a copy of the list of bill requests is available to the public on the Legislature's website and copies, with the comments, will be available at the October 30, 2013 meeting of the Legislative Council.

Please bring the notebook with you to the Legislative Council meeting on October 30, 2013. I would be happy to discuss any questions or concerns at your convenience.

cc: Legislative staff offices

126th LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



**Bill Requests Received before Cloture
on September 27, 2013 and Submitted for
Consideration by the Legislative Council
on October 30, 2013**

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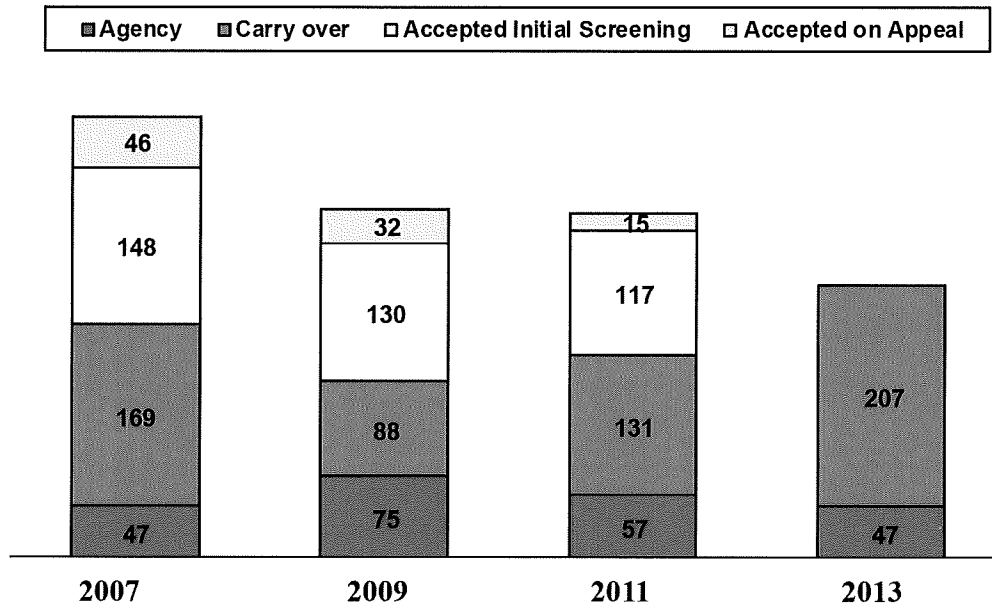
PART 1

INTRODUCTION

This volume contains the bill requests submitted by Legislators before cloture on September 27, 2013 that are proposed for introduction in the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature. The requests are listed in Part 2 and are arranged by subject matter. Each request is indicated by a title, followed by a short summary of the bill request and, where applicable, cross-references to other requests that appear to be related. We have also identified requests that may be precluded by Joint Rule 217 with cross references to the possible conflicting LDs from last session.

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

Category of Bill Requests Considered in 2nd Regular Session



Total Number of Bills after Screening

410 325 320

Number of Legislator Requests Subject To Review

566 374 288 399

Two years ago, in 2011, out of a total of 288 precloture legislator requests to review, 117 were admitted at the initial screening and 15 at the appeal screening for a total of 132 legislator bills accepted at the screenings.

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

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

This year a total of 47 agency and independent bills were filed, as compared to 57 in 2011, 75 in 2009 and 47 in 2007.

Additionally, the workload of the Legislature includes 207 carryovers for the upcoming session, as compared to 131 in 2011, 88 in 2009 and 169 in 2007.

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

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

Constitution of Maine

Article IV

Part Third

Legislative Power.

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

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JOINT RULES

Joint Rule 217. Measures Rejected at a Prior Session.

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

PART 2

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

LR: 2568 Sponsor: Representative Marean of Hollis
Title: An Act To Protect the Integrity of Funding for Harness Racing Purses
Comment: This bill would protect the integrity of funding for harness racing purses.

LR: 2268	Sponsor: Representative Lockman of Amherst
Title:	An Act To Require Signs and Lighting on Boat Ramps
Comment:	This bill would require signs and lighting on public boat ramps and private boat ramps with public access.

LR: 2305	Sponsor: Representative Kumiega, III of Deer Isle
Title:	An Act To Protect Maine's Lobster Fishery
Comment:	This bill would prohibit the use of methoprene and resmethrin, 2 chemicals used for mosquito control, if the chemical would enter the waters of the Gulf of Maine.

LR: 2355	Sponsor: Representative Jones of Freedom
Title:	An Act To Ban the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides for 2 Years
Comment:	This bill would place a 2-year moratorium on the use of neonicotinoid pesticides.

LR: 2481	Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title:	An Act To Further Ensure the Provision of Safe Medical Marijuana to Maine Patients
Comment:	This bill would allow the use of certain materials or pesticides in the cultivation of marijuana for medical use.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

AGRICULTURE

Sponsor: Senator Johnson of Lincoln

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Agricultural Development Fund

Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$10,000,000 to fund the agricultural development fund.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Sponsor: Speaker Eves of North Berwick

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Technology Infrastructure and Grow the Maine Economy in Existing and Emerging Industries

Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to build infrastructure to promote innovation, commercialization and job growth in the State's marine economy and biotechnology sectors.

Closely Related CO: LD 1223 Senator Cain, E

Closely Related CO: LD 1492 Senator Katz, R

Sponsor: Representative Monaghan-Derrig of Cape Elizabeth

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for a Convention Center in Portland

Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to provide funds for a convention center in the City of Portland.

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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

BOND ISSUES

ENERGY

LR: 2235 Sponsor: Representative Dion of Portland
Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage a Strong Job Market by Promoting Affordable Electricity
Comment: This bill would provide a bond issue in the amount of \$10,000,000 to be used to provide a one-to-one match to public and private sources to allow small power producers and cogenerators to sell electricity at cost to businesses, municipalities and individuals in order to provide low-cost electricity to these entities as an economic benefit to encourage a strong job market.

BOND ISSUES

HEALTH

LR: 2417 Sponsor: Speaker Eves of North Berwick
Title: An Act To Improve Care for Maine's Senior Citizens through a General Fund Bond Issue To Repair Long-term Care Facilities
Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$25,000,000, the proceeds of which would be used to establish a loan forgiveness or grant program for repairs at long-term care facilities.

BOND ISSUES

MARINE RESOURCES

LR: 2347 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds To Develop Lobster Processing Capacity in the State
Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to provide funds to develop lobster processing capacity in the State.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2353 Representative Cassidy, K

LR: 2353 Sponsor: Representative Cassidy of Lubec
Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Develop Maine's Lobster Processing Industry
Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to develop the State's lobster processing industry.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2347 Senator Jackson, T

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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

BOND ISSUES

MARINE RESOURCES

LR: 2364

Sponsor: Senator Mazurek of Knox

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Repair and Renovate the Rockland Fish Pier

Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to finance the repair and renovation of the Rockland Fish Pier.

BOND ISSUES

NATURAL RESOURCES

LR: 2627

Sponsor: Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund

Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$2,100,000 to fund the safe drinking water revolving loan fund.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2596

Sponsor: Senator Cain of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Improve the Disability Benefits Process under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

Comment: This bill would make changes to the process of applying for disability benefits from the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to improve the application process and enhance applicant rights.

Closely Related CO: LD 186 Representative Beck, H

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

BENEFITS

LR: 2291

Sponsor: Representative Pringle of Windham

Title: An Act To Eliminate Unfairness in the Payment of Retirement Benefits To Divorced Spouses

Comment: This bill would allow a divorced spouse entitled to retirement benefits to be eligible for benefits at retirement age regardless of the date of retirement of the ex-spouse. This would change current policy, which determines the payment of retirement benefits to a divorced spouse as of the retirement date of the ex-spouse.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

LR: 2303 Sponsor: Senator Haskell of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Strengthen the Maine Public Employees Retirement System
Comment: This bill would prevent workers in the private sector from receiving pensions from the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

LR: 2317	Sponsor: Representative Crafts of Lisbon
Title:	Resolve, To Initiate the Procedures To Request the Federal Joint Committee on the Library of Congress To Replace a Statue in the National Statuary Hall Collection
Comment:	This bill would initiate the procedures to request the Federal Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to replace a statue in the National Statuary Hall Collection.

LR: 2515	Sponsor: Representative Jorgensen of Portland
Title:	An Act To Provide Supplemental Appropriations to the Maine Public Broadcasting Network
Comment:	This bill would provide supplemental funding to the Maine Public Broadcasting Network to support the operational costs of the Maine Capitol Connection Service.

LR: 2257	Sponsor: Speaker Eves of North Berwick
Title:	An Act To Promote National Security and Workforce Development
Comment:	This bill would appropriate funds to the University of Maine System to support the New England consortium for digital design innovation in order to create defense sector manufacturing jobs in Maine.

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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

SPENDING

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR: 2577 Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Continue Maine's School-based Oral Health Program
Comment: This bill would fund professional positions and continue the fluoride rinse program for children in kindergarten through 4th grade from the General Fund.

LR: 2612 Sponsor: Representative Frey of Bangor
Title: An Act To Preserve Head Start and Child Care Services
Comment: This bill would provide \$2,000,000 to Head Start programs in fiscal year 2014-15 to replace cuts made in fiscal year 2013-14 and to match available federal block grants.

Potential JR 217: LDs 517 and 1383

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2385 Representative Berry, S

LR: 2634 Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Fund Disability Services and Eliminate the Waiting List for Elderly, Disabled Residents
Comment: This bill would fund disability services and eliminate the waiting list for elderly, disabled residents.

Potential JR 217: LDs 29 & 30

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2513 Representative Farnsworth, R

LR: 2653 Sponsor: Representative Rochelo of Biddeford
Title: An Act To Improve Education about and Awareness of Maine's Health Laws and Resources
Comment: This bill would allocate \$5,000,000 in funds the State will receive under the tobacco master settlement agreement to enhance enforcement of current tobacco prevention and control laws, improve public education about tobacco laws and restore funds to the Fund for a Healthy Maine.

SPENDING

JUDICIARY

LR: 2531 Sponsor: Representative Fowle of Vassalboro
Title: An Act To Provide Funding for the Veterans Treatment Courts
Comment: This bill would provide funding for the veterans treatment courts.

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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

SPENDING

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

LR: 2580 Sponsor: Senator Johnson of Lincoln
Title: An Act To Fund the Maintenance of Veterans' Grave Sites
Comment: This bill would provide funding to municipalities for the requirement enacted by the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature in Public Law 2013, chapter 421 that municipalities maintain the grave sites of veterans in public burying grounds.

SPENDING

NATURAL RESOURCES

LR: 2638 Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade
Title: An Act To Improve the Water Quality of Inland Waters by Increasing the Ability of the Department of Environmental Protection To Protect Those Waters
Comment: This bill would appropriate funds to the Department of Environmental Protection to increase the number of staff biologists and technicians to allow the department to better protect the quality of Maine's inland waters.

STATE FINANCES

BUDGET PROCEDURES

LR: 2354 Sponsor: Representative Jones of Freedom
Title: An Act To Subject New Tax Expenditures to a Sunset Review
Comment: This bill would require all newly enacted tax expenditures to be subject to a sunset review after 5 years to determine whether the tax expenditure is accomplishing the purpose for which it was enacted.

STATE FINANCES

DEDICATED FUNDS

LR: 2385 Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham
Title: An Act To Improve Health Care and Disease Prevention Efforts in the Fund for a Healthy Maine
Comment: This bill would provide additional funding for programs funded by the Fund for a Healthy Maine and for Head Start.
Potential JR 217: LDs 517 & 1383
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2612 Representative Frey, A

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CORRECTIONS DEPT PROCEDURES

LR: 2360 Sponsor: Representative Brooks of Winterport
Title: An Act To Provide Mental Health Services in Appropriate Mental Health Settings
Comment: This bill would repeal the new law that expands the mental health unit at the Maine State Prison in the Town of Warren, allows the transfer to that unit of persons in the county jails and persons awaiting psychiatric evaluations at the Riverview Psychiatric Center and allows involuntary medication for mental health purposes of persons in the mental health unit at the Maine State Prison. This bill would remove funding for indigent legal services that was provided because of the involuntary medication provision. This bill would remove funding from the Department of Corrections for mental health services in the mental health unit at the Maine State Prison that was provided because of the transfer provisions. This bill would direct the mental health services funding to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide needed mental health services in appropriate mental health settings instead of in a correctional setting.

CRIMES DRUG OFFENSES

LR: 2329 Sponsor: Representative Russell of Portland
Title: An Act To Align Maine's Marijuana Laws with the Guidelines Governing Taxation and Regulation Issued by the Federal Government
Comment: This bill would align Maine's marijuana laws with the guidelines governing taxation and regulation issued by the Federal Government.

LR: 2373 Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta
Title: An Act To Add a Category of Child Care Centers to the Safe Zones List
Comment: This bill would add child care centers to the list of places that are designated as safe zones of a municipality.

LR: 2375 Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta
Title: An Act To Establish Criminal Penalties for Violations of the Medical Marijuana Laws
Comment: This bill would establish criminal penalties for violations of the medical marijuana law that would equal the penalties charged for nonmedical marijuana violations.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CRIMES

DRUG OFFENSES

LR: 2376 Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta

Title: An Act To Control the Sale of Marijuana To Limit Addiction

Comment: This bill would establish a process and system for allowing the cultivation and sale of marijuana by companies and nonprofit organizations as approved by the State, including a system to license retailers similar to the system for liquor agencies. All revenue is to be in an established dedicated fund for law enforcement, education and substance abuse prevention.

LR: 2446 Sponsor: Representative Johnson of Greenville

Title: An Act To Enhance Drug Enforcement in Residential Neighborhoods

Comment: This bill would require the court to consider during sentencing for a drug crime whether children were present when the crime was committed, whether the crime was committed in a residential neighborhood and the number of drug crimes committed at the same residence. It would clarify that a person who owns residential property and has knowledge of illegal drug trafficking occurring within that property is liable under existing accomplice laws.

It would require a study to assess the current criminal justice system for drug crimes and propose a long-term plan to document the impact of illegal drug activity and respond to the crisis of illegal drugs in this State. The study would include an assessment of existing studies and data and provide authority for the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety to report out a bill relating to the study in the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

LR: 2553 Sponsor: Representative Russell of Portland

Title: An Act To Decriminalize, Tax and Regulate Cannabis for Responsible Adult Use

Comment: This bill would decriminalize, tax and regulate cannabis for responsible adult use.

Potential JR 217: LD 1229

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CRIMES

SEX OFFENSES

LR: 2263 Sponsor: Representative Maker of Calais
Title: An Act To Improve the Maine Sex Offender Registry
Comment: This bill would require sex offender registration by persons convicted of sex offenses in other countries.

LR: 2397 Sponsor: Senator Youngblood of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Criminalize Sexual Contact between Clergy and Their Congregants
Comment: This bill would prohibit sexual contact between a cleric and a congregant of that cleric.

CRIMES

STALKING

LR: 2660 Sponsor: Senator Burns of Washington
Title: An Act To Enhance Maine's Stalking Law To Include Illegal Stalking of Groups or Members of an Organization
Comment: This bill would make it a crime for a person to stalk a group of people or members of an organization. The penalty for the crime would be enhanced one classification if one or more of the targeted victims was 16 years of age or younger.

CRIMINAL HISTORIES

CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS

LR: 2514 Sponsor: Representative Volk of Scarborough
Title: An Act To Assist Victims of Human Trafficking
Comment: This bill would allow prostitution convictions to be expunged from a person's criminal record when that person was a victim of human trafficking.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE

LR: 2494 Sponsor: Senator Cain of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Increase Safety for Victims of Domestic Violence
Comment: This bill would require that some preconviction criminal investigation reports be released to high-risk response teams. This bill would also address the issue of abusers who, while being held over for judicial review of bail, intimidate victims or witnesses.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

FEES AND SURCHARGES

LR: 2322 Sponsor: Representative Willette of Mapleton
Title: An Act To Increase the Amount of Funds Available to Counties for Witness Fees and Prosecution Costs
Comment: Current law requires forfeited bail to be paid into an account maintained by each prosecutorial district for the purpose of paying expenses related to extradition of fugitives from justice. The maximum amount that may be retained in that account is \$20,000. This bill would increase the amount that may be retained to \$40,000 and allow the funds to be used to pay for fees or expenses, including witness fees, incurred by the district attorney in a criminal prosecution.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

FINES

LR: 2231 Sponsor: Representative Short of Pittsfield
Title: An Act To Return 50% of a Fine to the Municipality Where the Infraction Occurred
Comment: This bill would return 50% of any fine collected to the municipality where the infraction occurred.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
AMBULANCE SERVICES

LR: 2400 Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset
Title: An Act Concerning Patients' Choice for Emergency Care
Comment: This bill would allow a person who calls 9-1-1 to choose the hospital to which the emergency responder takes the person. The bill would also make it clear that, if complications arise while the person is being transported to the hospital of choice, the responder is not liable.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
SYSTEM

LR: 2626 Sponsor: Representative Gideon of Freeport
Title: An Act To Address Preventable Deaths from Drug Overdose
Comment: This bill would require all paramedics, emergency medical technicians, police officers and firefighters to receive training to administer naloxone and to carry at least 2 doses when on duty.

FIRE SAFETY
FIRE DEPARTMENTS

LR: 2345 Sponsor: Representative Parry of Arundel
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Firefighter Absence for Emergency Response
Comment: Current law prohibits an employer from discharging for absence an employee who is a volunteer firefighter and who responds to a fire in that capacity. The law does not pertain to a person who belongs to a municipal fire department. This bill would amend the definition of "firefighter" to include a member of a municipal fire department.

FIRE SAFETY
FIREWORKS

LR: 2306 Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta
Title: An Act To Allow the Sale of Fireworks by Religious Organizations
Comment: This bill would allow religious organizations to sell fireworks as a method of raising funds.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE SAFETY

FIREWORKS

LR: 2349 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook

Title: Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Examine the Establishment of Safeguards on the Use of Fireworks

Comment: This resolve would establish a legislative task force to examine the establishment of safeguards on the use of fireworks.

Closely Related CO: LD 168 Senator Johnson, C

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2463 Representative McClellan, M

LR: 2463 Sponsor: Representative McClellan of Raymond

Title: An Act To Establish Reasonable Restrictions on the Sales and Use of Fireworks

Comment: This bill would establish restrictions on the sale and use of fireworks after examining various criteria, such as the level of fire danger in the area where the fireworks would be used and the presence of farm animals.

Closely Related CO: LD 168 Senator Johnson, C

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2349 Senator Jackson, T

JAILS

STATE FUNDING

LR: 2524 Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan

Title: An Act To Clarify County Jail Debt Financing

Comment: This bill would allow a percentage of the revenue received by a county from the Federal Government for the boarding of federal prisoners to be applied to the retirement of jail debt in existence as of July 1, 2008.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2565 Senator Thomas, D

LR: 2565 Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset

Title: An Act To Require Counties To Use Revenue from Boarding Federal Prisoners To Retire County Jail Debt in Existence before July 1, 2008

Comment: This bill would require counties to use revenue from boarding federal prisoners to retire county jail debt in existence before July 1, 2008.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2524 Representative McCabe, J

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

**OPERATING UNDER INFLUENCE
PENALTIES**

LR: 2529 Sponsor: Representative Marks of Pittston
Title: An Act To Amend the Period of Time for the Calculation of a Prior
Conviction for Operating under the Influence
Comment: This bill would amend the period of time for calculating a prior conviction
for operating under the influence from 10 years to 15 years.

**PRISONERS
MEDICAL CARE**

LR: 2454 Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Create a Therapeutic Mental Health Unit at Two Bridges County
Jail
Comment: This bill would create a therapeutic mental health unit at Two Bridges
County Jail in Wiscasset to treat persons under the jurisdiction of the
Department of Corrections who have mental health challenges as well as
violent persons in the State's mental health institutions. Under this bill, the
Department of Corrections would be responsible for security in the unit, and
the Department of Health and Human Services would be responsible for the
mental health treatment of patients.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2562 Senator Gerzofsky, S

LR: 2506 Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland
Title: An Act Regarding the Involuntary Medication of an Inmate at a Correctional
Facility
Comment: This bill would require, in addition to the court procedure provided for in the
Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, prior to administering medication to an
inmate without that inmate's consent, a correctional facility obtain the
consent of a treating physician, an attending nurse and the family of the
inmate.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

PRISONERS

MEDICAL CARE

LR: 2562 Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Create a Therapeutic Mental Health Unit at a County Jail Located within 40 Miles of the City of Augusta
Comment: This bill would create a therapeutic mental health unit at a county jail located within 40 miles of the City of Augusta to treat persons diagnosed with mental illness who are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections or the county sheriffs, as well as violent patients in the State's mental health institutions.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2454 Senator Gerzofsky, S

PUBLIC SAFETY

COMMUNICATIONS

LR: 2484 Sponsor: Senator Flood of Kennebec
Title: Resolve, To Study the Ability of Dispatchers To Transfer E-9-1-1 Calls to Emergency Responders in Another State
Comment: This resolve would establish a commission to study the ability of E-9-1-1 dispatchers in this State to transfer emergency calls to emergency dispatchers in another state.

WEAPONS

SALES

LR: 2241 Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta
Title: An Act To Ensure Confidentiality of Personally Identifying Information on Certain Firearms Forms
Comment: This bill would ensure the confidentiality of forms regarding firearms purchases in the custody of state agencies or dealers.

LR: 2538 Sponsor: Representative Dion of Portland
Title: An Act To Promote the Safe Sale and Use of Firearms
Comment: This bill would promote the safe sale and use of firearms by establishing requirements for a firearm safety course by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, increasing the fine for providing a false name to a firearms dealer and requiring private sales of firearms to be subject to background checks. This bill would take effect only upon approval at referendum.

Potential JR 217: LDs 267 & 1240

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

LR: 2238 Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham
Title: An Act To Encourage Informed Choices in Planning for Higher Education and Future Careers
Comment: This bill would require lenders to provide to student loan applicants information regarding career lifetime earnings based on Department of Labor data, the probability of job placement in Maine in the students' field of study, anticipated monthly cumulative student loan payments and the term of loans and available incentives, including the education opportunity tax credit.

LR: 2246 Sponsor: President Alfond of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Promote Higher Education
Comment: This bill would allow the State to give a student loan to a person who is enrolled in the University of Maine System. The student would pay a percentage of the student's income, once the student is employed, over a 20-year period. There would be no tuition costs for the student.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2566 Representative Daughtry, M
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2252 Senator Katz, R

LR: 2252 Sponsor: Senator Katz of Kennebec
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Study the Establishment of a Pilot Program Based on Oregon's "Pay Forward, Pay Back" Model of Funding Public Postsecondary Education
Comment: This bill would direct the Department of Education to study the establishment of a pilot project based on Oregon's "Pay Forward, Pay Back" model of funding postsecondary education at state institutions.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2246 President Alfond, J
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2566 Representative Daughtry, M

LR: 2566 Sponsor: Representative Daughtry of Brunswick
Title: An Act To Increase the Affordability of Higher Education
Comment: This bill would create a pilot project to replace the traditional tuition system with a contract to pay back the State with a percentage of income after the person graduates.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2246 President Alfond, J
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2252 Senator Katz, R

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CULTURAL AGENCIES
STATE MUSEUM

LR: 2636

Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade

Title: An Act To Allow the Maine State Museum To Retain Revenues from Fees Imposed for Admission

Comment: This bill would place all revenue generated by admission fees to the Maine State Museum in a dedicated account for use by the Maine State Museum.

EDUCATION DEPT
ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2555

Sponsor: Representative Hobbins of Saco

Title: An Act To Eliminate Student Reimbursement Inequity for Special Purpose Schools

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Education to reimburse special purpose schools in the same manner as it reimburses public schools. Under this bill, reimbursement of special purpose schools would not be denied when a student is not in attendance.

EDUCATION DEPT
POWERS

LR: 2532

Sponsor: Representative Nelson of Falmouth

Title: Resolve, To Create the Civics Education Council

Comment: This resolve would establish the Civics Education Council.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2227 Representative Peterson, M

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS
CHARTER SCHOOLS

LR: 2380

Sponsor: Representative Gillway of Searsport

Title: An Act To Establish the Maine School of Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering

Comment: This bill would establish in Regional School Unit 20 the Maine School of Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering, which would offer courses in marine-related fields such as oceanography, ship building and navigation.

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS

LR: 2604 Sponsor: Representative MacDonald of Boothbay
Title: An Act To Improve the Process for Grading Public Schools and Public
Charter Schools in the State
Comment: This bill would improve the process for grading public schools and public
charter schools in the State.
Potential JR 217: LD 1540
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2603 Representative MacDonald, W

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
BUDGETS

LR: 2236 Sponsor: Senator Johnson of Lincoln
Title: An Act To Foster a Responsible School Budget Process
Comment: This bill would provide that, in any year where the level of state subsidy for
the general purpose aid for local schools program in the state budget is not
finalized by March 15 for the upcoming fiscal year, the school administrative
units in the State are not obligated to implement the budget approval and
budget validation referendum requirements under the Maine Revised
Statutes, Title 20-A, sections 1485 and 1486 until such time as State
Government enacts legislation that approves the state budget or authorizes
the level of state subsidy to be provided to school administrative units in the
State under the general purpose for local schools program.

LR: 2413 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Clarify the School Budget Development Process in Certain
Charter Municipalities
Comment: This bill would clarify that the school budget adoption laws do not preempt
provisions in a municipal charter governing school budget development
review and recommendation adopted prior to the budget meeting of the
municipal legislative body.

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**SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA
ADJUSTMENTS**

LR: 2232 Sponsor: Representative Short of Pittsfield
Title: An Act To Allow Public School Districts To Include in the Student Count Students Who Were Home-schooled and Are Attending a Charter School
Comment: This bill would allow a school district to include in the October 1 and April 1 student count previously home-schooled students who reside in the school district who are attending a charter school.

LR: 2343 Sponsor: Representative Clark of Easton
Title: An Act To Ensure Fair Distribution of Funds within the Education Funding Formula
Comment: This bill would restore to any school district money that was lost due to the extra money that was added to the funding formula through Public Law 2013, chapter 368. The bill would also require that a school cannot lose state funding dollars as a result of adding more money into the funding formula.

**SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA
STATE/LOCAL SHARE**

LR: 2283 Sponsor: Representative Kinney of Limington
Title: An Act To Limit Local Contribution to School Construction
Comment: This bill would limit local contribution to school construction to 10% of the basic school plan approved by the State. This 10% would not include items added to the plan by the local school board.

LR: 2430 Sponsor: Representative Kruger of Thomaston
Title: An Act To Amend the School Funding Formula
Comment: This bill would amend the school funding formula to consider median family income as a factor in determining the allocation of state funding to local school districts. The bill would require a formula adjustment for any school district that has a combined median family income that is equal to or greater than 25% below the State's median family income.

Closely Related CO: LD 369 Senator Johnson, C

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SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA
STATE/LOCAL SHARE

LR: 2486

Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Improve Educational Outcomes for Students in Poverty in
Maine's Public Schools

Comment: This bill would remove the provisions in current law that require the amount of a school administrative unit's state contribution to be reduced by the amount that school administrative unit receives in federal Title I funds. It also would allow the Department of Education to audit on a regular basis schools that received Title I funds to make sure these funds are being used in compliance with federal law.

Closely Related CO: LD 369 Senator Johnson, C

SCHOOL PERSONNEL
TRAINING

LR: 2433

Sponsor: Representative Short of Pittsfield

Title: An Act To Ensure the Safety During the School Day of Students Who Have
Food Allergies

Comment: This bill would require that teachers and school personnel receive training to recognize the symptoms of anaphylaxis and in the proper use epinephrine pens and asthma inhalers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2221 Representative Peterson, M

SCHOOL POLICIES
COMPUTERS

LR: 2225

Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford

Title: An Act To Expand Technology Access for Maine's Citizens through the
Department of Education's Laptop Program

Comment: This bill would repeal the provision of law requiring the Department of Education to dispose of Maine Learning Technology Initiative computers and peripheral equipment through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services' surplus property program with the proceeds to be used for continued support of the Maine Learning Technology Initiative. This bill would direct the Department of Education to recondition and refurbish the used computers and peripheral equipment to be distributed to MaineCare program members and other Maine residents based upon need and income eligibility.

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SCHOOL POLICIES
COMPUTERS

LR: 2694 Sponsor: Senator Katz of Kennebec
Title: An Act to Prohibit Providers of Cloud Computing Service to Primary and Secondary Educational Institutions from Processing Student Data for Commercial Purposes
Comment: This bill would prohibit providers of cloud computing service to primary and secondary educational institutions from processing student data for commercial purposes.

SCHOOL POLICIES
CURRICULUM

LR: 2227 Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Formulate and Implement a Citizenship Education Component for the Public School Curriculum
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Education to formulate and implement a citizenship education component in the social studies curriculum for all public schools at the elementary school, middle school and high school levels.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2532 Representative Nelson, M

LR: 2340 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Strengthen Public Schools in Maine
Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to strengthen public schools in the State.

LR: 2482 Sponsor: Representative Daughtry of Brunswick
Title: An Act To Recognize Agricultural Work in Maine High Schools
Comment: This bill would prohibit a high school from suspending or taking disciplinary action against a student who takes time off from school to take part in 4-H activities at fairs. The bill would also allow schools to give the student school credit for the agricultural work done.

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SCHOOL POLICIES

DRUG ENFORCEMENT

LR: 2646 Sponsor: Representative Sirocki of Scarborough
Title: An Act To Allow Secondary School Students To Carry Over-the-counter Medication
Comment: This bill would allow a secondary school student to carry over-the-counter medication while at school or a school activity with the permission of that student's parent or guardian.

SCHOOL POLICIES

SECURITY

LR: 2431 Sponsor: Senator Plummer of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Allow Certain Employees of School Administrative Units To Become Part-time Law Enforcement Officers
Comment: This bill would allow a school administrative unit to invite a school employee who is qualified to carry a concealed handgun on school premises to become a part-time law enforcement officer. It would provide that the school administrative unit may enter into an agreement with a local law enforcement agency to commission a qualified school employee as a part-time law enforcement officer. Before becoming a part-time law enforcement officer, the school employee would have to successfully complete the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's training requirements for a part-time law enforcement officer.

Potential JR 217: LD 1429

LR: 2465 Sponsor: Representative Libby of Lewiston
Title: An Act Regarding School Emergency Drills
Comment: This bill would allow a school to comply with the number of emergency evacuation drills required annually by including lockdown drills.

LR: 2599 Sponsor: Representative Dickerson of Rockland
Title: An Act To Ensure Student Safety and Privacy and To Protect Student Identity
Comment: This bill would prohibit the use of a student's name or state identification number by a school in e-mail in a manner that would allow someone to use that information for illegal purposes.

