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128th LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



**Bill Requests Received before Cloture
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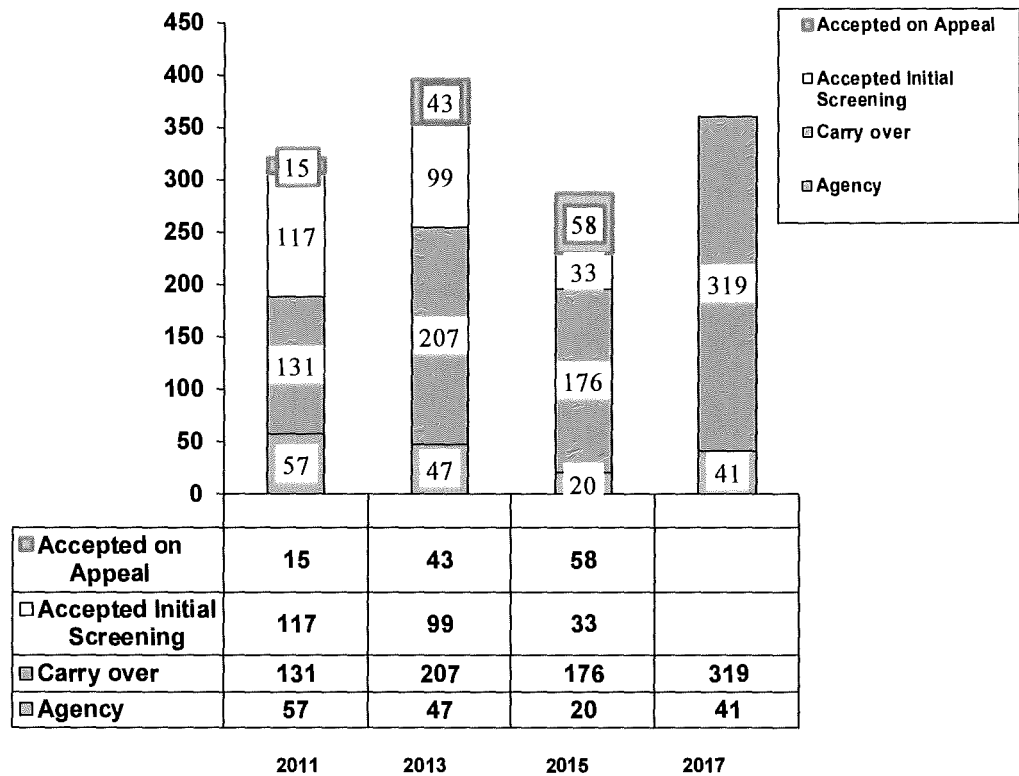
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PART 1

INTRODUCTION

This volume contains the bill requests submitted by Legislators before cloture on September 29, 2017 that are proposed for introduction in the Second Regular Session of the 128th 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.



Total Number of Bills after Screening

320 396 287

Number of Legislator Requests Subject To Review

288 399 395 272

Two years ago, in 2015, out of a total of 395 precloture legislator requests to review, 33 were admitted at the initial screening, 54 at the appeal screening and 4 later during the session for a total of 91 precloture legislator bills accepted.

Four years ago, in 2013, out of a total of 399 precloture legislator requests to review, 99 were admitted at the initial screening and 43 at the appeal screening for a total of 142 legislator bills accepted at the screenings.

Six 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.

This year a total of 41 agency and independent bills were filed, as compared to 20 in 2015, 47 in 2013 and 57 in 2011.

Additionally, the workload of the Legislature includes 319 carryovers for the upcoming session, as compared to 176 in 2015, 207 in 2013 and 131 in 2011.

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

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Bill Requests For Screening

Sorted By Subject

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DEPT

POWERS

LR: 2742 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Establish a Task Force To Examine Agricultural Issues

Comment: This bill would establish a task force to examine agricultural issues.

ANIMALS

ADOPTION

LR: 2508 Sponsor: Senator Dill of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Facilitate the Adoption of Dogs and Cats That Have Been in the Possession of Publicly Funded Research Facilities

Comment: This bill would require a research facility that receives public funding for any research involving a dog or cat to assess the health of the animal to determine the animal's suitability for adoption and make reasonable efforts to offer for adoption those animals that are suitable.

Potential JR 217: LD 246

ANIMALS

DOGS

LR: 2682 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Keeping of a Dangerous Dog

Comment: The bill would require that, if an animal control officer identifies a dog as dangerous, the animal control officer must so notify all people who reside within 500 feet of where the dog resides. The bill would also specify that the owner of a dangerous dog is responsible for that dog whether or not the dog is under the owner's direct control at a particular time and that a person who keeps a dangerous dog as a therapy dog must have evidence that the dog has been trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability.

Closely Related CO: LD 858 Representative Nadeau, C

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

STATE PARKS

LR: 2493 Sponsor: Representative Dunphy of Old Town

Title: An Act To Reinstate Part-time State Park Ranger Positions

Comment: This bill would reinstate 24 part-time state park ranger positions that were cut in the 2018-2019 biennial budget.

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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

FARMS

PROMOTION

LR: 2520 Sponsor: Representative Hickman of Winthrop
Title: An Act To Amend the Maine Food Sovereignty Laws To Clarify Local Authority Regarding Meat and Poultry Products
Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing food sovereignty to clarify and ensure compliance with federal law.

PESTICIDES

PEST MANAGEMENT

LR: 2569 Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle
Title: Resolve, To Use a Comprehensive Approach To Restore and Protect Pollinator Populations
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to examine potential pesticide management protocols and pest control protocols in order to protect pollinator populations.

PUBLIC LANDS

CONVEYANCES

LR: 2741 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title: Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Transfer Land in the Town of Washburn
Comment: This resolve would authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to transfer land in the Town of Washburn.

PUBLIC LANDS

HISTORIC SITES

LR: 2740 Sponsor: Senator Dow of Lincoln
Title: Resolve, Authorizing the Lease of the Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site
Comment: This resolve would authorize the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to lease the Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site in the Town of Bristol to the Friends of Colonial Pemaquid, a Maine nonprofit corporation, for use by the public for educational and recreational purposes.

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Sorted By Subject

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

BOND ISSUES

EDUCATION

LR: 2481 Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund a Program of Student Debt Consolidation and Repayment

Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue and establish a program of student debt consolidation and repayment to be administered by the Finance Authority of Maine. Under the program, Maine residents who work in Maine after graduation from postsecondary school can apply to consolidate student loans at a single advantageous interest rate and employers that opt to pay up to 50% of their employees' annual loan repayment costs are authorized to treat those costs as expenses for tax purposes.

Closely Related CO: LD 1163 Senator Libby, N

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

BENEFITS

LR: 2600 Sponsor: Senator Bellows of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Facilitate the Provision of Disability Benefits for State Workers Requiring Organ Transplants

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to facilitate the provision of long-term disability benefits in the case of life threatening illnesses that will require organ transplant.

Closely Related CO: LD 176 Representative Foley, R

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

CREDITS

LR: 2533 Sponsor: Representative Pickett of Dixfield

Title: An Act To Allow Certain Retirees in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System the Option of Including Certain Wages for Purposes of Retirement Benefits

Comment: This bill would provide a member of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System who retired after June 30, 2011 and before July 1, 2015 to include wages lost due to merit pay freezes and longevity pay freezes during fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13 in the member's retirement benefit calculations if the member pays the employee portion of the retirement contributions due on those lost wages.

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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

STATE FINANCES

BUDGET PROCEDURES

LR: 2475 Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle

Title: An Act To Improve the Research Capabilities of State Employees

Comment: This bill would create a line item in the budget to support online access to scientific databases, journals and other publications by state employees.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

OTHER STATE FACILITIES

LR: 2502 Sponsor: Representative Tuell of East Machias
Title: An Act To Fund the Downeast Correctional Facility
Comment: This bill would appropriate funding for the Downeast Correctional Facility, which is currently funded only until the end of fiscal year 2017-18. The bill would also require the executive branch to submit a plan to the Legislature detailing the plans for the future of the Downeast Correctional Facility.

CORRECTIONS DEPT

PROCEDURES

LR: 2647 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross of Portland
Title: An Act To Provide Funding To Improve Public Safety through Expanded Department of Corrections Treatment, Education and Vocational Programs
Comment: This bill would provide funding to the Department of Corrections to support the department's strategic plan to meet the rehabilitation needs of prisoners through treatment, education and vocational programs.

Closely Related CO: LD 1415 Representative Talbot Ross, R

CRIMES

ABUSE AND NEGLECT

LR: 2527 Sponsor: Senator Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis
Title: An Act To Strengthen the Laws Regarding Child Abuse
Comment: This bill would add the definition of "child psychological abuse" to the State's definition of "child abuse."

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CRIMES

ABUSE AND NEGLECT

LR: 2630 Sponsor: Representative Sirocki of Scarborough

Title: An Act To Prohibit Female Genital Mutilation and To Provide Education and Outreach Regarding Female Genital Mutilation

Comment: This bill would make it a Class B crime to perform female genital mutilation on a female person under 18 years of age for nonmedical purposes. The bill would also make it a Class B crime for a parent, guardian or person who has immediate custody of a female person under 18 years of age to consent to or permit female genital mutilation of that female person for nonmedical purposes or for a person to remove the female person from the State for such a procedure. Under the provisions of the bill, it is not a defense that the female person, or the parent, guardian or person who has immediate custody of the female person, consented to the procedure, but it is a defense that the procedure was done for medical purposes. This bill also would direct the Department of Health and Human Services, within its existing resources, to administer community-based education and outreach to provide culturally specific services for communities in the State in which female genital mutilation of minors might be practiced.

Potential JR 217: LD 745

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2656 Representative Nadeau, C

LR: 2656 Sponsor: Representative Nadeau of Winslow

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Offenses against the Person

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing offenses against the person by specifically providing criminal penalties for female genital mutilation of a minor.

Potential JR 217: LD 745

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2630 Representative Sirocki, H

CRIMES

MOTOR VEHICLE

LR: 2563 Sponsor: Senator Maker of Washington

Title: An Act To Increase Penalties for Drivers Who Cause Serious or Fatal Injuries to Others in Multiple Accidents

Comment: This bill would impose greater penalties, including license suspension, upon an individual who has caused serious or fatal injuries to other individuals through 2 or more vehicle accidents and who lacks auto insurance.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CRIMES

NEW

LR: 2547 Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Establish the Crimes of Forced Labor and Aggravated Forced Labor in the Maine Criminal Code

Comment: This bill would create the Class C crime of forced labor and the Class B crime of aggravated forced labor to address forced labor outside the context of sex trafficking.

LR: 2701 Sponsor: Representative Beebe-Center of Rockland

Title: An Act To Protect the Privacy of Conversations

Comment: This bill would make it a crime to record or eavesdrop on any confidential communication, including a private conversation or telephone call, without the consent of all parties to the conversation.

CRIMES

PROTESTS

LR: 2499 Sponsor: Senator Rosen of Hancock

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Wearing of a Mask or Hood or Otherwise Disguising a Person's Identity While Participating in a Protest, Demonstration or Riot

Comment: This bill would prohibit the wearing of a mask or hood or otherwise disguising a person's identity while participating in a protest, demonstration or riot.

CRIMES

SEX OFFENSES

LR: 2472 Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

Title: An Act To Prevent Human Trafficking, Protect Children and Finance the Victims' Compensation Fund

Comment: This bill would establish the Human Trafficking Prevention Act to:

1. Declare that pornography is a public health crisis;
2. Protect children from obscenity by requiring manufacturers and wholesalers that distribute obscene products on the Internet to sell their products with preset activated filters that can be removed only under certain conditions;
3. Affect human trafficking by establishing restrictions on viewing websites used for solicitation and facilitation of prostitution and human trafficking;
4. Protect consumers from inadvertently viewing child pornography;
5. Mitigate the harm caused by so-called revenge pornography; and
6. Establish a fine to be used to fund the Victims' Compensation Fund and fund other human trafficking prevention programs.

Closely Related CO: LD 951 Senator Volk, A

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CRIMES

SEX OFFENSES

LR: 2560 Sponsor: Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc
Title: An Act To Increase the Penalty for Visual Sexual Aggression against a Child
Comment: This bill would make visual sexual aggression against a child 14 years of age and younger a Class C crime as is the case for visual sexual aggression against a child 12 years of age and under, increase penalties for repeat offenders and ensure repeat offenders are kept on the sex offender registry for a sufficient time.

CRIMES

WEAPONS OFFENSES

LR: 2497 Sponsor: Representative Martin of Eagle Lake
Title: An Act Regarding the Prohibition on the Possession of a Firearm on School Property
Comment: This bill would provide that the prohibition in current law on the possession of a firearm on public school property or the property of an approved private school does not apply to a person who possesses a firearm in a motor vehicle.
Potential JR 217: LD 988

CRIMINAL HISTORIES

CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS

LR: 2580 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross of Portland
Title: An Act To Provide for the Sealing of Records of Convictions for Marijuana-related Violations That Are No Longer Crimes
Comment: This bill would permanently seal for all purposes records of criminal convictions of marijuana-related violations that are no longer crimes upon petition to the court.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

AMBULANCE SERVICES

LR: 2494 Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox
Title: An Act To Require Cameras in Ambulances
Comment: This bill would require cameras in ambulances to record patients transported in those ambulances and services provided to those patients. The recordings must be made available for review by authorized personnel and appropriate family members only, based on privacy protections already established in law. Recordings must be available for law enforcement and court proceedings in the event of questions raised about the care during the transport.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

AMBULANCE SERVICES

LR: 2526 Sponsor: Representative Fay of Raymond
Title: An Act To Protect Working and Service Animals
Comment: This bill would extend Good Samaritan liability protection to cover first responders who treat working and service animals in emergency situations.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

SYSTEM

LR: 2621 Sponsor: President Thibodeau of Waldo
Title: An Act To Authorize Regional Medical Control Committees Approved by the Emergency Medical Services Board To Have Access to Maine Emergency Medical Services Data for Purposes of Quality Improvement
Comment: This bill would allow regional medical control committees approved by the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services Board to have access to data collected by Maine Emergency Medical Services for purposes of quality improvement.

FIRE SAFETY

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

LR: 2716 Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast
Title: An Act To Attract Trained Firefighters to Maine and Provide Incentives To Retain Them
Comment: This bill would attract trained firefighters to Maine and provide incentives to retain them.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY

LR: 2675 Sponsor: Representative Guerin of Glenburn
Title: An Act To Waive the Fee for Attendance at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for Former Military Police Officers
Comment: This bill would allow an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces who served as a military police officer to attend the Maine Criminal Justice Academy without charge as long as certain other education and experience requirements are met.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LAW ENFORCEMENT

PROCEDURES

- LR: 2483 Sponsor: Senator Millett of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Protect Local Control of Military Equipment Procurement
Comment: This bill would require that law enforcement agencies receive the approval of local elected officials prior to the acquisition of federal surplus military-grade equipment.
- LR: 2484 Sponsor: Senator Millett of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Ensure Transparency in Acquisition of Military Equipment by Law Enforcement Agencies
Comment: This bill would require that the Attorney General review all requests by local law enforcement agencies for federal surplus military-grade equipment.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

STATE POLICE

- LR: 2492 Sponsor: Representative Gerrish of Lebanon
Title: An Act To Create a Full-time Drug Interdiction Unit within the State
Comment: This bill would create a full-time drug interdiction unit within the State.

VICTIMS OF CRIME

BILL OF RIGHTS

- LR: 2599 Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast
Title: An Act To Strengthen Crime Victims' Rights
Comment: This bill would strengthen the rights of victim of a crime by: 1. Authorizing the victim to be present at all trial proceedings unless the court determines that the fair administration of justice requires the exclusion of the victim; and 2. Requiring that a victim who so wishes receive notification of the defendant's escape from the jail or institute to which the defendant was confined.
- Closely Related CO: LD 1168 President Thibodeau, M

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

VICTIMS OF CRIME

BILL OF RIGHTS

LR: 2614 Sponsor: Speaker Gideon of Freeport

Title: An Act To Enhance Safety for Victims of Sexual Assault and Stalking

Comment: This bill would amend the law:

1. Governing remedies available to tenants who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking by expanding the forms of acceptable documentation that may be provided to landlords to include police reports prepared in response to investigations of sexual assault or stalking, and copies of criminal complaints for, or indictments or convictions of, charges of sexual assault or stalking; and
2. To provide that a person is guilty of sexual misconduct with a child who is at least 14 years of age but not yet 16 years of age if the actor is at least 10 years older than the other person and knowingly displays or disseminates sexually explicit materials to the other person with the intent to encourage the other person to engage in a sexual act or sexual contact.

WEAPONS

POSSESSION

LR: 2605 Sponsor: President Thibodeau of Waldo

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Restricting Firearms on Public Lands

Comment: This bill would amend the laws that restrict the possession, concealing or discharging of a firearm within 300 feet of any marked hiking trail on public lands to allow hunting within this area.

LR: 2629 Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

Title: An Act To Further Protect the Safety of College Students by Authorizing a Student To Possess a Firearm While on Campus as Long as the Firearm Remains in a Vehicle

Comment: This bill would allow a student to possess a firearm in a vehicle while on campus. The firearm must remain in the vehicle.

Potential JR 217: LD 1370

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

LR: 2464 Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox
Title: An Act To Shorten the Residency Requirements for In-state Tuition
Comment: This bill would ensure that any Maine college or university charges the in-state tuition rate for students who have one year of proven residency.

CULTURAL AGENCIES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

LR: 2477 Sponsor: Senator Rosen of Hancock
Title: Resolve, To Study the Negue Trading Post Site in Orono
Comment: This resolve would require that the Maine Historic Preservation Commission provide assistance to Emeric Spooner and the Town of Orono to study the site on the Penobscot River in the Town of Orono known to be the proven site of the French-built trading post Negue in order to preserve its archaeological importance to the State.

CULTURAL AGENCIES

STATE MUSEUM

LR: 2525 Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast
Title: An Act To Allow Veterans Free Admission to the Maine State Museum
Comment: This bill would allow a Maine veteran to visit the Maine State Museum without paying an admission fee.
Potential JR 217: LD 1233

EDUCATION DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2576 Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle
Title: An Act Regarding School Bus Rules in Maine
Comment: This bill would direct the Department of Public Safety to change its rules regarding school buses.

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EDUCATION DEPT

POWERS

- LR: 2546 Sponsor: Representative Golden of Lewiston
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Adopt Protocols Designed To Prevent Youth Suicide
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Education to adopt for schools protocols that are designed to help prevent youth suicide. This bill would also authorize the department to make recommendations regarding any necessary implementing legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education.
- LR: 2702 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York
Title: An Act To Increase Access to the Aspirations Program for Students Returning to High School To Earn a Diploma
Comment: This bill would allow students going back to high school to earn a high school diploma to qualify for the Department of Education's high school college aspirations program, enabling them to take college classes through the University of Maine System for free.

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

- LR: 2495 Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock
Title: An Act To Recognize the Accreditation of Certain Private Secondary Schools
Comment: This bill would allow a private school that enrolls fewer than 60% publicly funded students to operate as an approved private school if it is accredited by a commission on independent schools of a New England association of schools and colleges, rather than making that private school subject to the Department of Education's basic school approval process.

SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

ADJUSTMENTS

- LR: 2558 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title: An Act To Repeal Certain Provisions Regarding the System Administration Allocation Affecting Maine School Districts in the 2018-2019 Biennial Budget
Comment: This bill would repeal provisions setting the system administration allocation for fiscal years 2018- 19, 2019-20 and 2020 -21 enacted in Public Law 2017, chapter 284, Part C, section 35.

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SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

SUBSIDIZABLE COSTS

LR: 2479 Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

Title: An Act To Amend for Fiscal Year 2018-19 the School Funding Formula for School Districts with a High Incidence of Free and Reduced-price Lunches

Comment: This bill would increase school funding for schools with a high incidence of free and reduced-price lunch delivery to children.