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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2433 Representative Short, S

LR: 2253	Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle
Title:	An Act To Authorize Public Safety Personnel and Members of the Military When Visiting Schools in Their Official Capacity To Wear Their Uniforms
Comment:	This bill would require schools to allow personnel such as firefighters, police officers, park rangers, game wardens and members of the military to wear their uniforms when visiting schools in their official capacity.

Potential JR 217: LD 1503

LR: 2336	Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock
Title:	An Act Regarding Eligibility of Children under Guardianship for the School Lunch Program
Comment:	This bill would provide that the income of a child's guardian not be considered in determining eligibility for the school lunch program.

LR: 2670	Sponsor: President Alfond of Cumberland
Title:	An Act To Create a Public-private Partnership To End Food Insecurity in the State
Comment:	This bill would create a public-private partnership to implement in the State the country's best practices concerning food, to attain an increase in federal funds to feed eligible students and to create a partnership with food distributors and producers to provide more food to students.

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TEACHERS

RETIREMENT

LR: 2320 Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock
Title: An Act To Ensure Equity in Teacher Retirement Costs for Private Academies
Comment: This bill would require a private academy to pay 40% and the municipality in which the academy is located to pay 60% of teacher retirement costs.

TRUANTS AND DROPOUTS

INTERVENTION

LR: 2466 Sponsor: Representative Libby of Lewiston
Title: An Act To Decrease the Rate of Truancy in Elementary and Secondary Schools
Comment: This bill would decrease the rate of truancy in elementary and secondary schools by promoting regular attendance and attainment of a high school diploma.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2383 Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset
Title: An Act To Increase Transparency of Administrative Costs within the University of Maine System
Comment: This bill would increase the ability of the public to determine the cost of administering the University of Maine System.

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPT
POWERS**

LR: 2665 Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title: An Act Concerning the Establishment of Water Levels
Comment: This bill would replace the requirement for an adjudicatory hearing by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the Board of Environmental Protection on a request or petition for a water level regime or, if applicable, a minimum flow requirement with a requirement for a preliminary determination of jurisdiction by the board and a public meeting by the commissioner. This bill would also authorize the commissioner to dismiss without prejudice any petition that does not contain evidence of mediation or other substantial good faith efforts to resolve any disputes regarding current water level management practices or minimum flow requirements.

**LAND USE
SITE LOCATION**

LR: 2426 Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade
Title: An Act To Allow Site Permits To Be Amended To Require Them To Address Health Effects
Comment: This bill would allow a site permit to be amended to address health effects that become known after the permit has been issued.

**PROTECTED NATURAL RESOURCES
SAND DUNES**

LR: 2686 Sponsor: Senator Valentino of York
Title: An Act To Relieve the Impact of Erosion Caused by Facilities Installed by the United States Government
Comment: This bill would allow a municipality to fill, construct, replace or rebuild a sand dune if the sand dune incurs erosion attributable to the construction, maintenance or extension of a facility built or owned by the United States Government or any of its departments or agencies.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR: 2438 Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan
 Title: An Act To Protect Maine Lakes
 Comment: This bill would protect Maine lakes.
 Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2468 Representative McClellan, M

LR: 2450	Sponsor: Senator Valentino of York
Title:	An Act To Require Swimmers in Open Water To Be More Visible
Comment:	This bill would require a person swimming in open water more than 100 feet from shore to be accompanied by a person in a watercraft or to carry a buoy to make that person more visible to watercraft. A person who did not meet this requirement would be subject to a fine and could not hold a watercraft owner who struck that person liable.

LR: 2468	Sponsor: Representative McClellan of Raymond
Title:	An Act To Leverage Expert, State-based Resources for Emergent Intervention and Long-term Comprehensive Resource Protection of Lakes
Comment:	This bill would provide funding for programs to remove milfoil infestation from lakes over 10,000 acres in size. The source of the funding would be an increase in the fee for a milfoil sticker.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2438 Representative McCabe, J

LR: 2527 Sponsor: Representative DeChant of Bath
Title: An Act To Change the Name and Classification of New Meadows Lake
Comment: This bill would change the name and classification of New Meadows Lake.

LR: 2480	Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title:	An Act To Require an Earlier Implementation Date for Maine's Stewardship Program for Architectural Paint if Certain Conditions Are Met
Comment:	This bill would require an earlier implementation date for Maine's stewardship program for architectural paint if certain conditions are met.

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

TOXIC SUBSTANCES
RIGHT-TO-KNOW

LR: 2597 Sponsor: Representative Harlow of Portland
Title: An Act To Require Notification of the Potential Hazards of Coal Tar Sealant Products
Comment: This bill would require companies using coal tar sealants to seal driveways to notify their customers in writing of the potential hazards associated with coal tar sealants.

TOXIC SUBSTANCES
TOXIC CHEMICALS

LR: 2488 Sponsor: Representative Grant of Gardiner
Title: An Act To Protect the Health of Maine's Citizens from Toxic Chemicals in Products
Comment: This bill would designate penthalates as priority chemicals. The bill would require manufacturers or distributors with more than \$100,000,000 in gross annual sales to report their use of these chemicals in children's products sold in the State. The bill would amend the authority of the Board of Environmental Protection to regulate these chemicals. The bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection to report to the Legislature and to implement law using its existing fee authority and with existing resources.

WATER QUALITY
CLASSIFICATIONS

LR: 2601 Sponsor: Representative Stuckey of Portland
Title: An Act To Reclassify the Lower Presumpscot River from Class C to Class B
Comment: This bill would upgrade the water quality classification on the Presumpscot River from Saccarappa to the estuary from Class C to Class B.

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

LR: 2671	Sponsor: Representative Boland of Sanford
Title:	An Act To Facilitate Equitable Rebates for Improvements in the Reliability of Electric Power Transmission
Comment:	This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to adopt rules to allocate benefits from electric ratepayer-supported investments to limit adverse effects of geomagnetically induced currents into transmission and distribution systems. This bill would also allow the commission to require the installation of equipment monitoring devices for the purpose of tracking changes in reliability of power flow.

LR: 2619	Sponsor: Senator Millett of Cumberland
Title:	An Act To Protect Homeowners and Reduce Energy Costs
Comment:	This bill would require Maine to explore the development of a home energy labeling system that would disclose the energy performance of homes in the State.

LR: 2334 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Require a Timely Response by a Gas Company to a Municipal Request for Service Expansion

Comment: This bill would establish parameters to require a timely response by a gas company to a municipal request for service expansion.

LR: 2328	Sponsor: Representative Russell of Portland
Title:	An Act To Amend the Law Governing Conflict of Interest and Recusal with Respect to the Public Utilities Commission
Comment:	This bill would amend the law governing conflict of interest and recusal with respect to the Public Utilities Commission.

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**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
COMMISSIONERS**

LR: 2424 Sponsor: Representative Hobbins of Saco
Title: An Act To Authorize a Temporary Commissioner at the Public Utilities Commission
Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to develop a list of former commissioners to be called upon and a process for temporary appointment when a current commissioner is recused from a case.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
POWERS**

LR: 2623 Sponsor: Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin
Title: An Act To Assist Electric Utility Ratepayers
Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to develop a program to permit electric ratepayers with high past-due bills to enter into a payment program to avoid disconnection if the current bill and a portion of the past-due bill are paid monthly.

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS
9-1-1 EMERGENCY SYSTEM**

LR: 2418 Sponsor: Representative Graham of North Yarmouth
Title: An Act To Prevent the Misuse of E-9-1-1 Services
Comment: This bill would prohibit the misuses of E-9-1-1 services by imposing a fine, after 2 warnings, for callers improperly calling E-9-1-1 for reasons other than an emergency.

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS
TELEPHONE SYSTEMS**

LR: 2523 Sponsor: Representative Hobbins of Saco
Title: An Act To Encourage a Provider of Last Resort To Expand Broadband
Comment: This bill would prohibit a provider of last resort service from receiving state universal fund support under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 7104 unless that provider has build-out targets for broadband in Maine that are equal to or greater than its build-out targets in New Hampshire. This bill would authorize the Public Utilities Commission to adopt routine technical rules to implement this requirement.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR: 2315 Sponsor: Representative Bennett of Kennebunk
Title: An Act To Amend Maine's Mandated Reporting of Abuse Laws
Comment: This bill would prohibit an employer from requiring its employees or volunteers to report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation by other employees or volunteers to the employer rather than to the Department of Health and Human Services.

LR: 2503	Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland
Title:	An Act To Ensure That All Maine Children Are Protected from Abuse
Comment:	This bill would ensure that the Department of Health and Human Services has a process and authority to investigate alleged abuse and neglect that is perpetrated by any caregiver so that children are protected from abuse or neglect in schools, in residential settings or while receiving community support and services.

LR: 2419	Sponsor: Representative Duprey of Hampden
Title:	An Act To Protect Children in Home Day Care
Comment:	This bill would require home day care operators that receive state funds to comply with the same child-staff ratios and other rules as licensed child care centers.

LR: 2502	Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland
Title:	An Act To Consolidate and Simplify Licensing and Program Requirements for Center-based Early Childhood Services for Children with Special Needs
Comment:	This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education to get together and establish a single licensing procedure and service plan for center-based early childhood services for children with special needs.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

FOSTER CARE

LR: 2389 Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham
Title: An Act To Support Maine Foster Children beyond the Age of 18
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan to advertise and promote the ability of foster children to remain in the foster care system beyond the age at which they would normally cease to be eligible.
Closely Related CO: LD 1047 Representative Berry, S

LR: 2452 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Extend Support to Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Who Are Completing Their Education
Comment: This bill would extend health care coverage to persons aging out of foster care who are participating in an educational training program.
Potential JR 217: LD 487

DISABLED PERSONS
ACCESSIBILITY

LR: 2352 Sponsor: Senator Tuttle of York
Title: An Act To Require Doctors' Offices To Be Accessible by Persons with Disabilities
Comment: This bill would establish a requirement that all physicians' offices be accessible by persons with disabilities.

DISABLED PERSONS
FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

LR: 2220 Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford
Title: Resolve, To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Independent Living and Disability
Comment: This bill would establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Independent Living and Disability.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

LR: 2492 Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec

Title: Resolve, To Reduce Hunger and Increase Access to Healthy Foods by Participants in the Food Supplement Program

Comment: This resolve would require the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to convene a work group to consider strategies, educational opportunities and other initiatives to reduce food insecurity, promote healthy eating habits and improve access to fresh fruits and vegetables and local foods through farmers' markets and community-supported agriculture by recipients of benefits under the state-administered federal food supplement program known as SNAP. This resolve would require the commissioner to report the work group's findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 15, 2015.

Potential JR 217: LD 1411

LR: 2682 Sponsor: Representative Dorney of Norridgewock

Title: An Act To Assist Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Recipients

Comment: This bill would authorize a voluntary program through the Department of Health and Human Services that would allow Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients to choose to receive benefits paid weekly rather than monthly. It would require the department to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on this option after 2 years.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2325 Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

Title: An Act To Help Recipients of Welfare Benefits To Transfer from Welfare to Work

Comment: This bill would require that all job-ready applicants for benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program or for a diversion program using alternative aid must present documented proof of job applications.

Potential JR 217: LD 256

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR: 2589	Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle
Title:	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Educate the Public and Its Program Participants about Bisphenol A
Comment:	This resolve would require the Department of Health and Human Services to update its website for accuracy and to prepare educational outreach materials to reach the most susceptible populations concerning bisphenol A.

LR: 2500	Sponsor: Representative Sanborn of Gorham
Title:	An Act To Eliminate Financial Inequality in the Provision of Community-based Behavioral Health Services
Comment:	This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to require that all community-based health services bill at community-based rates and would prohibit community-based health services from billing at the hospital rate.

LR: 2330 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Enhance the Stability and Predictability of Health Care Costs for Returning Veterans and Others by Addressing the Issues Associated with Hospital Charity Care and Bad Debt

Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to enhance the stability and predictability of health care costs for returning veterans and others by addressing the issues associated with hospital charity care and bad debt.

Potential JR 217: LD 1066

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2357 Speaker Eves, M

LR: 2331	Sponsor: Senator Woodbury of Cumberland
Title:	An Act To Clarify the Law Governing Public Disclosure of Health Care Prices
Comment:	This bill would clarify the recently enacted law requiring the public disclosure of health care prices.

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HEALTH CARE SERVICES
DELIVERY

LR: 2510 Sponsor: Representative Sanderson of Chelsea
Title: An Act To Further Protect Patient Access to Safe Medical Marijuana by
Allowing Dispensaries To Purchase Excess Marijuana from Other
Dispensaries

Comment: This bill would allow registered medical marijuana dispensaries to sell and
purchase excess marijuana from other registered dispensaries.

LR: 2588 Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook
Title: An Act To Clarify Provisions of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act
Comment: This bill would amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act to clarify
that access to a registered dispensary's cultivation facility by government
officials acting within the scope of employment or government duties is
allowed.

LR: 2600 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Amend the Requirements Regarding Self-identification by
Health Care Practitioners
Comment: This bill would limit to outpatient settings the requirement that a health
care practitioner display that practitioner's license. The bill would also
allow mental health and behavioral health practitioners to cease wearing an
identification badge after the first visit with a patient.

LR: 2664 Sponsor: Representative Hayes of Buckfield
Title: An Act To Facilitate the Detection of Breast Cancer
Comment: This bill would facilitate the detection of breast cancer in cases of dense
breast tissue.

HEALTH CARE SERVICES
HOME HEALTH CARE

LR: 2501 Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland
Title: An Act To Promote and Sustain Home Care Services for Seniors Offered
by the County Extension Services
Comment: This bill would provide funding from the Department of Health and
Human Services budget to promote and sustain home care services
provided to seniors by the county extension services.

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HEALTH CARE SERVICES
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

LR: 2554 Sponsor: Representative Pringle of Windham

Title: Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services To Advance the Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs To Protect Health Care Personnel

Comment: This resolve would require the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to adopt a standard for the handling of antineoplastic drugs, as defined, in health care facilities regardless of the setting. This resolve would require the standard to be consistent with and not exceed specific recommendations adopted by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health for preventing occupational exposures to those drugs in health care settings.

LR: 2567 Sponsor: Representative Cooper of Yarmouth

Title: An Act To Require a Prescription for Any Medication Containing Pseudoephedrine

Comment: This bill would prohibit all dispensing of any medication that contains pseudoephedrine without a prescription.

HOMELESS PERSONS
ACCESS TO SERVICES

LR: 2569 Sponsor: Representative Briggs of Mexico

Title: Resolve, To Require State Government To Work in Concert To Further Maine's Plan To End and Prevent Homelessness

Comment: This resolve would require all relevant agencies of State Government to work with the Maine State Housing Authority, the Statewide Homeless Council and regional homeless councils to fully implement Maine's plan to end and prevent homelessness.

MEDICAID
MAINECARE

LR: 2293 Sponsor: Senator Mazurek of Knox

Title: An Act To Strengthen the Process of Notifying MaineCare Applicants of the MaineCare Estate Recovery Program

Comment: This bill would require a separate disclosure form to be presented to and signed by MaineCare applicants concerning the MaineCare estate recovery program.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MAINECARE

Potential JR 217: LD 1383

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MEDICAID

MAINECARE

LR: 2582 Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook

Title: An Act To Create Greater Cost Efficiency and Promote Better Health Outcomes by Integrating Improved Access to Dental Care for Adults in MaineCare's Care Management and Coordination Initiatives

Comment: This bill would, beginning July 1, 2014, provide for limited MaineCare coverage for preventative and restorative oral health treatment for members who are referred by care managers or members of a team of health care professionals approved by the Department of Health and Human Services.

LR: 2590 Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook

Title: An Act To Increase Program Integrity in the MaineCare Program and Increase State Recoveries under the Federal False Claims Act

Comment: This bill would increase the amount the State can recover for MaineCare fraudulent claims and amend state laws to better enforce the federal False Claims Act.

LR: 2607 Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland

Title: An Act To Preserve Access to Nursing Home Care by Correcting Chronic Shortfalls in MaineCare Reimbursement

Comment: This bill would provide for an increase in MaineCare payments to nursing homes to address a chronic shortfall between audited MaineCare allowable costs and payments for those costs, while allowing the aggregate increase to include pay for performance and enhanced payments for facilities serving a high percentage of MaineCare-covered residents.

LR: 2667 Sponsor: Representative Jorgensen of Portland

Title: An Act To Improve Access to Home-based Care

Comment: This bill would provide for a 3% increase in home-based health care rates paid under MaineCare.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS

LR: 2614 Sponsor: Representative Frey of Bangor
Title: An Act To Utilize the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center To Manage Need for Inpatient Hospitalization
Comment: This bill would require the use of the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center to address bed shortage and population management issues at the Riverview Psychiatric Center.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

PLANNING

LR: 2512 Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland
Title: An Act To Improve Hospital-based Acute Behavior Health Treatment
Comment: This bill would exempt mental health hospitals from having to have a plan in place before any intensive behavior treatment program may be implemented.

PUBLIC HEALTH

RESTAURANTS

LR: 2237 Sponsor: Representative Cooper of Yarmouth
Title: An Act To Allow Local Health Inspectors To Inspect Restaurants and Other Licensed Establishments
Comment: This bill would require the state health inspection program in the Department of Health and Human Services to include a program to train local health inspectors to perform limited inspections of restaurants and other licensed establishments for health and safety violations. Local health officers who have completed this training would have the authority to order the immediate and temporary closing of an establishment when health and safety violations pose an imminent threat to the public.

Potential JR 217: LR 846

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FINANCIAL PRACTICES

LOANS

LR: 2628 Sponsor: Representative Powers of Naples
Title: An Act To Stop Predatory Lending Practices by Payday Lenders
Comment: This bill would stop predatory lending practices by payday lenders.

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

MORTGAGES

LR: 2412 Sponsor: Representative Priest of Brunswick
Title: An Act To Amend the Power of Sale Foreclosure Law To Make Real Estate Titles More Marketable
Comment: This bill would revise the power of sale mortgage foreclosure law in order to clarify the law, improve notice to interested parties and ensure the marketability of title.

Closely Related CO: LD 1389 Representative Crockett, J

LR: 2662 Sponsor: Representative Hamann of South Portland
Title: An Act To Protect Homeowners Facing Foreclosure
Comment: This bill would provide a homeowner whose home has been foreclosed the option of settling the debt at any point of the foreclosure process, including the window of time between when the foreclosure is complete and the date the person must vacate the home.

INSURANCE
HEALTH

LR: 2269 Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Prohibit a Requirement for Annual Authorizations for Insurance Coverage for Phenylketonuria and Allied Disorders
Comment: This bill would prohibit insurance companies from requiring annual authorization from a physician for coverage for phenylketonuria and allied disorders.

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INSURANCE

MOTOR VEHICLE

LR: 2629 Sponsor: Representative Chase of Wells
Title: An Act To Restrict Direct Repair Programs between Auto Insurance
Companies and Auto Body Repair Businesses
Comment: This bill would restrict auto insurance companies from using any auto repair
facility with which the insurance company has a direct repair program for the
purpose of estimating the cost of a repair.

INSURANCE PRACTICES

INSURANCE PRODUCERS

LR: 2508 Sponsor: Senator Whittemore of Somerset
Title: An Act To Clarify Licensing Requirements for Limited Insurance Producers
Sales
Comment: This bill would allow an insurance company or insurance producer to pay a
commission or service fee to an unlicensed agent of a rental car company
that holds a limited insurance producer license as long as there is one
employee at the location for that rental car company who also holds a limited
insurance producer license.

INSURANCE PRACTICES

PROVIDERS

LR: 2423 Sponsor: Senator Hill of York
Title: An Act To Amend the Provider Profiling Program Law
Comment: This bill would require an insurance carrier that has a provider profiling
program to apply the requirements of the program to narrow networks.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2395 Representative McGowan, P

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INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

**WORKERS COMPENSATION
INSURANCE**

LR: 2457

Sponsor: Representative DeChant of Bath

Title: An Act To Ensure Fairness in the Application of the Workers'
Compensation and Unemployment Compensation Laws

Comment: This bill would require an insurance carrier that reduces or offsets an injured worker's incapacity benefits by the amount of unemployment benefits received for the same period of incapacity to reimburse the Unemployment Compensation Fund the full amount of the offset. The employer of the injured employee would have its experience rating adjusted to reflect that reimbursement.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

LR: 2578	Sponsor: Senator Burns of Washington
Title:	An Act To Maintain the Togue Stocking Program in Millimagassett Lake
Comment:	This bill would require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to continue the togue stocking of Millimagassett Lake.

LR: 2321	Sponsor: Representative Fowle of Vassalboro
Title:	An Act To Allow Fishing Closer to the Fish Ladder on Webber Pond in Vassalboro
Comment:	This bill would reduce the distance from the fish ladder on Webber Pond in Vassalboro within which fishing is prohibited from 150 feet to 25 feet. This change would allow a person to fish from the town dock.

LR: 2233	Sponsor: Representative Short of Pittsfield
Title:	An Act To Delete All References in the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws to Certain Birds as Wild Game Birds
Comment:	This bill would delete any reference in the laws that describe quail, Hungarian partridge, Chukar partridge and pheasants as wild game birds. This bill would also delete any reference to any open hunting season on these birds.

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

HUNTING

ARMED FORCES LICENSES

LR: 2230 Sponsor: Representative Short of Pittsfield
Title: An Act To Exempt a Veteran from the Requirement of Taking a Hunter Safety Course To Obtain a Hunting License
Comment: This bill would exempt a veteran from having to take a hunter safety course to obtain a hunting license.

HUNTING

BOW AND ARROW

LR: 2280 Sponsor: Representative Shaw of Standish
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Crossbow Hunting
Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing crossbow hunting that were changed last session in Public Law 2013, chapter 236.

LR: 2361 Sponsor: Representative Harvell of Farmington
Title: An Act To Repeal the Prohibition on the Use of a Bow and Arrow near a Dwelling or Building
Comment: This bill would repeal the prohibition on the use of a bow and arrow within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling without permission of the owner.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2390 Representative Wood, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2443 Representative Shaw, M

LR: 2390 Sponsor: Representative Wood of Sabattus
Title: An Act To Reduce the Restrictions Imposed on Persons Using Crossbows and Bows and Arrows near Residences and Other Buildings
Comment: This bill would amend current law that prohibits a person from using a crossbow or bow and arrow within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling to reduce the distance to 75 yards and exempt a person target shooting on that person's property.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2361 Representative Harvell, L
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2443 Representative Shaw, M

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

HUNTING

BOW AND ARROW

LR: 2443 Sponsor: Representative Shaw of Standish
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Discharge of a Bow and Arrow
near a Dwelling or Building
Comment: This bill would repeal the prohibition on the use of a bow and arrow within
100 yards of a building or residential dwelling without permission of the
owner.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2361 Representative Harvell, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2390 Representative Wood, S

HUNTING

REGULATIONS

LR: 2469 Sponsor: Senator Cushing of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Allow the Use of Slingshots in Small Game Hunting
Comment: This bill would legalize slingshots as weapons for hunting small game.

HUNTING

SAFETY

LR: 2341 Sponsor: Representative Clark of Easton
Title: An Act To Promote Religious Freedom
Comment: This bill would allow a person that belongs to a religion that does not allow
that person to wear bright colored clothing, and that lives in a home without
power or technology, to be able to wear a red vest and hat instead of a
fluorescent orange vest when hunting on that person's own property.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2474 Senator Sherman, R

LR: 2474 Sponsor: Senator Sherman of Aroostook
Title: An Act To Provide an Exemption for Religious Purposes to the Requirement
That Hunters Wear Hunter Orange Clothing
Comment: This bill would provide an exemption to the requirement that hunters wear
hunter orange clothing for persons whose religion prohibits wearing that
color.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2341 Representative Clark, T

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

JUDICIARY

FORCIBLE ENTRY AND DETAINER

Sponsor: Representative Libby of Lewiston

Comment: This bill would require a residential tenant in a forcible entry and detainer action to meet the same requirements for appeal that a commercial tenant is required to meet.

LR: 2294

Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway

Comment: This bill would require the Attorney General to reopen unsolved criminal cases after 5 years and allow other police agencies to review them, and give the family of a victim in such a case the right to ask an agency to take over the case.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2396 Representative Stanley, S

LR: 2396

Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway

Title: An Act To Create a Cold Case Homicide Department in the Department of the Attorney General

Comment: This bill would establish a cold case homicide department in the Department of the Attorney General.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2294 Representative Stanley, S

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

LR: 2505

Sponsor: Representative Timberlake of Turner

Title: An Act To Reform Certain Remedies and Procedures in Civil Actions

Comment: This bill would require the Supreme Judicial Court to adopt rules to expedite certain proceedings, lower certain costs of litigation, permit the intermediate appeal of certain controlling questions of law and change provisions regarding an award of attorneys' fees.

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JUDICIARY

CIVIL PROCEDURE
SETTLEMENTS

LR: 2687 Sponsor: Representative Gifford of Lincoln
Title: An Act To Require a Company To Disclose the Amount of and Reason for a Settlement Entered into with an Individual
Comment: This bill would require a company that enters into a settlement agreement to disclose the amount and reason for the settlement.

COURTS
DRUG COURT

LR: 2391 Sponsor: Representative Dion of Portland
Title: Resolve, To Ensure the Continued Effectiveness of Maine's Drug Courts
Comment: This resolve would direct the Supreme Judicial Court to review and improve the operation of the State's drug court, focusing on current treatment, alternative sentencing and post-release best practices.

COURTS
JURORS

LR: 2351 Sponsor: Senator Tuttle of York
Title: An Act To Improve Compensation for Jurors
Comment: This bill would increase the payment to jurors to \$75.
Closely Related CO: LD 1424 Representative Brooks, J

DOMESTIC RELATIONS
CHILD SUPPORT

LR: 2608 Sponsor: Representative Mitchell of Penobscot Nation
Title: An Act To Streamline Enforcement of Child Support Orders Issued by the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court and Penobscot Nation Division of Child Support Enforcement
Comment: This bill would direct the Secretary of State to suspend the Maine driver's license of a Penobscot Nation member who fails to abide by the conditions of a Penobscot Nation child support order.

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DOMESTIC RELATIONS
DIVORCE

LR: 2693 Sponsor: Senator Katz of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Review the Laws Relating to the Award of Spousal Support in Divorce Actions
Comment: This bill would repeal a recently enacted amendment to Maine's laws regarding the award of spousal support in divorce actions as they relate to cohabitation. This bill would also direct the Family Law Advisory Commission to review laws regarding the modification of spousal support orders and cohabitation in order to develop legislation to be reported to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS
MARRIAGE

LR: 2517 Sponsor: Representative Chenette of Saco
Title: An Act To Allow Active Members of the Military Service To File an Intent to Marry in Any Municipality
Comment: This bill would allow an active member of the United States Armed Forces or the Maine National Guard who is a resident of Maine to file notice of intent to marry in any municipality.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS
PARENTAL RIGHTS

LR: 2654 Sponsor: Representative Hayes of Buckfield
Title: An Act Relating to the Rights of Parents Who Deliver a Child to a Safe Haven Provider
Comment: This bill would place a limit on the amount of time in which a parent can reclaim a child after surrender under the "safe haven" law.

FREEDOM OF ACCESS
EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

LR: 2248 Sponsor: Representative Shaw of Standish
Title: An Act To Enhance Freedom of Access
Comment: This bill would permit the Public Access Ombudsman in the Attorney General's Office to attend executive sessions of agencies and boards under the Freedom of Access Act. The ombudsman would be required to keep information from the executive sessions confidential.

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JUDICIARY

HUMAN RIGHTS
FREE SPEECH

LR: 2522 Sponsor: Representative Russell of Portland
Title: An Act To Expand the Breadth of Protected Speech in the State
Comment: This bill would expand the breadth of protected speech in the State. Under this bill, which is based on laws in California, Oregon, Washington, Texas and Nevada, petition activity, speech and conduct in connection with an issue of public concern would be afforded the same protections currently granted to speech in connection with an issue under consideration by a governmental body.

HUMAN RIGHTS
HOUSING

LR: 2365 Sponsor: Senator Millett of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Amend the Maine Human Rights Act To Include Marital Status
Comment: This bill would add marital status to the freedom from discrimination provisions of the Maine Human Rights Act regarding fair housing.

PROBATE
PROCEEDINGS

LR: 2401 Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset
Title: An Act To Provide an Exemption from Estate Recovery for the Estate of a Person Who Purchased at Least 3 Years of Long-term Care Insurance Coverage
Comment: This bill would provide a \$250,000 exemption from estate recovery for the estate of a person who purchased at least 3 years of long-term care insurance coverage.

REAL ESTATE
COOPERATIVES

LR: 2344 Sponsor: Representative Cray of Palmyra
Title: An Act Regarding the Formation of Resident-owned Communities and Trailer Park Cooperatives
Comment: This bill would establish laws and rules regarding the formation of resident-owned communities and trailer park cooperatives.

JUDICIARY

LR: 2441	Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway
Title:	An Act To Protect Conservation Easements on the East and West Branches of the Penobscot River from Expansion to the Federal Government
Comment:	This bill would prohibit the State from expanding conservation easements to the Federal Government on the east and west branches of the Penobscot River.

LR: 2337	Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock
Title:	An Act Regarding "Paper Roads" Established before 1998
Comment:	This bill would extinguish property rights in certain "paper roads" created before 1998 and never developed.

LR: 2571	Sponsor: Representative Clark of Easton
Title:	An Act To Allow the Placement of Cameras and Electronic Surveillance Equipment on Private Property without Written Permission of the Landowner
Comment:	This bill would repeal the prohibition against placing a camera or other surveillance equipment on private property without the written permission of the landowner.

LR: 2592	Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland
Title:	An Act To Increase Legal Protection for Public Safety Personnel
Comment:	This bill would provide extra measures in the laws to protect public safety personnel from frivolous lawsuits.

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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BUSINESS PRACTICES

BILLING

LR: 2610

Sponsor: Senator Mazurek of Knox

Title: An Act To Protect Maine Consumers from Abusive and Deceptive Debt Collection

Comment: This bill would incorporate into Maine law certain regulations adopted by New York State to better protect Maine consumers from abusive and deceptive debt collection.

BUSINESS PRACTICES

PATENTS

LR: 2273

Sponsor: Representative Daughtry of Brunswick

Title: An Act To Protect Maine Businesses from Illegitimate Patent Assertions

Comment: This bill would prohibit bad faith assertions of patent infringement.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2647 Senator Haskell, A

LR: 2647

Sponsor: Senator Haskell of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Prohibit Bad Faith Assertions of Patent Infringement

Comment: This bill would prohibit a person from making a bad faith assertion of patent infringement.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2273 Representative Daughtry, M

BUSINESS PRACTICES

REGULATIONS

LR: 2640

Sponsor: Senator Boyle of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Amend the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act

Comment: This bill would add a prohibition to the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act on posting paid reviews online, whether negative or positive.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

LR: 2223 Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford

Title: An Act To Encourage Small Business and Guarantee Property Rights by Prohibiting Restrictions on a Homeowner's Ability To Operate a Business in a Residential Area

Comment: This bill would require that municipalities' comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances allow home offices and businesses and small-scale, noncommercial agricultural activities, such as cultivating agricultural products, keeping poultry and small livestock, maintaining bees and producing maple syrup in residential areas.

LR: 2499 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Retain Call Centers in Maine

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Economic and Community Development to create a list of call centers in Maine that close. If any call center that received grant money from the United States closes and moves out of the country, the grant money the call center received will be called back.

LR: 2641 Sponsor: Senator Millett of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Promote Maine Startups and Improve Maine's Economy

Comment: This bill would create the Startup ME program, which would be modeled on a New York law concerning tax initiatives for new businesses starting up in college and university communities.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JOB OPPORTUNITY ZONES

LR: 2439 Sponsor: Senator Boyle of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Concerning the Designation of Pine Tree Development Zones

Comment: This bill would extend the period for certification of a qualified business in the Tier 2 Pine Tree Development Zones to match that provided for businesses in all other Pine Tree Development Zones.

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR: 2691 Sponsor: Senator Woodbury of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Promote Maine Prosperity

Comment: This bill would enact a comprehensive package of statutory changes designed to promote prosperity in the State, subject to approval by the citizens at referendum in November 2014. Some of the proposed changes would include expanding Medicaid coverage beginning January 1, 2015; enacting comprehensive tax reform effective January 1, 2016; incremental increases in the minimum wage; a prohibition on the collection of union dues from certain workers; reducing automobile excise tax rates; increasing the gasoline tax; adjusting the laws governing pensions for state retirees; requiring the inclusion of a "global education budget" in the Governor's budget proposal; providing a needs-based grant to students attending an institution of higher learning in the State; eliminating the higher cost of tuition paid by out-of-state students at public universities and colleges in the State; public funding of pre-kindergarten; increasing the funding to the Maine Technology Institute and the small business assistance programs within the Finance authority of Maine; and increasing the cap on seed capital investment incentives.

LR: 2274	Sponsor: Representative Daughtry of Brunswick
Title:	An Act To Assist Victims of Domestic Violence
Comment:	This bill would prohibit an employer from firing an employee because the employee is a victim of domestic violence.

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EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION

LR: 2449 Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock
Title: An Act To Require the Department of Labor To Provide Specific Information to Employers Regarding Their Unemployment Insurance Activity
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Labor, when it issues an employer the annual notice of contribution rate, to provide specific information about that employer's unemployment account activity for the prior year.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
PROCEDURES

LR: 2245 Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta
Title: An Act To Amend the Definition of "Employer" in the Laws Relating to Unemployment Compensation
Comment: This bill would amend the definition of "employer" in the laws relating to unemployment compensation.

FINANCE AUTHORITY
PROGRAMS

LR: 2429 Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade
Title: An Act To Prohibit the Finance Authority of Maine from Issuing College Loans to Students Who Do Not Meet Admission Requirements
Comment: This bill would prohibit the Finance Authority of Maine from issuing a student loan to a person who fails to meet the admission requirements for the postsecondary institution that person is attending on a probationary status.

LR: 2509 Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport
Title: An Act To Expand the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program
Comment: This bill would raise the maximum amount of a tax credit claim from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000 in the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program.

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HOUSING

AFFORDABLE

LR: 2234 Sponsor: Representative Villa of Harrison
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management To Develop a Portable Voucher System To Subsidize Rental Housing for Veterans in the State
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, in collaboration with the Maine State Housing Authority, to work with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to develop a portable voucher system to provide rental housing assistance in the State for veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

HOUSING

CONDOMINIUMS

LR: 2451 Sponsor: Senator Valentino of York
Title: An Act To Require Owners of Condominiums To Comply with the Laws Regarding Treatment of Bedbug Infestations
Comment: This bill would require shareholders in condominium associations to comply with the laws regarding bedbug infestations.

HOUSING

RENTAL

LR: 2470 Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta
Title: An Act To Allow Tenants To Remain in a Building for a Limited Time after That Building Has Been Declared Uninhabitable
Comment: This bill would provide tenants a minimum of 72 hours to find a new place to live if the property occupied by those tenants is determined uninhabitable by the local code enforcement office or the State Fire Marshal.

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LABOR RELATIONS

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

LR: 2489

Sponsor: Representative Lockman of Amherst

Title: An Act To Protect "Fair Share" Workers from Unauthorized Withholding of Agency Fees

Comment: This bill would repeal the law that allows public employers to deduct service fees owed by an employee to a collective bargaining agent without authorization from the employee.

Potential JR 217: LD 786

LICENSING

COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING

LR: 2598

Sponsor: Representative Dickerson of Rockland

Title: Resolve, To Require the Review of Laws and Rules Governing Cosmetology-related Licenses

Comment: This resolve would require a substantive review of the requirements and procedures for obtaining a license as a massage therapist or aesthetician or in some other cosmetology-related profession. The purpose of the review would be to find ways to reduce requirements to make it easier to work in those areas.

LICENSING

NURSES

LR: 2493

Sponsor: Senator Cain of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Amend the Requirements for Licensure for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

Comment: This bill would describe the requirements for licensure for advanced practice registered nurses.

LICENSING

PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

LR: 2295

Sponsor: Representative Plante of Berwick

Title: An Act To License and Regulate Persons Providing Physical Therapy for Animals

Comment: This bill would license and regulate the practice of physical therapy for animals.

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LICENSING

REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

LR: 2464

Sponsor: Senator Cushing of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Conform Licensing Requirements for Real Estate Appraisers with Federal Law

Comment: This bill would require real estate appraisers to be fingerprinted in order to be licensed by the State.

LIENS

MECHANICS

LR: 2309

Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin

Title: An Act To Allow the Creation of a Mechanics Lien by Electricians

Comment: This bill would allow an electrician to create a mechanics lien against property on which the electrician performed work for which the electrician was not paid.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING

MOBILE HOMES

LR: 2393

Sponsor: Representative Maker of Calais

Title: An Act To Improve the Process for Determining whether a Mobile Home Is Abandoned

Comment: The bill would create a process to allow a municipality or a court to determine that a mobile home has been abandoned.

TOURISM OFFICE

PROMOTION

LR: 2661

Sponsor: Senator Valentino of York

Title: An Act To Establish the Greenlight Maine Program

Comment: This bill would establish a program administered by the Maine State Film Office within the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Tourism to support filmmakers within the capacity of the program through incubation, funding, distribution and production including refundable tax credits.

MARINE RESOURCES

LR: 2587 **Sponsor:** Representative Devin of Newcastle

Title: An Act To Permit Wet Storage Sites for Cultured Marine Organisms

Comment: This bill would change existing guidelines for wet storage of marine organisms to improve the process for applicants for aquaculture leases and allow for public comment consistent with the impact on other stakeholders.

LR: 2602	Sponsor: Representative MacDonald of Boothbay
Title:	An Act To Improve the Process for Student Access to Commercial Lobster Licenses
Comment:	This bill would improve the process for student access to commercial lobster licenses.

LR: 2479	Sponsor: Representative Hubbell of Bar Harbor
Title:	An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Fishing for Lobster across Different Zones
Comment:	This bill would allow present lobster license holders to fish across zone boundaries according to the current rules but disallow new license holders from fishing in adjacent zones that maintain limited entry.
Potential JR 217:	LD 810

LR: 2637	Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade
Title:	An Act To Increase the Size of Biodegradable Escape Panels on Lobster Traps
Comment:	This bill would increase the minimum size of biodegradable escape panels or "ghost panels" on lobster traps constructed after the effective date of the bill.

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT
COMMISSIONERS**

- LR: 2369 Sponsor: Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc
Title: An Act To Clarify Apportionment Laws for County Commissioner Districts in Sagadahoc County
Comment: This bill would clarify county commissioner district numbers in Sagadahoc County to avoid confusion.
- LR: 2416 Sponsor: Representative Beaulieu of Auburn
Title: An Act To Change the Terms of the County Commissioners for Androscoggin County
Comment: This bill would change the terms of office for the county commissioners for Androscoggin County.

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT
RESTRUCTURING**

- LR: 2244 Sponsor: Representative Davis, Sr. of Sangerville
Title: An Act Regarding the County Commissioner Districts for Piscataquis County
Comment: This bill would change the Piscataquis County Commissioner Districts that were changed in the recent redistricting.

**LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEES**

- LR: 2440 Sponsor: Representative Brooks of Winterport
Title: Resolve, To Authorize a Pilot Project Designed To Ensure the Preservation and Accessibility of Oral Testimony Presented at Legislative Public Hearings
Comment: This resolve would authorize a pilot project designed to ensure the preservation and accessibility of oral testimony presented at legislative public hearings. Under this resolve, the public testimony before one joint standing committee would be recorded and made accessible to the public.
- Potential JR 217: LD 339

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STATE GOVERNMENT

STATE COMMEMORATIONS

LR: 2297 Sponsor: Senator Johnson of Lincoln
Title: An Act To Change the Statutory References to the State Holiday "Patriot's Day" to "Patriots' Day"
Comment: This bill would make a grammatical change to the statutes establishing and referencing a holiday.

STATE GOVERNMENT

STATE EMBLEMS

LR: 2316 Sponsor: Representative Cassidy of Lubec
Title: An Act To Designate the Lobster Roll the State Sandwich
Comment: This bill would designate the lobster roll as the State sandwich.

STATE GOVERNMENT

STATE PERSONNEL

LR: 2362 Sponsor: Representative Moriarty of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Reduce Restrictions on Candidacy for Elective Office for Officers or Employees in Classified and Unclassified State Service
Comment: This bill would amend state election law concerning candidacy for elective office for classified and unclassified state workers to reflect a recent change in federal law.

LR: 2382 Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title: An Act To Fund Merit and Longevity Pay for Executive, Judicial and Legislative Branch Employees Pursuant to a Collective Bargaining Agreement
Comment: This bill would fund merit pay increases and longevity pay for executive, judicial and legislative branch employees as negotiated in a current collective bargaining agreement.

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STATE GOVERNMENT
STATE PERSONNEL

LR: 2425

Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade

Title: An Act To Require Comparable Positions in State Government To Be Paid Comparably

Comment: This bill would require comparable positions in State Government, whether in the same branch of government or in different branches, to receive comparable pay. The determination of whether positions are comparable would be made by a panel of human resource directors from each branch of State Government.

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TAXATION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
PROCESS TO RAISE TAXES

LR: 2428 Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade
Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require a 2/3 Vote of the Legislature to Increase or Decrease a Tax
Comment: This resolution would amend the Constitution of Maine to require a 2/3 vote of the Legislature to increase or decrease a tax.

INCOME TAX
CREDITS

LR: 2339 Sponsor: Representative Maker of Calais
Title: An Act To Provide a Refundable Income Tax Credit for Adoption
Comment: This bill would provide a refundable income tax credit for adoption.

LR: 2408 Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan
Title: An Act To Establish an Education and Skills Training Tax Credit for Veterans
Comment: This bill would provide a tax credit up to \$2,400 to veterans who pursue education and skills training.

LR: 2668 Sponsor: Senator Craven of Androscoggin
Title: An Act To Clarify the Provisions of a Historic Preservation Tax Credit
Comment: This bill would clarify that the term "project" in the historic preservation tax credit refers to an individual project, not an entire building, and that a single building may house several rehabilitation projects.

INCOME TAX
DEDUCTIONS

LR: 2275 Sponsor: Representative Kinney of Limington
Title: An Act To Remove the Cap on Itemized Deductions under the Income Tax
Comment: This bill would repeal the cap on itemized deductions under the income tax.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2533 Representative Nelson, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2617 Senator Boyle, J

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**INCOME TAX
DEDUCTIONS**

LR: 2533 Sponsor: Representative Nelson of Falmouth
Title: An Act To Allow the Carry-over of Excess Donations
Comment: This bill would allow a person to carry over from one tax year to the next any excess charitable donations.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2275 Representative Kinney, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2617 Senator Boyle, J

LR: 2617 Sponsor: Senator Boyle of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Encourage Charitable Contributions to Nonprofits
Comment: This bill would exclude contributions to nonprofit organizations in determining the cap for itemized deductions.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2533 Representative Nelson, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2275 Representative Kinney, J

**INCOME TAX
EXEMPTIONS**

LR: 2259 Sponsor: Representative Doak of Columbia Falls
Title: An Act To Exempt Certain Disabled Veterans from the State Income Tax
Comment: This bill would exempt disabled veterans with a disability of 50% or greater from the state income tax.

**INCOME TAX
PROVISIONS REVISED**

LR: 2242 Sponsor: Representative Weaver of York
Title: An Act To Prevent Double Taxation of Retirement Benefits from Other States
Comment: This bill would prevent double taxation by providing that retirement benefits of teachers earned in another state are not subject to income tax in Maine if taxes were paid on contributions to the retirement plan in the other state.

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TAXATION

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

EXCISE TAX

LR: 2260 Sponsor: Representative Doak of Columbia Falls
Title: An Act To Exempt from Excise Tax Vehicles Owned by Disabled Veterans

Comment: This bill would exempt from excise tax vehicles that are owned by disabled veterans.

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

LODGING AND MEALS TAX

LR: 2261 Sponsor: Representative Doak of Columbia Falls
Title: An Act To Repeal the Lodging Tax on Assisted Living Facilities for Maine's Elderly

Comment: This bill would repeal the lodging tax on assisted living facilities for Maine's elderly.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2455 Representative Weaver, W

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX

LR: 2620 Sponsor: Senator Sherman of Aroostook
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Taxes Required Following the Sale of Real Property

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing the taxes required following the sale of real property.

PROPERTY TAX

EXEMPT OWNERS

LR: 2579 Sponsor: Representative Harlow of Portland
Title: An Act To Help Joint Owners of Property Remain in Their Homes by Providing a Property Tax Exemption

Comment: This bill would provide a property tax exemption to one joint owner of a residence when the other joint owner is placed in a long-term residential care facility permanently or receives home care.

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PROPERTY TAX

EXEMPT PROPERTY

LR: 2498

Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Make Maine Mills More Competitive

Comment: This bill would remove the tax on forest land of any owner who sends the wood from that person's land to be processed at a United States mill.

PROPERTY TAX

EXEMPTION

LR: 2407

Sponsor: Representative Fowle of Vassalboro

Title: An Act To Extend the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption to Veterans Who Served in Iraq or Afghanistan

Comment: This bill would extend to veterans who served in Iraq or Afghanistan the property tax exemption currently available for certain other veterans.

LR: 2520

Sponsor: Representative Villa of Harrison

Title: An Act To Provide a One Hundred Percent Exemption from Property Tax to Disabled Veterans

Comment: This bill would provide to disabled veterans a 100% exemption from property tax, regardless of degree of disability.

PROPERTY TAX

FAIRNESS CREDIT

LR: 2258

Sponsor: Speaker Eves of North Berwick

Title: An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Maine Residents

Comment: This bill would provide property tax relief to Maine residents by using surplus General Fund revenue to increase the maximum amount of the property tax fairness credit.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2563 Senator Dutremble, D

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2278 Representative Parry, W

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PROPERTY TAX
FAIRNESS CREDIT

LR: 2278 Sponsor: Representative Parry of Arundel
Title: An Act To Restore Property Tax Fairness to Seniors
Comment: This bill would increase the maximum benefit under the property tax fairness credit to \$1,600 for persons 65 years of age or older.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2563 Senator Dutremble, D

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2258 Speaker Eves, M

LR: 2563 Sponsor: Senator Dutremble of York
Title: An Act To Increase Property Tax Relief for Maine Residents
Comment: This bill would increase eligibility for and benefits under the property tax fairness credit.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2258 Speaker Eves, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2278 Representative Parry, W

PROPERTY TAX
MAINE RESIDENTS PROPERTY TAX PROG

LR: 2247 Sponsor: Senator Thibodeau of Waldo
Title: An Act To Restore the Circuitbreaker Program
Comment: This bill would restore the Circuitbreaker Program.

Closely Related CO: LD 816 Representative Powers, C

PROPERTY TAX
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

LR: 2504 Sponsor: Representative Crockett of Bethel
Title: An Act Regarding the Tax Treatment of a Change in the Title of a Motor Vehicle Involving Spouses When One Spouse Is on a Military Deployment
Comment: This bill would ensure that there are not negative tax consequences for a member of the United State Armed Forces serving on a deployment when there is a change in title of a motor vehicle involving the spouse of that service member.

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PROPERTY TAX
PROVISIONS REVISED

LR: 2516 Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title: An Act To Reflect the Replacement of the Circuitbreaker Program in Poverty Abatement Law
Comment: The bill would amend the Maine Revised Statutes to remove substantive references to the Circuitbreaker Program, which was discontinued as of August 1, 2013.

PROPERTY TAX
RELIEF

LR: 2399 Sponsor: Representative Casavant of Biddeford
Title: An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief for Residents Who Are Senior Citizens
Comment: This bill would increase the sales and use tax by 1% and use the additional revenue to reduce the property tax burden on low-income and middle-income residents 70 years of age and older.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2659 Representative Casavant, A

LR: 2405 Sponsor: Senator Haskell of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Amend the Reporting Requirements for the Business Equipment Tax Exemption
Comment: This bill would amend the reporting requirements for the Business Equipment Tax Exemption program concerning confidential information.

LR: 2442 Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway
Title: An Act To Restore Full Funding to the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program
Comment: This bill would restore full funding to the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement program for the filing period that begins August 1, 2014.

LR: 2593 Sponsor: Senator Dutremble of York
Title: An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Seniors Residing in Maine
Comment: This bill would provide property tax relief to eligible senior citizens who are Maine residents by freezing their property taxes at the level they were when they became eligible for property tax relief. The State would reimburse municipalities for 50% of their lost revenue.

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**PROPERTY TAX
RELIEF**

LR: 2659 Sponsor: Representative Casavant of Biddeford
Title: An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief To Persons over 70 Years of Age
Comment: This bill would use a percentage of gaming revenue to fund property tax relief for low-income residents over 70 years of age.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2399 Representative Casavant, A

**PROPERTY TAX
TREE GROWTH TAX**

LR: 2311 Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title: An Act To Require the Transfer of a Tree Growth Management Plan at the Time the Property is Transferred
Comment: This bill would require that when a property enrolled in the tree growth tax program is transferred the tree growth management plan be also transferred.

**PROPERTY TAX PROCEDURES
COLLECTION**

LR: 2281 Sponsor: Representative Welsh of Rockport
Title: An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Collection of Minor Amounts of Property Taxes
Comment: Under current law, a municipality may choose to discharge any obligation to collect unpaid personal property taxes that it determines are too small or too burdensome to collect economically. This bill would expand application of this provision to unpaid real property taxes the municipality determines to be too small or burdensome to collect economically.

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**REVENUE SERVICES BUREAU
ADMINISTRATION**

LR: 2475 Sponsor: Senator Sherman of Aroostook
Title: Resolve, To Study the Effectiveness of Maine Revenue Services Regional
Offices
Comment: This resolve would require a study of the effectiveness of the regional
offices of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine
Revenue Services.

**REVENUE SHARING
DISTRIBUTION**

LR: 2301 Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset
Title: An Act To Replace the Municipal Revenue Sharing Programs with an
Increased and Fully Funded Homestead Exemption
Comment: This bill would replace the municipal revenue sharing programs with a
homestead exemption of \$25,000 that is fully funded by the State.

**REVENUE SHARING
FUNDING**

LR: 2296 Sponsor: Representative Evangelos of Friendship
Title: An Act To Provide Priority Funding for State-municipal Revenue Sharing
Comment: Current law establishes a list of priorities for the distribution of any
unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; the 4th priority includes
transfers to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund and the Retirement
Allowance Fund. This bill would require the State Controller, before
making the transfers required by the 4th priority, to use the balance of any
unappropriated surplus to make up any shortfall in the funding of state-
municipal revenue sharing to reach the 5% level specified in law.

LR: 2530 Sponsor: Representative Rotundo of Lewiston
Title: An Act To Restore Revenue Sharing Funds
Comment: This bill would reduce the municipal revenue sharing transfer from the
Local Government Fund to the General Fund scheduled for FY 2013-14 by
the amount of the FY 2012-13 revenue sharing transfer.

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**SALES AND USE TAX
EXEMPT ITEMS**

LR: 2455 Sponsor: Representative Weaver of York
Title: An Act To Repeal the Tax Imposed on Private Nonmedical Institution Services
Comment: This bill would exempt from sales tax services provided to residents of private nonmedical institutions.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2261 Representative Doak, P

LR: 2666 Sponsor: Senator Burns of Washington
Title: An Act To Exempt Fuel Used in Off-road Commercial and Construction Equipment from Fuel Taxes
Comment: This bill would exempt from fuel taxes fuel for equipment used in private or commercial wood harvesting; construction equipment, such as excavators, bulldozers and loaders; and other related equipment used exclusively in off-road projects. This bill would follow the current exemption of taxes on fuel used in lobster and other marine fisheries.

**SALES AND USE TAX
EXEMPT PURCHASERS**

LR: 2381 Sponsor: Representative Willette of Mapleton
Title: An Act To Provide Sales Tax Exempt Status to Wildlife Restoration and Rehabilitation Facilities
Comment: This bill would provide an exemption from paying sales and use tax to wildlife restoration and rehabilitation facilities, including fish hatcheries.

**SALES AND USE TAX
ITEMS TAXED**

LR: 2290 Sponsor: Representative Short of Pittsfield
Title: An Act To Apply Retroactively the Sales Tax on Camper Trailers and Motor Homes Purchased for Rental in the Same Manner as on Automobiles Purchased for Rental
Comment: This bill would apply retroactively the sales tax on camper trailers and motor homes purchased for rental in the same manner as on an automobile purchased for rental.

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**SALES AND USE TAX
ITEMS TAXED**

LR: 2346 Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham
Title: An Act To Clarify the Implementation of the Sales Tax Imposed on
Newspapers and Periodicals
Comment: This bill would clarify the implementation of the sales tax on newspapers
and periodicals, and would establish a sunset on the application of the tax.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2350 Senator Thomas, D

LR: 2350 Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset
Title: An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Taxation of Periodicals
Comment: This bill would exempt from taxation the printing of free newspapers and
periodicals.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2346 Representative Berry, S

LR: 2655 Sponsor: Representative Turner of Burlington
Title: An Act To Repeal the Law Requiring Certain Businesses To Collect Sales
Tax
Comment: This bill would repeal the requirement enacted by the First Regular Session
of the 126th Legislature in Public Law 2013, chapter 200 that certain
businesses that have affiliates in this State or agreements with others for the
referral of potential customers collect sales tax.

**SALES AND USE TAX
RATE**

LR: 2262 Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport
Title: An Act To Amend the Sales Tax Increase for 2014 and 2015
Comment: This bill would amend for the years 2014 and 2015 the sales tax increase that
was enacted in the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

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TAXATION

TAX ASSESSMENT
VALUATION

LR: 2299

Sponsor: Representative Cooper of Yarmouth

Title: An Act To Allow a Municipality To Assess the Value of Real Property as of the Date of the Destruction of That Real Property

Comment: Current law requires a municipality to assess real property based on the status of that real property on April 1st. This bill would allow a municipality to assess the value of real property as of the date of the destruction of buildings on that real property if the buildings destroyed are valued at \$500,000 or more.

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TRANSPORTATION

BICYCLES
EQUIPMENT

LR: 2622 Sponsor: Senator Sherman of Aroostook
Title: An Act To Increase the Safety of Bicyclists
Comment: This bill would require a bicyclist on a state road to use a rearview mirror, either attached to the bicycle or the bicyclist's helmet.

EMERGENCY VEHICLES
FIRE

LR: 2310 Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title: An Act To Allow Vehicles Used by Volunteer Firefighters To Be Authorized Emergency Vehicles
Comment: This bill would include in the definition of "authorized emergency vehicles" vehicles used by volunteer firefighters.

MOTOR VEHICLES
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

LR: 2591 Sponsor: Senator Dutremble of York
Title: An Act To Increase Penalties for Operating without Insurance
Comment: This bill would increase the financial penalties for operating without insurance for the first, 2nd and subsequent violations.

MOTOR VEHICLES
NUMBER PLATES

LR: 2250 Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta
Title: An Act To Establish a License Plate for Franco-Americans
Comment: This bill would establish a specialty license plate for Franco-Americans.

LR: 2255 Sponsor: Senator Mason of Androscoggin
Title: An Act To Establish a Maine Bicentennial License Plate
Comment: This bill would authorize the process for establishing a specialty license plate recognizing the bicentennial of the State of Maine.

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TRANSPORTATION

ROADS

CONSTRUCTION

LR: 2652 Sponsor: Representative Wallace of Dexter
Title: An Act To Improve the Safety of Construction Projects Occurring near a Public Road
Comment: This bill would require any construction, excavation or paving project occurring within 10 feet of a public road to be permitted by the Department of Transportation and require that appropriate safety measures be taken at that site, such as providing for flaggers and warning signs.

ROADS

DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

LR: 2392 Sponsor: Representative Saucier of Presque Isle
Title: Resolve, To Place Signs on U.S. Route 1 Regarding the Location of the Planets of the World's Largest Mock Solar System
Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Transportation to place signs along U.S. Route 1 indicating the location of each of the planets in the mock solar system in Presque Isle.

LR: 2476 Sponsor: Representative Chenette of Saco
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Place Signs on Interstate 95 Directing Motorists to Thornton Academy
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Transportation to place signs on Interstate 95 directing motorists to Thornton Academy.

LR: 2685 Sponsor: Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin
Title: Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority To Provide Directional Information for Poland at Exit 63
Comment: This resolve would direct the Maine Turnpike Authority to provide directional information for Poland at exit 63.

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
AGENCY STORES

LR: 2300 Sponsor: Senator Tuttle of York
Title: An Act To Assist Small Businesses in Rural Areas
Comment: This bill would allow a town with a population of 1,000 to 2,000 to have a liquor store in addition to the one currently allowed by law.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
BEER

LR: 2243 Sponsor: Representative Marks of Pittston
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Beer Festivals
Comment: This bill would permit beer brewers to dispense their own products at beer festivals.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2642 Representative Monaghan-Derrig, K

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2483 President Alfond, J

LR: 2642 Sponsor: Representative Monaghan-Derrig of Cape Elizabeth
Title: An Act To Improve Regulations Concerning Craft and Microbreweries for Offsite Events
Comment: This bill would improve regulations concerning craft and microbreweries for offsite events and festivals.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2483 President Alfond, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2243 Representative Marks, T

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
BUREAU OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

LR: 2415 Sponsor: Representative Luchini of Ellsworth
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Administration of the Liquor Laws
Comment: This bill would make changes to the laws governing the administration of the liquor laws by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations.

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

LIQUOR

LR: 2414 Sponsor: Representative Luchini of Ellsworth
Title: An Act To Correct Errors in the Laws Governing Liquor Enforcement
Comment: This bill would correct errors in the laws governing the enforcement of the liquor laws.

LR: 2575 Sponsor: Representative Carey of Lewiston
Title: An Act To Allow a Producer or Wholesaler of Alcohol To Donate Alcohol to a Nonprofit Organization
Comment: This bill would allow a producer or wholesaler of alcohol to donate alcohol to a nonprofit organization.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

LIQUOR REVENUES

LR: 2669 Sponsor: President Alfond of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Permit the Sharing of Liquor License Revenue
Comment: This bill would allow athletic centers with liquor licenses and a capacity of 3,000 or more to share revenue with professional athletic sports teams that do not have their own liquor licenses.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

TASTINGS

LR: 2483 Sponsor: President Alfond of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Special Food and Beverage Taste-testing Event Licenses
Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing licensing of special taste-testing events, including: allowing a brewery or winery similarly licensed in another state to qualify for a license; increasing the number of licensed events that may be obtained by a manufacturer or wholesaler per year from 5 to 10; and allowing additional persons the ability to provide samples at such events.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2243 Representative Marks, T

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2642 Representative Monaghan-Derrig, K

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**DEFENSE AND VETERANS SERVICES DEPT
ADMINISTRATION**

LR: 2635 Sponsor: Senator Patrick of Oxford
Title: Resolve, To Require the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services
To Report on the Administration of the Coordinated Veterans Assistance
Fund
Comment: This resolve would require the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans'
Services in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency
Management to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and
Legal Affairs regarding the administration of the Coordinated Veterans
Assistance Fund.

**ELECTIONS
ABSENT VOTING**

LR: 2576 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Restore Early Voting and Strengthen Maine Voting Rights
Comment: This bill would eliminate the restrictions on the issuance of absentee ballots
after the 3rd day before an election.
Potential JR 217: LDs 53 & 54

**ELECTIONS
CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

LR: 2254 Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan
Title: An Act To Clarify the Maine Clean Election Act Regarding Agency
Relationships
Comment: This bill would clarify the Maine Clean Election Act to establish a
presumption that a candidate's treasurer is an agent of the candidate.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2384 Senator Saviello, T
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2256 Representative Willette, A

LR: 2256 Sponsor: Representative Willette of Mapleton
Title: An Act To Clarify What Constitutes an Agent of a Political Candidate
Comment: This bill would clarify what constitutes an agent of a political candidate.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2254 Representative McCabe, J
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2384 Senator Saviello, T

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ELECTIONS

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

LR: 2368 Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset
Title: An Act To Require Disclosure of Spending or Contributions Exceeding \$250 To Influence Elections
Comment: This bill would require the disclosure of contributions or expenditures greater than \$250 during a 90-day period to influence an election.

LR: 2384 Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title: An Act To Clarify What Constitutes a Contribution to a Candidate
Comment: This bill would amend the law with respect to expenditures made on behalf of a candidate by a person affiliated with the candidate's campaign to clarify that any expenditure made by a person who holds a position with a campaign, regardless of whether the person is paid or the actual duties the person performs, or by any person who receives compensation or reimbursement from the campaign is considered a contribution to the candidate.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2256 Representative Willette, A

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2254 Representative McCabe, J

LR: 2477 Sponsor: Representative Saucier of Presque Isle
Title: An Act To Restore Confidence in Maine Campaign Finance Laws
Comment: This bill would remove the authority of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to adjudicate campaign finance complaints and replace that authority with a process similar to that in Rule 80K of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure. It would also create a process by which any person or entity could submit a request for an investigation to the commission staff; but only the staff would have standing to file an actual complaint.

ELECTIONS

VOTING PROCEDURES

LR: 2226 Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford
Title: Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Ways To Improve Voting Opportunities for All Maine Citizens
Comment: This resolve would establish the Commission To Study Ways To Improve Voting Opportunities for All Maine Citizens.