Closely Related CO: LD 816 Senator Breen, C

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

LR: 2577 Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

Title: An Act Regarding High School Guidance Counseling

Comment: This bill would amend the law regarding high school guidance counseling.

SCHOOL POLICIES

CURRICULUM

LR: 2590 Sponsor: Representative Kornfield of Bangor

Title: An Act To Establish Alternative Pathways to the Completion of Secondary School Mathematics Requirements

Comment: This bill would establish alternative pathways to the successful completion of certain secondary school mathematics requirements.

SCHOOL POLICIES

DISCIPLINE

LR: 2542 Sponsor: Senator Maker of Washington

Title: An Act Forbidding Food Shaming, Food Denial and the Use of Food as Discipline Involving Any School-aged Child in Maine's Public Schools

Comment: This bill would forbid food shaming, food denial and the use of food as discipline involving any school-aged child in public schools in the State.

SCHOOL POLICIES

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

LR: 2591 Sponsor: Representative Kornfield of Bangor

Title: An Act To Ensure the Successful Implementation of Proficiency-based Diplomas by Extending the Timeline for Phasing in Their Implementation

Comment: This bill would extend the timeline for implementing the phase-in of proficiency-based diploma standards.

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

SCHOOL POLICIES

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

LR: 2659 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

Title: An Act To Include Cursive Writing in High School Graduation Standards

Comment: This bill would add to high school graduation standards a requirement that each student pass a competency test demonstrating basic cursive writing skills.

SCHOOL POLICIES

SCHOOL YEAR

LR: 2455 Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham

Title: An Act To Allow an Alternative Method To Make Up School Days Cancelled Due to Inclement Weather

Comment: This bill would allow a school district to allow its students to complete work at home in order to make up school days cancelled due to inclement weather.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

HEALTH CARE

LR: 2456 Sponsor: Representative Handy of Lewiston

Title: An Act To Restore Maine's School-based Health Centers

Comment: This bill would restore the funding for Maine's school-based health centers, which was reallocated in the biennial budget, in order to maintain the health centers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2512 Senator Bellows, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2522 Representative Perry, A

LR: 2512 Sponsor: Senator Bellows of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Restore the Funding of School-based Health Centers

Comment: This bill would restore the funding of school-based health centers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2456 Representative Handy, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2522 Representative Perry, A

LR: 2522 Sponsor: Representative Perry of Calais

Title: An Act To Restore Funding for School-based Health Clinics

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to fund school-based health clinics at least at the level established before the 2018-2019 biennial budget.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2456 Representative Handy, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2512 Senator Bellows, S

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

TEACHERS

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

LR: 2751 Sponsor: Representative Hubbell of Bar Harbor

Title: An Act To Identify Representatives of Regional School Management and Leadership Centers as Public Employers and To Establish Collective Bargaining Provisions for Regional School Management and Leadership Centers

Comment: This bill would identify representatives of regional school management and leadership centers as public employers and establish collective bargaining provisions for regional school management and leadership centers.

Potential JR 217: LD 1470

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

CONTAINERS - RETURNABLE

BOTTLES

LR: 2551 Sponsor: Representative White of Washburn

Title: An Act To Increase the Bottle Redemption Rate To Counterbalance Increases in the Minimum Wage

Comment: This bill would increase by one cent the amount of the refundable deposit paid on returnable beverage containers in an effort to counterbalance the impact of the increase in the minimum wage on bottle redemption businesses.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2568 Representative Hanington, S

LR: 2568 Sponsor: Representative Hanington of Lincoln

Title: An Act To Increase by One Cent the Deposit Amount on Returnable Beverage Containers

Comment: This bill would increase by one cent the amount of the refundable deposit paid on returnable beverage containers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2551 Representative White, D

LR: 2632 Sponsor: Representative Espling of New Gloucester

Title: An Act To Create Equity in Wine and Spirits Container Deposits

Comment: This bill would create a uniform deposit for all wine and spirits containers in the laws governing returnable containers.

CONTAINERS - RETURNABLE

DEPOSIT SYSTEM

LR: 2570 Sponsor: Representative Martin of Sinclair

Title: An Act To Reduce the Minimum Population Threshold a Municipality Must Attain in Order To Have More Than One Redemption Center

Comment: This bill would decrease from 5,000 to 4,000 the population that a municipality must exceed in order to have more than one beverage container redemption center.

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CONTAINERS - RETURNABLE

LABELING

LR: 2578 Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title: An Act To Repeal the Requirement That an Initiator of Deposit Register the Container Label of a Returnable Beverage Container
Comment: This bill would remove the requirement that an initiator of deposit register the label of any beverage offered for sale in this State on which it initiates a deposit. Instead, this bill would allow the Department of Environmental Protection to establish by rule product registration requirements.

GROUND WATER

CONTAMINATION

LR: 2686 Sponsor: Representative Harlow of Portland
Title: An Act To Prohibit the Contamination of Groundwater during the Metallic Mineral Mining Process
Comment: This bill would prohibit a person engaged in metallic mineral mining from contaminating groundwater.
Potential JR 217: LD 580

LAND USE

PERMITS

LR: 2785 Sponsor: Representative Chapman of Brooksville
Title: An Act To Limit Eligibility for a Metallic Mineral Mining Permit
Comment: This bill would prohibit the granting of a permit under the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act to an applicant who has ever been listed in the World Bank Listing of Ineligible Firms & Individuals. The bill would be retroactive to October 31, 2017.

LAND USE

SITE LOCATION

LR: 2607 Sponsor: Senator Diamond of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Clarify Site Location Permit Requirements for Land Trusts
Comment: This bill would clarify the site location permit requirements to allow the establishment of a farm land trust in Gorham.

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LAND USE

SITE LOCATION

LR: 2781 Sponsor: Representative Chapman of Brooksville

Title: An Act To Include the Site Location of Development Laws in the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act

Comment: This bill would include the site location of development laws in the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act.

PROTECTED NATURAL RESOURCES

OMNIBUS

LR: 2779 Sponsor: Representative Chapman of Brooksville

Title: An Act To Include the Natural Resources Protection Act in the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act

Comment: This bill would include the Natural Resources Protection Act in the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act.

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

HYDROPOWER

LR: 2712 Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway

Title: An Act To Allow Hydropower Facilities To Sell Power Directly to Rural Manufacturing and Industrial Sites

Comment: This bill would expand the authorization of hydropower facilities to allow them to sell power directly to rural manufacturing and industrial sites with direct transmission lines.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

RENEWABLE RESOURCES

LR: 2594 Sponsor: Representative Rykerson of Kittery

Title: An Act To Revise the Renewable Portfolio Standard Laws To Require Certain Hydropower Facilities To Qualify as Class I Resources

Comment: This bill would require a hydropower facility with a licensed capacity of 30 megawatts or less that receives a new Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license and that is subject to state property taxes to qualify as a Class I resource under the State's renewable portfolio standard program beginning in 2018.

ELECTRIC UTILITIES

DELIVERY

LR: 2538 Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Distributed Energy and To Eliminate Gross Metering

Comment: This bill would eliminate gross metering from the Public Utility Commission's solar rules and prohibit behind-the-meter assessments of distributed energy. In addition, the bill would require an adjudicatory proceeding to identify ratepayer benefits of distributed generation, specifically solar generation.

Closely Related CO: LD 1373 Representative Berry, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2584 Representative Harvell, L

LR: 2584 Sponsor: Representative Harvell of Farmington

Title: An Act To Eliminate Gross Metering for Energy Generation

Comment: This bill would eliminate gross metering for energy generation.

Closely Related CO: LD 1373 Representative Berry, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2538 Senator Saviello, T

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

ELECTRIC UTILITIES

DELIVERY

LR: 2603 Sponsor: Representative Harvell of Farmington
Title: An Act To Protect the Right To Self-generate Electricity
Comment: This bill would prohibit a transmission and distribution utility from charging an exit or reentry fee to a customer based on the energy or demand supplied to that customer by self-generation of electricity.

LR: 2787 Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham
Title: An Act To Provide Tangible Benefits to Maine's Economy by Amending Laws Governing Electricity Transmission Corridors
Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to provide tangible benefits to Maine's economy by amending the laws concerning electricity transmission corridors.

ELECTRIC UTILITIES

PLANNING

LR: 2786 Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham
Title: An Act To Protect Maine Residents and Businesses from Rising Electricity Costs
Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to protect Maine residents and businesses from rising electricity costs. These measures may include, but are not limited to, restricting the debt-to-equity ratio for new distribution projects.

ELECTRIC UTILITIES

TRANSMISSION LINES

LR: 2706 Sponsor: Senator Keim of Oxford
Title: An Act Regarding Compensation by Electricity Transmission Providers
Comment: This bill would require that electricity transmission providers compensate developers for underground installation of electricity infrastructure at the same rate as for installation of aboveground infrastructure.

ENERGY

PLANNING

LR: 2608 Sponsor: President Thibodeau of Waldo
Title: Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Economic, Environmental and Energy Benefits of Energy Storage to the Maine Electricity Industry
Comment: This resolve would establish a commission to study the economic, environmental and energy benefits of energy storage to the Maine electricity industry.

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2534 Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway
Title: An Act To Improve the Energy Efficiency of Group Homes in the Northern Part of the State
Comment: This bill would create a pilot program within the Efficiency Maine Trust Act to improve the energy efficiency of group homes in the northern part of the State.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

POWERS

LR: 2474 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title: An Act Regarding a Biomass-generated Energy Purchase and Sale Agreement and Payments to Contractors
Comment: This bill would provide payments to logging contractors who have not been paid by Stored Solar LLC.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

AUTOMATED SOLICITATIONS

LR: 2775 Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock
Title: An Act To Protect Maine Citizens from the Practice Known as "Spoofing"
Comment: To protect consumers from the practice known as "spoofing," which is the transmission of false caller identification information, this bill would prohibit telephone companies from providing in bulk cell phone numbers to entities that do not have a nexus in the State.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

BROADBAND SERVICES

LR: 2613 Sponsor: Representative Wadsworth of Hiram
Title: An Act To Facilitate Wireless Broadband Deployment in Maine
Comment: This bill would streamline the statewide process for deploying advanced wireless communications infrastructure by ensuring that certain small aboveground cellular wireless facilities have nondiscriminatory access to the public right-of-way and government facilities.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

HEARING IMPAIRED

LR: 2620 Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Update the Laws Regarding the Provision of Telecommunications Services for Persons Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing the Department of Labor, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services and the Public Utilities Commission as they relate to funding for telecommunications equipment and services for deaf and hard-of-hearing persons to reflect changes in technology and the use of such equipment and services by such persons.

UTILITIES

LINE MAINTENANCE

LR: 2585 Sponsor: Representative Harvell of Farmington

Title: An Act To Modify the Method of Notification by a Utility for Trimming of Trees

Comment: This bill would allow a utility to provide notice of trimming of trees in a public right-of-way directly to affected residents instead of by publication in newspapers.

UTILITY DISTRICTS

REGULATION

LR: 2503 Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham

Title: An Act To Provide for the Discontinuance of Water to Customers Who Fail To Pay Their Sewer Usage Fees

Comment: This bill would allow a sewer district or sewer department to work with the local water district to discontinue the supply of water to customers who fail to pay their sewer usage fees.

LR: 2749 Sponsor: Representative Warren of Hallowell

Title: An Act To Amend the Greater Augusta Utility District Charter

Comment: This bill would make technical changes to the charter of the Greater Augusta Utility District to accommodate the district's growth and change in services and to change its voting membership.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CHILD CARE

LR: 2623 Sponsor: Senator Millett of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Protect Children in Child Care

Comment: This bill would reverse the recent changes to the rules governing child care adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Closely Related CO: LD 383 Senator Millett, R

LR: 2773 Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Increase Access to Community-based Child Care for Maine's Workforce

Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to increase access to community-based child care for working parents.

DISABLED PERSONS

DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED PERSONS

LR: 2501 Sponsor: Representative Hymanson of York

Title: Resolve, To Study Best Practices for Helping Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Comment: This resolve would establish a commission consisting of Legislators and experts in the field of developmental disabilities to study the most effective ways of helping adults with developmental disabilities achieve their full potential and to report recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

DISABLED PERSONS

PROTECTIVE SERVICES (ADULT)

LR: 2705 Sponsor: Representative Parker of South Berwick

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Scope of the Mandatory Disclosure of Information Provision in the Adult Protective Services Act

Comment: This bill would require that the final report of an adult protective investigation pertaining to a person with intellectual disabilities or autism be shared with the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board and with the person or the person's guardian.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ELDERLY

HOME-BASED CARE

LR: 2724 Sponsor: Senator Bellows of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Ensure the Health and Safety of Consumers of Home Care Services

Comment: The bill would direct the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services to update the rules governing in-home personal care and support workers to ensure the health and safety of consumers of home care services.

LR: 2743 Sponsor: Senator Dill of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Support Vulnerable Seniors by Funding Assisted Living Programs

Comment: This bill would fund assisted living programs throughout the State.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2500 Sponsor: Representative Denno of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Reestablish the Office of Advocacy

Comment: This bill would reestablish the Office of Advocacy, abolished in 2011, in the Department of Health and Human Services as an internal agency to protect the interests of persons with disabilities.

LR: 2704 Sponsor: Representative Parker of South Berwick

Title: An Act To Allow the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board Access to Investigations and Mortality Reviews Performed by the Department of Health and Human Services

Comment: This bill would grant to the staff of the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board direct access to the personal planning records of any person receiving adult developmental services, subject to appropriate safeguards to protect the person's right to confidentiality, and would grant to the board access to any mortality review or investigation into the suspicious death of a person with intellectual disabilities or autism, subject to appropriate safeguards for the privacy of the deceased person.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

POWERS

LR: 2687 Sponsor: Representative Jorgensen of Portland
Title: Resolve, Regarding Medicaid Reimbursement for Rehabilitation Hospitals
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to adjust the reimbursement rate provided to rehabilitation hospitals to allow rehabilitation hospitals to be reimbursed at a rate similar to other hospitals.

LR: 2747 Sponsor: Speaker Gideon of Freeport
Title: An Act To Reduce Child Poverty by Promoting Higher Wages for Families through Education and Training
Comment: This bill would identify qualified workforce development and other nonprofit community-based programs to leverage state, local and philanthropic resources eligible to receive 50% reimbursement for skills-based supplemental nutrition employment and training funds. Under this bill, the Department of Health and Human Services will implement memorandums of understanding to establish partnerships with these entities to deliver wraparound support services, such as child care and transportation, to low-income adult learners.

LR: 2748 Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook
Title: An Act To Improve Housing Support in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to revise eligibility criteria in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program to bring it more in line with other rental assistance programs. It would direct the department to lower the tenant's share of the monthly rent payment from 51% of income to 30% of income.

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

FINANCING

LR: 2592 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Require Legislative Authorization for the Location and Funding of Secure Forensic Rehabilitation Facilities or Secure Assisted Rehabilitation Facilities
Comment: This bill would require legislative authorization for the location and funding of secure forensic rehabilitation facilities or secure assisted rehabilitation facilities.

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HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

HOSPITALS

LR: 2689 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Require Chaplaincy Staff at Certain Hospitals in the State

Comment: This bill would require that all hospitals in the State that accept public funds and have more than 75 beds have a professional and appropriately paid chaplaincy staff available to minister to patients.

LR: 2713 Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway

Title: An Act To Ensure the Continuation of Maternity Care in Rural Hospitals

Comment: This bill would ensure the continuation of maternity care in hospitals located in rural areas of Maine.

HEALTH CARE RECORDS

RETENTION

LR: 2707 Sponsor: Senator Keim of Oxford

Title: Resolve, To Study Medical Records Retention in Light of the Emerging Survivorship Field

Comment: This resolve would direct the Legislature to review medical records retention in light of the emerging field of adult survivorship medicine. Specifically, the resolve would require the Legislature to review how to make records more available to patients, rules associated with offering records to patients and how long records are stored.

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

DELIVERY

LR: 2517 Sponsor: Senator Maker of Washington

Title: An Act To Require a Police Report When a Person Is Treated with Medication To Reverse an Overdose

Comment: This bill would require hospitals, ambulance services, police officers and other emergency responders to file a police report when a person is treated with medication to reverse an overdose.

LR: 2692 Sponsor: Representative Grignon of Athens

Title: An Act To Ensure Sustainable Health Care Access in the Jackman Region

Comment: This bill would allocate \$495,000 to ensuring sustainable health care access in the Jackman region.

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HEALTH CARE SERVICES

PHARMACIES

LR: 2545 Sponsor: Representative Picchiotti of Fairfield

Title: An Act To Allow for the Substitution of Interchangeable Biological Products in Medications and To Provide for Enhanced Prescriber Communications

Comment: This bill would allow for the substitution of interchangeable biological products in medications and would provide for enhanced prescriber communications.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2553 Senator Katz, R

LR: 2553 Sponsor: Senator Katz of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Allow for the Substitution of Interchangeable Biological Products and for Enhanced Prescriber Communications for the Substitution of Generic Drugs and Interchangeable Biological Products

Comment: This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It would allow for the substitution of interchangeable biological products and for enhanced prescriber communications for the substitution of generic drugs and interchangeable biological products.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2545 Representative Picchiotti, J

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

LR: 2654 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Provide for the Safe Disposal of Drugs

Comment: This bill would establish a system for the safe disposal of drugs at pharmacies in the State based on a model of product stewardship.

LR: 2664 Sponsor: Senator Hamper of Oxford

Title: An Act To Clarify the Role of Veterinary Medical Professionals in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program

Comment: This bill would exempt veterinary medical professionals from the requirement to check prescription monitoring information when prescribing opioids and would broaden the continuing education requirements called for in Public Law 2015, chapter 488.

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HOMELESS PERSONS

ACCESS TO SERVICES

- LR: 2579 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross of Portland
Title: An Act To Create a Homeless Persons' Bill of Rights
Comment: This bill would explicitly state rights that a person experiencing homelessness has, including the right to equal treatment by government agencies and in employment, the right to vote and the right to privacy, among others.
- LR: 2778 Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Stabilize Vulnerable Families
Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to help stabilize vulnerable families by encouraging the prioritization of families for subsidized housing and other services.

INJURIES

HEAD INJURIES

- LR: 2764 Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock
Title: An Act To Provide Protection for Individuals with Acquired Brain Injuries
Comment: This bill would establish through rulemaking the rights of an individual with an acquired brain injury.

MEDICAID

MAINECARE

- LR: 2561 Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock
Title: Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Conduct a Study of MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Assistive Technology Assessments
Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a study of reimbursement rates for assistive technology assessments under Sections 18, 20, 21 and 29 of the MaineCare Benefits Manual.
- LR: 2562 Sponsor: Representative Parry of Arundel
Title: An Act To Waive Income Restrictions for Supplemental MaineCare Coverage for Children Diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis
Comment: This bill would waive income restrictions for supplemental MaineCare coverage for children diagnosed with cystic fibrosis.

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MEDICAID

MAINECARE

LR: 2755 Sponsor: Representative Vachon of Scarborough
Title: An Act Regarding Health Care Ombudsman Services
Comment: This bill would require that Medicaid-contracted ombudsman services be expanded to include case-specific advocacy and enrollment services to support qualifying individuals to apply for federal Affordable Care Act special enrollment health insurance coverage to be paid for by the individuals.

LR: 2762 Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook
Title: An Act To Clarify Authority Pertaining to the Collection of Debts of MaineCare Providers
Comment: This bill would prohibit the imposition of personal liability for a MaineCare provider's debts onto an employee, officer, director, member or shareholder of the provider unless that employee, officer, director, member or shareholder controls at least the number of votes of the provider's governing body necessary to govern operations of the provider.