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR: 2521 Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan
Title: An Act To Streamline Gaming Laws Statewide
Comment: This bill would streamline gaming laws statewide and direct more of the
 State's revenue from gaming to property tax relief.
Potential JR 217: LD 1558

LR: 2460	Sponsor: Senator Tuttle of York
Title:	An Act To Ensure the Preservation of Commercial Tracks That Do Not Have Gaming Licensure
Comment:	This bill would reduce the number of days that a commercial track without gaming licenses is required to race to the fewest number of race days any commercial track with a gaming license is required to race. Under this bill, a commercial track without a gaming license would be treated for stipend purposes as having raced the number of days it would be required to race if it had a gaming license.

LR: 2308	Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta
Title:	An Act To Change the Amount of Time a Landlord Has To Address Issues Causing Uninhabitability
Comment:	This bill would change the amount of time a landlord has to address issues causing uninhabitability.

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**NATIONAL GUARD
DISABILITY**

LR: 2411

Sponsor: Senator Tuttle of York

Title: Resolve, Directing the Maine Army National Guard To Petition the Federal Government To Recognize Soldiers Who Trained in Gagetown, New Brunswick as Being Disabled Due to that Training

Comment: This resolve would require the Maine Army National Guard to petition the Federal Government to recognize certain soldiers who trained in Gagetown, New Brunswick during the period from 1981 to 1986 as being disabled due to that training and the use of Agent Orange.

**TORT CLAIMS
CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE**

LR: 2270

Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec

Title: Resolve, To Direct the State To Hold an Appeals Hearing for Donald Martin for Wrongful Termination of Employment

Comment: This bill would require the proper state agency to hold an appeals hearing for Donald Martin concerning wrongful termination of employment.

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Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

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500	HP0342	An Act To Permit Tribal Members To Have Access to Wood Fiber for Fuel, Shelter and Traditional Woodcraft Production	Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians	05/16/13
1239	HP0873	An Act To Clarify, Streamline and Promote Fair Animal Welfare Laws	Davis, Sr. of Sangerville	05/16/13
1521	HP1092	Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Create a Pilot Program To Support the State's Small Food Processors	McCabe of Skowhegan	05/24/13
1567	HP1137	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 22: Standards for Outdoor Application of Pesticides by Powered Equipment in Order To Minimize Off-Target Deposition, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry		06/26/13
1568	HP1138	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 20: Special Provisions, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry		06/26/13
1569	HP1139	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 51: Notice of Aerial Pesticide Application, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry		06/26/13

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16	HP0020	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Transportation Infrastructure	Peoples of Westbrook	06/27/13
25	HP0023	An Act To Exclude Certain State-funded Costs from the State Share of the Total Cost of Funding Public Education	Mason of Topsham	06/27/13
39	HP0034	An Act To Expand the Number of Qualified Educators	Johnson of Greenville	06/27/13
62	HP0054	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase Reimbursement Rates for Adult Day Services	Malaby of Hancock	06/27/13
87	SP0038	An Act To Improve Community Mental Health Treatment	Craven of Androscoggin	06/27/13

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126	SP0047	An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption to Incorporated Nonprofit Performing Arts Organizations	Gerzofsky of Cumberland	06/27/13
137	HP0112	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Retirement under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System	Hickman of Winthrop	06/27/13
138	HP0113	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Bonds That Have Been Ratified by the Citizens of the State	Keschl of Belgrade	06/27/13
156	HP0131	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Concerning Early Voting and Voting by Absentee Ballot	Shaw of Standish	06/27/13
180	HP0140	An Act Concerning the Use of Tobacco Settlement Funds for Children's Health Care	Plante of Berwick	06/27/13
182	HP0142	An Act To Support the Maine Lobster Industry	Evangelos of Friendship	06/27/13
186	HP0147	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Disability Retirement Determinations by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System	Beck of Waterville	06/27/13
228	HP0189	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Reduce Energy Costs by Weatherizing and Upgrading the Energy Efficiency of Maine Homes and Businesses and To Create Jobs by Providing for a Trained Workforce for Maine's Energy Future	Beavers of South Berwick	06/27/13
230	HP0191	An Act To Establish the Commission on Health Care Cost and Quality	Graham of North Yarmouth	06/27/13
232	SP0068	An Act To Increase the Base for the Cost-of-living Increase for Retired State Employees and Teachers	Sherman of Aroostook	06/27/13
234	SP0070	An Act To Provide Tax Treatment Consistency for Limited Liability Companies and S Corporations	Woodbury of Cumberland	06/27/13
273	SP0106	An Act Authorizing a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Dredging of Casco Bay and the Expansion of the Portland Fish Exchange	Alfond of Cumberland	06/27/13
276	SP0109	Resolve, To Improve Access to Oral Health Care for MaineCare Recipients	Cain of Penobscot	06/27/13
294	HP0203	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Construct a Facility To Assist Maine Agriculture in Control of Animal and Plant Diagnostics	Fredette of Newport	06/27/13
295	HP0204	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Weatherization Rebates for Veterans and Persons Eligible for Social Security	Russell of Portland	06/27/13

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359	SP0139	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Implement the Riverfront Island Master Plan	Craven of Androscoggin	06/27/13
360	SP0140	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Rail Lines in Western Maine	Craven of Androscoggin	06/27/13
368	SP0148	An Act To Ensure the Continuation of Dairy Farming	Sherman of Aroostook	06/27/13
378	HP0253	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Complete Renovation of a Pier at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute	Dion of Portland	06/27/13
390	HP0265	An Act To Restore MaineCare Coverage for Ambulatory Surgical Center Services	Cooper of Yarmouth	06/27/13
396	HP0271	An Act To Appropriate Sufficient Funds for Indigent Legal Services	Priest of Brunswick	06/27/13
436	SP0168	An Act To Raise the Maximum 529 Plan Contribution Tax Deduction	Mazurek of Knox	06/27/13
440	SP0172	An Act To Create a Tax Credit for Primary Care Professionals Practicing in Underserved Areas	Jackson of Aroostook	06/27/13
455	HP0305	An Act To Increase the State Earned Income Credit	Stuckey of Portland	06/27/13
464	HP0314	An Act To Change Compensation for Career and Technical Education Region Cooperative Board Meeting Attendance	Chapman of Brooksville	06/27/13
481	HP0331	Resolve, To Review the Laws Governing the Funding of Virtual Public Charter Schools	MacDonald of Boothbay	06/27/13
488	HP0338	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Develop a Process To Provide Additional Home-based and Community-based Services in the MaineCare Program	Chenette of Saco	06/27/13
499	HP0341	An Act To Promote Dental Care for Low-income Populations	Harlow of Portland	06/27/13
513	SP0203	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in the Maine Community College System	Lachowicz of Kennebec	06/27/13
538	HP0357	An Act To Align Costs Recognized for Transfer of Nursing Facilities and Residential Care Facilities with Ordinary Commercial and Government Contracting Standards	Sanderson of Chelsea	06/27/13
549	HP0368	An Act To Provide for Special Restrictions on Dissemination and Use of Criminal History Record Information for Class E Crimes Committed by an Adult under 21 Years of Age	Welsh of Rockport	06/27/13
631	SP0221	An Act To Change the Taxes on Fuel Purchased for Use Other Than on the Highways	Jackson of Aroostook	06/27/13

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672	HP0464	An Act Relating to Exemption from Immunization for Schoolchildren	Graham of North Yarmouth	06/27/13
690	HP0482	An Act To Ensure Efficiency in the Unemployment Insurance System	Herbig of Belfast	06/27/13
707	SP0256	An Act To Refund the Sales Tax Paid on Fuel Used in Commercial Agricultural Production	Cushing of Penobscot	06/27/13
713	SP0262	An Act To Return Local Revenue Sharing to Full Funding	Katz of Kennebec	06/19/13
715	HP0487	An Act To Improve Access to Career and Technical Schools	Johnson of Greenville	06/27/13
741	SP0279	An Act To Promote Fairness in the Sales Tax Exemption for Vehicles Used in Interstate Commerce	Thomas of Somerset	06/27/13
781	HP0532	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Construction of a New State Archives Facility	Bolduc of Auburn	06/27/13
790	HP0541	An Act To Repeal the Bonding Authority of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority	Sirocki of Scarborough	06/27/13
804	HP0555	An Act To Improve Preventive Dental Health Care and Reduce Costs in the MaineCare Program	Carey of Lewiston	06/27/13
864	SP0289	An Act Regarding Service of Small Claims Notices	Collins of York	06/27/13
874	SP0299	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Reduce the Cost of Shipping for Maine Businesses, Attract Tourists and Facilitate the Development of Commuter Rail Transportation	Mazurek of Knox	06/27/13
904	HP0628	An Act To Clarify When Bonds May Be Issued	Carey of Lewiston	06/27/13
906	HP0630	An Act To Permit a School Administrative Unit Discretion Concerning Participation of Students from Charter Schools in School Extracurricular and Interscholastic Activities	Moonen of Portland	06/27/13
925	HP0649	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Riverfront Community Development	Libby of Lewiston	06/27/13
928	HP0652	An Act To Improve MaineCare Nursing Home Reimbursement To Preserve Access and Promote Quality	Malaby of Hancock	06/27/13
933	HP0657	An Act To Establish a Separate Regulatory Board for Dental Hygienists	Sirocki of Scarborough	06/27/13
939	SP0316	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Restore Maine's Groundfishing Industry	Alfond of Cumberland	06/27/13

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940	SP0317	An Act To Reestablish State-municipal Revenue-sharing as a Compact between the State and Municipal Governments	Alfond of Cumberland	06/19/13
942	SP0319	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Deficient State Highways, Bridges and Aviation, Marine, Rail and Transit Facilities	Mazurek of Knox	06/27/13
951	HP0664	Resolve, Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services To Provide Methadone Clinic Data	Cassidy of Lubec	06/27/13
979	HP0693	An Act To Exempt the Sale of the United States Flag from the Sales Tax	Short of Pittsfield	06/27/13
998	SP0343	An Act To Provide Consistency in the Application of the Property Tax Exemption for Religious Organizations	Haskell of Cumberland	06/27/13
1010	HP0708	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Ensure Clean Water	Chipman of Portland	06/27/13
1011	HP0709	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade Facilities and Purchase Classroom Equipment for Maine's Seven Community Colleges	Fredette of Newport	06/27/13
1036	HP0731	An Act To Amend the Social Work Education Loan Repayment Program	Nelson of Falmouth	06/27/13
1043	HP0734	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue and To Assist in the Creation of Jobs through Regional Economic Development	Berry of Bowdoinham	06/27/13
1052	HP0745	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Intermodal Infrastructure	Farnsworth of Portland	06/27/13
1090	SP0372	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Expand Nursing Programs at Maine's Seven Community Colleges	Haskell of Cumberland	06/27/13
1101	SP0383	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Waterfront Development	Haskell of Cumberland	06/27/13
1105	SP0388	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Revitalize Maine's Downtowns through Innovative Business Development and the Creative Economy	Alfond of Cumberland	06/27/13
1125	HP0797	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Expand Public Water Infrastructure to Areas with Contaminated Well Water	Shaw of Standish	06/27/13
1142	HP0807	An Act Regarding Correctional Officers' Retirement	DeChant of Bath	06/27/13
1157	HP0822	An Act To Establish the Fair Chance for Employment Act	Russell of Portland	06/27/13

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1163	SP0400	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Main Street and Downtown Economic Development Projects	Goodall of Sagadahoc	06/27/13
1175	SP0412	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefits for Capitol Police Officers	Saviello of Franklin	06/27/13
1180	SP0417	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Maine Community Reinvestment and Job Creation Fund	Gerzofsky of Cumberland	06/27/13
1185	HP0829	An Act To Enhance Efforts To Use Locally Produced Food in Schools	McCabe of Skowhegan	06/27/13
1188	HP0832	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Amend Its Rules of Reimbursement under the MaineCare Program for Audiology and Speech-language Pathology Services	Herbig of Belfast	06/27/13
1223	SP0421	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the Maine Technology Institute's Action Plan Implementation	Cain of Penobscot	06/27/13
1287	HP0914	An Act To Deregulate Face-to-face Transactions between the People and Small Farms and Small Food Producers	Hickman of Winthrop	06/27/13
1309	SP0452	An Act To Strengthen the Maine Clean Election Act and Restrict Participation to Legislative Candidates	Youngblood of Penobscot	06/27/13
1354	SP0473	An Act To Create the Aging in Place Program	Goodall of Sagadahoc	06/27/13
1385	HP0988	An Act To Amend the Reporting Requirements of the Workers' Compensation Management Fund	Fitzpatrick of Houlton	06/27/13
1395	SP0499	An Act Regarding the Cost-of-living Adjustment for Certain State Retirees When the Cost of Living Declines	Jackson of Aroostook	06/27/13
1418	HP1006	An Act To Authorize a Matching General Fund Bond Issue for Improvements to the Seven Community College Campuses	Campbell of Orrington	06/27/13
1424	HP1012	An Act To Increase Mileage Reimbursement and Compensation for Jurors	Brooks of Winterport	06/27/13
1445	HP1039	An Act To Facilitate Children's Testimony	Tyler of Windham	06/27/13
1455	SP0539	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Ensure Clean Water and Safe Communities	Goodall of Sagadahoc	06/27/13
1461	HP1046	An Act To Require the State To Divest Itself of Assets Invested in the Fossil Fuel Industry	Jones of Freedom	06/27/13

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1468	SP0542	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Establish the High-efficiency Biomass, Pellet or Wood Boiler Rebate Program and the Home Heating Conversion Fund	Jackson of Aroostook	06/27/13
1473	HP1054	An Act To Create a Public Option Pension System	Russell of Portland	06/27/13
1492	SP0557	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Strengthen Maine's Economy and Communities	Katz of Kennebec	06/27/13
1514	SP0572	An Act To Reform the Maine Public Employees Retirement System	Woodbury of Cumberland	06/27/13

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

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111	HP0093	An Act To Restrict the Sale, Purchase and Use of Fireworks in the State	Lajoie of Lewiston	05/16/13
168	SP0057	An Act To Establish Reasonable Restrictions on the Use of Fireworks	Johnson of Lincoln	05/16/13
222	HP0183	An Act Designating the Chief of the State Police as the Only Issuing Authority of a Permit To Carry a Concealed Handgun	Marks of Pittston	05/24/13
297	HP0206	An Act To Require Forest Rangers To Be Trained in Order To Allow Them To Carry Firearms	Dunphy of Embden	05/24/13
502	SP0192	An Act To Allow County Jails To Apply Savings to Debt Service without a Reduction in State Payments	Thomas of Somerset	05/24/13
662	HP0454	An Act Regarding Sexually Explicit Text Messaging by Minors	Mastraccio of Sanford	05/16/13
1513	SP0569	Resolve, Directing the Department of Corrections, Department of Education, Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Labor To Support the Statewide Coordinated Services District System	Haskell of Cumberland	05/24/13

Education and Cultural Affairs

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300	HP0209	An Act To Protect School Administrative Units and Taxpayers	Beck of Waterville	05/16/13
369	SP0149	An Act To Redesign Maine's School Funding Model	Johnson of Lincoln	05/16/13
783	HP0534	An Act To Change the Voting Requirements for the Withdrawal of a Municipality from a Regional School Unit	Malaby of Hancock	07/09/13

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995	SP0340	An Act To Establish a Moratorium on the Approval and Operation of Virtual Public Charter Schools	Alfond of Cumberland	06/19/13
1330	SP0461	An Act To Establish in Law a Method for Alternative Certification of Teachers	Mason of Androscoggin	05/16/13
1361	HP0969	An Act To Strengthen the Teaching of Writing and Mathematics and Improve Maine High School Graduates' College and Career Readiness	Nelson of Falmouth	05/16/13
1431	SP0517	An Act To Support School Nutrition and Expand the Local Foods Economy	Johnson of Lincoln	05/28/13
1530	SP0577	An Act To Establish a Process for the Implementation of Universal Voluntary Prekindergarten Education	Goodall of Sagadahoc	05/28/13

Energy, Utilities and Technology

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38	HP0033	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 201: Provider of Last Resort Service Quality, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission		06/07/13
196	HP0157	An Act Regarding the Implementation of the Quality Assurance Program for Public Safety Answering Points	Beavers of South Berwick	05/16/13
275	SP0108	Resolve, To Require the Emergency Services Communication Bureau To Expand the Existing Quality Assurance System	Saviello of Franklin	05/16/13
616	HP0435	An Act To Amend the Expedited Permitting Area for Wind Energy Development under the Jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission	Dunphy of Embden	06/26/13
646	SP0237	An Act To Remove the 100-megawatt Limit on Renewable Sources of Energy	Youngblood of Penobscot	06/07/13
796	HP0547	Resolve, To Enhance Economic Development by Encouraging Businesses Adjacent to Electric Power Generators To Obtain Power Directly	Campbell of Orrington	05/16/13
826	HP0577	An Act To Eliminate the Opt-out Charges for Smart Meters	Beavers of South Berwick	05/16/13
950	HP0663	An Act To Establish the Electromagnetic Field Safety Act	Sanderson of Chelsea	05/16/13
965	HP0679	An Act To Improve Maine's Underground Facility Damage Prevention Program	Beaulieu of Auburn	06/07/13
1004	HP0702	An Act To Clarify Voting Procedures for Standard Water Districts	Hobbins of Saco	05/16/13

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1013	HP0711	An Act To Create the Children's Wireless Protection Act	Boland of Sanford	06/07/13
1060	HP0753	An Act To Address Rising Electric Transmission Rates	Newendyke of Litchfield	06/07/13
1085	SP0367	An Act To Establish the Renewable Energy Feed-in Tariff	Johnson of Lincoln	05/24/13
1147	HP0812	An Act To Protect Maine's Scenic Character	Hayes of Buckfield	06/26/13
1252	HP0886	An Act To Improve Maine's Economy and Energy Security with Solar and Wind Energy	Morrison of South Portland	05/24/13
1278	SP0440	An Act To Ensure Equitable Support for Long-term Energy Contracts	Youngblood of Penobscot	06/07/13
1323	HP0947	An Act Regarding Wind Power Siting in the Unorganized Territory	Hayes of Buckfield	06/26/13
1396	SP0500	An Act To Create the Lisbon Water District	Jackson of Aroostook	05/16/13
1434	HP1023	An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Noise from Wind Turbines	Jones of Freedom	06/07/13
1479	HP1060	An Act To Clarify Telecommunications Regulation Reform		06/17/13
1532	SP0579	An Act To Provide Model Language for Standard Sewer District Charters		06/07/13

Environment and Natural Resources

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331	HP0236	Resolve, To Expand Economic Development in the Town of Orrington by Releasing Certain Riverfront Land from State-imposed Environmental Restrictions	Campbell of Orrington	05/24/13
794	HP0545	An Act To Amend Setback Requirements and Standards Related to Species Migration under the Laws Regulating Development near Vernal Pools	Campbell of Orrington	05/16/13
1483	SP0545	An Act To Promote and Enhance State Policy To Preserve and Support Existing Methods of Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste	Cain of Penobscot	05/16/13
1528	HP1101	Resolve, To Provide for Livable, Affordable Neighborhoods	Campbell of Orrington	05/24/13

Health and Human Services

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535	HP0354	An Act To Promote Greater Flexibility in the Provision of Long-term Care Services	Hubbell of Bar Harbor	05/16/13

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968	HP0682	An Act To Provide Needed Psychiatric Hospitalization for Persons with Mental Illness	Dion of Portland	05/24/13
1031	HP0726	An Act To Require a Mandatory Peer Review Process for the Restraint and Seclusion of Children in a Hospital or Children's Home	Sirocki of Scarborough	05/16/13
1047	HP0738	Resolve, To Provide a Better Transition for Foster Children to Independent Adulthood	Berry of Bowdoinham	05/16/13
1213	HP0858	An Act To Reduce Costs and Increase Access to Methadone Treatment	Lockman of Amherst	05/24/13
1247	HP0881	An Act To Expand Coverage of Family Planning Services	Pringle of Windham	06/19/13
1449	SP0531	An Act To Amend the Composition and Duties of the Maine Children's Growth Council	Alfond of Cumberland	05/24/13
1487	SP0552	An Act To Implement Managed Care in the MaineCare Program	Katz of Kennebec	06/19/13
1552	HP1119	Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Initiate a New Rate-setting Procedure for Preschool Services for Children with Disabilities under the MaineCare Program	Farnsworth of Portland	05/24/13

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

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89	SP0040	An Act To Establish a Deadline for Snowmobile Registration	Thomas of Somerset	05/16/13
153	HP0128	An Act To Establish a Comprehensive Hunting and Fishing License	Keschl of Belgrade	05/16/13
931	HP0655	An Act To Prevent Fish Kills and To Allow for Recreational Use of Sebago Lake	Shaw of Standish	05/16/13

Insurance and Financial Services

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347	SP0127	An Act To Amend Insurance Coverage for Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders	Lachowicz of Kennebec	05/16/13
523	SP0213	An Act To Require Health Insurance Coverage for Hearing Aids for Adults	Valentino of York	05/16/13
627	SP0217	An Act Relating to Orally Administered Cancer Therapy	Cain of Penobscot	06/27/13
1037	HP0732	An Act To Provide Access to Affordable Health Care for All Maine Residents by 2020	McGowan of York	05/16/13

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1092	SP0374	An Act To Increase the Use of Long-term Care Insurance	Craven of Androscoggin	05/16/13
1236	SP0430	An Act To Amend the Maine Insurance Code To Ensure Fair and Reasonable Coverage and Reimbursement of Chiropractic Services	Alfond of Cumberland	05/16/13
1345	HP0962	An Act To Establish a Single-payor Health Care System To Be Effective in 2017	Priest of Brunswick	05/16/13
1367	HP0975	An Act To Require Health Insurance Carriers and the MaineCare Program To Cover the Cost of Transition Services To Bridge the Gap between High School and Independence	Graham of North Yarmouth	05/24/13
1512	SP0568	An Act To Increase Funding for Start-ups	Alfond of Cumberland	05/24/13

Judiciary

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725	SP0263	An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission		05/16/13
1194	HP0838	An Act To Protect Social Media Privacy in School and the Workplace	McClellan of Raymond	05/16/13
1389	HP0992	An Act To Expedite the Foreclosure Process	Crockett of Bethel	05/16/13
1428	SP0514	An Act To Protect Religious Freedom	Burns of Washington	05/16/13

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

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314	HP0223	An Act To Create the Office of Marketing	Volk of Scarborough	05/24/13
449	SP0181	An Act To Ensure Consumer Choice in the Purchase of Prescription Drugs	Thomas of Somerset	05/24/13
788	HP0539	An Act To Provide Vehicle Owners and Repair Facilities Access to Vehicle Diagnostic and Repair Information and Equipment	Ayotte of Caswell	05/16/13
1154	HP0819	An Act To Establish the Maine Length of Service Award Program	Maker of Calais	06/19/13
1230	HP0870	An Act To Improve Access to Oral Health Care	Eves of North Berwick	07/09/13
1310	SP0453	An Act To Improve Access to Dental Care through the Establishment of the Maine Board of Oral Health	Patrick of Oxford	05/24/13

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1328	SP0459	An Act To License Home Building and Improvement Contractors	Patrick of Oxford	05/16/13
1458	HP1043	An Act To Enact the Maine Small Business Investment Protection Act	Herbig of Belfast	05/24/13
1482	SP0544	An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Franchise Laws	Cain of Penobscot	05/16/13
1565	HP1135	An Act To Preserve Code Enforcement Officer Training and Certification	Carey of Lewiston	06/26/13

Maine's Workforce and Economic Future

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1393	SP0497	An Act To Encourage Entrepreneurial Investment in Maine	Woodbury of Cumberland	05/16/13

Marine Resources

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832	HP0583	An Act To Enable Small-scale Cooperative Management of Sea Urchin Resources	Devin of Newcastle	05/16/13
1397	SP0501	An Act To Create Equity and Fairness in the Elver Industry	Gerzofsky of Cumberland	05/16/13
1452	SP0536	An Act To Allow Municipalities with Shellfish Conservation Ordinances To Request Permission To Prohibit Marine Worm Harvesting	Gerzofsky of Cumberland	05/16/13

State and Local Government

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211	HP0172	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Limitation on County Assessments	Jackson of Oxford	05/16/13
1152	HP0817	Resolve, To Continue Consultation and Conditions Prerequisite to the Sale or Lease of Certain Real Property in Hallowell	Treat of Hallowell	05/16/13
1177	SP0414	An Act To Implement the Recommendations from the Discontinued and Abandoned Roads Stakeholder Group	Saviello of Franklin	05/16/13
1312	SP0455	An Act To Create a Succession and Knowledge Transfer Plan for State Government	Langley of Hancock	05/16/13
1541	HP1108	An Act To Ensure That Legislators Share the Sacrifice with Civil Servants in the Event of a State Government Shutdown	Russell of Portland	06/07/13
1547	HP1114	An Act To Support Municipal Volunteers	Eves of North Berwick	06/07/13

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Taxation

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816	HP0567	An Act To Reduce the Property Tax Burden and Improve the Circuitbreaker Program	Powers of Naples	05/24/13
916	HP0640	An Act To Promote Investment in Maine's Communications Network and Natural Gas Network	Brooks of Winterport	05/16/13
936	HP0660	An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Impose Service Charges on Tax-exempt Property Owned by Certain Nonprofit Organizations	Chase of Wells	05/16/13
996	SP0341	An Act To Improve the Accuracy of Fuel Tax Reporting	Thibodeau of Waldo	06/27/13
1120	HP0792	An Act To Improve Maine's Tax Laws	Goode of Bangor	05/24/13
1402	HP0998	An Act To Amend the Taxes Imposed on Alcohol and Lodging	Moonen of Portland	05/16/13
1421	HP1009	An Act To Permit a Student Holding a Degree from a Non-Maine Institution To Participate in the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program	Nadeau of Winslow	05/16/13
1463	HP1048	An Act To Examine Best Practices Relating to Tax Expenditures	Rotundo of Lewiston	05/24/13
1535	HP1102	An Act To Provide Maine's Businesses Tax Relief for Destroyed or Stolen Products	Fredette of Newport	05/24/13

Transportation

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108	HP0090	An Act To Rename Big Moose Mountain as Red Eagle Mountain	Johnson of Greenville	05/16/13
120	HP0102	An Act To Facilitate Regional Transit	Peoples of Westbrook	05/16/13
566	HP0385	Resolve, To Enhance and Encourage Economic Development of the Lower Penobscot River Basin by Improving Rail Transportation	Campbell of Orrington	05/24/13
1076	HP0769	An Act To Allow for the Equalization of Truck Weights between Maine and Canada for Limited Use at the Border Crossings	Willette of Mapleton	05/16/13
1327	HP0951	An Act To Provide Greater Options for Transportation of Public School Students for Cocurricular Activities	Mastraccio of Sanford	05/24/13

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1365	HP0973	An Act To Promote New Models of Mobility and Access to Transportation	Treat of Hallowell	05/16/13

Veterans and Legal Affairs

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31	SP0020	An Act To Increase Gaming Opportunities for Charitable Fraternal and Veterans' Organizations	Patrick of Oxford	05/16/13
227	HP0188	An Act Concerning High-stakes Beano	Mitchell of Penobscot Nation	05/24/13
511	SP0201	An Act To Implement the National Popular Vote for President	Woodbury of Cumberland	05/24/13
519	SP0209	An Act To Establish Advance Deposit Wagering for Harness Racing	Tuttle of York	05/16/13
704	SP0253	An Act To Improve the Availability of Coupons in the State	Tuttle of York	05/24/13
766	HP0517	An Act To Define "Brand" under the Liquor Laws	Beaulieu of Auburn	05/24/13
1111	HP0780	An Act To Allow Maine's Harness Racing Industry To Compete with Casino Gaming	Gifford of Lincoln	05/16/13
1298	HP0925	An Act To Authorize the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians To Operate a Casino in Aroostook County	Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians	05/16/13
1319	HP0942	An Act To Authorize a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe in the State To Benefit from the Operation of an Existing Casino	Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians	05/16/13
1494	HP1071	An Act To Alter the Distribution of Maine Clean Election Act Funds	Carey of Lewiston	05/24/13
1520	HP1091	An Act To Allow the Passamaquoddy Tribe To Operate Slot Machines in Washington County in Conjunction with High-stakes Beano	Soctomah of Passamaquoddy Tribe	05/24/13

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Sponsor: President Alfond of Cumberland

LR: 2246

Title: An Act To Promote Higher Education

Comment: This bill would allow the State to give a student loan to a person who is enrolled in the University of Maine System. The student would pay a percentage of the student's income, once the student is employed, over a 20-year period. There would be no tuition costs for the student.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2566 Representative Daughtry, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2252 Senator Katz, R

LR: 2483

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Special Food and Beverage Taste-testing Event Licenses

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing licensing of special taste-testing events, including: allowing a brewery or winery similarly licensed in another state to qualify for a license; increasing the number of licensed events that may be obtained by a manufacturer or wholesaler per year from 5 to 10; and allowing additional persons the ability to provide samples at such events.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2642 Representative Monaghan-Derrig, K

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2243 Representative Marks, T

LR: 2650

Title: An Act To Amend the Maine Wind Energy Act

Comment: This bill would amend the Maine Wind Energy Act to clarify a definition, establish a decision-making basis, clarify energy- and emission-related benefits and confirm the Act's policy objectives.

LR: 2669

Title: An Act To Permit the Sharing of Liquor License Revenue

Comment: This bill would allow athletic centers with liquor licenses and a capacity of 3,000 or more to share revenue with professional athletic sports teams that do not have their own liquor licenses.

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Sponsor: President Alfond of Cumberland

LR: 2670

Title: An Act To Create a Public-private Partnership To End Food Insecurity in the State

Comment: This bill would create a public-private partnership to implement in the State the country's best practices concerning food, to attain an increase in federal funds to feed eligible students and to create a partnership with food distributors and producers to provide more food to students.

Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

LR: 2267

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Radiation-poisoned Seafood to Maine's Tribal Members

Comment: This bill would prohibit the sale of radiation-poisoned seafood to Maine's tribal members.

Sponsor: Representative Beaudoin of Biddeford

LR: 2284

Title: An Act To Require a Person Operating a Motorcycle To Wear Protective Headgear and Eye Gear

Comment: This bill would require the operator of a motorcycle to wear a helmet and protective eye gear.

Potential JR 217: LD 66

LR: 2285

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Use of a Handheld Cellular Telephone while Operating a Motor Vehicle

Comment: This bill would prohibit, without any exceptions, a person from using a handheld cellular telephone while operating a motor vehicle.

Potential JR 217: LD 68

LR: 2286

Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide the Indian Representatives a Vote in the Maine Legislature

Comment: This resolution would amend the Constitution of Maine to allow representatives of the Indian tribes in Maine to vote in the House of Representatives.

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Sponsor: Representative Beaulieu of Auburn

LR: 2416

Title: An Act To Change the Terms of the County Commissioners for Androscoggin County

Comment: This bill would change the terms of office for the county commissioners for Androscoggin County.

LR: 2461

Title: An Act To Ensure That Meritorious Freedom of Access Act Requests Receive Appropriate Attention

Comment: This bill would help public entities fulfill public records requests by reducing the number of frivolous and vexatious requests through limiting the number of requests allowed per person and other remedies; and would give authority to the Public Access Ombudsman to intervene.

LR: 2645

Title: An Act To Establish a Gold Star Mother License Plate

Comment: This bill would establish a gold star mother license plate.

Sponsor: Representative Beavers of South Berwick

LR: 2490

Title: An Act To Encourage and Protect Innovation in Fisheries, Aquaculture and Seafood Processing

Comment: This bill would define as confidential information, not subject to the Freedom of Information Act, data submitted to the Department of Marine Resources that documents research and protocols used in aquaculture or seafood processing.

Sponsor: Representative Beck of Waterville

LR: 2266

Title: An Act To Amend the Freedom of Access Law

Comment: This bill would exempt from the Freedom of Access Law any identifying information related to persons making claims for proceeds from the Maine State Lottery.

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Sponsor: Representative Beck of Waterville

LR: 2366

Title: An Act Concerning Disclosure Requirements by Pharmacy Benefits Managers

Comment: This bill would establish disclosure requirements on the use of a maximum allowable cost pricing index by pharmacy benefits managers and transfers oversight authority to the Maine Board of Pharmacy.

LR: 2367

Title: An Act To Allow Pharmacists To Dispense Sterile and Nonsterile Compounds

Comment: This bill would allow pharmacists to dispense sterile and nonsterile compounds when prescribed by a physician.

LR: 2485

Title: An Act To Amend the Insurance Laws Regarding Pilot Projects

Comment: This bill would direct the Superintendent of Insurance to adopt rules to enable employers to provide employees with health care benefits covering workplace injuries and illness and other health care benefits in comprehensive pilot projects.

Sponsor: Representative Bennett of Kennebunk

LR: 2315

Title: An Act To Amend Maine's Mandated Reporting of Abuse Laws

Comment: This bill would prohibit an employer from requiring its employees or volunteers to report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation by other employees or volunteers to the employer rather than to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham

LR: 2238

Title: An Act To Encourage Informed Choices in Planning for Higher Education and Future Careers

Comment: This bill would require lenders to provide to student loan applicants information regarding career lifetime earnings based on Department of Labor data, the probability of job placement in Maine in the students' field of study, anticipated monthly cumulative student loan payments and the term of loans and available incentives, including the education opportunity tax credit.

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Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham

LR: 2338

Title: An Act To Increase Reimbursement for Quality Child Care

Comment: This bill would provide for reimbursement to quality child care providers at a rate 10% higher than the rate for other providers.

Potential JR 217: LD 1383

LR: 2346

Title: An Act To Clarify the Implementation of the Sales Tax Imposed on Newspapers and Periodicals

Comment: This bill would clarify the implementation of the sales tax on newspapers and periodicals, and would establish a sunset on the application of the tax.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2350 Senator Thomas, D

LR: 2385

Title: An Act To Improve Health Care and Disease Prevention Efforts in the Fund for a Healthy Maine

Comment: This bill would provide additional funding for programs funded by the Fund for a Healthy Maine and for Head Start.

Potential JR 217: LDs 517 & 1383

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2612 Representative Frey, A

LR: 2389

Title: An Act To Support Maine Foster Children beyond the Age of 18

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan to advertise and promote the ability of foster children to remain in the foster care system beyond the age at which they would normally cease to be eligible.

Closely Related CO: LD 1047 Representative Berry, S

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Sponsor: Representative Boland of Sanford

LR: 2671

Title: An Act To Facilitate Equitable Rebates for Improvements in the Reliability of Electric Power Transmission

Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to adopt rules to allocate benefits from electric ratepayer-supported investments to limit adverse effects of geomagnetically induced currents into transmission and distribution systems. This bill would also allow the commission to require the installation of equipment monitoring devices for the purpose of tracking changes in reliability of power flow.

Sponsor: Senator Boyle of Cumberland

LR: 2434

Title: An Act To Protect Atlantic Salmon and Brook Trout Spawning Habitat from Motorized Recreational Gold Prospecting

Comment: This bill would close specific stream segments that contain Atlantic salmon and brook trout to motorized gold prospecting.

LR: 2439

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Concerning the Designation of Pine Tree Development Zones

Comment: This bill would extend the period for certification of a qualified business in the Tier 2 Pine Tree Development Zones to match that provided for businesses in all other Pine Tree Development Zones.

LR: 2617

Title: An Act To Encourage Charitable Contributions to Nonprofits

Comment: This bill would exclude contributions to nonprofit organizations in determining the cap for itemized deductions.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2533 Representative Nelson, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2275 Representative Kinney, J

LR: 2640

Title: An Act To Amend the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act

Comment: This bill would add a prohibition to the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act on posting paid reviews online, whether negative or positive.

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Sponsor: Representative Briggs of Mexico

LR: 2569

Title: Resolve, To Require State Government To Work in Concert To Further
 Maine's Plan To End and Prevent Homelessness

Comment: This resolve would require all relevant agencies of State Government to work
 with the Maine State Housing Authority, the Statewide Homeless Council and
 regional homeless councils to fully implement Maine's plan to end and prevent
 homelessness.

Sponsor: Representative Brooks of Winterport

LR: 2360

Title: An Act To Provide Mental Health Services in Appropriate Mental Health
 Settings

Comment: This bill would repeal the new law that expands the mental health unit at the
 Maine State Prison in the Town of Warren, allows the transfer to that unit of
 persons in the county jails and persons awaiting psychiatric evaluations at the
 Riverview Psychiatric Center and allows involuntary medication for mental
 health purposes of persons in the mental health unit at the Maine State Prison.
 This bill would remove funding for indigent legal services that was provided
 because of the involuntary medication provision. This bill would remove
 funding from the Department of Corrections for mental health services in the
 mental health unit at the Maine State Prison that was provided because of the
 transfer provisions. This bill would direct the mental health services funding to
 the Department of Health and Human Services to provide needed mental
 health services in appropriate mental health settings instead of in a correctional
 setting.

LR: 2440

Title: Resolve, To Authorize a Pilot Project Designed To Ensure the Preservation
 and Accessibility of Oral Testimony Presented at Legislative Public Hearings

Comment: This resolve would authorize a pilot project designed to ensure the
 preservation and accessibility of oral testimony presented at legislative public
 hearings. Under this resolve, the public testimony before one joint standing
 committee would be recorded and made accessible to the public.

Potential JR 217: LD 339

Sponsor: Senator Burns of Washington

LR: 2578

Title: An Act To Maintain the Togue Stocking Program in Millimagassett Lake

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to
 continue the togue stocking of Millimagassett Lake.

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Sponsor: Senator Burns of Washington

LR: 2648

Title: An Act To Allow Retired Department of Marine Resources Patrol Officers To Qualify for Any 2 Marine Fisheries Licenses under Moratorium or Limited Entry

Comment: This bill would allow a retired Department of Marine Resources patrol officer to be eligible for any 2 marine fisheries licenses under moratorium or limited entry without the officer's having to apprentice or wait in a rotation.

LR: 2660

Title: An Act To Enhance Maine's Stalking Law To Include Illegal Stalking of Groups or Members of an Organization

Comment: This bill would make it a crime for a person to stalk a group of people or members of an organization. The penalty for the crime would be enhanced one classification if one or more of the targeted victims was 16 years of age or younger.

LR: 2666

Title: An Act To Exempt Fuel Used in Off-road Commercial and Construction Equipment from Fuel Taxes

Comment: This bill would exempt from fuel taxes fuel for equipment used in private or commercial wood harvesting; construction equipment, such as excavators, bulldozers and loaders; and other related equipment used exclusively in off-road projects. This bill would follow the current exemption of taxes on fuel used in lobster and other marine fisheries.

Sponsor: Senator Cain of Penobscot

LR: 2493

Title: An Act To Amend the Requirements for Licensure for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

Comment: This bill would describe the requirements for licensure for advanced practice registered nurses.

LR: 2494

Title: An Act To Increase Safety for Victims of Domestic Violence

Comment: This bill would require that some preconviction criminal investigation reports be released to high-risk response teams. This bill would also address the issue of abusers who, while being held over for judicial review of bail, intimidate victims or witnesses.

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Sponsor: Senator Cain of Penobscot

LR: 2596

Title: An Act To Improve the Disability Benefits Process under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

Comment: This bill would make changes to the process of applying for disability benefits from the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to improve the application process and enhance applicant rights.

Closely Related CO: LD 186 Representative Beck, H

Sponsor: Representative Carey of Lewiston

LR: 2249

Title: An Act To Reinstate Legislative Approval for Local Property Tax Assistance Programs

Comment:

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2388 Representative Chase, K

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2573 Representative Chenette, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2271 Representative Moriarty, S

LR: 2575

Title: An Act To Allow a Producer or Wholesaler of Alcohol To Donate Alcohol to a Nonprofit Organization

Comment: This bill would allow a producer or wholesaler of alcohol to donate alcohol to a nonprofit organization.

LR: 2684

Title: An Act To Prevent Overdoses in Maine

Comment: This bill would exempt from criminal and civil liability a person who seeks medical assistance for a drug or alcohol overdose. This bill would also exempt from liability a health care professional who prescribes, possesses or administers a drug to block the effects of an opioid overdose.

Potential JR 217: LDs 1044 & 1046

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Sponsor: Representative Casavant of Biddeford

LR: 2399

Title: An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief for Residents Who Are Senior Citizens

Comment: This bill would increase the sales and use tax by 1% and use the additional revenue to reduce the property tax burden on low-income and middle-income residents 70 years of age and older.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2659 Representative Casavant, A

LR: 2659

Title: An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief To Persons over 70 Years of Age

Comment: This bill would use a percentage of gaming revenue to fund property tax relief for low-income residents over 70 years of age.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2399 Representative Casavant, A

Sponsor: Representative Cassidy of Lubec

LR: 2316

Title: An Act To Designate the Lobster Roll the State Sandwich

Comment: This bill would designate the lobster roll as the State sandwich.

LR: 2353

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Develop Maine's Lobster Processing Industry

Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to develop the State's lobster processing industry.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2347 Senator Jackson, T

LR: 2459

Title: An Act To Preserve Maine's Long-term Care Facilities

Comment: This bill would give "Appendix C" private nonmedical institutions a 2% cost-of-living increase in funding.

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Sponsor: Representative Chase of Wells

LR: 2388

Title: An Act To Reinstate Municipal Authority To Provide Property Tax Assistance

Comment: This bill would reinstate the authority of municipalities to offer property tax assistance to residents.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2249 Representative Carey, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2573 Representative Chenette, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2271 Representative Moriarty, S

LR: 2629

Title: An Act To Restrict Direct Repair Programs between Auto Insurance Companies and Auto Body Repair Businesses

Comment: This bill would restrict auto insurance companies from using any auto repair facility with which the insurance company has a direct repair program for the purpose of estimating the cost of a repair.

Sponsor: Representative Chenette of Saco

LR: 2476

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Place Signs on Interstate 95 Directing Motorists to Thornton Academy

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Transportation to place signs on Interstate 95 directing motorists to Thornton Academy.

LR: 2517

Title: An Act To Allow Active Members of the Military Service To File an Intent to Marry in Any Municipality

Comment: This bill would allow an active member of the United States Armed Forces or the Maine National Guard who is a resident of Maine to file notice of intent to marry in any municipality.

LR: 2573

Title: An Act To Reinstate Municipal Authority for Local Property Tax Assistance Programs

Comment: This bill would reinstate the authority of municipalities to offer property tax relief.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2271 Representative Moriarty, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2249 Representative Carey, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2388 Representative Chase, K

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Sponsor: Representative Clark of Easton

LR: 2341

Title: An Act To Promote Religious Freedom

Comment: This bill would allow a person that belongs to a religion that does not allow that person to wear bright colored clothing, and that lives in a home without power or technology, to be able to wear a red vest and hat instead of a fluorescent orange vest when hunting on that person's own property.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2474 Senator Sherman, R

LR: 2343

Title: An Act To Ensure Fair Distribution of Funds within the Education Funding Formula

Comment: This bill would restore to any school district money that was lost due to the extra money that was added to the funding formula through Public Law 2013, chapter 368. The bill would also require that a school cannot lose state funding dollars as a result of adding more money into the funding formula.

LR: 2571

Title: An Act To Allow the Placement of Cameras and Electronic Surveillance Equipment on Private Property without Written Permission of the Landowner

Comment: This bill would repeal the prohibition against placing a camera or other surveillance equipment on private property without the written permission of the landowner.

Sponsor: Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin

LR: 2507

Title: An Act To Improve the Funding Mechanism for Charter Schools

Comment: This bill would fund charter schools based on the number of students attending the schools and using the essential programs and services formula.

Potential JR 217: LD 1057

LR: 2623

Title: An Act To Assist Electric Utility Ratepayers

Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to develop a program to permit electric ratepayers with high past-due bills to enter into a payment program to avoid disconnection if the current bill and a portion of the past-due bill are paid monthly.

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Sponsor: Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin

LR: 2624

Title: An Act To Raise the Cap on Rate Impact for Offshore Wind Energy

Comment: This bill would raise the cap on the permitted impact on electricity rates of off-shore wind energy development.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2496 Representative Fredette, K

LR: 2627

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund

Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$2,100,000 to fund the safe drinking water revolving loan fund.

LR: 2685

Title: Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority To Provide Directional Information for Poland at Exit 63

Comment: This resolve would direct the Maine Turnpike Authority to provide directional information for Poland at exit 63.

Sponsor: Representative Cooper of Yarmouth

LR: 2237

Title: An Act To Allow Local Health Inspectors To Inspect Restaurants and Other Licensed Establishments

Comment: This bill would require the state health inspection program in the Department of Health and Human Services to include a program to train local health inspectors to perform limited inspections of restaurants and other licensed establishments for health and safety violations. Local health officers who have completed this training would have the authority to order the immediate and temporary closing of an establishment when health and safety violations pose an imminent threat to the public.

Potential JR 217: LR 846

LR: 2299

Title: An Act To Allow a Municipality To Assess the Value of Real Property as of the Date of the Destruction of That Real Property

Comment: Current law requires a municipality to assess real property based on the status of that real property on April 1st. This bill would allow a municipality to assess the value of real property as of the date of the destruction of buildings on that real property if the buildings destroyed are valued at \$500,000 or more.

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Sponsor: Representative Cooper of Yarmouth

LR: 2567

Title: An Act To Require a Prescription for Any Medication Containing Pseudoephedrine

Comment: This bill would prohibit all dispensing of any medication that contains pseudoephedrine without a prescription.

Sponsor: Representative Crafts of Lisbon

LR: 2317

Title: Resolve, To Initiate the Procedures To Request the Federal Joint Committee on the Library of Congress To Replace a Statue in the National Statuary Hall Collection

Comment: This bill would initiate the procedures to request the Federal Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to replace a statue in the National Statuary Hall Collection.

Sponsor: Senator Craven of Androscoggin

LR: 2404

Title: An Act To Support Homeless Shelters

Comment: This bill would appropriate money for emergency shelters in the State to offset a reduction in federal funding.

LR: 2668

Title: An Act To Clarify the Provisions of a Historic Preservation Tax Credit

Comment: This bill would clarify that the term "project" in the historic preservation tax credit refers to an individual project, not an entire building, and that a single building may house several rehabilitation projects.

Sponsor: Representative Cray of Palmyra

LR: 2344

Title: An Act Regarding the Formation of Resident-owned Communities and Trailer Park Cooperatives

Comment: This bill would establish laws and rules regarding the formation of resident-owned communities and trailer park cooperatives.

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Sponsor: Representative Cray of Palmyra

LR: 2656

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Use of Flotation Tires by Farmers

Comment: This bill would amend the law regarding where farmers may use flotation tires.

Sponsor: Representative Crockett of Bethel

LR: 2504

Title: An Act Regarding the Tax Treatment of a Change in the Title of a Motor Vehicle Involving Spouses When One Spouse Is on a Military Deployment

Comment: This bill would ensure that there are not negative tax consequences for a member of the United State Armed Forces serving on a deployment when there is a change in title of a motor vehicle involving the spouse of that service member.

Sponsor: Senator Cushing of Penobscot

LR: 2464

Title: An Act To Conform Licensing Requirements for Real Estate Appraisers with Federal Law

Comment: This bill would require real estate appraisers to be fingerprinted in order to be licensed by the State.

LR: 2469

Title: An Act To Allow the Use of Slingshots in Small Game Hunting

Comment: This bill would legalize slingshots as weapons for hunting small game.

Sponsor: Representative Daughtry of Brunswick

LR: 2273

Title: An Act To Protect Maine Businesses from Illegitimate Patent Assertions

Comment: This bill would prohibit bad faith assertions of patent infringement.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2647 Senator Haskell, A

LR: 2274

Title: An Act To Assist Victims of Domestic Violence

Comment: This bill would prohibit an employer from firing an employee because the employee is a victim of domestic violence.

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Sponsor: Representative Daughtry of Brunswick

LR: 2482

Title: An Act To Recognize Agricultural Work in Maine High Schools

Comment: This bill would prohibit a high school from suspending or taking disciplinary action against a student who takes time off from school to take part in 4-H activities at fairs. The bill would also allow schools to give the student school credit for the agricultural work done.

LR: 2566

Title: An Act To Increase the Affordability of Higher Education

Comment: This bill would create a pilot project to replace the traditional tuition system with a contract to pay back the State with a percentage of income after the person graduates.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2246 President Alfond, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2252 Senator Katz, R

Sponsor: Representative Davis, Sr. of Sangerville

LR: 2244

Title: An Act Regarding the County Commissioner Districts for Piscataquis County

Comment: This bill would change the Piscataquis County Commissioner Districts that were changed in the recent redistricting.

LR: 2358

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Governing Exemptions for the Use of Safety Belts

Comment: This bill would allow the Secretary of State to issue an identification card, in addition to the window placard already authorized by law, to identify a driver or passenger who is exempt from the requirement to wear a safety belt.

Sponsor: Representative DeChant of Bath

LR: 2457

Title: An Act To Ensure Fairness in the Application of the Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Compensation Laws

Comment: This bill would require an insurance carrier that reduces or offsets an injured worker's incapacity benefits by the amount of unemployment benefits received for the same period of incapacity to reimburse the Unemployment Compensation Fund the full amount of the offset. The employer of the injured employee would have its experience rating adjusted to reflect that reimbursement.

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Sponsor: Representative DeChant of Bath

LR: 2527

Title: An Act To Change the Name and Classification of New Meadows Lake

Comment: This bill would change the name and classification of New Meadows Lake.

Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle

LR: 2253

Title: An Act To Authorize Public Safety Personnel and Members of the Military When Visiting Schools in Their Official Capacity To Wear Their Uniforms

Comment: This bill would require schools to allow personnel such as firefighters, police officers, park rangers, game wardens and members of the military to wear their uniforms when visiting schools in their official capacity.

Potential JR 217: LD 1503

LR: 2421

Title: An Act To Require Notification of the Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies

Comment: This bill would require the operators of a public water system to provide their customers with a notice if the water is fluoridated.

LR: 2511

Title: Resolve, Establishing a Commission To Study the Effects of Ocean Acidification and Its Potential Impacts on Commercial Shellfish Harvested and Grown along the Maine Coast

Comment: This resolve would establish a study commission to ensure effective coordination of the programs and scientific research regarding ocean acidification and to provide policies and response tools to respond to the adverse impacts on commercially important shellfish fisheries and Maine's shellfish aquaculture industry. The study commission would report to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

LR: 2587

Title: An Act To Permit Wet Storage Sites for Cultured Marine Organisms

Comment: This bill would change existing guidelines for wet storage of marine organisms to improve the process for applicants for aquaculture leases and allow for public comment consistent with the impact on other stakeholders.

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Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle

LR: 2589

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Educate the Public and Its Program Participants about Bisphenol A

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Health and Human Services to update its website for accuracy and to prepare educational outreach materials to reach the most susceptible populations concerning bisphenol A.

Sponsor: Representative Dickerson of Rockland

LR: 2598

Title: Resolve, To Require the Review of Laws and Rules Governing Cosmetology-related Licenses

Comment: This resolve would require a substantive review of the requirements and procedures for obtaining a license as a massage therapist or aesthetician or in some other cosmetology-related profession. The purpose of the review would be to find ways to reduce requirements to make it easier to work in those areas.

LR: 2599

Title: An Act To Ensure Student Safety and Privacy and To Protect Student Identity

Comment: This bill would prohibit the use of a student's name or state identification number by a school in e-mail in a manner that would allow someone to use that information for illegal purposes.

Sponsor: Representative Dion of Portland

LR: 2235

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage a Strong Job Market by Promoting Affordable Electricity

Comment: This bill would provide a bond issue in the amount of \$10,000,000 to be used to provide a one-to-one match to public and private sources to allow small power producers and cogenerators to sell electricity at cost to businesses, municipalities and individuals in order to provide low-cost electricity to these entities as an economic benefit to encourage a strong job market.

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Sponsor: Representative Dion of Portland

LR: 2272

Title: An Act To Establish the Office of the Inspector General in the Department of Health and Human Services

Comment: This bill would create the office of Inspector General within the Department of Health and Human Services, specifically charged with detecting fraud and abuse within Department of Health and Human Services programs. The office would be based on similar offices that have been established in Illinois, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

LR: 2391

Title: Resolve, To Ensure the Continued Effectiveness of Maine's Drug Courts

Comment: This resolve would direct the Supreme Judicial Court to review and improve the operation of the State's drug court, focusing on current treatment, alternative sentencing and post-release best practices.

LR: 2538

Title: An Act To Promote the Safe Sale and Use of Firearms

Comment: This bill would promote the safe sale and use of firearms by establishing requirements for a firearm safety course by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, increasing the fine for providing a false name to a firearms dealer and requiring private sales of firearms to be subject to background checks. This bill would take effect only upon approval at referendum.

Potential JR 217: LDs 267 & 1240

Sponsor: Representative Doak of Columbia Falls

LR: 2259

Title: An Act To Exempt Certain Disabled Veterans from the State Income Tax

Comment: This bill would exempt disabled veterans with a disability of 50% or greater from the state income tax.

LR: 2260

Title: An Act To Exempt from Excise Tax Vehicles Owned by Disabled Veterans

Comment: This bill would exempt from excise tax vehicles that are owned by disabled veterans.

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Sponsor: Representative Doak of Columbia Falls

LR: 2261

Title: An Act To Repeal the Lodging Tax on Assisted Living Facilities for Maine's Elderly

Comment: This bill would repeal the lodging tax on assisted living facilities for Maine's elderly.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2455 Representative Weaver, W

Sponsor: Representative Dorney of Norridgewock

LR: 2534

Title: An Act To Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services and Increase Public Safety

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to combine all of its emergency crisis lines into one access number to be staffed by trained personnel around the clock.

LR: 2682

Title: An Act To Assist Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Recipients

Comment: This bill would authorize a voluntary program through the Department of Health and Human Services that would allow Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients to choose to receive benefits paid weekly rather than monthly. It would require the department to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on this option after 2 years.

Sponsor: Representative Dunphy of Embden

LR: 2437

Title: An Act To Amend the Standard Water District Enabling Act

Comment: This bill would amend the Standard Water District Enabling Act to allow for a trustee recall provision. The bill would require a district to hold a referendum in the district in order to adopt the provision.

LR: 2473

Title: An Act To Amend the Charter of the Anson and Madison Water District

Comment: This bill would permit the trustees of the Anson and Madison Water District the option of requesting that the Town of Anson and the Town of Madison appoint a trustee to fill a vacancy rather than requiring them to hold a special election.

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Sponsor: Representative Duprey of Hampden

LR: 2419

Title: An Act To Protect Children in Home Day Care

Comment: This bill would require home day care operators that receive state funds to comply with the same child-staff ratios and other rules as licensed child care centers.

Sponsor: Senator Dutremble of York

LR: 2563

Title: An Act To Increase Property Tax Relief for Maine Residents

Comment: This bill would increase eligibility for and benefits under the property tax fairness credit.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2258 Speaker Eves, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2278 Representative Parry, W

LR: 2591

Title: An Act To Increase Penalties for Operating without Insurance

Comment: This bill would increase the financial penalties for operating without insurance for the first, 2nd and subsequent violations.

LR: 2593

Title: An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Seniors Residing in Maine

Comment: This bill would provide property tax relief to eligible senior citizens who are Maine residents by freezing their property taxes at the level they were when they became eligible for property tax relief. The State would reimburse municipalities for 50% of their lost revenue.

Sponsor: Representative Evangelos of Friendship

LR: 2296

Title: An Act To Provide Priority Funding for State-municipal Revenue Sharing

Comment: Current law establishes a list of priorities for the distribution of any unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; the 4th priority includes transfers to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund and the Retirement Allowance Fund. This bill would require the State Controller, before making the transfers required by the 4th priority, to use the balance of any unappropriated surplus to make up any shortfall in the funding of state-municipal revenue sharing to reach the 5% level specified in law.

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Sponsor: Speaker Eves of North Berwick

LR: 2257

Title: An Act To Promote National Security and Workforce Development

Comment: This bill would appropriate funds to the University of Maine System to support the New England consortium for digital design innovation in order to create defense sector manufacturing jobs in Maine.

LR: 2258

Title: An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Maine Residents

Comment: This bill would provide property tax relief to Maine residents by using surplus General Fund revenue to increase the maximum amount of the property tax fairness credit.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2278 Representative Parry, W

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2563 Senator Dutremble, D

LR: 2357

Title: An Act To Increase Health Security by Expanding Federally Funded Health Care for Maine People

Comment: This bill would expand federally funded health care to low-income Maine people, effective the first day of the quarter in which the state plan amendment is approved.

Potential JR 217: LD 1066

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2330 Senator Jackson, T

LR: 2417

Title: An Act To Improve Care for Maine's Senior Citizens through a General Fund Bond Issue To Repair Long-term Care Facilities

Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$25,000,000, the proceeds of which would be used to establish a loan forgiveness or grant program for repairs at long-term care facilities.

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Sponsor: Speaker Eves of North Berwick

LR: 2564

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Technology Infrastructure and Grow the Maine Economy in Existing and Emerging Industries

Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to build infrastructure to promote innovation, commercialization and job growth in the State's marine economy and biotechnology sectors.

Closely Related CO: LD 1223 Senator Cain, E

Closely Related CO: LD 1492 Senator Katz, R

Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland

LR: 2359

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Develop Alternative Options for Transportation of MaineCare Recipients

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to develop options for providing a system of providing nonemergency transportation for MaineCare recipients to and from medical appointments and to report on the options to the Legislature.

Potential JR 217: LDs 650 & 710

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2453 Senator Lachowicz, C

LR: 2501

Title: An Act To Promote and Sustain Home Care Services for Seniors Offered by the County Extension Services

Comment: This bill would provide funding from the Department of Health and Human Services budget to promote and sustain home care services provided to seniors by the county extension services.

LR: 2502

Title: An Act To Consolidate and Simplify Licensing and Program Requirements for Center-based Early Childhood Services for Children with Special Needs

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education to get together and establish a single licensing procedure and service plan for center-based early childhood services for children with special needs.

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Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland

LR: 2503

Title: An Act To Ensure That All Maine Children Are Protected from Abuse

Comment: This bill would ensure that the Department of Health and Human Services has a process and authority to investigate alleged abuse and neglect that is perpetrated by any caregiver so that children are protected from abuse or neglect in schools, in residential settings or while receiving community support and services.

LR: 2512

Title: An Act To Improve Hospital-based Acute Behavior Health Treatment

Comment: This bill would exempt mental health hospitals from having to have a plan in place before any intensive behavior treatment program may be implemented.

LR: 2513

Title: An Act To Fully Fund the Priority 1 and 2 Waiting List for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Comment: This bill would fully fund the residential programs and day programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are on a waiting list.

Potential JR 217: LDs 29 and 30

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2634 Senator Lachowicz, C

LR: 2607

Title: An Act To Preserve Access to Nursing Home Care by Correcting Chronic Shortfalls in MaineCare Reimbursement

Comment: This bill would provide for an increase in MaineCare payments to nursing homes to address a chronic shortfall between audited MaineCare allowable costs and payments for those costs, while allowing the aggregate increase to include pay for performance and enhanced payments for facilities serving a high percentage of MaineCare-covered residents.

Sponsor: Senator Flood of Kennebec

LR: 2484

Title: Resolve, To Study the Ability of Dispatchers To Transfer E-9-1-1 Calls to Emergency Responders in Another State

Comment: This resolve would establish a commission to study the ability of E-9-1-1 dispatchers in this State to transfer emergency calls to emergency dispatchers in another state.

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Sponsor: Representative Fowle of Vassalboro

LR: 2321

Title: An Act To Allow Fishing Closer to the Fish Ladder on Webber Pond in Vassalboro

Comment: This bill would reduce the distance from the fish ladder on Webber Pond in Vassalboro within which fishing is prohibited from 150 feet to 25 feet. This change would allow a person to fish from the town dock.

LR: 2407

Title: An Act To Extend the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption to Veterans Who Served in Iraq or Afghanistan

Comment: This bill would extend to veterans who served in Iraq or Afghanistan the property tax exemption currently available for certain other veterans.

LR: 2531

Title: An Act To Provide Funding for the Veterans Treatment Courts

Comment: This bill would provide funding for the veterans treatment courts.

Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

LR: 2262

Title: An Act To Amend the Sales Tax Increase for 2014 and 2015

Comment: This bill would amend for the years 2014 and 2015 the sales tax increase that was enacted in the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

LR: 2319

Title: An Act To Create the Newport Natural Gas District

Comment: This bill would create the Newport Natural Gas District.

LR: 2324

Title: An Act To Enhance the Sustainability of the Corinna Water District

Comment: This bill would enhance the sustainability of the Corinna Water District.

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Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

LR: 2325

Title: An Act To Help Recipients of Welfare Benefits To Transfer from Welfare to Work

Comment: This bill would require that all job-ready applicants for benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program or for a diversion program using alternative aid must present documented proof of job applications.

Potential JR 217: LD 256

LR: 2406

Title: Resolve, To Establish the Task Force on Independence from Welfare Dependency

Comment: This resolve would create a task force on independence from welfare dependency.