MEDICAID

REIMBURSEMENT

LR: 2622 Sponsor: Representative Corey of Windham
Title: An Act To Allow Qualifying Medicaid Recipients To Hire Spouses and Legal Guardians
Comment: This bill would allow qualifying Medicaid recipients to hire spouses and legal guardians.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

COMMUNITY-BASED

LR: 2700 Sponsor: Representative Beebe-Center of Rockland
Title: An Act To Preserve the Community Mental Health System in the State by Increasing Compensation for Direct Care Workers
Comment: This bill would provide a 20% pay increase for those workers involved in direct care work for behavioral health clients to allow community-based providers to attract, hire and retain direct care workers. Under this bill, these funds would not be used for administration costs or staff other than direct care staff.

Closely Related CO: LD 1517 Representative Perry, A

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

COMMUNITY-BASED

LR: 2720 Sponsor: Representative Warren of Hallowell
Title: An Act To Reduce Incarceration Costs and Emergency Room Visits by Funding
 Emergency Crisis Behavioral Health Services
Comment: This bill would increase state grant funding by 25% to community agencies
 providing community-based emergency crisis behavioral health services.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

DELIVERY

LR: 2532 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Establish a Statewide System of Regional Peer Recovery Support
 Center Hubs in Maine
Comment: This bill would establish throughout the State regional hubs for peer recovery
 support centers for persons with substance use disorders.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

MANAGED CARE AND RATE SETTING RULES

LR: 2648 Sponsor: Senator Breen of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Preserve Medication Management for Persons with Mental Health
 Needs
Comment: This bill would increase rates to fund medication management for persons with
 severe and persistent mental illness by 25% across the board in order to retain
 services, access and providers across geographic regions.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS

LR: 2571 Sponsor: Senator Cyrway of Kennebec
Title: An Act Regarding Former Residents of Riverview Psychiatric Center Who Are
 Arrested for Minor Offenses
Comment: This bill would provide that any former resident of Riverview Psychiatric Center
 who is arrested for a minor offense and who is then transferred to a correctional
 facility remains a ward of the Department of Health and Human Services.

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

PLANNING

- LR: 2725 Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland
- Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office To Develop a Proposal Designed To Improve the Process of Competency Evaluations
- Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to work with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office to develop a proposal to use jail facilities to meet the needs of counties in southern Maine for competency evaluations. The proposal would include the establishment of a behavioral health unit in the Cumberland County jail, which would allow the Riverview Psychiatric Center to take on fewer, and only more complicated, evaluations.

SMOKING

MINORS

- LR: 2564 Sponsor: Senator Mason of Androscoggin
- Title: An Act Regarding Access to Tobacco Products by Members of the Military 18 Years of Age and Older
- Comment: This bill would permit access to tobacco products by members of the military 18 years of age and older.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

DRUG ABUSE

- LR: 2665 Sponsor: Representative Vachon of Scarborough
- Title: An Act To Enact Measures Designed To Curb the Opioid Epidemic
- Comment: This bill would exempt from criminal liability a person who seeks medical assistance when experiencing a drug overdose, establish community-based overdose prevention programs and provide funds to support naloxone hydrochloride distribution.

Potential JR 217: LD 1326

Closely Related CO: LD 565 Senator Chipman, B

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2744 Representative Gattine, D

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SUBSTANCE ABUSE

DRUG ABUSE

- LR: 2744 Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook
Title: An Act To Save Lives and Create the Homeless Opioid User Service Engagement Pilot Project
Comment: This bill would establish a homeless opioid user service engagement pilot project to provide rapid access to low-barrier treatment for substance use disorders and stable housing to support recovery and create stability for 50 opioid users who are among the most vulnerable and unstable in Maine.
Closely Related CO: LD 565 Senator Chipman, B
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2665 Representative Vachon, K
- LR: 2750 Sponsor: Representative Vachon of Scarborough
Title: An Act To Reduce the Cost of Care Resulting from Blood-borne Infectious Diseases
Comment: This bill would reduce the cost of care resulting from blood-borne infectious diseases by providing funds to support syringe exchange programs.
Potential JR 217: LD 1326

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

TREATMENT

- LR: 2466 Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle
Title: Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Investigate the High Rate of Addiction among Persons Who Fish Commercially
Comment: This resolve would establish a task force to determine the underlying cultural, economic, mental and social causes for the high addiction rate among persons who fish commercially and recommend solutions that include educational, enforcement and treatment approaches.
- LR: 2521 Sponsor: Senator Bellows of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Ensure Quality of and Increase Access to Recovery Residences
Comment: This bill would set state standards for recovery residences that are tied to National Alliance for Recovery Residences standards. The bill would also expand eligibility for the Bridging Rental Assistance Program to include persons with substance use disorder diagnoses and to allow all program funds to be used for regular housing or recovery residences.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

TREATMENT

LR: 2539 Sponsor: Senator Cyrway of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Reduce Dependency on Medication-assisted Treatment

Comment: This bill would require treatment providers to wean patients off medication-assisted treatment after one year.

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INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

CHECKS

LR: 2739 Sponsor: Senator Carpenter of Aroostook
Title: An Act To Protect Consumers from Bank Overdraft Fees by Prohibiting Resequencing
Comment: This bill would prohibit banks from posting checking account transactions from highest to lowest dollar amount to maximize overdraft fees.

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

DEBT COLLECTION

LR: 2459 Sponsor: Representative Fecteau of Biddeford
Title: An Act Regarding Levies Placed on Accounts at Financial Institutions for Unpaid State Income Taxes
Comment: This bill would require a financial institution, in a case in which a debtor's accounts have been levied for unpaid state income taxes, to satisfy the levy first with money from accounts held solely by the debtor or the debtor and the debtor's spouse before taking money from accounts held by the debtor and a 3rd party.

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

DISCLOSURE

LR: 2458 Sponsor: Representative Fecteau of Biddeford
Title: An Act Regarding Accounts Opened for Minors at Financial Institutions
Comment: This bill would require a financial institution, in the case of a joint account established for a minor and an adult, to receive the consent of the account holders to keep both names on the account when the minor attains 18 years of age.

INSURANCE

HEALTH

LR: 2489 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Protect Patients with Preexisting Health Conditions
Comment: This bill, which is based on a similar proposal in Illinois, would require the State to obtain the approval of the Legislature before waiving any existing health care protections.

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INSURANCE

HEALTH

LR: 2544 Sponsor: Representative Foley of Wells
Title: An Act To Prohibit Nonmedical Switching by Health Insurance Providers
Comment: This bill would ensure that persons covered by health insurance who are stable on their prescription drug regimens have continuous care and would prohibit 3rd-party payers from making restrictive changes to those persons' formularies after a plan year has begun or has been renewed, a practice referred to as "nonmedical switching."

INSURANCE BUREAU

POWERS

LR: 2467 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York
Title: An Act To Cap Insurance Rate Hikes
Comment: This bill would cap the amount that the Superintendent of Insurance may allow for annual rate increases at 10%.

INSURANCE PRACTICES

REINSURANCE

LR: 2788 Sponsor: Representative Lawrence of South Berwick
Title: An Act To Amend the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association Act To Improve Market Stability for Maine Residents Purchasing Individual Health Insurance Coverage
Comment: This bill would provide the Board of Directors of the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association with additional flexibility to restructure the association and its operations and would broaden the scope of the waiver permitted under the laws governing the resumption of operations of the association to include additional innovations permitted under Section 1332 of the federal Affordable Care Act.

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

FISH

FISHWAYS

LR: 2518 Sponsor: Representative Zeigler of Montville

Title: An Act To Impose a 3-year Moratorium on Allowing Anadromous Fish Species in Sheepscot Pond in Palermo and To Study the Consequences of Allowing Anadromous Fish Species To Enter Sheepscot Pond

Comment: This bill would impose a 3-year moratorium on allowing anadromous fish species in Sheepscot Pond in Palermo and direct an appropriate agency of State Government to study during the 3-year period the consequences of allowing anadromous fish species to enter Sheepscot Pond and direct that agency to report to the appropriate joint standing committee of the Legislature annually during that 3-year period.

Closely Related CO: LD 922 Representative Pierce, J

GAME

DEER

LR: 2617 Sponsor: Senator Cyrway of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Eliminate the Prohibition on Feeding or Baiting Deer during Certain Parts of the Year

Comment: This bill would eliminate the prohibition on feeding or baiting deer during certain parts of the year that was imposed by Public Law 2017, chapter 225, which was enacted by the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

HUNTING

ELDERLY LICENSES

LR: 2756 Sponsor: Representative Wadsworth of Hiram

Title: An Act To Increase the Number of Any-deer Permits Distributed to Senior Hunters

Comment: This bill would increase the number of any-deer permits distributed to senior hunters.

Potential JR 217: LD 60, LD 509

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

HUNTING

GUIDES

LR: 2601 Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway
Title: An Act To Repeal the Requirement That Applicants for a Guide License Submit to a Background Check
Comment: This bill would remove the requirement that applicants for a guide license submit to a background check.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2646 Senator Davis, Sr., P

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2777 Senator Bellows, S

LR: 2646 Sponsor: Senator Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis
Title: An Act To Amend the Registered Maine Guide Background Check Requirement
Comment: This bill would eliminate the background check requirement for Maine guides who are registered with a tidewater guide endorsement.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2601 Representative Stanley, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2777 Senator Bellows, S

LR: 2777 Sponsor: Senator Bellows of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Support Maine Guides
Comment: This bill would streamline the licensing process for Maine guides by removing barriers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2601 Representative Stanley, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2646 Senator Davis, Sr., P

HUNTING

REGULATIONS

LR: 2504 Sponsor: Representative Stearns of Guilford
Title: An Act To Amend the Term of Suspension of a Hunting License for a Conviction of Hunting Deer over Bait
Comment: This bill would impose a one-year suspension of the hunting license of a person who is convicted up to 2 times of hunting deer over bait. Effective November 1, 2017, the law requires the hunting license of a person convicted for a 2nd time of hunting deer over bait to be permanently revoked.

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

HUNTING

REGULATIONS

- LR: 2694 Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
- Title: Resolve, To Acknowledge That the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Has the Right by Treaty To Hunt Moose in this State
- Comment: This resolve would acknowledge that the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians has the right by virtue of the treaties of February 1760 with Great Britain and the July 1776 treaty with the State of Massachusetts Bay and the other states to hunt moose within their traditional tribal homelands, including Aroostook County and the entire State of Maine.
- Potential JR 217: LD 632

HUNTING

SAFETY

- LR: 2604 Sponsor: Senator Cushing of Penobscot
- Title: An Act To Increase Safety on Youth Hunting Day for Hunting Bear by Allowing an Accompanying Adult To Possess a Firearm
- Comment: This bill would allow an adult supervisor, parent or guardian accompanying a youth on youth bear hunting day to possess a firearm that may be used solely for purposes of ensuring safety.

RECREATION

WATERCRAFT

- LR: 2482 Sponsor: Senator Brakey of Androscoggin
- Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Use of Personal Flotation Devices in Boats
- Comment: This bill would require that all passengers aboard a boat wear Coast Guard-approved flotation devices.
- Potential JR 217: LD 342

WILDLIFE

MANAGEMENT AREAS

- LR: 2496 Sponsor: Representative Duchesne of Hudson
- Title: An Act To Rename the Coast of Maine Wildlife Management Area as the Alan E. Hutchinson Wildlife Management Area
- Comment: This bill would rename the Coast of Maine Wildlife Management Area as the Alan E. Hutchinson Wildlife Management Area in Mr. Hutchinson's honor and memory.

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JUDICIARY

ATTORNEY GENERAL DEPT

POWERS

- LR: 2772 Sponsor: Representative Tepler of Topsham
Title: An Act To Protect Consumers from Unscrupulous Contractors and Repair Persons
Comment: This bill would require the Office of the Attorney General to create and maintain on its publicly accessible website a list of unscrupulous contractors and repair persons.

COURTS

DISTRICT COURT

- LR: 2628 Sponsor: Representative Moonen of Portland
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Affecting the Judicial Branch Regarding Civil Railroad Trespass Violations
Comment: This bill would permit civil railroad trespass violations to be handled by the violations bureau in the same way as civil traffic infractions. The bill would allow a person to waive a court appearance and pay a fine for a civil railroad trespass violation through the violations bureau. The bill would also allow the Chief Judge of the District Court to establish the level of fines a person is subject to in order to waive a court appearance for other civil violations.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

CHILD CUSTODY

- LR: 2723 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York
Title: An Act To Protect Children Subject to Custody and Visitation Decisions from Domestic Abuse
Comment: This bill would require for all custody and visitation decisions that the health and safety of children be given first priority. The bill would also require that, in all cases involving reports, evidence or suspicion of domestic violence or child abuse, custody courts must consider current scientific research, use a multidisciplinary approach that includes expertise in domestic violence and child sexual abuse when relevant and hold an early hearing limited to issues of domestic violence and child abuse. If the court finds that one parent has committed abuse and the other is safe, the initial outcomes should be award of custody to the safe parent and supervised visits for the abuser.

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DOMESTIC RELATIONS

GRANDPARENTS

LR: 2537 Sponsor: Representative Cardone of Bangor
Title: An Act To Revise the Grandparents Visitation Act
Comment: This bill would revise the language of the Grandparents Visitation Act to alleviate concerns raised by the court in *Dorr v. Woodard*, 2016 ME 79.

LR: 2652 Sponsor: Senator Rosen of Hancock
Title: An Act To Protect the Interests of Grandchildren Regarding Visitation by Grandparents
Comment: This bill would allow a grandparent to visit a grandchild who has been adopted by a family member or stepparent or an individual with whom the grandparent is acquainted.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

MARRIAGE

LR: 2463 Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox
Title: An Act To Set 16 Years of Age as the Minimum Age for Marriage
Comment: This bill would set 16 years of age as the minimum age for marriage.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

PARENTAL RIGHTS

LR: 2476 Sponsor: Senator Keim of Oxford
Title: An Act Regarding the Rights of Parents
Comment: This bill would amend the law to stipulate that the State or a political subdivision of the State may not infringe a parent's fundamental right to direct the care, custody and control of the parent's child unless the infringement is justified by a compelling state interest and narrowly tailored to achieve that compelling state interest through the least restrictive means necessary.

Potential JR 217: LD472

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NATIVE AMERICANS

HOULTON BAND OF MALISEET

- LR: 2696 Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
- Title: Resolve, To Acknowledge That the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Has the Right to Equitable Compensation for Unceded Land, Including Aroostook County, Not Covered by the Federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 and the Maine Implementing Act
- Comment: This resolve would acknowledge that the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians has the right to equitable compensation for unceded land, including Aroostook County, not covered by the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 and the Maine implementing act.
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- LR: 2699 Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
- Title: An Act To Establish Representation for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians in the Senate
- Comment: This bill would establish representation for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians in the Senate by a duly elected tribal member.

NATIVE AMERICANS

RELATIONS WITH STATE

- LR: 2695 Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
- Title: Resolve, To Acknowledge That Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in this State Have a Right to Equitable Settlement of Claims for the Wrongful Removal of Tribal Children from Tribal Communities
- Comment: This resolve would acknowledge that the 4 federally recognized Indian tribes in this State have a right to equitable settlement of claims for the wrongful removal of tribal children from tribal communities to state care facilities that occurred in violation of the Geneva Conventions and related provisions preventing the crime of genocide and in violation of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978.

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RELATIONS WITH STATE

LR: 2698 Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

Title: Resolve, To Accept the Report on Research Findings and Initial Observations on the Drafting and Enactment of the Federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 Commissioned by the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission

Comment: This resolve would accept the report on research findings and initial observations on the drafting and enactment of the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 commissioned by the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission, of February 2017, which concludes that the tribes retain aboriginal and treaty rights to fish and hunt and to their tribal lands that were not legally transferred as contemplated by both the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 and the Maine implementing act.

PROBATE

PROCEEDINGS

LR: 2514 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Alteration of Birth Certificates of Transgender Maine Residents

Comment: This bill would add hormone replacement therapy or a similar clinically appropriate treatment as an allowed reason for a probate court to change a person's birth certificate to reflect the proper gender.

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BUSINESS PRACTICES

BILLING

LR: 2703 Sponsor: Representative Sanborn of Portland
Title: An Act To Make a Technical Correction Regarding the Information Required of
Debt Buyers for Debt Collection
Comment: This bill would make a technical correction regarding the information that a debt
buyer must possess for purposes of debt collection by clarifying that the debt
buyer must possess not the principal amount due at charge-off, as in current law,
but rather the total amount due at charge-off.

BUSINESS PRACTICES

PAWNBROKERS

LR: 2612 Sponsor: Representative Harrington of Sanford
Title: An Act To Increase Transparency for Pawn Shops
Comment: This bill would require all pawn shops to report all items pawned or sold to them
and to enter them into the Property and Recovery Tracking System at the New
England State Police Information Network.

BUSINESS PRACTICES

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

LR: 2460 Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham
Title: An Act To Prohibit Price Gouging on Essential Off-patent or Generic Drugs
Comment: This bill would prohibit price gouging on essential off-patent or generic drugs.

BUSINESS PRACTICES

SALES

LR: 2726 Sponsor: Representative Pierce of Falmouth
Title: An Act To Support Maine Businesses by Authorizing the Imposition of a
Surcharge on the Use of a Debit or Credit Card
Comment: This bill would remove the current prohibition on sellers in sales transactions in
the State from imposing a surcharge on the use of a debit or credit card.
Closely Related CO: LD 660 Senator Whittemore, R

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BUSINESS PRACTICES

WARRANTIES

LR: 2588 Sponsor: Senator Mason of Androscoggin
Title: An Act To Establish a Study Commission To Examine the Implied Warranty
 Laws and the Arbitration Process for Those Laws
Comment: This bill would establish a study commission to examine the implied warranty
 laws and the arbitration process for those laws.

COMPENSATION

WAGES

LR: 2515 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York
Title: An Act To Increase Wage Transparency
Comment: This bill would require all businesses operating in the State to post the anticipated
 salary or pay range for an advertised open position.

LR: 2709 Sponsor: Senator Keim of Oxford
Title: An Act To Implement a Training Wage in Maine
Comment: This bill would institute a training wage for individuals under 18 years of age.
 Employers would have the option of paying those individuals the training wage,
 which would be set at the federal minimum wage.

Potential JR 217: LD 991, LD 774, LD 971, LD 1609

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JOB OPPORTUNITY ZONES

LR: 2582 Sponsor: Representative Mastraccio of Sanford
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Pine Tree Development Zones
Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing Pine Tree Development Zones.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2586 Senator Dow, D

LR: 2586 Sponsor: Senator Dow of Lincoln
Title: An Act To Extend the Pine Tree Development Zone Program until December 31,
 2021
Comment: This bill would extend the Pine Tree Development Zone program until December
 31, 2021. Under current law, the program must stop accepting applications from
 businesses in so-called tier 1 locations on December 31, 2018.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2582 Representative Mastraccio, A

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JOB OPPORTUNITY ZONES

LR: 2678 Sponsor: Representative Ackley of Monmouth
Title: An Act To Improve the Efficiency of the Pine Tree Development Zone Program
Comment: This bill would suspend new awards under the Pine Tree Development Zone program until it is determined that the program has a measurable economic impact.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING

LR: 2596 Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast
Title: An Act To Empower Maine's Rural Economy and Workforce
Comment: This bill would empower Maine's rural economy and workforce.

LR: 2597 Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast
Title: An Act To Promote Innovation and Growth in Maine's Traditional Industries
Comment: This bill would promote innovation and growth in Maine's traditional industries.

LR: 2598 Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast
Title: An Act To Expand Job Opportunities for People Working in Maine
Comment: This bill would expand job opportunities for people who work in the State.