Potential JR 217: LDs 1064 & 1538

LR: 2496

Title: An Act To Provide for Economic and Technological Development by Increasing the Allowable Customer Charge in the Event of More than One Grant Being Awarded for Wind Energy Projects

Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to increase the allowable customer charge if the United States Department of Energy provides more than one grant for a wind energy project in the Gulf of Maine.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2624 Senator Cleveland, J

LR: 2497

Title: An Act To Improve Participation in the ASPIRE-TANF Program

Comment: This bill would eliminate one of the exceptions in the law of the ASPIRE-TANF program that prohibits sanctioning in the program.

LR: 2509

Title: An Act To Expand the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program

Comment: This bill would raise the maximum amount of a tax credit claim from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000 in the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program.

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Sponsor: Representative Frey of Bangor

LR: 2612

Title: An Act To Preserve Head Start and Child Care Services

Comment: This bill would provide \$2,000,000 to Head Start programs in fiscal year 2014-15 to replace cuts made in fiscal year 2013-14 and to match available federal block grants.

Potential JR 217: LDs 517 and 1383

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2385 Representative Berry, S

LR: 2614

Title: An Act To Utilize the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center To Manage Need for Inpatient Hospitalization

Comment: This bill would require the use of the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center to address bed shortage and population management issues at the Riverview Psychiatric Center.

Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook

LR: 2582

Title: An Act To Create Greater Cost Efficiency and Promote Better Health Outcomes by Integrating Improved Access to Dental Care for Adults in MaineCare's Care Management and Coordination Initiatives

Comment: This bill would, beginning July 1, 2014, provide for limited MaineCare coverage for preventative and restorative oral health treatment for members who are referred by care managers or members of a team of health care professionals approved by the Department of Health and Human Services.

LR: 2588

Title: An Act To Clarify Provisions of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act

Comment: This bill would amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act to clarify that access to a registered dispensary's cultivation facility by government officials acting within the scope of employment or government duties is allowed.

LR: 2590

Title: An Act To Increase Program Integrity in the MaineCare Program and Increase State Recoveries under the Federal False Claims Act

Comment: This bill would increase the amount the State can recover for MaineCare fraudulent claims and amend state laws to better enforce the federal False Claims Act.

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Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland

LR: 2302

Title: An Act To Provide Enforcement Authority to the State Board of Corrections

Comment: This bill would provide authority to the State Board of Corrections to approve budgets for jail facilities, review management decisions concerning staffing and the use of overtime in jail facilities and withhold state funds to a jail facility that fails to comply with the board's decisions. It would also require the board to establish an essential programs and services formula for jail facilities and to review county jail management models in other states.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2374 Representative Wilson, C

LR: 2454

Title: An Act To Create a Therapeutic Mental Health Unit at Two Bridges County Jail

Comment: This bill would create a therapeutic mental health unit at Two Bridges County Jail in Wiscasset to treat persons under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections who have mental health challenges as well as violent persons in the State's mental health institutions. Under this bill, the Department of Corrections would be responsible for security in the unit, and the Department of Health and Human Services would be responsible for the mental health treatment of patients.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2562 Senator Gerzofsky, S

LR: 2506

Title: An Act Regarding the Involuntary Medication of an Inmate at a Correctional Facility

Comment: This bill would require, in addition to the court procedure provided for in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, prior to administering medication to an inmate without that inmate's consent, a correctional facility obtain the consent of a treating physician, an attending nurse and the family of the inmate.

LR: 2562

Title: An Act To Create a Therapeutic Mental Health Unit at a County Jail Located within 40 Miles of the City of Augusta

Comment: This bill would create a therapeutic mental health unit at a county jail located within 40 miles of the City of Augusta to treat persons diagnosed with mental illness who are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections or the county sheriffs, as well as violent patients in the State's mental health institutions.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2454 Senator Gerzofsky, S

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Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland

LR: 2592

Title: An Act To Increase Legal Protection for Public Safety Personnel

Comment: This bill would provide extra measures in the laws to protect public safety personnel from frivolous lawsuits.

Sponsor: Representative Gideon of Freeport

LR: 2609

Title: An Act To Update Parts of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code

Comment: This bill would amend a number of items in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code to comply with federal standards.

LR: 2613

Title: An Act To Increase Safety for Children by Requiring the Labeling of Inhalers

Comment: This bill would direct pharmacists to print an additional prescription sticker for customers to apply on the inhaler when the inhaler box is opened at home.

LR: 2626

Title: An Act To Address Preventable Deaths from Drug Overdose

Comment: This bill would require all paramedics, emergency medical technicians, police officers and firefighters to receive training to administer naloxone and to carry at least 2 doses when on duty.

Sponsor: Representative Gifford of Lincoln

LR: 2687

Title: An Act To Require a Company To Disclose the Amount of and Reason for a Settlement Entered into with an Individual

Comment: This bill would require a company that enters into a settlement agreement to disclose the amount and reason for the settlement.

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Sponsor: Representative Gillway of Searsport

LR: 2380

Title: An Act To Establish the Maine School of Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering

Comment: This bill would establish in Regional School Unit 20 the Maine School of Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering, which would offer courses in marine-related fields such as oceanography, ship building and navigation.

Sponsor: Representative Graham of North Yarmouth

LR: 2277

Title: An Act To Improve Accountability of State Agencies

Comment: This bill would require state agencies to report to appropriate committees of the Legislature regarding problems indentified in the annual state audit.

LR: 2418

Title: An Act To Prevent the Misuse of E-9-1-1 Services

Comment: This bill would prohibit the misuses of E-9-1-1 services by imposing a fine, after 2 warnings, for callers improperly calling E-9-1-1 for reasons other than an emergency.

LR: 2420

Title: An Act To Exempt Epinephrine Autoinjectors from the Prior Authorization Requirement

Comment: This bill would prohibit insurance companies from requiring prior authorization for epinephrine autoinjectors, also known as "EpiPens."

Sponsor: Representative Grant of Gardiner

LR: 2487

Title: An Act To Ensure Transparency and Accountability in Decisions by the Department of Environmental Protection

Comment: This bill would restore to the Board of Environmental Protection the responsibility to review and approve routine technical rules and enforcement actions proposed by the Department of Environmental Protection.

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Sponsor: Representative Grant of Gardiner

LR: 2488

Title: An Act To Protect the Health of Maine's Citizens from Toxic Chemicals in Products

Comment: This bill would designate penthalates as priority chemicals. The bill would require manufacturers or distributors with more than \$100,000,000 in gross annual sales to report their use of these chemicals in children's products sold in the State. The bill would amend the authority of the Board of Environmental Protection to regulate these chemicals. The bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection to report to the Legislature and to implement law using its existing fee authority and with existing resources.

Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

LR: 2334

Title: An Act To Require a Timely Response by a Gas Company to a Municipal Request for Service Expansion

Comment: This bill would establish parameters to require a timely response by a gas company to a municipal request for service expansion.

LR: 2340

Title: An Act To Strengthen Public Schools in Maine

Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to strengthen public schools in the State.

LR: 2413

Title: An Act To Clarify the School Budget Development Process in Certain Charter Municipalities

Comment: This bill would clarify that the school budget adoption laws do not preempt provisions in a municipal charter governing school budget development review and recommendation adopted prior to the budget meeting of the municipal legislative body.

LR: 2452

Title: An Act To Extend Support to Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Who Are Completing Their Education

Comment: This bill would extend health care coverage to persons aging out of foster care who are participating in an educational training program.

Potential JR 217: LD 487

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Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

LR: 2486

Title: An Act To Improve Educational Outcomes for Students in Poverty in Maine's Public Schools

Comment: This bill would remove the provisions in current law that require the amount of a school administrative unit's state contribution to be reduced by the amount that school administrative unit receives in federal Title I funds. It also would allow the Department of Education to audit on a regular basis schools that received Title I funds to make sure these funds are being used in compliance with federal law.

Closely Related CO: LD 369 Senator Johnson, C

LR: 2576

Title: An Act To Restore Early Voting and Strengthen Maine Voting Rights

Comment: This bill would eliminate the restrictions on the issuance of absentee ballots after the 3rd day before an election.

Potential JR 217: LDs 53 & 54

LR: 2600

Title: An Act To Amend the Requirements Regarding Self-identification by Health Care Practitioners

Comment: This bill would limit to outpatient settings the requirement that a health care practitioner display that practitioner's license. The bill would also allow mental health and behavioral health practitioners to cease wearing an identification badge after the first visit with a patient.

Sponsor: Representative Hamann of South Portland

LR: 2649

Title: An Act To Provide State Park Access to Maine Veterans

Comment: This bill would provide free access to state parks, including overnight camping, for all veterans. Currently only those veterans who are disabled receive such free access.

LR: 2662

Title: An Act To Protect Homeowners Facing Foreclosure

Comment: This bill would provide a homeowner whose home has been foreclosed the option of settling the debt at any point of the foreclosure process, including the window of time between when the foreclosure is complete and the date the person must vacate the home.

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Sponsor: Representative Harlow of Portland

LR: 2579

Title: An Act To Help Joint Owners of Property Remain in Their Homes by Providing a Property Tax Exemption

Comment: This bill would provide a property tax exemption to one joint owner of a residence when the other joint owner is placed in a long-term residential care facility permanently or receives home care.

LR: 2597

Title: An Act To Require Notification of the Potential Hazards of Coal Tar Sealant Products

Comment: This bill would require companies using coal tar sealants to seal driveways to notify their customers in writing of the potential hazards associated with coal tar sealants.

Sponsor: Representative Harvell of Farmington

LR: 2361

Title: An Act To Repeal the Prohibition on the Use of a Bow and Arrow near a Dwelling or Building

Comment: This bill would repeal the prohibition on the use of a bow and arrow within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling without permission of the owner.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2390 Representative Wood, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2443 Representative Shaw, M

Sponsor: Senator Haskell of Cumberland

LR: 2303

Title: An Act To Strengthen the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

Comment: This bill would prevent workers in the private sector from receiving pensions from the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

LR: 2405

Title: An Act To Amend the Reporting Requirements for the Business Equipment Tax Exemption

Comment: This bill would amend the reporting requirements for the Business Equipment Tax Exemption program concerning confidential information.

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Sponsor: Senator Haskell of Cumberland

LR: 2647

Title: An Act To Prohibit Bad Faith Assertions of Patent Infringement

Comment: This bill would prohibit a person from making a bad faith assertion of patent infringement.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2273 Representative Daughtry, M

Sponsor: Representative Hayes of Buckfield

LR: 2251

Title: An Act Regarding Municipal Obligations with Respect to Veterans' Graves in Public Burial Grounds

Comment: This bill would provide that when a municipality receives a complaint about the condition of a veteran's grave in a public burial ground, the municipality must correct the condition.

LR: 2654

Title: An Act Relating to the Rights of Parents Who Deliver a Child to a Safe Haven Provider

Comment: This bill would place a limit on the amount of time in which a parent can reclaim a child after surrender under the "safe haven" law.

LR: 2664

Title: An Act To Facilitate the Detection of Breast Cancer

Comment: This bill would facilitate the detection of breast cancer in cases of dense breast tissue.

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Sponsor: Representative Hickman of Winthrop

LR: 2651

Title: An Act To End Hunger, Protect Small Farms and Homesteads and Promote Self-sufficiency for the People of the State

Comment: This bill would: 1) direct the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to work together to develop a plan to end hunger in the State by 2024; 2) establish a Bureau of Small Farms and Homesteads in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to help small farms and homesteads navigate state and federal laws, rules and regulations; and 3) exempt from certain state requirements food produced by small farms and homesteads in municipalities that have enacted local ordinances governing food safety.

Potential JR 217: LD 475

Sponsor: Senator Hill of York

LR: 2423

Title: An Act To Amend the Provider Profiling Program Law

Comment: This bill would require an insurance carrier that has a provider profiling program to apply the requirements of the program to narrow networks.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2395 Representative McGowan, P

Sponsor: Representative Hobbins of Saco

LR: 2424

Title: An Act To Authorize a Temporary Commissioner at the Public Utilities Commission

Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to develop a list of former commissioners to be called upon and a process for temporary appointment when a current commissioner is recused from a case.

LR: 2444

Title: An Act To Ensure That Large Utility Reorganizations Advance the Economic Development and Information Access Goals of the State

Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to approve a merger, consolidation, reorganization or sale involving a Maine public utility with revenues greater than \$50,000,000 only when it is satisfied that the proposal will advance the economic development and information access goals of the State, result in economic benefit to ratepayers and be consistent with the interests of investors. In the case of a utility with annual revenues totaling \$50,000,000 or less, the applicable standard would be the same standard as currently applies.

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Sponsor: Representative Hobbins of Saco

LR: 2445

Title: An Act To Phase Out the State Universal Service Fund

Comment: This bill would direct the Public Utilities Commission to gradually decrease over 4 years the amounts collected for the state universal service fund under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 7104. After 4 years, the authorization to collect funds for a state universal service fund would be repealed.

Closely Related CO: LD 1479

LR: 2523

Title: An Act To Encourage a Provider of Last Resort To Expand Broadband

Comment: This bill would prohibit a provider of last resort service from receiving state universal fund support under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 7104 unless that provider has build-out targets for broadband in Maine that are equal to or greater than its build-out targets in New Hampshire. This bill would authorize the Public Utilities Commission to adopt routine technical rules to implement this requirement.

LR: 2555

Title: An Act To Eliminate Student Reimbursement Inequity for Special Purpose Schools

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Education to reimburse special purpose schools in the same manner as it reimburses public schools. Under this bill, reimbursement of special purpose schools would not be denied when a student is not in attendance.

LR: 2606

Title: An Act To Encourage Distributed Generation in the State

Comment: This bill would allow utilities to deploy distributed generation in the State, including assisting customers with the costs of home solar installations, to address reliability concerns, to enhance grid performance and to reduce peak load demand. It would also revise the rules on net-metering to reduce the financial impact of distributed generation on the general body of utility customers.

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Sponsor: Representative Hubbell of Bar Harbor

LR: 2478

Title: An Act To Correct an Inconsistency in the Process Controlling the Transfer of a Student between School Administrative Units

Comment: This bill would clarify that a superintendent is required to specify why the transfer of a student from one school administrative unit to another is not in the student's best interests only if that is the reason the transfer was denied.

LR: 2479

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Fishing for Lobster across Different Zones

Comment: This bill would allow present lobster license holders to fish across zone boundaries according to the current rules but disallow new license holders from fishing in adjacent zones that maintain limited entry.

Potential JR 217: LD 810

Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook

LR: 2330

Title: An Act To Enhance the Stability and Predictability of Health Care Costs for Returning Veterans and Others by Addressing the Issues Associated with Hospital Charity Care and Bad Debt

Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to enhance the stability and predictability of health care costs for returning veterans and others by addressing the issues associated with hospital charity care and bad debt.

Potential JR 217: LD 1066

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2357 Speaker Eves, M

LR: 2347

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds To Develop Lobster Processing Capacity in the State

Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to provide funds to develop lobster processing capacity in the State.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2353 Representative Cassidy, K

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Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook

LR: 2348

Title: An Act To Preserve Certain Private and Special Rights in the Merger of Bangor Hydro Electric Company and Maine Public Service Company

Comment: This bill would provide that any private and special rights previously granted to Maine Public Service Company or its predecessors are not lost as a result of the merger between the company and Bangor Hydro Electric Company if those rights were in existence at the time of the merger.

LR: 2349

Title: Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Examine the Establishment of Safeguards on the Use of Fireworks

Comment: This resolve would establish a legislative task force to examine the establishment of safeguards on the use of fireworks.

Closely Related CO: LD 168 Senator Johnson, C

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2463 Representative McClellan, M

LR: 2403

Title: An Act To Create a Program To Provide Training for Workers

Comment: This bill would create a program that would provide new training for workers.

LR: 2498

Title: An Act To Make Maine Mills More Competitive

Comment: This bill would remove the tax on forest land of any owner who sends the wood from that person's land to be processed at a United States mill.

LR: 2499

Title: An Act To Retain Call Centers in Maine

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Economic and Community Development to create a list of call centers in Maine that close. If any call center that received grant money from the United States closes and moves out of the country, the grant money the call center received will be called back.

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Sponsor: Senator Johnson of Lincoln

LR: 2236

Title: An Act To Foster a Responsible School Budget Process

Comment: This bill would provide that, in any year where the level of state subsidy for the general purpose aid for local schools program in the state budget is not finalized by March 15 for the upcoming fiscal year, the school administrative units in the State are not obligated to implement the budget approval and budget validation referendum requirements under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, sections 1485 and 1486 until such time as State Government enacts legislation that approves the state budget or authorizes the level of state subsidy to be provided to school administrative units in the State under the general purpose for local schools program.

LR: 2297

Title: An Act To Change the Statutory References to the State Holiday "Patriot's Day" to "Patriots' Day"

Comment: This bill would make a grammatical change to the statutes establishing and referencing a holiday.

LR: 2580

Title: An Act To Fund the Maintenance of Veterans' Grave Sites

Comment: This bill would provide funding to municipalities for the requirement enacted by the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature in Public Law 2013, chapter 421 that municipalities maintain the grave sites of veterans in public burying grounds.

LR: 2625

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Agricultural Development Fund

Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$10,000,000 to fund the agricultural development fund.

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Sponsor: Representative Johnson of Greenville

LR: 2446

Title: An Act To Enhance Drug Enforcement in Residential Neighborhoods

Comment: This bill would require the court to consider during sentencing for a drug crime whether children were present when the crime was committed, whether the crime was committed in a residential neighborhood and the number of drug crimes committed at the same residence. It would clarify that a person who owns residential property and has knowledge of illegal drug trafficking occurring within that property is liable under existing accomplice laws.

It would require a study to assess the current criminal justice system for drug crimes and propose a long-term plan to document the impact of illegal drug activity and respond to the crisis of illegal drugs in this State. The study would include an assessment of existing studies and data and provide authority for the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety to report out a bill relating to the study in the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

LR: 2447

Title: An Act To Reduce Nuisance Marijuana Growing

Comment: This bill would reduce nuisance medical marijuana growing by requiring the Department of Health and Human Services, after consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to adopt rules for medical marijuana cultivation and processing for registered caregivers and dispensaries that set standards for air filtration, ventilation, noise, odor, disposal of water, plant cultivation and processing waste. The bill would propose that the rules, which would be major substantive rules, would apply in municipalities and in the unorganized territories and that a violation of the rules would be a civil violation for which a fine of up to \$1,000 could be imposed.

LR: 2448

Title: Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Division of Parks and Public Lands in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Convey the Chesuncook Community Church Building in Chesuncook to the Greenville Union Church

Comment: This resolve would authorize the Director of the Division of Parks and Public Lands in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convey the Chesuncook Community Church building in Chesuncook to the Greenville Union Church.

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Sponsor: Representative Johnson of Greenville

LR: 2621

Title: An Act To Encourage Access to Maine's Rivers and Lakes for Fishing

Comment: This bill would encourage reasonable access to Maine waterways by providing access to hydroelectric property, taking into account reasonable safety concerns and limiting the liability of hydroelectric companies that provide such access.

Sponsor: Representative Jones of Freedom

LR: 2354

Title: An Act To Subject New Tax Expenditures to a Sunset Review

Comment: This bill would require all newly enacted tax expenditures to be subject to a sunset review after 5 years to determine whether the tax expenditure is accomplishing the purpose for which it was enacted.

LR: 2355

Title: An Act To Ban the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides for 2 Years

Comment: This bill would place a 2-year moratorium on the use of neonicotinoid pesticides.

LR: 2356

Title: An Act To Create an Annual Flintlock Hunting Season

Comment: This bill would create a one-week hunting season for flintlock users.

Sponsor: Representative Jorgensen of Portland

LR: 2515

Title: An Act To Provide Supplemental Appropriations to the Maine Public Broadcasting Network

Comment: This bill would provide supplemental funding to the Maine Public Broadcasting Network to support the operational costs of the Maine Capitol Connection Service.

LR: 2667

Title: An Act To Improve Access to Home-based Care

Comment: This bill would provide for a 3% increase in home-based health care rates paid under MaineCare.

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Sponsor: Representative Kaenrath of South Portland

LR: 2663

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Distribution of Live Animals as Prizes

Comment: This bill would prohibit the use or distribution of live animals as prizes.

Sponsor: Senator Katz of Kennebec

LR: 2252

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Study the Establishment of a Pilot Program Based on Oregon's "Pay Forward, Pay Back" Model of Funding Public Postsecondary Education

Comment: This bill would direct the Department of Education to study the establishment of a pilot project based on Oregon's "Pay Forward, Pay Back" model of funding postsecondary education at state institutions.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2246 President Alfond, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2566 Representative Daughtry, M

LR: 2681

Title: An Act To Incorporate the Bayville Village Corporation

Comment: This bill amends the metes and bounds of the Village of Bayville.

LR: 2693

Title: An Act To Review the Laws Relating to the Award of Spousal Support in Divorce Actions

Comment: This bill would repeal a recently enacted amendment to Maine's laws regarding the award of spousal support in divorce actions as they relate to cohabitation. This bill would also direct the Family Law Advisory Commission to review laws regarding the modification of spousal support orders and cohabitation in order to develop legislation to be reported to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

LR: 2694

Title: An Act to Prohibit Providers of Cloud Computing Service to Primary and Secondary Educational Institutions from Processing Student Data for Commercial Purposes

Comment: This bill would prohibit providers of cloud computing service to primary and secondary educational institutions from processing student data for commercial purposes.

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Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade

LR: 2425

Title: An Act To Require Comparable Positions in State Government To Be Paid Comparably

Comment: This bill would require comparable positions in State Government, whether in the same branch of government or in different branches, to receive comparable pay. The determination of whether positions are comparable would be made by a panel of human resource directors from each branch of State Government.

LR: 2426

Title: An Act To Allow Site Permits To Be Amended To Require Them To Address Health Effects

Comment: This bill would allow a site permit to be amended to address health effects that become known after the permit has been issued.

LR: 2428

Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require a 2/3 Vote of the Legislature to Increase or Decrease a Tax

Comment: This resolution would amend the Constitution of Maine to require a 2/3 vote of the Legislature to increase or decrease a tax.

LR: 2429

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Finance Authority of Maine from Issuing College Loans to Students Who Do Not Meet Admission Requirements

Comment: This bill would prohibit the Finance Authority of Maine from issuing a student loan to a person who fails to meet the admission requirements for the postsecondary institution that person is attending on a probationary status.

LR: 2636

Title: An Act To Allow the Maine State Museum To Retain Revenues from Fees Imposed for Admission

Comment: This bill would place all revenue generated by admission fees to the Maine State Museum in a dedicated account for use by the Maine State Museum.

LR: 2637

Title: An Act To Increase the Size of Biodegradable Escape Panels on Lobster Traps

Comment: This bill would increase the minimum size of biodegradable escape panels or "ghost panels" on lobster traps constructed after the effective date of the bill.

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Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade

LR: 2638

Title: An Act To Improve the Water Quality of Inland Waters by Increasing the Ability of the Department of Environmental Protection To Protect Those Waters

Comment: This bill would appropriate funds to the Department of Environmental Protection to increase the number of staff biologists and technicians to allow the department to better protect the quality of Maine's inland waters.

Sponsor: Representative Kinney of Limington

LR: 2275

Title: An Act To Remove the Cap on Itemized Deductions under the Income Tax

Comment: This bill would repeal the cap on itemized deductions under the income tax.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2533 Representative Nelson, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2617 Senator Boyle, J

LR: 2283

Title: An Act To Limit Local Contribution to School Construction

Comment: This bill would limit local contribution to school construction to 10% of the basic school plan approved by the State. This 10% would not include items added to the plan by the local school board.

Sponsor: Representative Kruger of Thomaston

LR: 2430

Title: An Act To Amend the School Funding Formula

Comment: This bill would amend the school funding formula to consider median family income as a factor in determining the allocation of state funding to local school districts. The bill would require a formula adjustment for any school district that has a combined median family income that is equal to or greater than 25% below the State's median family income.

Closely Related CO: LD 369 Senator Johnson, C

Sponsor: Representative Kumiega, III of Deer Isle

LR: 2305

Title: An Act To Protect Maine's Lobster Fishery

Comment: This bill would prohibit the use of methoprene and resmethrin, 2 chemicals used for mosquito control, if the chemical would enter the waters of the Gulf of Maine.

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Sponsor: Representative Kumiega, III of Deer Isle

LR: 2378

Title: An Act To Reduce the Number of Members on the Stonington Sanitary District Board

Comment: This bill would reduce the number of members on the Stonington Sanitary District Board from 7 to 5.

Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec

LR: 2269

Title: An Act To Prohibit a Requirement for Annual Authorizations for Insurance Coverage for Phenylketonuria and Allied Disorders

Comment: This bill would prohibit insurance companies from requiring annual authorization from a physician for coverage for phenylketonuria and allied disorders.

LR: 2270

Title: Resolve, To Direct the State To Hold an Appeals Hearing for Donald Martin for Wrongful Termination of Employment

Comment: This bill would require the proper state agency to hold an appeals hearing for Donald Martin concerning wrongful termination of employment.

LR: 2453

Title: An Act To Replace Current MaineCare-funded Nonemergency Transportation Services with a More Reliable and Efficient System of Transportation Services To Better Meet the Needs of the Elderly and Other MaineCare-eligible Clients

Comment: This bill would replace current MaineCare-funded nonemergency transportation services with a more reliable and efficient system of transportation services. This bill would adopt the approach that is used in Vermont.

Potential JR 217: LDs 650 & 710

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2359 Representative Farnsworth, R

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Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec

LR: 2491

Title: An Act Relating to Nursing Home and Hospice Patients and Medical Marijuana Use

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to allow nursing home and hospice patients with a prescription for medical marijuana to use their prescriptions in a facility. This bill would allow them to use nonsmoked forms of medical marijuana such as vaporized, edibles, tinctures and salves without restrictions put in place by Department of Health and Human Services rules.

LR: 2492

Title: Resolve, To Reduce Hunger and Increase Access to Healthy Foods by Participants in the Food Supplement Program

Comment: This resolve would require the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to convene a work group to consider strategies, educational opportunities and other initiatives to reduce food insecurity, promote healthy eating habits and improve access to fresh fruits and vegetables and local foods through farmers' markets and community-supported agriculture by recipients of benefits under the state-administered federal food supplement program known as SNAP. This resolve would require the commissioner to report the work group's findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 15, 2015.

Potential JR 217: LD 1411

LR: 2577

Title: An Act To Continue Maine's School-based Oral Health Program

Comment: This bill would fund professional positions and continue the fluoride rinse program for children in kindergarten through 4th grade from the General Fund.

LR: 2634

Title: An Act To Fund Disability Services and Eliminate the Waiting List for Elderly, Disabled Residents

Comment: This bill would fund disability services and eliminate the waiting list for elderly, disabled residents.

Potential JR 217: LDs 29 & 30

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2513 Representative Farnsworth, R

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Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock

LR: 2320

Title: An Act To Ensure Equity in Teacher Retirement Costs for Private Academies

Comment: This bill would require a private academy to pay 40% and the municipality in which the academy is located to pay 60% of teacher retirement costs.

LR: 2436

Title: An Act To Enhance Comprehensive Early College Programs

Comment: This bill would provide up to \$1,000,000 for funding comprehensive early college programs for fiscal year 2014-15.

LR: 2449

Title: An Act To Require the Department of Labor To Provide Specific Information to Employers Regarding Their Unemployment Insurance Activity

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Labor, when it issues an employer the annual notice of contribution rate, to provide specific information about that employer's unemployment account activity for the prior year.

Sponsor: Representative Libby of Lewiston

LR: 2465

Title: An Act Regarding School Emergency Drills

Comment: This bill would allow a school to comply with the number of emergency evacuation drills required annually by including lockdown drills.

LR: 2466

Title: An Act To Decrease the Rate of Truancy in Elementary and Secondary Schools

Comment: This bill would decrease the rate of truancy in elementary and secondary schools by promoting regular attendance and attainment of a high school diploma.

LR: 2467

Title: An Act To Conform Residential Lease Laws to Commercial Lease Laws

Comment: This bill would require a residential tenant in a forcible entry and detainer action to meet the same requirements for appeal that a commercial tenant is required to meet.

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Sponsor: Representative Libby of Lewiston

LR: 2611

Title: An Act To Require Immunization of Asylees

Comment: This bill would require that asylum seekers must receive the same slate of vaccinations as students in Maine in order to qualify for municipal or state financial assistance.

Sponsor: Representative Lockman of Amherst

LR: 2268

Title: An Act To Require Signs and Lighting on Boat Ramps

Comment: This bill would require signs and lighting on public boat ramps and private boat ramps with public access.

LR: 2489

Title: An Act To Protect "Fair Share" Workers from Unauthorized Withholding of Agency Fees

Comment: This bill would repeal the law that allows public employers to deduct service fees owed by an employee to a collective bargaining agent without authorization from the employee.

Potential JR 217: LD 786

Sponsor: Representative Long of Sherman

LR: 2570

Title: An Act To Eliminate the State Board of Corrections

Comment: This bill would eliminate the State Board of Corrections.

Sponsor: Representative Luchini of Ellsworth

LR: 2414

Title: An Act To Correct Errors in the Laws Governing Liquor Enforcement

Comment: This bill would correct errors in the laws governing the enforcement of the liquor laws.

LR: 2415

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Administration of the Liquor Laws

Comment: This bill would make changes to the laws governing the administration of the liquor laws by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations.

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Sponsor: Representative Luchini of Ellsworth

LR: 2528

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Amend Its Rules Pertaining to Paddle Boarding

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend its rules pertaining to paddle boarding.

Sponsor: Representative MacDonald of Boothbay

LR: 2602

Title: An Act To Improve the Process for Student Access to Commercial Lobster Licenses

Comment: This bill would improve the process for student access to commercial lobster licenses.

LR: 2603

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Use of a Grading System That Results in a Single Grade for Any Public School or Public Charter School in the State

Comment: This bill would prohibit the use of a grading system that results in a single grade for any public school or public charter school in the State.

Potential JR 217: LD 1540

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2604 Representative MacDonald, W

LR: 2604

Title: An Act To Improve the Process for Grading Public Schools and Public Charter Schools in the State

Comment: This bill would improve the process for grading public schools and public charter schools in the State.

Potential JR 217: LD 1540

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2603 Representative MacDonald, W

LR: 2605

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Approval Process for and the Operation of Virtual Public Charter Schools in the State

Comment: This bill would revise the law governing the approval process for and the operation of virtual public charter schools in the State.

Closely Related CO: LD 481 Representative MacDonald, W

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Sponsor: Representative Maker of Calais

LR: 2263

Title: An Act To Improve the Maine Sex Offender Registry

Comment: This bill would require sex offender registration by persons convicted of sex offenses in other countries.

LR: 2339

Title: An Act To Provide a Refundable Income Tax Credit for Adoption

Comment: This bill would provide a refundable income tax credit for adoption.

LR: 2393

Title: An Act To Improve the Process for Determining whether a Mobile Home Is Abandoned

Comment: The bill would create a process to allow a municipality or a court to determine that a mobile home has been abandoned.

Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock

LR: 2335

Title: An Act To Encourage Communication Regarding Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness

Comment: This bill is a concept draft that would permit medical professionals to discuss with a close relative or next friend the treatment of a person who suffers from mental illness.

LR: 2336

Title: An Act Regarding Eligibility of Children under Guardianship for the School Lunch Program

Comment: This bill would provide that the income of a child's guardian not be considered in determining eligibility for the school lunch program.

LR: 2337

Title: An Act Regarding "Paper Roads" Established before 1998

Comment: This bill would extinguish property rights in certain "paper roads" created before 1998 and never developed.

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Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock

LR: 2581

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Involuntary Commitment

Comment: This bill would amend the laws regarding involuntary commitment when an inpatient psychiatric bed is medically necessary but unavailable.

Sponsor: Representative Marean of Hollis

LR: 2568

Title: An Act To Protect the Integrity of Funding for Harness Racing Purses

Comment: This bill would protect the integrity of funding for harness racing purses.

Sponsor: Representative Marks of Pittston

LR: 2243

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Beer Festivals

Comment: This bill would permit beer brewers to dispense their own products at beer festivals.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2642 Representative Monaghan-Derrig, K

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2483 President Alfond, J

LR: 2529

Title: An Act To Amend the Period of Time for the Calculation of a Prior Conviction for Operating under the Influence

Comment: This bill would amend the period of time for calculating a prior conviction for operating under the influence from 10 years to 15 years.

Sponsor: Senator Mason of Androscoggin

LR: 2255

Title: An Act To Establish a Maine Bicentennial License Plate

Comment: This bill would authorize the process for establishing a specialty license plate recognizing the bicentennial of the State of Maine.

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Sponsor: Senator Mazurek of Knox

LR: 2293

Title: An Act To Strengthen the Process of Notifying MaineCare Applicants of the MaineCare Estate Recovery Program

Comment: This bill would require a separate disclosure form to be presented to and signed by MaineCare applicants concerning the MaineCare estate recovery program.

LR: 2364

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Repair and Renovate the Rockland Fish Pier

Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to finance the repair and renovation of the Rockland Fish Pier.

LR: 2610

Title: An Act To Protect Maine Consumers from Abusive and Deceptive Debt Collection

Comment: This bill would incorporate into Maine law certain regulations adopted by New York State to better protect Maine consumers from abusive and deceptive debt collection.

Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan

LR: 2254

Title: An Act To Clarify the Maine Clean Election Act Regarding Agency Relationships

Comment: This bill would clarify the Maine Clean Election Act to establish a presumption that a candidate's treasurer is an agent of the candidate.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2256 Representative Willette, A

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2384 Senator Saviello, T

LR: 2408

Title: An Act To Establish an Education and Skills Training Tax Credit for Veterans

Comment: This bill would provide a tax credit up to \$2,400 to veterans who pursue education and skills training.

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Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan

LR: 2409

Title: An Act To Protect under State Law the Employment and Reemployment Rights of Military Service Members Returning to the Civilian Workforce in the State

Comment: This bill would protect the employment and reemployment of military service members returning to the civilian workforce in the State. In the event of a dispute, the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management would conduct hearings and issue a decision.

LR: 2410

Title: An Act To Ensure the State's Authority in Issues Concerning Federal Relicensing of Dams Located in the State

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection to inform the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environmental protection matters of all federal relicensing deadlines for dams located in the State and to present the committee with the department's plan to address each such deadline.

LR: 2438

Title: An Act To Protect Maine Lakes

Comment: This bill would protect Maine lakes.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2468 Representative McClellan, M

LR: 2521

Title: An Act To Streamline Gaming Laws Statewide

Comment: This bill would streamline gaming laws statewide and direct more of the State's revenue from gaming to property tax relief.

Potential JR 217: LD 1558

LR: 2524

Title: An Act To Clarify County Jail Debt Financing

Comment: This bill would allow a percentage of the revenue received by a county from the Federal Government for the boarding of federal prisoners to be applied to the retirement of jail debt in existence as of July 1, 2008.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2565 Senator Thomas, D

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Sponsor: Representative McClellan of Raymond

LR: 2462

Title: An Act To Allow a Person with Special Needs To Obtain a Provisional Driver's License

Comment: This bill would allow a person with special needs to obtain a provisional driver's license from the local law enforcement agency.

LR: 2463

Title: An Act To Establish Reasonable Restrictions on the Sales and Use of Fireworks

Comment: This bill would establish restrictions on the sale and use of fireworks after examining various criteria, such as the level of fire danger in the area where the fireworks would be used and the presence of farm animals.

Closely Related CO: LD 168 Senator Johnson, C

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2349 Senator Jackson, T

LR: 2468

Title: An Act To Leverage Expert, State-based Resources for Emergent Intervention and Long-term Comprehensive Resource Protection of Lakes

Comment: This bill would provide funding for programs to remove milfoil infestation from lakes over 10,000 acres in size. The source of the funding would be an increase in the fee for a milfoil sticker.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2438 Representative McCabe, J

Sponsor: Representative McElwee of Caribou

LR: 2342

Title: An Act To Enhance Insurance Coverage for Telemedicine Services

Comment: This bill would allow registered nurses and behavioral health specialists to be reimbursed for provided telemedicine services via MaineCare similar to the way in which medical doctors, physician assistants and family medical practitioners are reimbursed.

Sponsor: Representative McGowan of York

LR: 2394

Title: An Act To Increase Treatment for and Education Regarding Alcohol Abuse

Comment: This bill would require 5% of the money from the State's wholesale liquor contract to fund treatment for and education regarding alcohol abuse.

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Sponsor: Representative McGowan of York

LR: 2395

Title: An Act To Strengthen Access Requirements and Review Standards for Health Insurance Plans

Comment: This bill would amend the reasonable access requirements in the health insurance laws to restrict the ability of health plans to establish narrow networks of providers. The bill would also strengthen the standards for review of health plans and requests to discontinue existing plans and establish new plans.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2423 Senator Hill, D

Sponsor: Senator Millett of Cumberland

LR: 2365

Title: An Act To Amend the Maine Human Rights Act To Include Marital Status

Comment: This bill would add marital status to the freedom from discrimination provisions of the Maine Human Rights Act regarding fair housing.

LR: 2619

Title: An Act To Protect Homeowners and Reduce Energy Costs

Comment: This bill would require Maine to explore the development of a home energy labeling system that would disclose the energy performance of homes in the State.

LR: 2641

Title: An Act To Promote Maine Startups and Improve Maine's Economy

Comment: This bill would create the Startup ME program, which would be modeled on a New York law concerning tax initiatives for new businesses starting up in college and university communities.

Sponsor: Representative Mitchell of Penobscot Nation

LR: 2608

Title: An Act To Streamline Enforcement of Child Support Orders Issued by the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court and Penobscot Nation Division of Child Support Enforcement

Comment: This bill would direct the Secretary of State to suspend the Maine driver's license of a Penobscot Nation member who fails to abide by the conditions of a Penobscot Nation child support order.

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Sponsor: Representative Monaghan-Derrig of Cape Elizabeth

LR: 2642

Title: An Act To Improve Regulations Concerning Craft and Microbreweries for Offsite Events

Comment: This bill would improve regulations concerning craft and microbreweries for offsite events and festivals.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2483 President Alfond, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2243 Representative Marks, T

LR: 2644

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for a Convention Center in Portland

Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to provide funds for a convention center in the City of Portland.

Sponsor: Representative Moriarty of Cumberland

LR: 2271

Title: An Act To Restore the Authority of a Municipality To Provide Municipal Property Tax Assistance

Comment: This bill would restore authority of a municipality to provide municipal property tax assistance pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 907-A.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2573 Representative Chenette, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2249 Representative Carey, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2388 Representative Chase, K

LR: 2362

Title: An Act To Reduce Restrictions on Candidacy for Elective Office for Officers or Employees in Classified and Unclassified State Service

Comment: This bill would amend state election law concerning candidacy for elective office for classified and unclassified state workers to reflect a recent change in federal law.

Sponsor: Representative Nelson of Falmouth

LR: 2532

Title: Resolve, To Create the Civics Education Council

Comment: This resolve would establish the Civics Education Council.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2227 Representative Peterson, M

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Sponsor: Representative Nelson of Falmouth

LR: 2533

Title: An Act To Allow the Carry-over of Excess Donations

Comment: This bill would allow a person to carry over from one tax year to the next any excess charitable donations.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2275 Representative Kinney, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2617 Senator Boyle, J

Sponsor: Representative Parry of Arundel

LR: 2278

Title: An Act To Restore Property Tax Fairness to Seniors

Comment: This bill would increase the maximum benefit under the property tax fairness credit to \$1,600 for persons 65 years of age or older.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2563 Senator Dutremble, D

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2258 Speaker Eves, M

LR: 2345

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Firefighter Absence for Emergency Response

Comment: Current law prohibits an employer from discharging for absence an employee who is a volunteer firefighter and who responds to a fire in that capacity. The law does not pertain to a person who belongs to a municipal fire department. This bill would amend the definition of "firefighter" to include a member of a municipal fire department.

Sponsor: Senator Patrick of Oxford

LR: 2289

Title: An Act To Amend the Workers' Compensation Laws as They Pertain to Employee Representation

Comment: This bill would allow an injured worker to have a union representative or a representative of the worker's choice attend a required examination by a company physician.

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Sponsor: Senator Patrick of Oxford

LR: 2635

Title: Resolve, To Require the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services To Report on the Administration of the Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund

Comment: This resolve would require the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs regarding the administration of the Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund.

Sponsor: Representative Peoples of Westbrook

LR: 2525

Title: An Act To Amend a Provision in the Law Concerning Instruction Permits

Comment: This bill would add a definition for the section of law on instruction permits for the purpose of that section.

Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford

LR: 2220

Title: Resolve, To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Independent Living and Disability

Comment: This bill would establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Independent Living and Disability.

LR: 2221

Title: An Act To Establish Guidelines for the Stocking and Administration of Epinephrine in Schools

Comment: This bill would establish guidelines for the stocking and administration of epinephrine autoinjectors in schools.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2433 Representative Short, S

LR: 2222

Title: Resolve, To Create the Blue Ribbon Commission on Law and the Public Good

Comment: This bill would create the Blue Ribbon Commission on Law and the Public Good.

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Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford

LR: 2223

Title: An Act To Encourage Small Business and Guarantee Property Rights by Prohibiting Restrictions on a Homeowner's Ability To Operate a Business in a Residential Area

Comment: This bill would require that municipalities' comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances allow home offices and businesses and small-scale, noncommercial agricultural activities, such as cultivating agricultural products, keeping poultry and small livestock, maintaining bees and producing maple syrup in residential areas.

LR: 2224

Title: An Act To Establish a Program Providing for Adaptive Equipment Accounts for Persons Receiving Long-term Care Services

Comment: This bill would propose to establish an adaptive equipment program for consumers of in-home long-term care services. Under the program, a consumer who elects to receive services at a value less than the value of the services the consumer is eligible for may designate the remaining funds for deposit into an account for future use to purchase adaptive equipment or make adaptive renovations to the home of the consumer. This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt routine technical rules to implement the program by January 1, 2015.

LR: 2225

Title: An Act To Expand Technology Access for Maine's Citizens through the Department of Education's Laptop Program

Comment: This bill would repeal the provision of law requiring the Department of Education to dispose of Maine Learning Technology Initiative computers and peripheral equipment through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services' surplus property program with the proceeds to be used for continued support of the Maine Learning Technology Initiative. This bill would direct the Department of Education to recondition and refurbish the used computers and peripheral equipment to be distributed to MaineCare program members and other Maine residents based upon need and income eligibility.

LR: 2226

Title: Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Ways To Improve Voting Opportunities for All Maine Citizens

Comment: This resolve would establish the Commission To Study Ways To Improve Voting Opportunities for All Maine Citizens.

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Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford

LR: 2227

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Formulate and Implement a Citizenship Education Component for the Public School Curriculum

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Education to formulate and implement a citizenship education component in the social studies curriculum for all public schools at the elementary school, middle school and high school levels.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2532 Representative Nelson, M

Sponsor: Representative Plante of Berwick

LR: 2295

Title: An Act To License and Regulate Persons Providing Physical Therapy for Animals

Comment: This bill would license and regulate the practice of physical therapy for animals.

Sponsor: Senator Plummer of Cumberland

LR: 2431

Title: An Act To Allow Certain Employees of School Administrative Units To Become Part-time Law Enforcement Officers

Comment: This bill would allow a school administrative unit to invite a school employee who is qualified to carry a concealed handgun on school premises to become a part-time law enforcement officer. It would provide that the school administrative unit may enter into an agreement with a local law enforcement agency to commission a qualified school employee as a part-time law enforcement officer. Before becoming a part-time law enforcement officer, the school employee would have to successfully complete the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's training requirements for a part-time law enforcement officer.

Potential JR 217: LD 1429

Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta

LR: 2250

Title: An Act To Establish a License Plate for Franco-Americans

Comment: This bill would establish a specialty license plate for Franco-Americans.

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Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta

LR: 2306

Title: An Act To Allow the Sale of Fireworks by Religious Organizations

Comment: This bill would allow religious organizations to sell fireworks as a method of raising funds.

LR: 2307

Title: An Act To Provide Reimbursement of Health Care Insurance Costs for New Businesses

Comment: This bill would reimburse new businesses for the cost of health care insurance provided to the employees of those businesses.

LR: 2308

Title: An Act To Change the Amount of Time a Landlord Has To Address Issues Causing Uninhabitability

Comment: This bill would change the amount of time a landlord has to address issues causing uninhabitability.

LR: 2323

Title: An Act To Require That State Agencies Share Information Required by Multiple State Agencies for Multiple Purposes To Reduce Burdensome Collection Costs

Comment: This bill would require that a state agency collect required information from another state agency that has the information instead of requiring a submission from the private sector entity involved, to reduce collection of fees from the private sector.

LR: 2470

Title: An Act To Allow Tenants To Remain in a Building for a Limited Time after That Building Has Been Declared Uninhabitable

Comment: This bill would provide tenants a minimum of 72 hours to find a new place to live if the property occupied by those tenants is determined uninhabitable by the local code enforcement office or the State Fire Marshal.

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Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta

LR: 2471

Title: An Act To Create a Mandatory Registry of Persons Convicted of Animal Abuse

Comment: This bill would create a mandatory registry of persons convicted of animal abuse.

Potential JR 217: LD 1289

LR: 2472

Title: An Act To Require a High-validity Interest Test for a Person Applying for Admission to Certain Postsecondary Institutions

Comment: This bill would require an applicant to an institution of higher education that receives state funding to take a high-validity interest test.

Sponsor: Representative Powers of Naples

LR: 2628

Title: An Act To Stop Predatory Lending Practices by Payday Lenders

Comment: This bill would stop predatory lending practices by payday lenders.

Sponsor: Representative Priest of Brunswick

LR: 2412

Title: An Act To Amend the Power of Sale Foreclosure Law To Make Real Estate Titles More Marketable

Comment: This bill would revise the power of sale mortgage foreclosure law in order to clarify the law, improve notice to interested parties and ensure the marketability of title.

Closely Related CO: LD 1389 Representative Crockett, J

Sponsor: Representative Pringle of Windham

LR: 2291

Title: An Act To Eliminate Unfairness in the Payment of Retirement Benefits To Divorced Spouses

Comment: This bill would allow a divorced spouse entitled to retirement benefits to be eligible for benefits at retirement age regardless of the date of retirement of the ex-spouse. This would change current policy, which determines the payment of retirement benefits to a divorced spouse as of the retirement date of the ex-spouse.

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Sponsor: Representative Pringle of Windham

LR: 2292

Title: An Act To Promote Recycling in Maine's Communities

Comment: This bill would authorize a municipality to adopt an ordinance banning the use of plastic or paper bags not made of 100% recycled material. The bill would also authorize a municipality to tax the use of these bags.

LR: 2495

Title: An Act To Fund the Maine HIV Education and Prevention Program within the Department of Education

Comment: This bill would provide \$150,000 to the Department of Education to provide training in HIV prevention education in order to partially make up for funding that has been lost in the last few years. This funding would make possible training for 165 health educators and special education teachers and 420 teachers and youth workers and training for student peer educators through student leadership conferences in 44 schools.

LR: 2554

Title: Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services To Advance the Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs To Protect Health Care Personnel

Comment: This resolve would require the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to adopt a standard for the handling of antineoplastic drugs, as defined, in health care facilities regardless of the setting. This resolve would require the standard to be consistent with and not exceed specific recommendations adopted by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health for preventing occupational exposures to those drugs in health care settings.

Sponsor: Representative Rankin of Hiram

LR: 2402

Title: An Act To Require Health Insurers To Provide Coverage for Human Leukocyte Antigen Testing To Establish Bone Marrow Donor Transplant Suitability

Comment: This bill would require that health insurance policies provide coverage for human leukocyte antigen testing that is necessary to establish bone marrow transplant donor suitability.

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Sponsor: Representative Rochelo of Biddeford

LR: 2387

Title: An Act To Improve the Quality of Transportation in Southern Maine by Establishing a Biddeford and Saco Transportation District

Comment: This bill would establish the Biddeford and Saco Transportation District.

LR: 2653

Title: An Act To Improve Education about and Awareness of Maine's Health Laws and Resources

Comment: This bill would allocate \$5,000,000 in funds the State will receive under the tobacco master settlement agreement to enhance enforcement of current tobacco prevention and control laws, improve public education about tobacco laws and restore funds to the Fund for a Healthy Maine.

Sponsor: Representative Rotundo of Lewiston

LR: 2530

Title: An Act To Restore Revenue Sharing Funds

Comment: This bill would reduce the municipal revenue sharing transfer from the Local Government Fund to the General Fund scheduled for FY 2013-14 by the amount of the FY 2012-13 revenue sharing transfer.

LR: 2572

Title: An Act To Increase the Rate of Reimbursement for Providing Career Advising and Counseling Services to Adult Education Students

Comment: This bill would increase the rate of reimbursement for career advising and counseling costs incurred by local adult education courses to the same rate of reimbursement for courses for traditional students.

LR: 2658

Title: An Act To Require Financial Audits of Special Purpose Private Schools

Comment: This bill would require that any special purpose private school receiving public funds have a financial audit. The bill would also require that the Department of Education base the determination of daily education rates and any other rate setting on the basis of audited financial information.

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Sponsor: Representative Russell of Portland

LR: 2328

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Governing Conflict of Interest and Recusal with Respect to the Public Utilities Commission

Comment: This bill would amend the law governing conflict of interest and recusal with respect to the Public Utilities Commission.

LR: 2329

Title: An Act To Align Maine's Marijuana Laws with the Guidelines Governing Taxation and Regulation Issued by the Federal Government

Comment: This bill would align Maine's marijuana laws with the guidelines governing taxation and regulation issued by the Federal Government.

LR: 2522

Title: An Act To Expand the Breadth of Protected Speech in the State

Comment: This bill would expand the breadth of protected speech in the State. Under this bill, which is based on laws in California, Oregon, Washington, Texas and Nevada, petition activity, speech and conduct in connection with an issue of public concern would be afforded the same protections currently granted to speech in connection with an issue under consideration by a governmental body.

LR: 2553

Title: An Act To Decriminalize, Tax and Regulate Cannabis for Responsible Adult Use

Comment: This bill would decriminalize, tax and regulate cannabis for responsible adult use.

Potential JR 217: LD 1229

Sponsor: Representative Sanborn of Gorham

LR: 2500

Title: An Act To Eliminate Financial Inequality in the Provision of Community-based Behavioral Health Services

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to require that all community-based health services bill at community-based rates and would prohibit community-based health services from billing at the hospital rate.

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Sponsor: Representative Sanderson of Chelsea

LR: 2510

Title: An Act To Further Protect Patient Access to Safe Medical Marijuana by Allowing Dispensaries To Purchase Excess Marijuana from Other Dispensaries

Comment: This bill would allow registered medical marijuana dispensaries to sell and purchase excess marijuana from other registered dispensaries.

Sponsor: Representative Saucier of Presque Isle

LR: 2392

Title: Resolve, To Place Signs on U.S. Route 1 Regarding the Location of the Planets of the World's Largest Mock Solar System

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Transportation to place signs along U.S. Route 1 indicating the location of each of the planets in the mock solar system in Presque Isle.

LR: 2477

Title: An Act To Restore Confidence in Maine Campaign Finance Laws

Comment: This bill would remove the authority of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to adjudicate campaign finance complaints and replace that authority with a process similar to that in Rule 80K of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure. It would also create a process by which any person or entity could submit a request for an investigation to the commission staff; but only the staff would have standing to file an actual complaint.

Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin

LR: 2309

Title: An Act To Allow the Creation of a Mechanics Lien by Electricians

Comment: This bill would allow an electrician to create a mechanics lien against property on which the electrician performed work for which the electrician was not paid.

LR: 2310

Title: An Act To Allow Vehicles Used by Volunteer Firefighters To Be Authorized Emergency Vehicles

Comment: This bill would include in the definition of "authorized emergency vehicles" vehicles used by volunteer firefighters.

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Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin

LR: 2311

Title: An Act To Require the Transfer of a Tree Growth Management Plan at the Time the Property is Transferred

Comment: This bill would require that when a property enrolled in the tree growth tax program is transferred the tree growth management plan be also transferred.

LR: 2382

Title: An Act To Fund Merit and Longevity Pay for Executive, Judicial and Legislative Branch Employees Pursuant to a Collective Bargaining Agreement

Comment: This bill would fund merit pay increases and longevity pay for executive, judicial and legislative branch employees as negotiated in a current collective bargaining agreement.

LR: 2384

Title: An Act To Clarify What Constitutes a Contribution to a Candidate

Comment: This bill would amend the law with respect to expenditures made on behalf of a candidate by a person affiliated with the candidate's campaign to clarify that any expenditure made by a person who holds a position with a campaign, regardless of whether the person is paid or the actual duties the person performs, or by any person who receives compensation or reimbursement from the campaign is considered a contribution to the candidate.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2256 Representative Willette, A

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2254 Representative McCabe, J

LR: 2480

Title: An Act To Require an Earlier Implementation Date for Maine's Stewardship Program for Architectural Paint if Certain Conditions Are Met

Comment: This bill would require an earlier implementation date for Maine's stewardship program for architectural paint if certain conditions are met.

LR: 2481

Title: An Act To Further Ensure the Provision of Safe Medical Marijuana to Maine Patients

Comment: This bill would allow the use of certain materials or pesticides in the cultivation of marijuana for medical use.

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Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin

LR: 2516

Title: An Act To Reflect the Replacement of the Circuitbreaker Program in Poverty Abatement Law

Comment: The bill would amend the Maine Revised Statutes to remove substantive references to the Circuitbreaker Program, which was discontinued as of August 1, 2013.

LR: 2665

Title: An Act Concerning the Establishment of Water Levels

Comment: This bill would replace the requirement for an adjudicatory hearing by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the Board of Environmental Protection on a request or petition for a water level regime or, if applicable, a minimum flow requirement with a requirement for a preliminary determination of jurisdiction by the board and a public meeting by the commissioner. This bill would also authorize the commissioner to dismiss without prejudice any petition that does not contain evidence of mediation or other substantial good faith efforts to resolve any disputes regarding current water level management practices or minimum flow requirements.

Sponsor: Representative Shaw of Standish

LR: 2240

Title: An Act To Expand Marketing at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Comment: This bill would implement the recommendations of a marketing group established to study how to better market the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

LR: 2248

Title: An Act To Enhance Freedom of Access

Comment: This bill would permit the Public Access Ombudsman in the Attorney General's Office to attend executive sessions of agencies and boards under the Freedom of Access Act. The ombudsman would be required to keep information from the executive sessions confidential.

LR: 2280

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Crossbow Hunting

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing crossbow hunting that were changed last session in Public Law 2013, chapter 236.

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Sponsor: Representative Shaw of Standish

LR: 2443

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Discharge of a Bow and Arrow near a Dwelling or Building

Comment: This bill would repeal the prohibition on the use of a bow and arrow within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling without permission of the owner.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2361 Representative Harvell, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2390 Representative Wood, S

Sponsor: Senator Sherman of Aroostook

LR: 2474

Title: An Act To Provide an Exemption for Religious Purposes to the Requirement That Hunters Wear Hunter Orange Clothing

Comment: This bill would provide an exemption to the requirement that hunters wear hunter orange clothing for persons whose religion prohibits wearing that color.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2341 Representative Clark, T

LR: 2475

Title: Resolve, To Study the Effectiveness of Maine Revenue Services Regional Offices

Comment: This resolve would require a study of the effectiveness of the regional offices of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services.

LR: 2620

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Taxes Required Following the Sale of Real Property

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing the taxes required following the sale of real property.

LR: 2622

Title: An Act To Increase the Safety of Bicyclists

Comment: This bill would require a bicyclist on a state road to use a rearview mirror, either attached to the bicycle or the bicyclist's helmet.

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Sponsor: Representative Short of Pittsfield

LR: 2230

Title: An Act To Exempt a Veteran from the Requirement of Taking a Hunter Safety Course To Obtain a Hunting License

Comment: This bill would exempt a veteran from having to take a hunter safety course to obtain a hunting license.

LR: 2231

Title: An Act To Return 50% of a Fine to the Municipality Where the Infraction Occurred

Comment: This bill would return 50% of any fine collected to the municipality where the infraction occurred.

LR: 2232

Title: An Act To Allow Public School Districts To Include in the Student Count Students Who Were Home-schooled and Are Attending a Charter School

Comment: This bill would allow a school district to include in the October 1 and April 1 student count previously home-schooled students who reside in the school district who are attending a charter school.

LR: 2233

Title: An Act To Delete All References in the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws to Certain Birds as Wild Game Birds

Comment: This bill would delete any reference in the laws that describe quail, Hungarian partridge, Chukar partridge and pheasants as wild game birds. This bill would also delete any reference to any open hunting season on these birds.

LR: 2290

Title: An Act To Apply Retroactively the Sales Tax on Camper Trailers and Motor Homes Purchased for Rental in the Same Manner as on Automobiles Purchased for Rental

Comment: This bill would apply retroactively the sales tax on camper trailers and motor homes purchased for rental in the same manner as on an automobile purchased for rental.

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Sponsor: Representative Short of Pittsfield

LR: 2432

Title: An Act To Require Reimbursement under MaineCare for Hearing Aids

Comment: This bill would expand MaineCare coverage to require reimbursement for the purchase of hearing aids.

LR: 2433

Title: An Act To Ensure the Safety During the School Day of Students Who Have Food Allergies

Comment: This bill would require that teachers and school personnel receive training to recognize the symptoms of anaphylaxis and in the proper use epinephrine pens and asthma inhalers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2221 Representative Peterson, M

Sponsor: Representative Sirocki of Scarborough

LR: 2646

Title: An Act To Allow Secondary School Students To Carry Over-the-counter Medication

Comment: This bill would allow a secondary school student to carry over-the-counter medication while at school or a school activity with the permission of that student's parent or guardian.

Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway

LR: 2294

Title: An Act Relating to Investigation of Criminal Cases That Are Not Solved after 5 Years

Comment: This bill would require the Attorney General to reopen unsolved criminal cases after 5 years and allow other police agencies to review them, and give the family of a victim in such a case the right to ask an agency to take over the case.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2396 Representative Stanley, S

LR: 2396

Title: An Act To Create a Cold Case Homicide Department in the Department of the Attorney General

Comment: This bill would establish a cold case homicide department in the Department of the Attorney General.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2294 Representative Stanley, S

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Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway

LR: 2441

Title: An Act To Protect Conservation Easements on the East and West Branches of the Penobscot River from Expansion to the Federal Government

Comment: This bill would prohibit the State from expanding conservation easements to the Federal Government on the east and west branches of the Penobscot River.

LR: 2442

Title: An Act To Restore Full Funding to the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program

Comment: This bill would restore full funding to the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement program for the filing period that begins August 1, 2014.

Sponsor: Representative Stuckey of Portland

LR: 2601

Title: An Act To Reclassify the Lower Presumpscot River from Class C to Class B

Comment: This bill would upgrade the water quality classification on the Presumpscot River from Saccarappa to the estuary from Class C to Class B.

Sponsor: Representative Theriault of Madawaska

LR: 2298

Title: An Act To Allow Richard and Ann Cayer To Secede from the Town of Madawaska

Comment: This bill would allow the secession from the Town of Madawaska of property owned by Richard and Ann Cayer.

Sponsor: Senator Thibodeau of Waldo

LR: 2247

Title: An Act To Restore the Circuitbreaker Program

Comment: This bill would restore the Circuitbreaker Program.

Closely Related CO: LD 816 Representative Powers, C

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Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset

LR: 2301

Title: An Act To Replace the Municipal Revenue Sharing Programs with an Increased and Fully Funded Homestead Exemption

Comment: This bill would replace the municipal revenue sharing programs with a homestead exemption of \$25,000 that is fully funded by the State.

LR: 2350

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Taxation of Periodicals

Comment: This bill would exempt from taxation the printing of free newspapers and periodicals.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2346 Representative Berry, S

LR: 2368

Title: An Act To Require Disclosure of Spending or Contributions Exceeding \$250 To Influence Elections

Comment: This bill would require the disclosure of contributions or expenditures greater than \$250 during a 90-day period to influence an election.

LR: 2383

Title: An Act To Increase Transparency of Administrative Costs within the University of Maine System

Comment: This bill would increase the ability of the public to determine the cost of administering the University of Maine System.

LR: 2400

Title: An Act Concerning Patients' Choice for Emergency Care

Comment: This bill would allow a person who calls 9-1-1 to choose the hospital to which the emergency responder takes the person. The bill would also make it clear that, if complications arise while the person is being transported to the hospital of choice, the responder is not liable.

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Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset

LR: 2401

Title: An Act To Provide an Exemption from Estate Recovery for the Estate of a Person Who Purchased at Least 3 Years of Long-term Care Insurance Coverage

Comment: This bill would provide a \$250,000 exemption from estate recovery for the estate of a person who purchased at least 3 years of long-term care insurance coverage.

LR: 2565

Title: An Act To Require Counties To Use Revenue from Boarding Federal Prisoners To Retire County Jail Debt in Existence before July 1, 2008

Comment: This bill would require counties to use revenue from boarding federal prisoners to retire county jail debt in existence before July 1, 2008.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2524 Representative McCabe, J

Sponsor: Representative Timberlake of Turner

LR: 2505

Title: An Act To Reform Certain Remedies and Procedures in Civil Actions

Comment: This bill would require the Supreme Judicial Court to adopt rules to expedite certain proceedings, lower certain costs of litigation, permit the intermediate appeal of certain controlling questions of law and change provisions regarding an award of attorneys' fees.