LR: 2670 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Reduce the Number of Vacant Properties
Comment: This bill would reduce the number of vacant properties.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPT ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2721 Sponsor: Senator Dion of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Establish the Office of Broadband Development within the
 Department of Economic and Community Development
Comment: This bill would create within the Department of Economic and Community
 Development the Office of Broadband Development. This new office would
 provide staffing for the ConnectME Authority and would be responsible for
 coordinating policies and practices between municipal, county and state entities to
 advance a coordinated state broadband policy.
Closely Related CO: LD 1399 Senator Bellows, S

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES DRUG TESTING

LR: 2516 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York
Title: An Act To Prevent Employers from Testing for Marijuana Use or Denying
 Employment on the Basis of Marijuana Use
Comment: This bill would prohibit an employer from requiring testing for marijuana use and
 from using marijuana use as a basis for denying employment.

LR: 2681 Sponsor: Representative Ackley of Monmouth
Title: An Act To Prevent Employment Discrimination Based on Unreliable Tests for
 Marijuana Use
Comment: This bill would prevent employment discrimination based on tests for marijuana
 use that do not measure impairment.

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES PROTECTIONS

LR: 2507 Sponsor: Representative Bailey of Saco
Title: An Act To Enhance Protections for Certified Search Team Members Regarding
 Work Absences
Comment: This bill would provide search team members certified by a statewide association
 for search and rescue the same protections as volunteer firefighters regarding
 absences from work.

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**JOB TRAINING
PROGRAMS**

LR: 2506 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title: An Act To Support Funding for Workforce Development in Maine
Comment: This bill would direct Maine to accept \$8,000,000 in federal funds for workforce development.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2523 Representative Perry, A

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2761 Senator Libby, N

LR: 2523 Sponsor: Representative Perry of Calais
Title: An Act To Ensure Federal Funding for Job Training Services
Comment: This bill would require the State to apply for and accept all available federal funding for job training services.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2506 Senator Jackson, T

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2761 Senator Libby, N

LR: 2761 Sponsor: Senator Libby of Androscoggin
Title: Resolve, To Require the Department of Labor To Receive Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Funds
Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Labor to receive from the Federal Government any funds available pursuant to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and to disburse those funds to regional workforce investment boards.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2506 Senator Jackson, T

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2523 Representative Perry, A

LR: 2783 Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock
Title: An Act To Extend Secondary Student Eligibility in the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program
Comment: The current law allowing a full-time student at a public secondary school who is enrolled in a career and technical education program at a career and technical education center or a career and technical education region to be enrolled in the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program is scheduled to be repealed January 1, 2020. This bill would remove the repeal date.

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LICENSING

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

LR: 2541 Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle
Title: An Act To Improve Access to Experienced Primary Care Providers in the State
Comment: This bill would increase access to primary care providers by allowing physician assistants having at least 25 years of experience to work without the supervision of a physician and to act as the supervisory provider for up to 2 licensed physician assistants having less than 25 years of experience.

WORKERS COMPENSATION

BENEFITS

LR: 2549 Sponsor: Senator Cyrway of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Award to the Family of Nathan Desjardins His Workers' Compensation Death Benefits
Comment: This bill would award to the family of Nathan Desjardins, an officer of the Fryeburg Police Department who is deceased and who had no dependents, his Workers' Compensation death benefits.

LR: 2550 Sponsor: Senator Cyrway of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Include a Deceased Person's Immediate Family Members in the Group of People Paid Workers' Compensation Death Benefits
Comment: This bill would include the members of a deceased person's immediate family, including parents and siblings, in the group of people to whom workers' compensation death benefits must be paid.

LR: 2618 Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Maximize Funding for Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Individuals Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
Comment: This bill would repeal the provision that sets aside funds from the vocational rehabilitation budget to reimburse attorneys and advocates for the costs of providing interpreting or computer-assisted real-time transcription, or CART, services for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, returning these funds to supporting vocational rehabilitation services.

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WORKERS COMPENSATION

CLAIMS

LR: 2615 Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock

Title: An Act To Expedite Medical Claims in Workers' Compensation Cases When
 Compensability Has Been Determined

Comment: This bill would authorize the Workers' Compensation Board to work with 3rd-
 party vendors to implement an independent medical review process for cases
 when compensability has already been determined.

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MARINE RESOURCES

LOBSTERS

MANAGEMENT ZONES

LR: 2554 Sponsor: Representative McCreight of Harpswell

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Temporary Medical Allowance for Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holders

Comment: This bill would extend the temporary medical allowance for lobster and crab fishing license holders from one year to 2 years and create a temporary terminal illness medical allowance for those who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness.

MARINE POLLUTION

ACIDIFICATION

LR: 2626 Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle

Title: Resolve, To Join the International Alliance To Combat Ocean Acidification

Comment: This resolve would require the State to join the International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification in order to advance scientific understanding of ocean acidification, reduce the causes of acidification and protect the environment and coastal communities from the effects of acidification.

MARINE RESOURCES DEPT

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LR: 2593 Sponsor: Representative Kumiega of Deer Isle

Title: An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in Maine's Marine Resources Laws

Comment: This bill would reduce the Class I lobster and crab fishing license fee for applicants under 18 years of age from \$65 to \$60; clarify lobster license surcharge fees to avoid conflicts; fix an error regarding resident apprentice licenses for applicants 18 years of age or older; and repeal conflicting language regarding sea urchin and scallop diving tender license surcharges to reflect current practice.

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MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION

MARIJUANA

COMMERCIAL

LR: 2671 Sponsor: Representative Harvell of Farmington
Title: An Act To Require Implementation of the Marijuana Legalization Act
Comment: This bill would require the relevant state agencies under the Marijuana Legalization Act to adopt rules and begin accepting applications for licensing related to adult use marijuana by April 1, 2018. If rules and applications are not adopted or accepted by April 1, 2018, a registered caregiver or licensed dispensary who has been registered or licensed since February 1, 2015 would be authorized to cultivate, manufacture and sell marijuana to individuals who have attained 21 years of age if the registered caregiver or licensed dispensary has received approval from the host municipality and has not been subject to a penalty by the Department of Health and Human Services or the State.

LR: 2679 Sponsor: Representative Ackley of Monmouth
Title: An Act To Improve the Efficacy of Adult-use Marijuana Testing
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to test by random sampling all adult-use marijuana products for contaminants, homogeneity and potency and to confirm proper labeling.

MARIJUANA

PERSONAL

LR: 2457 Sponsor: Senator Cyrway of Kennebec
Title: An Act Regarding Marijuana Odor
Comment: This bill would adopt provisions regarding marijuana odor.

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COUNTY GOVERNMENT

COMMISSIONERS

- LR: 2774 Sponsor: Representative Warren of Hallowell
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Terms of County Commissioners and the Staggering of Those Terms
Comment: This bill would shorten the length of terms to which county commissioners will be elected in 2020 from 4 years to 2 years, resulting in every county commissioner seat in the State being up for election in 2022. The bill further would provide that, for each 10-year period beginning in 2022 and every 10 years thereafter, as near to half the commissioner districts in each county as possible will elect a commissioner for a 2-year term followed by 2 4-year terms, while the other half of the commissioner districts in each county will elect a commissioner for 2 4-year terms followed by a 2-year term.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- LR: 2655 Sponsor: Representative Chace of Durham
Title: An Act To Establish the Position of Civil Deputy To Serve Process throughout a County
Comment: This bill would establish a new class of deputy in an office of a county sheriff, to be known as a civil deputy, who would be authorized to serve civil process throughout the county. This bill would also authorize the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to design a training program that is specific to the duties of a civil deputy.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2667 Senator Dion, M

- LR: 2667 Sponsor: Senator Dion of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Establish Legal Requirements for Training and Certification of Civil Deputies
Comment: This bill would establish a new class of deputy in the offices of county sheriffs, to be known as a civil deputy, who would be authorized to serve civil process throughout the county. This bill would also authorize the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to design a training program that is specific to the duties of civil deputies.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2655 Representative Chace, P

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COUNTY GOVERNMENT

REGISTERS OF DEEDS

LR: 2574 Sponsor: Representative Winsor of Norway

Title: An Act To Authorize the Oxford County Commissioners To Close the Western District Registry of Deeds

Comment: This bill would authorize the Oxford County commissioners to close the western district registry of deeds in Fryeburg and merge it with the eastern district registry of deeds in South Paris.

LEGISLATURE

PROCEDURES

LR: 2487 Sponsor: Representative Hanington of Lincoln

Title: An Act To Impose Reporting Deadlines on Joint Standing Committees of the Legislature and Deadlines for Action on Bills

Comment: This bill would impose reporting deadlines for joint standing committees of the Legislature. If a bill has not been reported out of committee by the 2nd Friday in May of a First Regular Session, that bill would be carried over to the Second Regular Session unless the Legislative Council authorizes the committee to continue to work on the bill during the First Regular Session. If a bill has not been reported out of committee by the 2nd Friday of March in the Second Regular Session, that bill would be dead unless the Legislative Council authorizes the committee to continue to work on the bill.

This bill would require the Senate and House of Representatives to refer a bill to committee no later than 15 business days after the Senate or House of Representatives receives the bill. It also would require the Senate and House of Representatives to place a committee amendment on the calendar for a vote no later than 15 business days after the receipt of that committee amendment by the Senate or House of Representatives.

LEGISLATURE

TERM LIMITS

LR: 2556 Sponsor: Senator Keim of Oxford

Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Increase the Length of a Term for State Senators to 4 Years

Comment: This resolution would increase the length of a term for State Senators by 2 years, making each term 4 years in total.

Potential JR 217: LD 1007

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MUNICIPALITIES

DEORGANIZATION

LR: 2559 Sponsor: Representative Turner of Burlington
Title: An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of Codyville Plantation
Comment: This bill would provide for the deorganization of Codyville Plantation in Washington County, subject to approval at a local referendum.

MUNICIPALITIES

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

LR: 2480 Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock
Title: An Act To Change Certain Gender-specific Terminology in the Laws Regarding Municipalities and Counties
Comment: This bill would change the term "selectmen" to "selectpersons" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A.

LR: 2491 Sponsor: Representative Gerrish of Lebanon
Title: An Act To Clarify Residency Requirements for Municipal Officials
Comment: This bill would clarify that municipal code enforcement officers and municipal fire chiefs are not required to be residents of the State.

LR: 2566 Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox
Title: An Act To Change the Term "Overseers of the Poor" as It Is Used in the Maine Revised Statutes
Comment: This bill would replace the term "overseers of the poor" as found in the Maine Revised Statutes to "overseers of temporary assistance."

MUNICIPALITIES

ORDINANCES

LR: 2624 Sponsor: Representative Wadsworth of Hiram
Title: An Act To Ensure Fairness and Affordability in the Private Residential and Commercial Rental Markets
Comment: This bill would prohibit a local governmental unit from enacting, maintaining or enforcing an ordinance or resolution that controls the amount of rent charged for leasing private residential or commercial property.

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STATE AGENCIES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

LR: 2763 Sponsor: Representative Campbell of Orrington
Title: An Act To Restore Bond Funding for the Historic Preservation Revolving Fund Administered by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission
Comment: This bill would restore \$1,050,000 ratified by the voters in 2010 for the Historic Preservation Revolving Fund, established within the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, to provide funding to qualified organizations for the purpose of acquiring endangered historic properties for resale to new owners who agree to rehabilitate the properties, subject to preservation easements, in order to increase the tax base and enhance economic development opportunities. If not restored by the 128th Legislature, these funds will expire on June 30, 2018.

STATE GOVERNMENT

FUTURE PLANNING

LR: 2610 Sponsor: Representative Stetkis of Canaan
Title: An Act To Protect Work Opportunities for Maine Citizens by Eliminating Certain Laws, Rules, Policies and Fees Imposed on Professions and Occupations
Comment: This bill would require that all units of state and local government perform a comprehensive review of the laws, rules, policies, ordinances, fees, tests, permits and conditions imposed on the engagement in an occupation or profession and require that all such limitations that are not carefully tailored to fulfill legitimate public health, safety and welfare objectives be eliminated or proposed for elimination.

LR: 2782 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross of Portland
Title: An Act To Establish the Commission on Racial Equity
Comment: This bill would establish in the statutes an ongoing commission on racial equity to address acute disparities in health and economic, social and educational outcomes in the State.

Potential JR 217: LD 1008

STATE GOVERNMENT

STATE COMMEMORATIONS

LR: 2468 Sponsor: Senator Brakey of Androscoggin
Title: An Act To Designate June 27th as Post-traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day
Comment: This bill would designate June 27th as Post-traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day annually.

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STATE COMMEMORATIONS

LR: 2609 Sponsor: Representative Hilliard of Belgrade
Title: An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Bicentennial Commission
Comment: This bill would provide funding for the Maine Bicentennial Commission, which was enacted in Resolve 2017, chapter 25.

STATE GOVERNMENT

STATE PERSONNEL

LR: 2619 Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Clarify State Hiring and Retention Practices Regarding Persons with Disabilities
Comment: This bill would amend recently enacted laws governing state hiring and retention practices regarding persons with disabilities. This bill would change the definition of "person with a disability" to mean a person with a self-identified physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of a person's major life activities. The bill would remove references to the federal Ticket to Work program.

STATE OFFICERS

GOVERNOR

LR: 2663 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York
Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Eliminate the Governor's Ability To Remove County Sheriffs from Office
Comment: This resolution would eliminate the ability of the Governor to remove county sheriffs from office.

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TAXATION

INCOME TAX

CREDITS

LR: 2478 Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport
Title: An Act To Strengthen Maine Families with Children by Changing the Income Tax Laws
Comment: This bill would double the standard deduction for children in the State and also double the earned income tax credit for their families.

LR: 2485 Sponsor: Representative Corey of Windham
Title: An Act To Increase Firearm Safety by Establishing a Tax Credit for Gun Safes
Comment: This bill would establish a tax credit for handgun and long gun safes.

LR: 2519 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York
Title: An Act To Expand the Tax Credit for Educational Opportunity To Include Student Debt from Out-of-state Graduate Schools
Comment: This bill would change the laws governing the tax credit for educational opportunity to provide that a person with out-of-state graduate school student debt qualifies for the tax credit.

LR: 2557 Sponsor: Senator Keim of Oxford
Title: An Act To Create a Tax Credit To Encourage Pediatric Cancer Research
Comment: This bill would provide a tax credit to businesses that make contributions to pediatric cancer research institutions.

LR: 2658 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title: An Act To Create the Hire American Tax Credit for Businesses That Hire Residents of the United States
Comment: This bill would provide a tax credit for businesses engaged in the logging industry that hire employees who are citizens of the United States.

LR: 2683 Sponsor: Senator Bellows of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Provide an Income Tax Credit To Encourage Employee Stock Ownership Plans in the State
Comment: This bill would provide an income tax credit to businesses in the State that provide employee stock ownership plans.

Closely Related CO: LD 1338 Representative Grohman, M

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INCOME TAX

CREDITS

LR: 2691 Sponsor: Representative Bailey of Saco
Title: An Act To Create an Access to Justice Income Tax Credit
Comment: This bill would create an income tax credit for lawyers who practice law full time for at least 5 years in underserved areas of the State, with the program to be overseen by the Board of Overseers of the Bar or other board appointed by the courts.

LR: 2789 Sponsor: Representative DeChant of Bath
Title: An Act To Encourage Major Investments in Shipbuilding Facilities and the Preservation of Jobs
Comment: This bill would allow a certified applicant a shipbuilding facility tax credit of \$3,000,000 per year for up to 20 years if certain criteria are met.

INCOME TAX

DEDUCTIONS

LR: 2513 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York
Title: An Act To Increase Blood Donations
Comment: This bill would provide a state income tax reduction for every blood donation provided to a licensed and approved blood donation collection organization.

LR: 2530 Sponsor: Representative O'Connor of Berwick
Title: An Act To Amend the Tax Laws To Strengthen Charitable Institutions, Encourage Home Ownership and Manage Medical Expenses
Comment: This bill would allow a resident individual who itemizes deductions in determining federal adjusted gross income to claim those deductions to the full extent allowed under federal law in determining Maine adjusted gross income.

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TAXATION

**INCOME TAX
RATE**

- LR: 2453 Sponsor: Representative Hamann of South
Portland
- Title: An Act To Establish the Fund for Maine's Future
- Comment: This bill would add a 3% tax, effective January 1, 2019, on individual Maine taxable income above \$200,000 to create a state fund that would provide direct support for student learning in kindergarten to grade 12 public education. It creates a dedicated fund that may not be used for any purpose other than direct education funding to schools.
- Potential JR 217: LD 829
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- LR: 2548 Sponsor: Representative Kinney of Limington
- Title: An Act To Increase Take-home Pay for Maine Taxpayers
- Comment: This bill would reduce by one percent the current income tax rates of 5.8%, 6.75% and 7.15% .

**MISCELLANEOUS TAXES
EXCISE TAX**

- LR: 2509 Sponsor: Senator Dill of Penobscot
- Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Excise Tax on Automobiles
- Comment: This bill would require that the initial year of excise tax on an automobile be based on the purchase price of the car rather than the sticker price of the car.
- Potential JR 217: LD 707
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- LR: 2531 Sponsor: Representative O'Connor of Berwick
- Title: An Act To Allow Municipalities To Reduce Mill Rates on the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax to Zero Percent
- Comment: This bill would allow municipalities to reduce mill rates on the motor vehicle excise tax to 0% beginning in 2019.
- Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2606 Senator Collins, R
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- LR: 2606 Sponsor: Senator Collins of York
- Title: An Act To Allow Municipalities To Reduce Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Rates
- Comment: This bill would allow a municipality to charge a reduced motor vehicle excise tax rate, as determined by the municipality, or to not charge the motor vehicle excise tax.
- Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2531 Representative O'Connor, B

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MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

MAINE SERVICE PROVIDER TAX

LR: 2616 Sponsor: Senator Woodsome of York

Title: An Act To Exempt Certain Low-income Residents of the State from Certain Telecommunications Fees and Taxes

Comment: This bill would exempt certain low-income residents of the State from certain telecommunications fees and taxes. It would exempt federal Lifeline program telecommunications services from telecommunications fees and taxes, such as the service provider tax and prepaid wireless fees.

PROPERTY TAX

ELDERLY

LR: 2565 Sponsor: Representative Hilliard of Belgrade

Title: An Act To Allow Seniors To Stay in Their Homes

Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to allow seniors to stay in their homes.

PROPERTY TAX

PROVISIONS REVISED

LR: 2552 Sponsor: Senator Katz of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Establish a Statewide Uniform Property Tax

Comment: This bill would establish a statewide uniform property tax.

SALES AND USE TAX

EXEMPT PURCHASERS

LR: 2471 Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

Title: An Act To Exempt Nonprofit Cemeteries from the Sales and Use Tax

Comment: This bill would exempt a nonprofit cemetery from paying the sales and use tax when purchasing equipment necessary for the maintenance of the cemetery.

LR: 2710 Sponsor: Speaker Gideon of Freeport

Title: An Act To Create a Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Educational Organizations That Provide Educational Programs That Require Overnight Accommodations and Meal Service

Comment: This bill would create a tax exemption for educational organizations that are 501(c)(3) organizations and that provide educational programs that require overnight accommodations and meal service.

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SALES AND USE TAX

EXEMPT PURCHASERS

- LR: 2711 Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway
Title: An Act To Encourage Computer Data Center Development by Providing a Sales Tax Refund or Exemption
Comment: This bill would provide a sales tax refund or exemption for sales of eligible server equipment, eligible power infrastructure and electronic data storage and data management services to an eligible computer data center that begins operation in 2018 or later.
- LR: 2717 Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for All Nonprofit Charitable Organizations
Comment: This bill would provide a sales tax exemption for all nonprofit charitable organizations.
- LR: 2718 Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Organizations That Assist Victims of Human Trafficking
Comment: This bill would provide a sales tax exemption for purchases by nonprofit organizations that assist victims of human trafficking.

SALES AND USE TAX

INTERSTATE SALES

- LR: 2587 Sponsor: President Thibodeau of Waldo
Title: An Act To Clarify the Interstate Commerce Sales Tax Exemption
Comment: This bill would clarify the interstate commerce sales tax exemption by taking into account the amount of time that a trailer sits loaded or waiting to be loaded when computing the amount of time a vehicle is used as an instrumentality of interstate commerce and by incorporating the federally recognized standard of interstate commerce.

SALES AND USE TAX

ITEMS TAXED

- LR: 2462 Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox
Title: An Act Regarding the Sales Tax on Trailers Sold in This State for Use Outside the State
Comment: This bill would exempt from the sales tax trailers sold in this State for use outside of the State.

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SALES AND USE TAX

PROVISIONS REVISED

LR: 2490 Sponsor: Representative Hilliard of Belgrade
Title: An Act To Require Transient Rental Platforms To Register To Collect and Report Sales Taxes
Comment: This bill would require online real property rental platforms to register to collect and report sales taxes.

LR: 2649 Sponsor: Senator Brakey of Androscoggin
Title: An Act To Allow a Municipality To Retain 50 Percent of Sales Tax Revenues That Exceed Annual Projections
Comment: This bill would allow a municipality to keep 50% of sales tax revenues generated within the municipality that exceed annual projections.
Potential JR 217: LD 915

LR: 2680 Sponsor: Representative Ackley of Monmouth
Title: An Act To Track Medical Marijuana Caregiver Sales Tax Collection
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to develop a method to track the amount of sales tax revenue that is generated by the sale of medical marijuana by caregivers.

TAX ASSESSMENT

VALUATION

LR: 2660 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York
Title: An Act To Ensure Equality in the Property Valuation Appeal Process
Comment: This bill would allow state residents who make the State their secondary residence to file appeals for the property tax valuation changes within their municipalities.

LR: 2661 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York
Title: An Act To Properly Notify Taxpayers of Property Valuation Changes
Comment: This bill would require municipalities to notify their residents of any property valuation changes at least 30 days prior to distributing property tax bills. The notices must provide clear instructions for the property tax valuation appeal process.

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TRANSPORTATION

BUSES

EQUIPMENT

LR: 2780 Sponsor: Senator Chipman of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Increase Safety for Persons with Visual Impairments on Public Transportation

Comment: This bill would require buses providing public transportation to have audio announcements of upcoming stops by 2019.

MOTOR VEHICLES

OTHER

LR: 2567 Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox

Title: An Act To Allow the Operation of "Autocycles" on Roads in Maine

Comment: This bill would allow a person licensed for the operation of a motor vehicle to legally operate a 3-wheeled vehicle with automotive controls, or "autocycle," on roads in this State

NAVIGATION

FERRIES

LR: 2673 Sponsor: Senator Dion of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Promote Passenger Ferry Service between Maine and Nova Scotia by Amending the Laws Governing Pilotage Requirements

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing pilotage requirements for vessels providing regularly scheduled passenger service between Maine and Nova Scotia.

NAVIGATION

WATERCRAFT

LR: 2602 Sponsor: Representative Alley, Sr. of Beals

Title: An Act To Increase the Safety of Nonmotorized Watercraft in the Ocean by Requiring Lights When Visibility Is Impaired

Comment: This bill would require that nonmotorized watercraft in the ocean have a white light attached to the stern when visibility is impaired and at night.

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TRANSPORTATION

OPERATORS LICENSES

COMMERCIAL

LR: 2753 Sponsor: Representative Harvell of Farmington
Title: An Act To Exempt Subcontractors for Municipal Snow Removal from Class B License Requirements
Comment: This bill would exempt subcontractors for municipal snow removal from Class B license requirements.

RAILROADS

TRESPASS

LR: 2510 Sponsor: Senator Dill of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Require That Railroads Provide Easements to Owners of Land That Would Otherwise Be Inaccessible
Comment: This bill would require that a railroad provide a permanent easement over a railroad crossing to a landowner whose property would be inaccessible absent the easement.

ROADS

BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

LR: 2555 Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock
Title: Resolve, To Designate Route 182 in Franklin as a Blue Star Memorial Highway
Comment: This resolve would designate Route 182 in Franklin as a Blue Star Memorial Highway.

ROADS

CONSTRUCTION

LR: 2657 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Prioritize and Increase the Funding for Rural Roads
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Transportation to prioritize and increase the funding for the construction and repair of rural roads.

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ROADS

HIGHWAY SAFETY

LR: 2595 Sponsor: Senator Collins of York

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Install a Traffic Signal in Wells

Comment: This bill would direct the Department of Transportation to install a traffic signal in the town of Wells at the intersection of Route 109, Branch Road and Crediford Road.

TRANSPORTATION DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2672 Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox

Title: An Act To Promote Recruitment and Retention of State Highway Workers

Comment: This bill would provide a wage increase for certain state highway workers.

TRANSPORTATION DEPT

PLANNING

LR: 2528 Sponsor: Senator Dow of Lincoln

Title: Resolve, To Improve the Department of Transportation's Wiscasset Village Traffic Management Plan

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Transportation to honor the Wiscasset citizens' majority vote from a June 13, 2017 referendum at the annual Wiscasset town meeting and subsequent Wiscasset Select Board majority vote that rejected the so-called Department of Transportation Option 2.

LR: 2754 Sponsor: Senator Cushing of Penobscot

Title: Resolve, To Study Methods for Better Transportation for Students and Workers in Maine

Comment: This resolve would establish a task force to study methods for better transportation for students and workers in Maine.

TRANSPORTATION DEPT

PROCEDURES

LR: 2611 Sponsor: Representative Sanborn of Portland

Title: An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Develop and Operate Pilot Programs for the Use of Autonomous Vehicles for Public Transportation

Comment: This bill would authorize municipalities to develop and operate pilot programs for the use of self-driving vehicles for public transportation.

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TRANSPORTATION

TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

DUTIES

LR: 2719 Sponsor: Representative Blume of York

Title: An Act To Increase Safety, Ensure Efficient Operation and Improve Traffic Flow
on the Maine Turnpike by Requiring All Electronic Toll Collection

Comment: This bill would require new or rebuilt toll plazas on the Maine Turnpike to be
built using all electronic toll collection technology.

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

AGENCY STORES

LR: 2473 Sponsor: Senator Brakey of Androscoggin

Title: An Act To Increase the Number of Retail Liquor Licenses Allowed in Certain Municipalities

Comment: This bill would allow the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to license one additional agency liquor store in a municipality for every additional 15,000 residents in municipalities with populations greater than 60,000.

LR: 2573 Sponsor: Senator Dion of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Modify the Number of Retail Liquor Licenses Allowed in a Jurisdiction per Person

Comment: This bill would modify the number of retail liquor licenses allowed in a jurisdiction per person.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

BUREAU OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

LR: 2575 Sponsor: Senator Dion of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Grant Liquor Inspectors Law Enforcement Authority and To Allow Them To Carry Weapons

Comment: This bill would grant liquor inspectors who are Maine Criminal Justice Academy graduates law enforcement authority and allow them to carry department-issued weapons in order that they may enforce criminal law relevant to their duties as inspectors.

LR: 2627 Sponsor: Representative Luchini of Ellsworth

Title: An Act To Ensure Stability for Certain Holders of Liquor Licenses

Comment: This bill would permanently prohibit the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations from suspending, revoking or refusing to renew certain licenses for the manufacture or sale of liquor issued prior to June 1, 2017 based solely on a change in the bureau's interpretation of the term "exclusively held" or "exclusively owned."

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

LICENSING

- LR: 2674 Sponsor: Representative Guerin of Glenburn
Title: An Act To Amend the Liquor Laws To Allow Certain Businesses in Airports To Sell Liquor for On-premises Consumption
Comment: This bill would allow establishments that do not meet certain current requirements and are located in airports to sell liquor for consumption on the premises.
- LR: 2688 Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta
Title: An Act To Address Separation of a Class A Restaurant and Off-premises Retail Licensee Located on the Same Premises
Comment: This bill would exempt licensed liquor manufacturers who hold accompanying retail licenses from the requirement to segregate their supplies and inventory.
- LR: 2745 Sponsor: Senator Deschambault of York
Title: An Act To Amend the Definition of "Premises" for Purposes of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws To Include Real Estate That Is Not Contiguous
Comment: This bill would amend the definition of "premises" as used in the alcoholic beverage laws to include noncontiguous real estate over which a licensee has control or an interest in and allow the public to pass between the noncontiguous portions of property.

ELECTIONS

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

- LR: 2650 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York
Title: An Act To Close Loopholes in Election Laws and Ban the Use of Leadership Political Action Committees for Personal Profit
Comment: This bill would close loopholes in election laws and ban the use of leadership political action committees for personal profit.
- LR: 2651 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York
Title: An Act To Clarify the Difference between Late and Unfiled Campaign Expenditures and Expenses Reports
Comment: This bill would clarify the difference between late and unfiled campaign expenditures and expenses reports.

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ELECTIONS

CITIZEN INITIATIVES

- LR: 2625 Sponsor: Representative O'Connor of Berwick
Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Help Ensure Direct Initiatives of Legislation are Compatible with the Constitution of Maine and Statutory Law
Comment: This resolution would require a direct initiative of legislation to be reviewed by the Secretary of State, the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, the Governor, the Legislative Council and the Attorney General to help ensure the initiative is compatible with the Constitution of Maine and statutory law.
- LR: 2690 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York
Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Prohibit for One Year the Enactment of Legislation That Amends or Repeals a Law Proposed by Citizen Initiative That Was Enacted by Referendum
Comment: This resolution would prohibit for one year the enactment of legislation that amends or repeals a law proposed by citizen initiative that was enacted pursuant to a referendum.
- LR: 2708 Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport
Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Direct Initiative of Legislation
Comment: This resolution would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Maine to prohibit the direct initiative of legislation that raises a tax or involves the spending of public money.

GAMBLING

BINGO

- LR: 2583 Sponsor: Representative Farrin of Norridgewock
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Beano
Comment: This bill would remove the requirement that beano conducted by organizations such as volunteer fire departments, agricultural fair associations and nonprofit, charitable, educational, political, civic, recreational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans organizations be conducted by members of those organizations.

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GAMBLING

CASINO GAMBLING

LR: 2693 Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

Title: Resolve, To Acknowledge That a Ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States Applies To Permit Gaming by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians on Tribal Land of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

Comment: This resolve would acknowledge that the ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States in *California v. Cabazon Band of Mission Indians*, 480 U.S. 202 (1987), which provides that a state that permits regulated gaming in that state may not prohibit a federally-recognized Indian tribe from conducting gaming on tribal land in that state, applies to permit gaming by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians on tribal land of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.

Potential JR 217: LD 1447

LR: 2697 Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

Title: Resolve, To Accept WhiteSand Gaming's Final Report on Its Market Feasibility Study of Expanded Gaming in Maine Commissioned by the 126th Legislature

Comment: This resolve would accept the final report of WhiteSand Gaming on its market feasibility study of expanded gaming in Maine, which concluded that expanded gaming was feasible in this State, including tribal gaming in both the northern and eastern parts of this State.

LANDLORD AND TENANT

RENT

LR: 2535 Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway

Title: An Act To Make the Cost of Camp Leases Public Information

Comment: This bill would make the costs of leases for camps public information.

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LANDLORD AND TENANT

TENANTS RIGHTS

LR: 2524 Sponsor: Representative Cooper of Yarmouth

Title: An Act To Expand the Rights of Residential Tenants

Comment: This bill would provide that residential tenants under a lease must be given at least 75 days' notice of a material change in their obligations for rental of the premises they occupy, including increases in rent, security deposits, utility cost obligations and pet fees, and also be given at least 45 days to accept or reject the revised terms. A residential tenant also would be entitled to withhold all or a portion of rental amounts to compensate the tenant for the owner's failure to provide a rental property that constitutes a safe and healthy environment in which to live. Tenants are liable for withheld rental amounts when repairs are made. Alternatively, tenants may deduct amounts they have expended to rectify defects that the landlord or owner is obligated to repair but has failed to repair, or for damages arising from the landlord's or owner's failure to repair or maintain the premises, such as personal injury and property damage. Local and state health and code enforcement officers would be authorized to examine, report on and require remediation for these defects. If a dispute arises concerning the withholding of rental amounts, it may be adjudicated in small claims court. Tenants under a lease would be entitled to attorney's fees and double damages if they prevail.

LOBBYISTS

FORMER LEGISLATORS

LR: 2662 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

Title: An Act To Create a Lifetime Ban on Lawmakers Becoming Lobbyists

Comment: This bill would create a lifetime ban on former state Legislators becoming lobbyists.

NATIONAL GUARD

BENEFITS

LR: 2746 Sponsor: President Thibodeau of Waldo

Title: An Act To Broaden Educational Opportunities for Members of the Maine National Guard

Comment: This bill would broaden the tuition benefit program that is available to members of the Maine National Guard who attend a state postsecondary institution to also provide a tuition benefit at private nonprofit postsecondary institutions.

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VETERANS

PREFERENCES

LR: 2465 Sponsor: Senator Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis

Title: An Act To Protect the Employment of Veterans during Layoffs and in Certain Union Contracts

Comment: This bill would require an employer to give consideration to retaining those employees who are veterans when the employer is engaging in layoffs and would provide for consideration to be given to those employees with regard to seniority in certain union contracts.

VETERANS

SERVICES

LR: 2543 Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

Title: An Act To Expand Resources for Veterans in the State through Phone Partnerships

Comment: This bill would expand the role of the Maine 2-1-1 program to include veteran-specific intake and assessment for referrals or calls.

LR: 2715 Sponsor: Representative Farrin of Norridgewock

Title: An Act To Establish a Grant Program for Community-based Veterans' Organizations

Comment: This bill would establish a grant program administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development. Under the program, grants would be provided to community-based veterans' organizations in the State to address veterans' homelessness and to encourage community-based efforts to develop agribusiness and agritourism in order to train veterans for job placement in and ownership of such business enterprises.

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637	HP0465	An Act To Protect Maine's Lands	Dunphy of Old Town	08/02/17
742	HP0522	An Act To Allow Hemp Growers To Grow Hemp from Clones and To Grow Hemp Indoors	Harvell of Farmington	08/02/17
858	HP0607	An Act To Strengthen the Law Regarding Dangerous Dogs	Nadeau of Winslow	08/02/17
939	HP0667	An Act To Protect Maine's Agriculture	Dunphy of Old Town	08/02/17
1574	SP0552	Resolve, To Require Greater Clearing of Vegetation along Portions of Route 161 in the Town of Allagash	Jackson of Aroostook	08/02/17
1584	SP0557	An Act To Expand the Local Foods Economy by Promoting Local Foods Procurement	Vitelli of Sagadahoc	08/02/17
1611	SP0567	An Act To Protect Persons Who Cultivate, Process, Buy and Sell Hemp	Miramant of Knox	08/02/17

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47	HP0033	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Equipment for Career and Technical Education Centers	Fecteau of Biddeford	08/02/17
139	HP0097	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Maine's Community Colleges	Hubbell of Bar Harbor	08/02/17
143	HP0101	An Act To Provide Funding for Upgrades of Learning Spaces and Other Projects Funded by the School Revolving Renovation Fund	Farnsworth of Portland	08/02/17
176	HP0132	An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to Disability Retirement Benefits Administered by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System	Foley of Wells	08/02/17
177	HP0133	An Act To Remove the Age Penalty for State Retirees Working at State Correctional Institutions That Are Closing	Alley, Sr. of Beals	08/02/17

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178	HP0134	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Jobs, Improve Road Infrastructure and Protect Water Resources	Black of Wilton	08/02/17
247	HP0180	An Act To Amend the Retirement Laws Pertaining to Participating Local Districts	Madigan of Rumford	08/02/17
292	HP0225	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Maine's Rail Infrastructure and Expand Passenger Rail Service	Sheats of Auburn	08/02/17
316	SP0104	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Railways	Miramant of Knox	08/02/17
317	SP0105	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities	Miramant of Knox	08/02/17
318	SP0106	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Support Economic Development with High-Resolution Geospatial Data	Saviello of Franklin	08/02/17
319	SP0107	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Riverfront Community Development	Deschambault of York	08/02/17
345	SP0111	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade and Replace Infrastructure of the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation	Katz of Kennebec	08/02/17
376	SP0117	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for a New Engineering Design and Education Center at the University of Maine	Diamond of Cumberland	08/02/17
416	HP0296	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Strengthen Maine's Groundfish Permit Bank	Kumiega of Deer Isle	08/02/17
467	HP0330	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Address Changes in Sea Level	Devin of Newcastle	08/02/17
520	HP0364	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Increase Rural Maine's Access to Broadband Internet Service	Berry of Bowdoinham	08/02/17
521	HP0365	An Act To Align the Criteria Used by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System in Determining Veterans' Disability Claims with the Criteria Used by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs	Berry of Bowdoinham	08/02/17
546	SP0181	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Biological Research in Maine	Jackson of Aroostook	08/02/17
590	SP0205	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Maine's Rail Infrastructure	Jackson of Aroostook	08/02/17
638	HP0452	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Transportation Projects	McLean of Gorham	08/02/17
650	SP0212	An Act To Clarify and Protect Certain Public Service Retirement Benefits	Woodsome of York	08/02/17

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675	HP0466	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Food Processing Infrastructure in Targeted Areas of the State	Hickman of Winthrop	08/02/17
735	SP0245	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the Independence of Maine's Seniors	Volk of Cumberland	08/02/17
743	HP0523	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Promote and Improve the Intermodal Transportation System in Maine	Sheats of Auburn	08/02/17
836	HP0585	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Build Maine's Workforce Development Capacity by Modernizing and Improving the Facilities and Infrastructure of Maine's Public Universities	Jorgensen of Portland	08/02/17
837	HP0586	An Act To Provide Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Operations of State Government	Jorgensen of Portland	08/02/17
897	SP0299	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage Efficient Biomass Thermal and Power Projects in Maine	Woodsome of York	08/02/17
924	HP0652	An Act Making Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government	Gattine of Westbrook	08/02/17
925	HP0653	An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government	Gattine of Westbrook	08/02/17
953	SP0308	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the Biomass Industry	Jackson of Aroostook	08/02/17
955	SP0310	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the Municipal Investment Trust Fund	Deschambault of York	08/02/17
964	HP0677	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade Municipal Culverts at Stream Crossings	Fredette of Newport	08/02/17
1118	HP0782	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Local Infrastructure	Herbig of Belfast	08/02/17
1330	HP0924	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Facilitate Innovative Approaches to Regional School Facilities and To Establish the Maine Innovative Regional School Facilities Finance Program	Ginzler of Bridgton	08/02/17
1331	HP0925	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund	Ginzler of Bridgton	08/02/17

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1509	HP1033	An Act To Prohibit Retired State Employees and Teachers from Returning to Work While Collecting Retirement Benefits	Sampson of Alfred	08/02/17
1510	HP1034	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Wastewater Infrastructure Projects for Ratification by Voters in the June 2017 Election	Fredette of Newport	08/02/17
1511	HP1035	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Protection of Public Health and Marine Resources and To Achieve Cost Savings in State Facilities Owned by the Department of Marine Resources	Pierce of Dresden	08/02/17
1562	SP0546	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Capitalize a Career and Technical Revolving Equipment and Renovation Fund	Langley of Hancock	08/02/17
1586	HP1090	An Act To Appropriate Funds To Provide Sea Protection and Public Access to the Historic Whaleback Lighthouse in Kittery	Rykerson of Kittery	08/02/17
1602	HP1105	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Agricultural Water Resource Development and Marketing	Marean of Hollis	08/02/17
1614	SP0570	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Maine Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Loan Program	Volk of Cumberland	08/02/17

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

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250	HP0183	An Act To Increase the Penalty for Aggravated Sex Trafficking	Stewart of Presque Isle	08/02/17
861	HP0610	An Act To Provide Wage Parity for Certain State Law Enforcement Personnel	Nadeau of Winslow	08/02/17
951	SP0306	An Act To Adopt the Uniform Act on Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking	Volk of Cumberland	08/02/17
1048	SP0351	An Act To Reclassify Certain Offenses and Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System	Volk of Cumberland	08/02/17
1146	HP0809	Resolve, To Provide Wage Parity for Law Enforcement Officers in the Department of Corrections with Other Law Enforcement Officers	Frey of Bangor	08/02/17
1168	SP0389	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Victims' Bill of Rights	Thibodeau of Waldo	08/02/17
1183	HP0820	An Act To Expand Use of Electronic Monitoring in Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Cases	Fredette of Newport	08/02/17

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1202	SP0403	An Act To Clear a Path to Employment	Volk of Cumberland	08/02/17
1268	HP0880	An Act To Enhance Pretrial Justice through Risk-based Decision Making with Enhanced Diversion, Release and Treatment Options for Eligible Defendants	Malaby of Hancock	08/02/17
1389	HP0963	An Act To Disburse Funds to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission	Therault of China	08/02/17
1414	HP0972	An Act To Ensure the Availability of In-person Visitation in County Jails	Talbot Ross of Portland	08/02/17
1415	HP0973	An Act To Provide Additional Deductions from a Sentence of Imprisonment for Completion of Education, Mental Health Treatment and Substance Abuse Treatment Programs	Talbot Ross of Portland	08/02/17

Education and Cultural Affairs

<u>LD</u>	<u>Paper #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Approved</u>
51	HP0037	An Act Regarding the Withdrawal of a Single Municipality from a Regional School Unit	Turner of Burlington	08/02/17
228	SP0074	An Act To Amend the Mathematics Requirements for High School Graduation	Langley of Hancock	08/02/17
334	HP0248	An Act To Clarify the Uses of the Fund To Advance Public Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education	Hubbell of Bar Harbor	08/02/17
1016	HP0718	An Act To Provide Funding for Career and Technical Education Based on Projected Enrollment	Mastraccio of Sanford	08/02/17
1336	HP0930	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Process for a Single Municipality To Withdraw from a Regional School Unit	Ginzler of Bridgton	08/02/17
1492	SP0521	An Act To Attract, Educate and Retain New Mainers To Strengthen the Workforce	Katz of Kennebec	08/02/17

Energy, Utilities and Technology

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131	SP0050	An Act To Protect the Biomass Industry	Saviello of Franklin	08/02/17
140	HP0098	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Entrepreneurial Activity, Attract Business and Enhance Demographic In-migration by Investing in High-speed Broadband Infrastructure and To Amend the Law Governing the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund	Higgins of Dover-Foxcroft	08/02/17

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257	HP0190	An Act To Enable Municipalities Working with Utilities To Establish Microgrids	Devin of Newcastle	08/02/17
260	HP0193	An Act To Create the Maine Energy Office	Fredette of Newport	08/02/17
532	HP0376	An Act To Remove the 100-megawatt Limit on Hydroelectric Generators under the Renewable Resources Laws	O'Connor of Berwick	08/02/17
822	SP0267	An Act To Ensure Fairness among Large Consumers of Natural Gas	Dion of Cumberland	08/02/17
1176	SP0397	An Act To Ensure the Safety of Low-income Persons Who Are Deaf and Who Use Video and Captioned Phones by Providing Equitable Access to the Internet	Dion of Cumberland	08/02/17
1224	SP0415	An Act To Allow for Greater Energy Competition in Maine by Amending the Law Governing Electric Generation or Generation-related Assets by Affiliates	Dion of Cumberland	08/02/17
1372	HP0951	An Act To Increase Broadband Access for Rural Communities	Herbig of Belfast	08/02/17
1373	HP0952	An Act To Protect and Expand Access to Solar Power in Maine	Berry of Bowdoinham	08/02/17
1444	SP0499	An Act Regarding Large-scale Community Solar Procurement	Woodsome of York	08/02/17
1472	HP1011	An Act To Lower the Costs of Broadband Service by Coordinating the Installation of Broadband Infrastructure	McLean of Gorham	08/02/17
1487	SP0516	An Act To Control Electricity Transmission Costs through the Development of Nontransmission Alternatives	Dion of Cumberland	08/02/17
1515	HP1039	An Act To Reduce Electric Rates for Maine Businesses by Amending the Laws Governing Spending from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Trust Fund	Wadsworth of Hiram	08/02/17
1610	SP0566	An Act To Protect Privacy of Online Customer Personal Information	Bellows of Kennebec	08/02/17
1632	SP0586	An Act To Establish the Manufacturing Jobs Energy Program	Dill of Penobscot	08/02/17

Environment and Natural Resources

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399	HP0290	An Act To Revise Maine's Environmental Laws	Tucker of Brunswick	08/02/17
1095	HP0769	An Act To Establish the Maine Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission	Blume of York	08/02/17

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1298	HP0895	An Act To Update Maine's Water Quality Standards	Harlow of Portland	08/02/17
1534	HP1054	An Act To Address Hunger, Support Maine Farms and Reduce Waste	Hickman of Winthrop	08/02/17

Health and Human Services

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40	SP0020	An Act To Strengthen Requirements for Water Testing for Schools	Millett of Cumberland	08/02/17
166	SP0058	An Act To Increase Reimbursement for Child Care Services	Libby of Androscoggin	08/02/17
186	HP0142	An Act To Improve Peer Support Services	Gattine of Westbrook	08/02/17
238	SP0084	An Act To Amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act	Brakey of Androscoggin	08/02/17
270	HP0203	An Act To Consolidate Administration of Kinship Care and Relative Placement Issues within the Department of Health and Human Services	Picchiotti of Fairfield	08/02/17
272	HP0205	An Act Requiring Meningococcal Meningitis Vaccinations for Teenagers	Hymanson of York	08/02/17
274	HP0207	An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group To Study Background Checks for Child Care Facilities and Providers	McCreight of Harpswell	08/02/17
383	SP0124	An Act To Increase Access to Child Care	Millett of Cumberland	08/02/17
384	SP0125	An Act To Strengthen Maine Children's Mental Health	Millett of Cumberland	08/02/17
386	SP0127	An Act To Establish Universal Health Care for Maine	Gratwick of Penobscot	08/02/17
411	SP0138	An Act To Add Addiction to or Dependency on Opiates or Prescription Drugs to the List of Qualifying Conditions for Medical Marijuana	Brakey of Androscoggin	08/02/17
470	HP0333	An Act To Strengthen Maine's Hospitals and Increase Access to Health Care	Devin of Newcastle	08/02/17
561	HP0403	An Act To Remove the Requirement That Child Care Facility Workers and Family Child Care Providers Submit to Criminal Background Checks	Sirocki of Scarborough	08/02/17
562	HP0404	An Act Concerning the Department of Health and Human Services	Hymanson of York	08/02/17
565	SP0183	An Act To Address Maine's Opiate Addiction Crisis	Chipman of Cumberland	08/02/17

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566	SP0184	An Act To Improve Access to High-quality Child Care by Increasing Child Care Rates	Katz of Kennebec	08/02/17
605	HP0421	An Act To Support Evidence-based Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder	Vachon of Scarborough	08/02/17
691	HP0482	An Act To Prevent Lead Poisoning in Children	Golden of Lewiston	08/02/17
692	HP0483	Resolve, To Provide Meals to Homebound Individuals	Hamann of South Portland	08/02/17
762	HP0542	An Act To Allow a Percentage of Funds from the Medical Use of Marijuana Fund To Fund Health Care Research	Sanderson of Chelsea	08/02/17
763	HP0543	An Act To Support Individuals with Disabilities by Exempting Certain Wages from Consideration for MaineCare	Nadeau of Winslow	08/02/17
765	HP0545	An Act To Allow In-home Child Care Providers To Care for up to 5 Children without State Certification	Espling of New Gloucester	08/02/17
812	SP0257	Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project To Save Lives and Support People with Substance Use Disorder in Washington County	Maker of Washington	08/02/17
842	HP0591	Resolve, To Support Home Health Services	Jorgensen of Portland	08/02/17
898	SP0300	An Act To Address Mandatory Overtime for Hospital Professionals	Mason of Androscoggin	08/02/17
902	HP0630	Resolve, To Increase Access to Evidence-based Psychosocial Treatment for Children in the MaineCare Program	Malaby of Hancock	08/02/17
966	HP0679	An Act To Create Mental Health Liaison Positions in Each County Jail	Malaby of Hancock	08/02/17
999	HP0700	An Act To Provide a Healthy Learning Environment in Early Care Settings by Requiring Rules Concerning Nutrition and Physical Activity	Terry of Gorham	08/02/17
1063	HP0746	An Act To Protect Substance-exposed Infants	Hamann of South Portland	08/02/17
1097	HP0771	An Act To Develop and Distribute Work Training Pamphlets To Educate State Agencies, Private Businesses and Other Organizations about Dementia	Harlow of Portland	08/02/17
1098	HP0772	An Act To Ensure Reasonable Accommodations for Children for Whom Medical Marijuana Has Been Recommended	Sanderson of Chelsea	08/02/17
1109	SP0363	An Act To Improve General Assistance Reimbursements	Chipman of Cumberland	08/02/17

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1133	HP0796	An Act Regarding Access to Appropriate Residential Services for Individuals Being Discharged from Psychiatric Hospitalization	McCreight of Harpswell	08/02/17
1135	HP0798	An Act To Strengthen the Efficacy of the Medical Marijuana Laws	Chace of Durham	08/02/17
1148	HP0811	An Act To Safeguard the Rights of Private Child Care Businesses	Sirocki of Scarborough	08/02/17
1162	SP0383	An Act To Reduce the Incidence of Obesity and Chronic Disease in Maine	Libby of Androscoggin	08/02/17
1177	SP0398	An Act To Create an Appeals Process for Child Care Providers	Volk of Cumberland	08/02/17
1189	HP0826	An Act To Define the Age of Consent for Alcohol or Drug Treatment and Mental Health Services	Pouliot of Augusta	08/02/17
1214	SP0408	An Act To Create Fairness in Home-based Care Fees for Service	Libby of Androscoggin	08/02/17
1273	HP0886	Resolve, To Redispense Donated Prescription Drugs	Hymanson of York	08/02/17
1329	HP0923	An Act To Allow Tobacco Retail Establishments To Serve Alcohol	Pierce of Dresden	08/02/17
1374	HP0953	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Assess and Improve the Availability of Child Care Services	Frey of Bangor	08/02/17
1423	SP0493	An Act To Amend Certain Laws Governing Child Care Providers	Libby of Androscoggin	08/02/17
1430	HP0984	An Act To Develop a Statewide Resource and Referral Center and Develop Hub-and-spoke Models To Improve Access, Treatment and Recovery for Those with Substance Use Disorder	Vachon of Scarborough	08/02/17
1435	HP0990	An Act To Ensure Transparency in the Distribution of Federal Block Grant Funds	Jorgensen of Portland	08/02/17
1474	HP1013	An Act To Reduce the Regulation of Child Care Facilities	Espling of New Gloucester	08/02/17
1481	HP1020	Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project To Provide Travel Vouchers to Persons with Disabilities in Rural Communities		08/02/17
1495	HP1028	An Act To Break the Generational Cycle of Domestic Violence	Head of Bethel	08/02/17
1527	HP1051	An Act To Ensure Safety, Quality and Transparency in the Medical Marijuana Market and To Ensure Sufficient Funding for Regulation and Enforcement with Respect to the Retail Marijuana Industry	Perry of Calais	08/02/17
1539	HP1060	An Act To Amend Maine's Medical Marijuana Law	Sanderson of Chelsea	08/02/17

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1612	HP1110	An Act To Support Maine Families through Universal Family Care	Gattine of Westbrook	08/02/17

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

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11	HP0012	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish the Right To Hunt and Fish	Wood of Greene	08/02/17
630	HP0446	An Act To Expand Opportunities for Moose Permit Winners To Swap Their Permits	Martin of Sinclair	08/02/17
768	HP0548	An Act To Establish 2 Comprehensive Licenses for Hunting and for Hunting and Fishing	Hilliard of Belgrade	08/02/17
1236	HP0859	An Act To Improve Maine's Heritage Fish List	Black of Wilton	08/02/17
1451	SP0502	An Act To Promote Biosecurity and Better Regulate the Importation, Possession and Use of Aquatic Species	Volk of Cumberland	08/02/17

Insurance and Financial Services

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389	SP0130	An Act To Promote Access to Financial Institutions by Entities That Are Authorized under State Law	Hamper of Oxford	08/02/17
453	SP0155	Resolve, Regarding Insurance Coverage for Alternative Therapies for Addiction and Recovery	Gratwick of Penobscot	08/02/17
660	SP0222	An Act To Allow Credit and Debit Card Surcharges	Whittemore of Somerset	08/02/17
696	HP0487	An Act Regarding Insurance and Financial Services	Lawrence of South Berwick	08/02/17
968	HP0681	An Act To Help Prevent Financial Elder Abuse	Longstaff of Waterville	08/02/17
1030	SP0337	An Act To Require Nondiscrimination Policies in Providing Health Care Services	Chenette of York	08/02/17
1032	SP0339	An Act To Ensure Protection and Health Insurance of Patients	Gratwick of Penobscot	08/02/17
1279	SP0431	An Act To Ensure Patient Protections in the Health Insurance Laws	Jackson of Aroostook	08/02/17
1417	HP0975	An Act To Require Insurance Coverage for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Lyme Disease	Fredette of Newport	08/02/17

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1476	HP1015	An Act To Ensure Continued Coverage for Essential Health Care	McCreight of Harpswell	08/02/17
1507	SP0532	An Act To Establish a Student Loan Bill of Rights To License and Regulate Student Loan Servicers	Vitelli of Sagadahoc	08/02/17

Judiciary

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123	HP0091	An Act To Recodify and Revise the Maine Probate Code		08/02/17
283	HP0216	An Act To Increase the Jurisdictional Limits for Small Claims	Spear of South Thomaston	08/02/17
821	SP0266	An Act To Enact the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act	Dion of Cumberland	08/02/17
846	HP0595	An Act To Enact the Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act	Cardone of Bangor	08/02/17
860	HP0609	An Act To Establish a Statewide Electronic Warrant System	Gerrish of Lebanon	08/02/17
934	HP0662	An Act To Establish an Expedited Temporary Guardianship Process	Fredette of Newport	08/02/17
969	HP0682	An Act Regarding Nonprobate Transfers on Death	Foley of Wells	08/02/17
1187	HP0824	An Act To Amend the Child Protective Services Statutes	Malaby of Hancock	08/02/17
1267	SP0430	An Act To Protect Licensing Information of Medical Professionals	Katz of Kennebec	08/02/17
1355	SP0463	An Act To Ensure the Timely and Proper Completion of Residential Foreclosures	Carpenter of Aroostook	08/02/17
1406	SP0484	An Act To Promote Prescription Drug Price Transparency	Vitelli of Sagadahoc	08/02/17
1541	HP1062	An Act To Protect Certain Administrative Licensing Files	Gerrish of Lebanon	08/02/17

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

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669	SP0231	An Act To Address the Unmet Workforce Needs of Employers and To Improve the Economic Future of Workers	Katz of Kennebec	08/02/17
700	HP0491	An Act To Give Flexibility to Employees and Employers for Temporary Layoffs	Parry of Arundel	08/02/17

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912	HP0640	An Act To Clarify the Scope of Practice of Certain Licensed Professionals Regarding Conversion Therapy	Fecteau of Biddeford	08/02/17
958	SP0314	An Act To Enact the Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act	Dion of Cumberland	08/02/17
1244	HP0867	An Act To Support Small Manufacturers in the State	Herbig of Belfast	08/02/17
1327	HP0921	An Act To Allow Former Military Medical Personnel To Perform Certain Medical Services	Farrin of Norridgewock	08/02/17
1542	HP1063	An Act To Support Lead Abatement in Older Residential Properties	Golden of Lewiston	08/02/17
1566	HP1079	An Act To Enact the Maine Fair Chance Employment Act	Talbot Ross of Portland	08/02/17
1587	HP1091	An Act To Provide Economic Security to Maine Families through the Creation of a Paid Family Medical Leave System	Herbig of Belfast	08/02/17

Marijuana Legalization Implementation

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164	HP0122	An Act To Require Tamper-evident Packaging for Recreational Marijuana Products	Corey of Windham	08/02/17
215	HP0171	An Act To Require a License for the Possession, Sale, Cultivation or Transportation of Marijuana for Recreational Use	Battle of South Portland	08/02/17
231	SP0077	An Act To Allow Municipalities To Regulate the Growing of Marijuana	Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis	08/02/17
301	HP0234	An Act To Protect Children from Marijuana Sales by Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments and Social Clubs near Schools	Handy of Lewiston	08/02/17
310	SP0098	An Act To Responsibly Implement an Adult Use Cannabis Program	Brakey of Androscoggin	08/02/17
387	SP0128	An Act To Provide for Oversight of Maine's Recreational Marijuana Laws	Gratwick of Penobscot	08/02/17
433	HP0313	An Act To Allow Municipalities To Apply a Local Option Sales Tax to the Sale of Marijuana	Rykerson of Kittery	08/02/17
498	HP0361	An Act Regarding Marijuana Licensing	Harvell of Farmington	08/02/17
499	HP0362	An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Retail Marijuana Facilities in Safe Zones	Austin of Skowhegan	08/02/17
545	HP0389	An Act To Ensure Maine's Unorganized Townships and Plantations Maintain Local Control under Laws Legalizing Marijuana	Hamann of South Portland	08/02/17

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596	HP0412	An Act To Promote Highway Safety by Restricting the Use of Marijuana and Possession of an Open Marijuana Container in a Motor Vehicle	Corey of Windham	08/02/17
625	HP0441	An Act To Prohibit the Location of a Marijuana Facility within 2,000 Feet of a House of Public Worship or Property Associated with a House of Public Worship	Handy of Lewiston	08/02/17
626	HP0442	An Act To Provide Funding for County Jails from Sales Tax Collected on Retail Sales of Marijuana and Marijuana Products	Stetkis of Canaan	08/02/17
627	HP0443	An Act To Establish a Data Collection Program To Monitor Effects of Marijuana Regulation	Handy of Lewiston	08/02/17
667	SP0229	An Act To Repeal the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana	Cyrway of Kennebec	08/02/17
672	SP0234	An Act To Clarify a Municipality's Authority To Adopt and Enforce Land Use Regulations for Marijuana Facilities	Breen of Cumberland	08/02/17
734	HP0516	An Act Extending the Time Period for Municipalities To Approve Marijuana Businesses	Blume of York	08/02/17
797	HP0577	An Act To Fund Railroad Infrastructure and Operations	Talbot Ross of Portland	08/02/17
798	HP0578	An Act To Clarify the Intent of the Licensing Provisions in the Marijuana Legalization Act	Harvell of Farmington	08/02/17
799	HP0579	An Act To Protect Landlords and Tenants from the Deleterious Effects of Marijuana Use	Handy of Lewiston	08/02/17
806	SP0251	An Act To Provide Tax Fairness and To Lower Medical Expenses for Patients under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act	Libby of Androscoggin	08/02/17
854	HP0603	An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Marijuana Legalization Act as Approved by the Voters	Hamann of South Portland	08/02/17
855	HP0604	An Act To Protect Children from Edible Cannabis Products	Hamann of South Portland	08/02/17
938	HP0666	An Act To Harmonize Provisions of "An Act To Legalize Marijuana" with Related Provisions of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act	Hamann of South Portland	08/02/17
1197	HP0834	An Act to Support Substance Use Disorder Prevention, Treatment and Recovery	Beebe-Center of Rockland	08/02/17
1209	HP0845	An Act To Reserve for County Government One Percent of the Excise Tax Revenue from the Sale of Retail Marijuana	Martin of Sinclair	08/02/17
1431	HP0985	An Act To Dedicate a Portion of the Tax on the Sale of Marijuana to Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Law Enforcement Costs and Regulatory Oversight	Craig of Brewer	08/02/17

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1448	HP1000	An Act To Clarify Certain Provisions of the Marijuana Legalization Act and To Deter the Use of Marijuana by Minors	Harrington of Sanford	08/02/17
1491	SP0520	An Act To Provide for Safety, Quality and Transparency in the Retail Marijuana Industry	Katz of Kennebec	08/02/17
1499	SP0524	An Act To Better Regulate Marijuana	Jackson of Aroostook	08/02/17
1596	HP1100	An Act To Establish the Cannabis Advisory Commission	Jorgensen of Portland	08/02/17

Marine Resources

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703	HP0494	An Act To Address Marine Debris Resulting from Commercial Activities	Devin of Newcastle	08/02/17
922	HP0650	An Act Directing the Commissioner of Marine Resources To Investigate the Conditions of Sheepscot Pond Related to a Management Plan for Anadromous Fish Species	Pierce of Dresden	08/02/17
1519	HP1043	An Act To Define the Intertidal Zone for the Management and Enforcement of Shellfish Conservation Ordinances	Devin of Newcastle	08/02/17

State and Local Government

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105	HP0073	An Act To Create a Centralized Authority To Combat Opiate Addiction in Maine	Hymanson of York	08/02/17
473	HP0336	An Act To Quantitatively Evaluate State Contracts	Devin of Newcastle	08/02/17
780	HP0560	An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of Cary Plantation	Sherman of Hodgdon	08/02/17
823	SP0268	An Act To Promote Transparency with Respect to Surveillance Technology	Bellows of Kennebec	08/02/17
890	SP0290	An Act To Include a Representative of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs in the House of Representatives	Carpenter of Aroostook	08/02/17
1068	HP0751	An Act To Require That State-funded Buildings Be Constructed with Wood Products	Campbell of Orrington	08/02/17
1345	HP0935	An Act To Provide Alternative Repayment Methods to Employees Overcompensated through an Employer Error	Doore of Augusta	08/02/17
1484	HP1023	An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of the Town of Atkinson	Higgins of Dover-Foxcroft	08/02/17

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1588	HP1092	An Act To Maintain Mail Routes and Access to Residential Structures	Hilliard of Belgrade	08/02/17
1604	HP1107	Resolve, To Amend Authorization To Sell Certain Property in Augusta	Pouliot of Augusta	08/02/17

Taxation

<u>LD</u>	<u>Paper #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Approved</u>
442	SP0144	An Act To Create a Family Caregiver Income Tax Credit	Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis	08/02/17
1283	SP0435	An Act To Modernize the Mining Excise Tax	Saviello of Franklin	08/02/17
1338	HP0932	An Act To Create and Sustain Jobs through Development of Cooperatives and Employee-owned Businesses	Grohman of Biddeford	08/02/17
1461	SP0507	An Act To Encourage the Construction of Affordable Housing	Volk of Cumberland	08/02/17
1479	HP1018	An Act To Modernize and Improve Maine's Property Tax System	Stanley of Medway	08/02/17
1537	HP1057	An Act To Replace the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit with the Student Loan Repayment Credit for Maine Residents	Pouliot of Augusta	08/02/17
1565	HP1078	An Act To Ensure the Effectiveness of Tax Increment Financing	Ward of Dedham	08/02/17
1599	HP1102	An Act To Improve the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law	Stanley of Medway	08/02/17
1629	HP1124	An Act To Protect the Elderly from Tax Lien Foreclosures	Espling of New Gloucester	08/02/17

Transportation

<u>LD</u>	<u>Paper #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Approved</u>
209	HP0165	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Temporary Sign Usage	Parry of Arundel	08/02/17
584	SP0199	An Act To Create the Fund for Municipalities To Improve Pedestrian Safety	Libby of Androscoggin	08/02/17
1149	HP0812	An Act To Provide Revenue To Fix and Rebuild Maine's Infrastructure	McLean of Gorham	08/02/17
1400	SP0478	An Act To Create the Bar Harbor Port Authority	Langley of Hancock	08/02/17

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<u>LD</u>	<u>Paper #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Approved</u>
1595	HP1099	An Act Regarding Inspection Requirements for Public Safety and Municipal Vehicles Owned by Island Communities	Cooper of Yarmouth	08/02/17

Veterans and Legal Affairs

<u>LD</u>	<u>Paper #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Approved</u>
31	HP0032	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That Signatures on a Direct Initiative of Legislation Come from Each Congressional District	Espling of New Gloucester	08/02/17
1201	HP0838	An Act To Authorize Tribal Gaming	Collings of Portland	08/02/17
1568	SP0550	An Act To Require That Principals of Corporations Remain the Same for a Specified Number of Years for the Corporation To Be Eligible for a Casino License	Collins of York	08/02/17
1590	SP0560	An Act Authorizing the Aroostook Band of Micmacs and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians To Benefit from the Operation of an Existing Casino	Carpenter of Aroostook	08/02/17
1646	HP1137	An Act To Bring Maine's Ranked-choice Voting Law into Constitutional Compliance	Ackley of Monmouth	08/02/17

Bills Carried Over Outside of Committee

<u>LD</u>	<u>Paper #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
8	HP0009	An Act To Provide Training for Forest Rangers To Carry Firearms	Tuell of East Machias
20	HP0021	An Act To Reimburse Nursing Homes for the Loss of Coinsurance and Deductibles for Skilled Nursing Beds under Rules Adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services	Malaby of Hancock
27	HP0028	An Act To Exempt Sales to Parent-Teacher Organizations from the Sales Tax	Turner of Burlington
49	HP0035	An Act To Improve Science and Engineering Education for Maine's Students	Devin of Newcastle
59	HP0046	An Act To Provide Funding for a Therapeutic Adult Day Service Center	Higgins of Dover-Foxcroft
79	SP0028	An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Career and Technical Student Organizations	Langley of Hancock
85	SP0034	An Act Regarding Public Service Berthing Vessels Licensed for the Sale of Liquor	Miramant of Knox
106	HP0074	An Act To Provide MaineCare Coverage for Dental Services to Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder	Tepler of Topsham
111	HP0079	An Act To Establish an Additional Veterans Treatment Court	Sheats of Auburn
170	HP0126	An Act To Allow and Recognize a Legal Name Change upon Marriage	Bailey of Saco

173	HP0129	An Act To Reduce Food Insecurity	Herbig of Belfast
174	HP0130	An Act To Require Schools To Submit Pest Management Activity Logs and Inspection Results to the Board of Pesticides Control for the Purposes of Providing Information to the Public	Daughtry of Brunswick
192	HP0148	An Act To Require Insurance Coverage for Hearing Aids	Handy of Lewiston
197	HP0153	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Explicitly Protect against Sex Discrimination	Reckitt of South Portland
230	SP0076	An Act To Increase Access to Head Start	Millett of Cumberland
267	HP0200	Resolve, To Increase Certain Chiropractic Reimbursement Rates under the MaineCare Program	Martin of Eagle Lake
285	HP0218	An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Coworking Development Fund	Fecteau of Biddeford
288	HP0221	An Act To Limit Questions Regarding Criminal History on State Employment Applications	Sheats of Auburn
289	HP0222	An Act To Extend the Veteran Property Tax Exemption to Veterans Who Have Served on Active Duty	Stanley of Medway
320	SP0094	An Act To Provide MaineCare Coverage for Chiropractic Treatment	Libby of Androscoggin
323	HP0237	An Act To Fully Fund the Waiting List for the Home and Community Benefits for Members with Intellectual Disabilities or Autistic Disorder Waiver	Malaby of Hancock
328	HP0242	An Act To Encourage Regional Planning and Reorganization	Grant of Gardiner
367	HP0273	An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee To Develop a Long-range Strategic Plan for Economic Improvement in the State	
377	SP0118	Resolve, To Establish the York County Jail Drug Detoxification and Rehabilitation Pilot Program	Chenette of York
401	HP0292	An Act To Require Reimbursement to Hospitals for Patients Awaiting Placement in Nursing Facilities	Sirocki of Scarborough
423	HP0303	An Act To Extend Internet Availability in Rural Maine	Alley, Sr. of Beals
449	SP0151	An Act To Add Domestic Violence against the Victim as an Aggravating Factor in Sentencing for Murder	Jackson of Aroostook
503	SP0164	An Act To Continue the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program	Katz of Kennebec
513	SP0174	An Act To Increase the Maximum Pension Deduction for State Income Tax	Bellows of Kennebec
524	HP0368	An Act To Amend the Laws on Domestic Violence	Reckitt of South Portland
525	HP0369	An Act To Enhance Maine's Response to Domestic Violence	Espling of New Gloucester
526	HP0370	An Act To Remove the Cap on an Increase in the State Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers	Collings of Portland
643	HP0457	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase Reimbursement Rates for Home-based and Community-based Services	Espling of New Gloucester
656	SP0218	An Act To Improve the Ability of Maine Companies To Manufacture and Market Biobased Products	Dill of Penobscot
681	HP0472	An Act Regarding Sexual Activity and Sexual Assault at Secondary and Postsecondary Educational Institutions	Daughtry of Brunswick
687	HP0478	Resolve, Regarding Reimbursement for Speech and Language Pathology Services	Farnsworth of Portland
720	SP0237	An Act To Provide Lung Cancer Screening for MaineCare Recipients	Katz of Kennebec
781	HP0561	An Act To Support the Trades through a Tax Credit for Apprenticeship Programs	Herbig of Belfast

792	HP0572	An Act To Authorize Funding for Transitional Housing for Women Veterans and Their Families	Sheats of Auburn
816	SP0261	An Act To Promote Academic Achievement through Hunger Relief for Maine Children	Breen of Cumberland
843	HP0592	An Act To Adjust the Formula for Calculating the Allocation of Moose Permits for Hunting Lodges	Stanley of Medway
967	HP0680	An Act To Ensure Access to Community Services for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism	Herbig of Belfast
990	SP0329	An Act To Prevent Violence against Law Enforcement Officers, Emergency Medical Care Providers and Firefighters	Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis
998	HP0699	An Act To Adequately Pay for Emergency Medical Services	Sanderson of Chelsea
1000	HP0701	Resolve, To Increase Access to Brain Injury Waiver Services	Malaby of Hancock
1006	HP0707	An Act Regarding Housing Insecurity of Older Citizens	Talbot Ross of Portland
1021	HP0723	Resolve, To Establish the Study Committee To Develop a Disposition Plan for Future Surplus State Property in York County	Mastraccio of Sanford
1091	HP0765	An Act To Implement Certain Recommendations of the Criminal Law Advisory Commission Relative to the Maine Criminal Code and Related Statutes	
1127	HP0790	An Act To Provide Occupants of Motor Vehicles with Gold Star Family Registration Plates Free Entry to State Parks	Sheats of Auburn
1130	HP0793	An Act To Provide Traffic Safety Education in Schools	Daughtry of Brunswick
1163	SP0384	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funding for a Program of Student Debt Payment and To Provide for the Establishment of That Program	Libby of Androscoggin
1188	HP0825	An Act To Facilitate MaineCare-Funded Assisted Living by Providing a Cost-of-living Adjustment to Private Nonmedical Institutions and Adult Family Care Homes	Malaby of Hancock
1190	HP0827	An Act Regarding Driver's License Suspensions for Nondriving-related Violations	Moonen of Portland
1196	HP0833	An Act To Assist Seniors and Certain Persons with Disabilities in Paying Property Taxes	Bailey of Saco
1204	HP0840	An Act Regarding Absentee Voting by Residents of Nursing Homes and Other Residential Care Facilities	Timberlake of Turner
1212	SP0406	An Act To Amend the Definition of "Eligible Business Equipment" for the Purposes of the Business Equipment Tax Exemption Program	Katz of Kennebec
1248	HP0871	An Act To Improve Public Transportation in Maine	McLean of Gorham
1280	SP0432	An Act To Require Drug Manufacturers To Comply with Federal Law	Jackson of Aroostook
1286	SP0438	An Act To Facilitate Compliance by School Employees with Criminal History Record Check and Fingerprinting Requirements	Millett of Cumberland
1287	SP0439	An Act To Strengthen Efforts To Recruit and Retain Primary Care Professionals and Dentists in Rural and Underserved Areas of the State	Jackson of Aroostook
1301	HP0898	An Act To Improve Access to Preventive, Cost-saving Dental Services	Martin of Eagle Lake
1308	HP0905	Resolve, To Expedite the Processing of Applications for Certification under the Work Opportunity Tax Credit	Talbot Ross of Portland
1314	HP0911	Resolve, To Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services	Malaby of Hancock
1317	HP0914	An Act To Encourage Family-friendly Businesses through a Tax Credit for Child Care	Herbig of Belfast

1321	SP0450	An Act To Promote Social and Emotional Learning and Development in Early Childhood	Breen of Cumberland
1322	HP0916	An Act Regarding Mental Health First Aid Training for Corrections Personnel	Talbot Ross of Portland
1343	SP0457	An Act To Promote Downtown Revitalization by Creating the Locating Businesses Downtown Loan Program	Chenette of York
1388	SP0475	An Act To Prohibit the Falsification of Medical Records	Rosen of Hancock
1391	HP0965	An Act To Ensure the Continuation of the Landowner Relations Program	Espling of New Gloucester
1399	SP0477	An Act To Encourage Broadband Coverage in Rural Maine	Bellows of Kennebec
1407	SP0485	An Act Regarding Prescription Drug Step Therapy	Rosen of Hancock
1429	HP0983	An Act Regarding the Epidemic of Opiate Abuse	Grohman of Biddeford
1433	HP0988	An Act To Protect Maine Children from Lung Cancer by Requiring Radon Testing in Schools	Warren of Hallowell
1466	SP0512	An Act To Address Severe and Ongoing Shortfalls in the Funding of Direct Care Workers in Long-term Care Settings and To Establish the Commission To Study Long-term Care Workforce Issues	Jackson of Aroostook
1490	SP0519	An Act To Stabilize Funding for the County Jails	Cyrway of Kennebec
1494	HP1027	An Act To Increase the Availability of Foster Homes	Sanderson of Chelsea
1517	HP1041	Resolve, To Ensure Access to Behavioral Health Services	Perry of Calais
1554	HP1070	Resolve, Authorizing Claire Dean Perry and the Estate of William Dean To Bring Suit against the Surety Obtained by the Department of Health and Human Services in Its Capacity as Public Conservator	Beebe-Center of Rockland
1597	SP0561	An Act To Exempt from Sales Tax the Fee Associated with the Paint Stewardship Program	Breen of Cumberland
1613	SP0568	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Assist in the Commercialization of Maine Products and Services	Volk of Cumberland

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Bill Requests For Screening

Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Representative Ackley of Monmouth

LR: 2678

Title: An Act To Improve the Efficiency of the Pine Tree Development Zone Program

Comment: This bill would suspend new awards under the Pine Tree Development Zone program until it is determined that the program has a measurable economic impact.

LR: 2679

Title: An Act To Improve the Efficacy of Adult-use Marijuana Testing

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to test by random sampling all adult-use marijuana products for contaminants, homogeneity and potency and to confirm proper labeling.

LR: 2680

Title: An Act To Track Medical Marijuana Caregiver Sales Tax Collection

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to develop a method to track the amount of sales tax revenue that is generated by the sale of medical marijuana by caregivers.

LR: 2681

Title: An Act To Prevent Employment Discrimination Based on Unreliable Tests for Marijuana Use

Comment: This bill would prevent employment discrimination based on tests for marijuana use that do not measure impairment.

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Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Representative Alley, Sr. of Beals

LR: 2602

Title: An Act To Increase the Safety of Nonmotorized Watercraft in the Ocean by Requiring Lights When Visibility Is Impaired

Comment: This bill would require that nonmotorized watercraft in the ocean have a white light attached to the stern when visibility is impaired and at night.

Sponsor: Representative Bailey of Saco

LR: 2507

Title: An Act To Enhance Protections for Certified Search Team Members Regarding Work Absences

Comment: This bill would provide search team members certified by a statewide association for search and rescue the same protections as volunteer firefighters regarding absences from work.

LR: 2691

Title: An Act To Create an Access to Justice Income Tax Credit

Comment: This bill would create an income tax credit for lawyers who practice law full time for at least 5 years in underserved areas of the State, with the program to be overseen by the Board of Overseers of the Bar or other board appointed by the courts.

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Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

LR: 2693

Title: Resolve, To Acknowledge That a Ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States Applies To Permit Gaming by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians on Tribal Land of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

Comment: This resolve would acknowledge that the ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States in *California v. Cabazon Band of Mission Indians*, 480 U.S. 202 (1987), which provides that a state that permits regulated gaming in that state may not prohibit a federally-recognized Indian tribe from conducting gaming on tribal land in that state, applies to permit gaming by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians on tribal land of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.

Potential JR 217: LD 1447

LR: 2694

Title: Resolve, To Acknowledge That the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Has the Right by Treaty To Hunt Moose in this State

Comment: This resolve would acknowledge that the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians has the right by virtue of the treaties of February 1760 with Great Britain and the July 1776 treaty with the State of Massachusetts Bay and the other states to hunt moose within their traditional tribal homelands, including Aroostook County and the entire State of Maine.

Potential JR 217: LD 632

LR: 2695

Title: Resolve, To Acknowledge That Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in this State Have a Right to Equitable Settlement of Claims for the Wrongful Removal of Tribal Children from Tribal Communities

Comment: This resolve would acknowledge that the 4 federally recognized Indian tribes in this State have a right to equitable settlement of claims for the wrongful removal of tribal children from tribal communities to state care facilities that occurred in violation of the Geneva Conventions and related provisions preventing the crime of genocide and in violation of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978.

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Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

LR: 2696

Title: Resolve, To Acknowledge That the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Has the Right to Equitable Compensation for Unceded Land, Including Aroostook County, Not Covered by the Federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 and the Maine Implementing Act

Comment: This resolve would acknowledge that the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians has the right to equitable compensation for unceded land, including Aroostook County, not covered by the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 and the Maine implementing act.

LR: 2697

Title: Resolve, To Accept WhiteSand Gaming's Final Report on Its Market Feasibility Study of Expanded Gaming in Maine Commissioned by the 126th Legislature

Comment: This resolve would accept the final report of WhiteSand Gaming on its market feasibility study of expanded gaming in Maine, which concluded that expanded gaming was feasible in this State, including tribal gaming in both the northern and eastern parts of this State.

LR: 2698

Title: Resolve, To Accept the Report on Research Findings and Initial Observations on the Drafting and Enactment of the Federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 Commissioned by the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission

Comment: This resolve would accept the report on research findings and initial observations on the drafting and enactment of the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 commissioned by the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission, of February 2017, which concludes that the tribes retain aboriginal and treaty rights to fish and hunt and to their tribal lands that were not legally transferred as contemplated by both the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 and the Maine implementing act.

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Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

LR: 2699

Title: An Act To Establish Representation for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians in the Senate

Comment: This bill would establish representation for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians in the Senate by a duly elected tribal member.

Sponsor: Representative Beebe-Center of Rockland

LR: 2700

Title: An Act To Preserve the Community Mental Health System in the State by Increasing Compensation for Direct Care Workers

Comment: This bill would provide a 20% pay increase for those workers involved in direct care work for behavioral health clients to allow community-based providers to attract, hire and retain direct care workers. Under this bill, these funds would not be used for administration costs or staff other than direct care staff.

Closely Related CO: LD 1517 Representative Perry, A

LR: 2701

Title: An Act To Protect the Privacy of Conversations

Comment: This bill would make it a crime to record or eavesdrop on any confidential communication, including a private conversation or telephone call, without the consent of all parties to the conversation.

Sponsor: Senator Bellows of Kennebec

LR: 2512

Title: An Act To Restore the Funding of School-based Health Centers

Comment: This bill would restore the funding of school-based health centers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2456 Representative Handy, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2522 Representative Perry, A

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Sponsor: Senator Bellows of Kennebec

LR: 2521

Title: An Act To Ensure Quality of and Increase Access to Recovery Residences

Comment: This bill would set state standards for recovery residences that are tied to National Alliance for Recovery Residences standards. The bill would also expand eligibility for the Bridging Rental Assistance Program to include persons with substance use disorder diagnoses and to allow all program funds to be used for regular housing or recovery residences.

LR: 2600

Title: An Act To Facilitate the Provision of Disability Benefits for State Workers Requiring Organ Transplants

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to facilitate the provision of long-term disability benefits in the case of life threatening illnesses that will require organ transplant.

Closely Related CO: LD 176 Representative Foley, R

LR: 2683

Title: An Act To Provide an Income Tax Credit To Encourage Employee Stock Ownership Plans in the State

Comment: This bill would provide an income tax credit to businesses in the State that provide employee stock ownership plans.

Closely Related CO: LD 1338 Representative Grohman, M

LR: 2724

Title: An Act To Ensure the Health and Safety of Consumers of Home Care Services

Comment: The bill would direct the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services to update the rules governing in-home personal care and support workers to ensure the health and safety of consumers of home care services.

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Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Senator Bellows of Kennebec

LR: 2777

Title: An Act To Support Maine Guides

Comment: This bill would streamline the licensing process for Maine guides by removing barriers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2601 Representative Stanley, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2646 Senator Davis, Sr., P

Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham

LR: 2455

Title: An Act To Allow an Alternative Method To Make Up School Days Cancelled Due to Inclement Weather

Comment: This bill would allow a school district to allow its students to complete work at home in order to make up school days cancelled due to inclement weather.

LR: 2460

Title: An Act To Prohibit Price Gouging on Essential Off-patent or Generic Drugs

Comment: This bill would prohibit price gouging on essential off-patent or generic drugs.

LR: 2503

Title: An Act To Provide for the Discontinuance of Water to Customers Who Fail To Pay Their Sewer Usage Fees

Comment: This bill would allow a sewer district or sewer department to work with the local water district to discontinue the supply of water to customers who fail to pay their sewer usage fees.

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Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham

LR: 2786

Title: An Act To Protect Maine Residents and Businesses from Rising Electricity Costs

Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to protect Maine residents and businesses from rising electricity costs. These measures may include, but are not limited to, restricting the debt-to-equity ratio for new distribution projects.

LR: 2787

Title: An Act To Provide Tangible Benefits to Maine's Economy by Amending Laws Governing Electricity Transmission Corridors

Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to provide tangible benefits to Maine's economy by amending the laws concerning electricity transmission corridors.

Sponsor: Representative Blume of York

LR: 2719

Title: An Act To Increase Safety, Ensure Efficient Operation and Improve Traffic Flow on the Maine Turnpike by Requiring All Electronic Toll Collection

Comment: This bill would require new or rebuilt toll plazas on the Maine Turnpike to be built using all electronic toll collection technology.

Sponsor: Senator Brakey of Androscoggin

LR: 2468

Title: An Act To Designate June 27th as Post-traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day

Comment: This bill would designate June 27th as Post-traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day annually.

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Sponsor: Senator Brakey of Androscoggin

LR: 2473

Title: An Act To Increase the Number of Retail Liquor Licenses Allowed in Certain Municipalities

Comment: This bill would allow the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to license one additional agency liquor store in a municipality for every additional 15,000 residents in municipalities with populations greater than 60,000.

LR: 2482

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Use of Personal Flotation Devices in Boats

Comment: This bill would require that all passengers aboard a boat wear Coast Guard-approved flotation devices.

Potential JR 217: LD 342

LR: 2649

Title: An Act To Allow a Municipality To Retain 50 Percent of Sales Tax Revenues That Exceed Annual Projections

Comment: This bill would allow a municipality to keep 50% of sales tax revenues generated within the municipality that exceed annual projections.

Potential JR 217: LD 915

Sponsor: Senator Breen of Cumberland

LR: 2648

Title: An Act To Preserve Medication Management for Persons with Mental Health Needs

Comment: This bill would increase rates to fund medication management for persons with severe and persistent mental illness by 25% across the board in order to retain services, access and providers across geographic regions.

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Sponsor: Representative Campbell of Orrington

LR: 2763

Title: An Act To Restore Bond Funding for the Historic Preservation Revolving Fund Administered by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission

Comment: This bill would restore \$1,050,000 ratified by the voters in 2010 for the Historic Preservation Revolving Fund, established within the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, to provide funding to qualified organizations for the purpose of acquiring endangered historic properties for resale to new owners who agree to rehabilitate the properties, subject to preservation easements, in order to increase the tax base and enhance economic development opportunities. If not restored by the 128th Legislature, these funds will expire on June 30, 2018.

Sponsor: Representative Cardone of Bangor

LR: 2537

Title: An Act To Revise the Grandparents Visitation Act

Comment: This bill would revise the language of the Grandparents Visitation Act to alleviate concerns raised by the court in *Dorr v. Woodard*, 2016 ME 79.

Sponsor: Senator Carpenter of Aroostook

LR: 2739

Title: An Act To Protect Consumers from Bank Overdraft Fees by Prohibiting Resequencing

Comment: This bill would prohibit banks from posting checking account transactions from highest to lowest dollar amount to maximize overdraft fees.

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Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Representative Chace of Durham

LR: 2655

Title: An Act To Establish the Position of Civil Deputy To Serve Process throughout a County

Comment: This bill would establish a new class of deputy in an office of a county sheriff, to be known as a civil deputy, who would be authorized to serve civil process throughout the county. This bill would also authorize the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to design a training program that is specific to the duties of a civil deputy.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2667 Senator Dion, M

Sponsor: Representative Chapman of Brooksville

LR: 2779

Title: An Act To Include the Natural Resources Protection Act in the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act

Comment: This bill would include the Natural Resources Protection Act in the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act.

LR: 2781

Title: An Act To Include the Site Location of Development Laws in the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act

Comment: This bill would include the site location of development laws in the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act.

LR: 2785

Title: An Act To Limit Eligibility for a Metallic Mineral Mining Permit

Comment: This bill would prohibit the granting of a permit under the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act to an applicant who has ever been listed in the World Bank Listing of Ineligible Firms & Individuals. The bill would be retroactive to October 31, 2017.

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Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

LR: 2467

Title: An Act To Cap Insurance Rate Hikes

Comment: This bill would cap the amount that the Superintendent of Insurance may allow for annual rate increases at 10%.

LR: 2513

Title: An Act To Increase Blood Donations

Comment: This bill would provide a state income tax reduction for every blood donation provided to a licensed and approved blood donation collection organization.

LR: 2514

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Alteration of Birth Certificates of Transgender Maine Residents

Comment: This bill would add hormone replacement therapy or a similar clinically appropriate treatment as an allowed reason for a probate court to change a person's birth certificate to reflect the proper gender.

LR: 2515

Title: An Act To Increase Wage Transparency

Comment: This bill would require all businesses operating in the State to post the anticipated salary or pay range for an advertised open position.

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Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

LR: 2516

Title: An Act To Prevent Employers from Testing for Marijuana Use or Denying Employment on the Basis of Marijuana Use

Comment: This bill would prohibit an employer from requiring testing for marijuana use and from using marijuana use as a basis for denying employment.

LR: 2519

Title: An Act To Expand the Tax Credit for Educational Opportunity To Include Student Debt from Out-of-state Graduate Schools

Comment: This bill would change the laws governing the tax credit for educational opportunity to provide that a person with out-of-state graduate school student debt qualifies for the tax credit.

LR: 2650

Title: An Act To Close Loopholes in Election Laws and Ban the Use of Leadership Political Action Committees for Personal Profit

Comment: This bill would close loopholes in election laws and ban the use of leadership political action committees for personal profit.

LR: 2651

Title: An Act To Clarify the Difference between Late and Unfiled Campaign Expenditures and Expenses Reports

Comment: This bill would clarify the difference between late and unfiled campaign expenditures and expenses reports.

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Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

LR: 2659

Title: An Act To Include Cursive Writing in High School Graduation Standards

Comment: This bill would add to high school graduation standards a requirement that each student pass a competency test demonstrating basic cursive writing skills.

LR: 2660

Title: An Act To Ensure Equality in the Property Valuation Appeal Process

Comment: This bill would allow state residents who make the State their secondary residence to file appeals for the property tax valuation changes within their municipalities.

LR: 2661

Title: An Act To Properly Notify Taxpayers of Property Valuation Changes

Comment: This bill would require municipalities to notify their residents of any property valuation changes at least 30 days prior to distributing property tax bills. The notices must provide clear instructions for the property tax valuation appeal process.

LR: 2662

Title: An Act To Create a Lifetime Ban on Lawmakers Becoming Lobbyists

Comment: This bill would create a lifetime ban on former state Legislators becoming lobbyists.

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Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

LR: 2663

Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Eliminate the Governor's Ability To Remove County Sheriffs from Office

Comment: This resolution would eliminate the ability of the Governor to remove county sheriffs from office.

LR: 2690

Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Prohibit for One Year the Enactment of Legislation That Amends or Repeals a Law Proposed by Citizen Initiative That Was Enacted by Referendum

Comment: This resolution would prohibit for one year the enactment of legislation that amends or repeals a law proposed by citizen initiative that was enacted pursuant to a referendum.

LR: 2702

Title: An Act To Increase Access to the Aspirations Program for Students Returning to High School To Earn a Diploma

Comment: This bill would allow students going back to high school to earn a high school diploma to qualify for the Department of Education's high school college aspirations program, enabling them to take college classes through the University of Maine System for free.

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Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

LR: 2723

Title: An Act To Protect Children Subject to Custody and Visitation Decisions from Domestic Abuse

Comment: This bill would require for all custody and visitation decisions that the health and safety of children be given first priority. The bill would also require that, in all cases involving reports, evidence or suspicion of domestic violence or child abuse, custody courts must consider current scientific research, use a multidisciplinary approach that includes expertise in domestic violence and child sexual abuse when relevant and hold an early hearing limited to issues of domestic violence and child abuse. If the court finds that one parent has committed abuse and the other is safe, the initial outcomes should be award of custody to the safe parent and supervised visits for the abuser.

Sponsor: Senator Chipman of Cumberland

LR: 2780

Title: An Act To Increase Safety for Persons with Visual Impairments on Public Transportation

Comment: This bill would require buses providing public transportation to have audio announcements of upcoming stops by 2019.

Sponsor: Senator Collins of York

LR: 2595

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Install a Traffic Signal in Wells

Comment: This bill would direct the Department of Transportation to install a traffic signal in the town of Wells at the intersection of Route 109, Branch Road and Crediford Road.

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Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Senator Collins of York

LR: 2606

Title: An Act To Allow Municipalities To Reduce Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Rates

Comment: This bill would allow a municipality to charge a reduced motor vehicle excise tax rate, as determined by the municipality, or to not charge the motor vehicle excise tax.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2531 Representative O'Connor, B

Sponsor: Representative Cooper of Yarmouth

LR: 2524

Title: An Act To Expand the Rights of Residential Tenants

Comment: This bill would provide that residential tenants under a lease must be given at least 75 days' notice of a material change in their obligations for rental of the premises they occupy, including increases in rent, security deposits, utility cost obligations and pet fees, and also be given at least 45 days to accept or reject the revised terms. A residential tenant also would be entitled to withhold all or a portion of rental amounts to compensate the tenant for the owner's failure to provide a rental property that constitutes a safe and healthy environment in which to live. Tenants are liable for withheld rental amounts when repairs are made. Alternatively, tenants may deduct amounts they have expended to rectify defects that the landlord or owner is obligated to repair but has failed to repair, or for damages arising from the landlord's or owner's failure to repair or maintain the premises, such as personal injury and property damage. Local and state health and code enforcement officers would be authorized to examine, report on and require remediation for these defects. If a dispute arises concerning the withholding of rental amounts, it may be adjudicated in small claims court. Tenants under a lease would be entitled to attorney's fees and double damages if they prevail.

Sponsor: Representative Corey of Windham

LR: 2485

Title: An Act To Increase Firearm Safety by Establishing a Tax Credit for Gun Safes

Comment: This bill would establish a tax credit for handgun and long gun safes.

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Sponsor: Representative Corey of Windham

LR: 2622

Title: An Act To Allow Qualifying Medicaid Recipients To Hire Spouses and Legal Guardians

Comment: This bill would allow qualifying Medicaid recipients to hire spouses and legal guardians.

Sponsor: Senator Cushing of Penobscot

LR: 2604

Title: An Act To Increase Safety on Youth Hunting Day for Hunting Bear by Allowing an Accompanying Adult To Possess a Firearm

Comment: This bill would allow an adult supervisor, parent or guardian accompanying a youth on youth bear hunting day to possess a firearm that may be used solely for purposes of ensuring safety.

LR: 2754

Title: Resolve, To Study Methods for Better Transportation for Students and Workers in Maine

Comment: This resolve would establish a task force to study methods for better transportation for students and workers in Maine.

Sponsor: Senator Cyrway of Kennebec

LR: 2457

Title: An Act Regarding Marijuana Odor

Comment: This bill would adopt provisions regarding marijuana odor.

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Sponsor: Senator Cyrway of Kennebec

LR: 2539

Title: An Act To Reduce Dependency on Medication-assisted Treatment

Comment: This bill would require treatment providers to wean patients off medication-assisted treatment after one year.

LR: 2549

Title: An Act To Award to the Family of Nathan Desjardins His Workers' Compensation Death Benefits

Comment: This bill would award to the family of Nathan Desjardins, an officer of the Fryeburg Police Department who is deceased and who had no dependents, his Workers' Compensation death benefits.

LR: 2550

Title: An Act To Include a Deceased Person's Immediate Family Members in the Group of People Paid Workers' Compensation Death Benefits

Comment: This bill would include the members of a deceased person's immediate family, including parents and siblings, in the group of people to whom workers' compensation death benefits must be paid.

LR: 2571

Title: An Act Regarding Former Residents of Riverview Psychiatric Center Who Are Arrested for Minor Offenses

Comment: This bill would provide that any former resident of Riverview Psychiatric Center who is arrested for a minor offense and who is then transferred to a correctional facility remains a ward of the Department of Health and Human Services.

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Sponsor: Senator Cyrway of Kennebec

LR: 2617

Title: An Act To Eliminate the Prohibition on Feeding or Baiting Deer during Certain Parts of the Year

Comment: This bill would eliminate the prohibition on feeding or baiting deer during certain parts of the year that was imposed by Public Law 2017, chapter 225, which was enacted by the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

Sponsor: Senator Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis

LR: 2465

Title: An Act To Protect the Employment of Veterans during Layoffs and in Certain Union Contracts

Comment: This bill would require an employer to give consideration to retaining those employees who are veterans when the employer is engaging in layoffs and would provide for consideration to be given to those employees with regard to seniority in certain union contracts.

LR: 2527

Title: An Act To Strengthen the Laws Regarding Child Abuse

Comment: This bill would add the definition of "child psychological abuse" to the State's definition of "child abuse."

LR: 2646

Title: An Act To Amend the Registered Maine Guide Background Check Requirement

Comment: This bill would eliminate the background check requirement for Maine guides who are registered with a tidewater guide endorsement.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2601 Representative Stanley, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2777 Senator Bellows, S

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Sponsor: Representative DeChant of Bath

LR: 2789

Title: An Act To Encourage Major Investments in Shipbuilding Facilities and the Preservation of Jobs

Comment: This bill would allow a certified applicant a shipbuilding facility tax credit of \$3,000,000 per year for up to 20 years if certain criteria are met.

Sponsor: Representative Denno of Cumberland

LR: 2500

Title: An Act To Reestablish the Office of Advocacy

Comment: This bill would reestablish the Office of Advocacy, abolished in 2011, in the Department of Health and Human Services as an internal agency to protect the interests of persons with disabilities.

Sponsor: Senator Deschambault of York

LR: 2745

Title: An Act To Amend the Definition of "Premises" for Purposes of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws To Include Real Estate That Is Not Contiguous

Comment: This bill would amend the definition of "premises" as used in the alcoholic beverage laws to include noncontiguous real estate over which a licensee has control or an interest in and allow the public to pass between the noncontiguous portions of property.

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Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle

LR: 2466

Title: Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Investigate the High Rate of Addiction among Persons Who Fish Commercially

Comment: This resolve would establish a task force to determine the underlying cultural, economic, mental and social causes for the high addiction rate among persons who fish commercially and recommend solutions that include educational, enforcement and treatment approaches.

LR: 2475

Title: An Act To Improve the Research Capabilities of State Employees

Comment: This bill would create a line item in the budget to support online access to scientific databases, journals and other publications by state employees.

LR: 2569

Title: Resolve, To Use a Comprehensive Approach To Restore and Protect Pollinator Populations

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to examine potential pesticide management protocols and pest control protocols in order to protect pollinator populations.

LR: 2626

Title: Resolve, To Join the International Alliance To Combat Ocean Acidification

Comment: This resolve would require the State to join the International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification in order to advance scientific understanding of ocean acidification, reduce the causes of acidification and protect the environment and coastal communities from the effects of acidification.

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Sponsor: Senator Diamond of Cumberland

LR: 2607

Title: An Act To Clarify Site Location Permit Requirements for Land Trusts

Comment: This bill would clarify the site location permit requirements to allow the establishment of a farm land trust in Gorham.

Sponsor: Senator Dill of Penobscot

LR: 2508

Title: An Act To Facilitate the Adoption of Dogs and Cats That Have Been in the Possession of Publicly Funded Research Facilities

Comment: This bill would require a research facility that receives public funding for any research involving a dog or cat to assess the health of the animal to determine the animal's suitability for adoption and make reasonable efforts to offer for adoption those animals that are suitable.

Potential JR 217: LD 246

LR: 2509

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Excise Tax on Automobiles

Comment: This bill would require that the initial year of excise tax on an automobile be based on the purchase price of the car rather than the sticker price of the car.

Potential JR 217: LD 707

LR: 2510

Title: An Act To Require That Railroads Provide Easements to Owners of Land That Would Otherwise Be Inaccessible

Comment: This bill would require that a railroad provide a permanent easement over a railroad crossing to a landowner whose property would be inaccessible absent the easement.

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Sponsor: Senator Dill of Penobscot

LR: 2743

Title: An Act To Support Vulnerable Seniors by Funding Assisted Living Programs

Comment: This bill would fund assisted living programs throughout the State.

Sponsor: Senator Dion of Cumberland

LR: 2573

Title: An Act To Modify the Number of Retail Liquor Licenses Allowed in a Jurisdiction per Person

Comment: This bill would modify the number of retail liquor licenses allowed in a jurisdiction per person.

LR: 2575

Title: An Act To Grant Liquor Inspectors Law Enforcement Authority and To Allow Them To Carry Weapons

Comment: This bill would grant liquor inspectors who are Maine Criminal Justice Academy graduates law enforcement authority and allow them to carry department-issued weapons in order that they may enforce criminal law relevant to their duties as inspectors.

LR: 2667

Title: An Act To Establish Legal Requirements for Training and Certification of Civil Deputies

Comment: This bill would establish a new class of deputy in the offices of county sheriffs, to be known as a civil deputy, who would be authorized to serve civil process throughout the county. This bill would also authorize the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to design a training program that is specific to the duties of civil deputies.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2655 Representative Chace, P

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Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Senator Dion of Cumberland

LR: 2673

Title: An Act To