Sponsor: Representative Turner of Burlington

LR: 2655

Title: An Act To Repeal the Law Requiring Certain Businesses To Collect Sales Tax

Comment: This bill would repeal the requirement enacted by the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature in Public Law 2013, chapter 200 that certain businesses that have affiliates in this State or agreements with others for the referral of potential customers collect sales tax.

Sponsor: Senator Tuttle of York

LR: 2300

Title: An Act To Assist Small Businesses in Rural Areas

Comment: This bill would allow a town with a population of 1,000 to 2,000 to have a liquor store in addition to the one currently allowed by law.

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Sponsor: Senator Tuttle of York

LR: 2351

Title: An Act To Improve Compensation for Jurors

Comment: This bill would increase the payment to jurors to \$75.

Closely Related CO: LD 1424 Representative Brooks, J

LR: 2352

Title: An Act To Require Doctors' Offices To Be Accessible by Persons with Disabilities

Comment: This bill would establish a requirement that all physicians' offices be accessible by persons with disabilities.

LR: 2411

Title: Resolve, Directing the Maine Army National Guard To Petition the Federal Government To Recognize Soldiers Who Trained in Gagetown, New Brunswick as Being Disabled Due to that Training

Comment: This resolve would require the Maine Army National Guard to petition the Federal Government to recognize certain soldiers who trained in Gagetown, New Brunswick during the period from 1981 to 1986 as being disabled due to that training and the use of Agent Orange.

LR: 2460

Title: An Act To Ensure the Preservation of Commercial Tracks That Do Not Have Gaming Licensure

Comment: This bill would reduce the number of days that a commercial track without gaming licenses is required to race to the fewest number of race days any commercial track with a gaming license is required to race. Under this bill, a commercial track without a gaming license would be treated for stipend purposes as having raced the number of days it would be required to race if it had a gaming license.

Sponsor: Senator Valentino of York

LR: 2450

Title: An Act To Require Swimmers in Open Water To Be More Visible

Comment: This bill would require a person swimming in open water more than 100 feet from shore to be accompanied by a person in a watercraft or to carry a buoy to make that person more visible to watercraft. A person who did not meet this requirement would be subject to a fine and could not hold a watercraft owner who struck that person liable.

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Sponsor: Senator Valentino of York

LR: 2451

Title: An Act To Require Owners of Condominiums To Comply with the Laws Regarding Treatment of Bedbug Infestations

Comment: This bill would require shareholders in condominium associations to comply with the laws regarding bedbug infestations.

LR: 2661

Title: An Act To Establish the Greenlight Maine Program

Comment: This bill would establish a program administered by the Maine State Film Office within the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Tourism to support filmmakers within the capacity of the program through incubation, funding, distribution and production including refundable tax credits.

LR: 2686

Title: An Act To Relieve the Impact of Erosion Caused by Facilities Installed by the United States Government

Comment: This bill would allow a municipality to fill, construct, replace or rebuild a sand dune if the sand dune incurs erosion attributable to the construction, maintenance or extension of a facility built or owned by the United States Government or any of its departments or agencies.

Sponsor: Representative Verow of Brewer

LR: 2435

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Remove from Consideration One of the Proposed Routes for the Interstate 395 and Route 9 Connector

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Transportation to remove from consideration for the Interstate 395 and Route 9 connector project in the Brewer, Holden and Eddington area the alternative designated 2B-2.

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Sponsor: Representative Villa of Harrison

LR: 2234

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management To Develop a Portable Voucher System To Subsidize Rental Housing for Veterans in the State

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, in collaboration with the Maine State Housing Authority, to work with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to develop a portable voucher system to provide rental housing assistance in the State for veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

LR: 2518

Title: An Act To Allow Landowners To Manage, Prepare and Sign Forestry Plans for Their Own Property

Comment: This bill would allow a landowner to manage, prepare and sign the forestry plan for that landowner's property.

LR: 2519

Title: An Act To Allow Swim Areas To Be Designated by Associations Owning Frontage on Inland Waters

Comment: This bill would allow an association of homeowners that owns shoreland property on inland waters to designate a private swim area for that association.

LR: 2520

Title: An Act To Provide a One Hundred Percent Exemption from Property Tax to Disabled Veterans

Comment: This bill would provide to disabled veterans a 100% exemption from property tax, regardless of degree of disability.

Sponsor: Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc

LR: 2369

Title: An Act To Clarify Apportionment Laws for County Commissioner Districts in Sagadahoc County

Comment: This bill would clarify county commissioner district numbers in Sagadahoc County to avoid confusion.

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Sponsor: Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc

LR: 2574

Title: An Act To Improve the Use of Dental Services by MaineCare-eligible Children

Comment: This bill would increase case management services to MaineCare-eligible children in need of dental care to help them obtain appropriate and timely dental care.

LR: 2618

Title: An Act To Support Solar Energy Development in Maine

Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to take specific measures to support solar energy, including monitoring electricity markets, taking legal action to protect access to markets by solar power facilities located in the State and certifying a person as a community solar power generator.

LR: 2639

Title: An Act To Maintain and Expand Employment Opportunities in the State

Comment: This bill would expand and improve the Maine Apprenticeship Program, provide adequate staffing at the Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Services and create a stakeholder group to research and propose a comprehensive layoff aversion strategy for the State.

Sponsor: Representative Volk of Scarborough

LR: 2514

Title: An Act To Assist Victims of Human Trafficking

Comment: This bill would allow prostitution convictions to be expunged from a person's criminal record when that person was a victim of human trafficking.

Sponsor: Representative Wallace of Dexter

LR: 2652

Title: An Act To Improve the Safety of Construction Projects Occurring near a Public Road

Comment: This bill would require any construction, excavation or paving project occurring within 10 feet of a public road to be permitted by the Department of Transportation and require that appropriate safety measures be taken at that site, such as providing for flaggers and warning signs.

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Sponsor: Representative Weaver of York

LR: 2242

Title: An Act To Prevent Double Taxation of Retirement Benefits from Other States

Comment: This bill would prevent double taxation by providing that retirement benefits of teachers earned in another state are not subject to income tax in Maine if taxes were paid on contributions to the retirement plan in the other state.

LR: 2455

Title: An Act To Repeal the Tax Imposed on Private Nonmedical Institution Services

Comment: This bill would exempt from sales tax services provided to residents of private nonmedical institutions.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2261 Representative Doak, P

LR: 2456

Title: An Act To Require an Emergency Contact Phone Number To Be Included on Vehicle Registrations

Comment: This bill would require the owner of a vehicle, when registering that vehicle, to provide an emergency contact phone number.

Sponsor: Representative Welsh of Rockport

LR: 2281

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Collection of Minor Amounts of Property Taxes

Comment: Under current law, a municipality may choose to discharge any obligation to collect unpaid personal property taxes that it determines are too small or too burdensome to collect economically. This bill would expand application of this provision to unpaid real property taxes the municipality determines to be too small or burdensome to collect economically.

Sponsor: Representative Werts of Auburn

LR: 2526

Title: An Act To Ensure Coordination between the Department of Transportation and Local Businesses

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Transportation to modify and coordinate with a municipality and local businesses before starting a project.

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Sponsor: Senator Whittemore of Somerset

LR: 2508

Title: An Act To Clarify Licensing Requirements for Limited Insurance Producers Sales

Comment: This bill would allow an insurance company or insurance producer to pay a commission or service fee to an unlicensed agent of a rental car company that holds a limited insurance producer license as long as there is one employee at the location for that rental car company who also holds a limited insurance producer license.

Sponsor: Representative Willette of Mapleton

LR: 2256

Title: An Act To Clarify What Constitutes an Agent of a Political Candidate

Comment: This bill would clarify what constitutes an agent of a political candidate.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2384 Senator Saviello, T

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2254 Representative McCabe, J

LR: 2322

Title: An Act To Increase the Amount of Funds Available to Counties for Witness Fees and Prosecution Costs

Comment: Current law requires forfeited bail to be paid into an account maintained by each prosecutorial district for the purpose of paying expenses related to extradition of fugitives from justice. The maximum amount that may be retained in that account is \$20,000. This bill would increase the amount that may be retained to \$40,000 and allow the funds to be used to pay for fees or expenses, including witness fees, incurred by the district attorney in a criminal prosecution.

LR: 2381

Title: An Act To Provide Sales Tax Exempt Status to Wildlife Restoration and Rehabilitation Facilities

Comment: This bill would provide an exemption from paying sales and use tax to wildlife restoration and rehabilitation facilities, including fish hatcheries.

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Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta

LR: 2241

Title: An Act To Ensure Confidentiality of Personally Identifying Information on Certain Firearms Forms

Comment: This bill would ensure the confidentiality of forms regarding firearms purchases in the custody of state agencies or dealers.

LR: 2245

Title: An Act To Amend the Definition of "Employer" in the Laws Relating to Unemployment Compensation

Comment: This bill would amend the definition of "employer" in the laws relating to unemployment compensation.

LR: 2370

Title: An Act To Authorize the State Board of Corrections To Share Federal Boarder Revenue with Counties

Comment: This bill would authorize the State Board of Corrections to share federal boarder revenue with the counties, which would be required to use it for debt service or operational costs.

LR: 2371

Title: Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Conduct a Feasibility Study for Expansion of Riverview Psychiatric Center

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a feasibility study for a 50-bed expansion of Riverview Psychiatric Center and report to the next Legislature with legislation.

LR: 2372

Title: Resolve, To Direct the Maine State Housing Authority To Finance the Construction Costs or Renovations for a Veterans' Home or Homeless Shelter

Comment: This resolve would direct the Maine State Housing Authority to finance the construction costs or renovations for a veterans' home or homeless shelter.

LR: 2373

Title: An Act To Add a Category of Child Care Centers to the Safe Zones List

Comment: This bill would add child care centers to the list of places that are designated as safe zones of a municipality.

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Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta

LR: 2374

Title: An Act To Grant the State Board of Corrections Authority To Approve Wages, Benefits and Budgets for Correctional Facilities

Comment: This bill would provide the State Board of Corrections the authority to approve the wages, benefits and budgets for correctional facilities.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2302 Senator Gerzofsky, S

LR: 2375

Title: An Act To Establish Criminal Penalties for Violations of the Medical Marijuana Laws

Comment: This bill would establish criminal penalties for violations of the medical marijuana law that would equal the penalties charged for nonmedical marijuana violations.

LR: 2376

Title: An Act To Control the Sale of Marijuana To Limit Addiction

Comment: This bill would establish a process and system for allowing the cultivation and sale of marijuana by companies and nonprofit organizations as approved by the State, including a system to license retailers similar to the system for liquor agencies. All revenue is to be in an established dedicated fund for law enforcement, education and substance abuse prevention.

LR: 2377

Title: Resolve, To Direct the Bureau of General Services To Sell Certain Property To Assist Homeless Veterans with the Construction of a Homeless Veterans Shelter

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to sell specific property in Augusta in order for a homeless veterans shelter to be established.

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Sponsor: Representative Wood of Sabattus

LR: 2390

Title: An Act To Reduce the Restrictions Imposed on Persons Using Crossbows and Bows and Arrows near Residences and Other Buildings

Comment: This bill would amend current law that prohibits a person from using a crossbow or bow and arrow within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling to reduce the distance to 75 yards and exempt a person target shooting on that person's property.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2361 Representative Harvell, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2443 Representative Shaw, M

Sponsor: Senator Woodbury of Cumberland

LR: 2331

Title: An Act To Clarify the Law Governing Public Disclosure of Health Care Prices

Comment: This bill would clarify the recently enacted law requiring the public disclosure of health care prices.

LR: 2691

Title: An Act To Promote Maine Prosperity

Comment: This bill would enact a comprehensive package of statutory changes designed to promote prosperity in the State, subject to approval by the citizens at referendum in November 2014. Some of the proposed changes would include expanding Medicaid coverage beginning January 1, 2015; enacting comprehensive tax reform effective January 1, 2016; incremental increases in the minimum wage; a prohibition on the collection of union dues from certain workers; reducing automobile excise tax rates; increasing the gasoline tax; adjusting the laws governing pensions for state retirees; requiring the inclusion of a "global education budget" in the Governor's budget proposal; providing a needs-based grant to students attending an institution of higher learning in the State; eliminating the higher cost of tuition paid by out-of-state students at public universities and colleges in the State; public funding of pre-kindergarten; increasing the funding to the Maine Technology Institute and the small business assistance programs within the Finance authority of Maine; and increasing the cap on seed capital investment incentives.

Potential JR 217: LDs 611, 831, 1066, 1275 & 1496

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Sponsor: Senator Youngblood of Penobscot

LR: 2397

Title: An Act To Criminalize Sexual Contact between Clergy and Their Congregants

Comment: This bill would prohibit sexual contact between a cleric and a congregant of that cleric.

LR: 2398

Title: An Act To Require the Primary Siting Authority for an Expedited Wind Energy Development Project To Make Findings Regarding the Energy- and Emissions-related Benefits of the Project

Comment: This bill would require the primary siting authority for an expedited wind energy development project to make additional findings regarding the manner and extent to which the development provides energy- and emissions-related benefits.

Total number of bills screened: 399

PART 5

**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, INTERIM STUDY GROUPS AND DIRECTIVES ESTABLISHED BY
THE 1ST REGULAR SESSION OF THE 126TH LEGISLATURE (2013)**

Interim Studies and Short-term Committees

Name	Authorized By	Report Date
Task Force on Milk Tier Pricing	Resolve 67	12/4/13 to ACF Committee*
Commission to Study the Incidence of and Mortality Related to Cancer	Resolve 77	12/4/13 to HHS Committee*
Commission to Study Long-term Care Facilities	Resolve 78	12/4/13 to 126 th Legislature*
Tax Expenditure Review Task Force	Public Law 368, Part S	12/4/13 to AFA* & TRA Committees
Nonprofit Tax Review Task Force	Public Law 368, Part AA	12/1/13 to AFA* & TAX Committees
Task Force for Adult Learners	Public Law 368, Part GGGGG	2/1/14 to MWEF Committee*
InternHelpME Advisory Committee	Public Law 368, Part KKKKK-2	1/2/15 to LCED Committee
Jt. Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Econ. Dev. to Study whether to License Water Treatment Specialists	Joint Order HP 1084	May report out a bill to 2 nd Session of 126 th Legislature
Criminal Code Revision Planning Committee	Joint Order SP 31	Shall submit bill by 3/1/14*
Maine Health Exchange Advisory Council	Joint Order HP 1136	Preliminary report. 12/4/13; final report 11/5/14 to IFS Committee
Commission to Study Transparency, Costs & Accountability of Health Care System Financing	Joint Order HP 1123	12/4/13 to HHS & IFS Committee
Commission to Study the State Board of Corrections & the Unified County Corrections System	Joint Order HP 1132	12/4/13 to CJPS Committee*

New Ongoing Boards and Commissions

Name	Authorized By	Report Date
Polygraph Examiners Advisory Board (32 MRSA c. 86)	Public Law 316	NA
Child Advocacy Advisory Board (22 MRSA § 4019)	Public Law 364	1/15 Annually to HHS Committee*

Revised Existing Boards and Commissions

Name	Authorized By	Revised By
Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Council (revises membership criteria)	35-A MRSA § 8704	Public Law 40
Emergency Medical Services' Board (revises membership)	32 MRSA § 88	Public Law 62
Maine Economic Growth Council (revises membership)	10 MRSA § 929-A	Public Law 102
Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (revises chair & funding)	5 MRSA § 7030-C	Public Law 104
Maine HIV Committee (revises membership)	5 MRSA § 19202	Public Law 108
Lobster Management Policy Councils (expands authority)	12 MRSA § 6447	Public Law 239*
Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative (revises membership and name)	12 MRSA § 6455	Public Law 309
Interagency Review Panel (revises membership and duties)	35-A § 122	Public Law 360
Displaced Homemakers Advisory Council (revises membership & duties)	20-A § 10921	Public Law 368, Part AAAA
Maine Charter School Commission (revises compensation)	20-A § 2405	Public Law 368, Part JJJJ
Citizen Trade Policy Commission (revises staff & funding)	10 MRSA § 11	Public law 427

New or Revised Boards and Commissions Requiring Confirmation of Gubernatorial Appointments

Name	...Authorized By	Revised By
State Board of Education (revises student membership criteria)	20-A MRSA §401	Public Law 15
Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission (revises membership)	30 MRSA § 6212	Public Law 81
Land for Maine's Future Board (revises quorum)	5 MRSA § 6205	Public Law 92
Land Use Planning Commission (revises appointment and eligibility)	12 MRSA § 683-A	Public Law 256
Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation, Board of Trustees (revises membership and bylaws, requires Board to report to EDU Committee 1/1/14 with proposed changes to bylaws))	PL 1991, c. 848	Public Law 367
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council (revises membership and meeting structure)	12 MRSA § 10151	Public Law 375 and Public Law 408
Efficiency Maine Trust (revises membership)	35-A § 10103	Public law 424

Directs a Department, Office or Committee to Conduct a Study, Review or Report

Name	Conducted By	Authorized By	Report Date
Review current Probate Code & Uniform Probate Code	Probate & Trust Law Advisory Commission	Resolve 5	12/1/13 to JUD Committee*
Report on amended rules regarding restraint of students	Dept. of Education	Resolve 8	1/10/14 to EDU Committee*
Study of current Uniform parentage Act & similar laws & proposals	Family Law Advisory Commission	Resolve 12	12/1/13 to JUD Committee*
Development of public health plan for protection of mosquito-borne diseases	Dept. of Agriculture, Cons & Forestry	Resolve 13	12/15/13 to ACF Committee*
Develop proposal for policy & specifications for guide signs on highways	Dept. of Transportation & ME Turnpike Authority	Resolve 14	1/15/14 to TRA Committee*
Study use of rubber lures & nondegradable hooks for fishing	Dept. of Inland Fish & Wildlife	Resolve 18	1/15/14 to IFW Committee*
Review of certain electricity distribution charges for businesses	Public Utilities Commission	Resolve 20	1/15/14 to EUT Committee*
Study of vision requirements for driver licensure	Bureau of Motor Vehicles	Resolve 21	1/15/14 to TRA Committee*
Work group regarding applied learning for K-8 students	Director, Jobs for Maine's Graduates	Resolve 22	1/10/14 to EDU Committee*
Review presence of department services in urban and rural areas	Dept. of Health & Human Services	Resolve 23	1/1/14 to HHS Committee
Development of process to increase prescriber participation in prescription monitoring program	Substance Abuse Services Commission	Resolve 25	1/1/14 to HHS Committee*
Study of labor mediator compensation	ME Labor Relations Board	Resolve 26	1/15/14 to LCED Committee*
Study disposition of inherited digital assets	Probate & Trust Law Advisory Commission	Resolve 27	12/1/13 to JUD Committee*
Study broadband infrastructure deployment	ConnectME Authority	Resolve 28	2/1/14 to TRA & EUT Committees*
Report on amended rules for licensing maple syrup	Dept. of Agriculture, Cons & Forestry	Resolve 30	12/15/13 to ACF Committee
Report on amended rules regarding access to dental services	Board of Dental Examiners	Resolve 36	1/15/14 to LCED Committee*
Study need for regulation of scrap metal dealers	Secretary of State	Resolve 37	1/30/14 to LCED Committee*
Study of injured workers whose employers have not secured payments	Workers' Comp Board	Resolve 40	1/30/14 to LCED Committee*

Name	Conducted By	Authorized By	Report Date
Report on amended rules regarding odor management standards	Department of Environmental Protection	Resolve 43	3/30/14 to ENR Committee
Report on vulnerabilities of State's transmission infrastructure	Public Utilities Commission	Resolve 45	1/20/14 to EUT Committee*
Report on plan for regulation reform of consumer-owned water utilities	Public Utilities Commission	Resolve 47	1/31/14 to EUT Committee*
Review of snowmobile trail fund	Dept. of Agriculture, Cons & Forestry	Resolve 48	12/4/13 to ACF Committee*
Study options for administration of high school equivalency exams	Dept. of Education	Resolve 49	10/1/13 to EDU Committee
Report on domestic violence on tribal lands	Attorney General	Resolve 51	1/15/14 to JUD Committee*
Review of temporary campground regulations	Department of Health & Human Services	Resolve 55	1/1/14 to HHS Committee
Report on registration process of recovery agencies for tissue and organ donation	Department of Health & Human Services	Resolve 58	1/1/14 to HHS Committee*
Study issues with private railroad crossings	Department of Transportation	Resolve 59	2/1/14 to JUD Committee*
Report on development of standards and guidelines for new school construction and the use of pesticides	Departments of Education and Bd. of Pesticides Control	Resolve 63	3/15/14 to EDU & ACF Committees
Report on demonstration project regarding transportation of logs and wood biomass	Departments of Transportation, Public Safety and Sec. of State	Resolve 64	Upon request to TRA Committee*
Report on assessment of Maine Code of Military Justice with regard to sexual trauma	Adjutant General	Resolve 66	2/14/14 to VLA Committee*
Work group to review prescribing medications for children with attention deficit disorder	Department of Health & Human Services	Resolve 68	1/15/14 to HHS Committee
Report on veteran-to-farmer training pilot program	Department of Ag, Cons & For; UM Cooperative Extension & others	Resolve 69	1/10/14 to EDU Committee*
Report extension on system of care plan for persons with intellectual disabilities or autism	Department of Health & Human Services	Resolve 73	12/15/13 to HHS Committee*
Review of unfunded education mandates	Department of Education	Resolve 74	1/10/14 to EDU Committee*
Report on school security	Department of Education	Resolve 76	1/15/14 to EDU Committee*
Report on elver fishery	Department of Marine Resources	Public Law 8	1/1/14 to MAR Committee*

Name**Conducted By****Authorized By****Report Date**

Report on first generation college students	UMS, CCS, MMA Boards of Trustees	Public Law 166	1/15/14 & Annually to EDU Committee*
Report on development of rules for seaweed harvesting	Department of Marine Resources	Public Law 169	1/31/14 to MAR Committee*
Report on rules for quarantine of forest products	Maine Forest Service	Public Law 196	1/15/13 to ACF Committee
Report on Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement	Office of Fiscal & Program Review	Public Law 200	1/15/14 to TAX Committee*
Report on reorganizing Title 23	Department of Transportation	Public Law 220	12/4/13 to TRA Committee
Study feasibility of a single type of gasoline for the State	Department of Environmental Protection	Public Law 221	12/4/13 to ENR Committee*
Review of requests to state agencies for public records and feasibility of centralized system	Attorney General	Public Law 229	1/5/14 to JUD Committee*
Report on taste testing events for on-premises liquor licensees	Department of Public Safety	Public Law 258	2/15/15 to VLA Committee*
Regulation of motorized recreational gold prospecting	Agencies may adopt rules	Public Law 260	ENR Committee 2 nd Session, 126 th Legislature*
Report on rules for payment of claims in long-term care insurance policies	Bureau of Insurance	Public Law 278	3/1/14 to IFW Committee
Wildlife Importation & Possession Task Force	Department of Inland Fish and Wildlife	Public Law 280	1/14/14 to IFW Committee*
Report on registration of pesticides fee revenue and grants funded by fees	Board of Pesticides Control	Public Law 290	2/15 Annually to ACF Committee*
Amend Government Evaluation Act review and analysis authority	NA	Public Law 307	SLG Committee 2 nd Session, 126 th Legislature*
Report on mercury-added lamp collection and recycling	Department of Environmental Protection	Public Law 315	1/15/14 Annually to ENR Committee*
Report on stocking of eastern brook trout in lakes and ponds	Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	Public Law 358	1/15/14 to IFW Committee*
Task force on transition of BETR program to BETE program	Department of Finance and Administration	Public Law 368, Part K	12/1/13 to TAX Committee*

Name	Conducted By	Authorized By	Report Date
Review governmental structure and operations	Director, Gov Office of Policy & Management	PL 368, Part F	9/30/13 to AFA Committee*
Independent feasibility study of Windam facility construction projects	Department of Corrections	PL 368, Part HH	2/1/14 to AFA and CJPS Committees
Review adults intellectual disabilities waiver rate reimbursement methodology	Department of Health & Human Services	PL 368, Part NN	1/15/14 to HHS Committee
Working group to review state mandates on municipalities	Department of Administrative & Financial Services	PL 368, Part WW	12/1/13 to AFA Committee*
Working group to review DOL business enterprise program	Director, Division for Blind & Visually Impaired	PL 368, Part BBB	12/1/13 to AFA Committee*
Report on new degree programs under Bring college to ME Program expansion	President, ME Community College System	PL 368, Part CCCCC-1	1/15/15 to EDU Committee
Report on program for adults returning to UMS to complete degree programs	Chancellor, U Maine System	PL 368, Part CCCCC-2	1/15/16 to EDU Committee
Report on results of Welcome Center Initiative pilot project	Commissioner, Department of Education	PL 368, Part CCCCC-3	1/15/15 to EDU Committee
Working Group on Adult Workforce Readiness	Department of Education	PL 368, Part HHHHH	1/2/14 to MWEF Committee*
Report on Maine Incumbent Worker Training Program pilot project	ME Community College	PL 368, Part JJJJJ	1/15/15 to LCED Committee
Study of Participating Local District Retirement Program and Consolidated Retirement Plan	MPERS	PL 391	1/15/14 to AFA Committee*
Report on income disclosure by Legislators and certain executive branch employees	Commission on Governmental Ethics & Election Practices staff	PL 401	2/1/14 to VLA Committee*
Report on reorganization of Dept. of Conservation into Dept. of Agriculture	Commissioner, Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry	PL 405	11/1/13 & 2/1/14 to ACF Committee

*May report out a bill or recommend legislation.

PART 6

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Agency And Department Bills By Subject

**Broad
Subject** **Major / Minor Subjects**

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORES

POWERS

2583 An Act To Strengthen Enforcement Standards for Potatoes

2584 An Act To Further Delegate Permit-granting Authority to the Department of Agriculture,
Conservation and Forestry

FORESTRY

HARVEST REPORTS

2585 An Act To Clarify the Confidentiality of Wood Processor Report Information

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

SPENDING

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

2674 An Act To Ensure That the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Does Not Need To Be Shut Down
Indefinitely

JUDICIARY

2683 An Act To Improve the Operations of the Attorney General's Office

STATE FINANCES

BONDED DEBT

2552 An Act To Provide for the 2014 and 2015 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity
Bonds

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

MAINE CORRECTIONAL CENTER

2672 An Act To Amend Laws Regarding the Maine Correctional Center

CORRECTIONS DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

2673 An Act Regarding Appointments of Certain Positions in the Department of Corrections

OPERATING UNDER INFLUENCE

PENALTIES

2688 An Act To Make Technical Revisions to the Operating-under-the-influence Laws

PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCIES

2548 An Act To Amend Maine's Emergency Management Laws

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

GAS UTILITIES

PROCEDURES

2594 An Act To Increase the Maximum Gas Safety Administrative Penalty Amounts

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT
PROCEDURES**

2537 An Act To Amend Rulemaking Regarding Assisted Housing Programs

HEALTH CARE RECORDS

CONFIDENTIALITY

2631 An Act To Amend Laws Relating to Health Care Data

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

HOME HEALTH CARE

2535 An Act To Amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act

MEDICAID

MAINECARE

2536 An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Methadone Use by MaineCare Recipients

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

CONSUMER CREDIT CODE

2632 An Act To Make Technical Corrections to the Maine Consumer Credit Code To Update Citations
To Recodified Federal Law

2633 An Act To Make Technical Corrections to the Maine Consumer Credit Code To Facilitate the
Multistate Licensing Process

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

2551 An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

2550 An Act To Establish the Maine Base Redevelopment Authority

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

2549 An Act To Simplify the Audit Procedures of the Maine Rural Development Authority

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

DRUG TESTING

2558 An Act To Standardize and Simplify the Process for Employers Who Seek To Provide a Drug-
free Workplace

MINORS

2556 An Act To Streamline the Work Permitting Process for Minors and To Conform Allowable
Places That Minors May Work to Federal Law

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Broad
Subject Major / Minor Subjects

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

PROCEDURES

- 2557 An Act To Expedite Training Waiver Decisions for Unemployment Claimants by Transferring Original Jurisdiction from the Unemployment Insurance Commission to the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation
2678 An Act To Amend the Work-sharing Program To Conform with Federal Law

LABOR DEPT

POWERS

- 2675 An Act To Make Minor Technical Changes to the Laws Governing the Department of Labor

LICENSING

FORESTERS

- 2630 An Act To Amend Forester Licensing Requirements

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

OSHA COMPLIANCE

- 2677 An Act To Enable the Bureau of Labor Standards To Access Federal Reimbursement by Amending State Law To Conform To Federal Law

MARINE RESOURCES

COMMERCIAL FISHING

LICENSES

- 2543 An Act To Clarify Maine's Elver License

MARINE RESOURCES DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

- 2540 An Act To Make Technical Changes To Maine's Marine Resources Laws
2541 An Act To Improve Enforcement of Marine Resources Laws
2542 An Act To Amend Maine's Aquaculture Statutes
2544 An Act To Create Parity for Proprietary Information

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

STATE GOVERNMENT

CONTRACTED SERVICES

- 2680 An Act To Amend the Bureau of General Services Laws

TAXATION

INCOME TAX

CREDITS

- 2676 An Act To Improve the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program

FEDERAL CONFORMITY

- 2559 An Act To Conform the Maine Tax Laws to the United States Internal Revenue Code

REVENUE SERVICES BUREAU

ADMINISTRATION

- 2679 An Act To Amend the Tax Laws

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Subject** **Major / Minor Subjects**

TAXATION

REVENUE SERVICES BUREAU

CONVEYANCES

2560 Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory

TRANSPORTATION

MOTOR VEHICLES

OMNIBUS

2690 An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

ROADS

EXCAVATIONS

2595 An Act To Make Changes to the Dig Safe Law

OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

2586 An Act To Make Changes to and Clarify Maine Traveler Information Services

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

DEFENSE AND VETERANS SERVICES DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

2545 An Act To Amend the Military Bureau Laws

2546 An Act To Amend the Veterans' Services Laws

2547 An Act To Designate the Maine Military Bureau's Armed Forces Museum as Maine's Official State Military Museum

ELECTIONS

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

2616 An Act To Define "Agent" and "Candidate's Political Committee" in the Campaign Reports and Finances Laws

VOTING PROCEDURES

2689 An Act To Amend the Election Laws

GAMBLING

GAMES OF CHANCE

2561 An Act To Amend the Gambling Laws

GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS

ETHICS COMMISSION

2615 An Act Concerning Confidential Records Received by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices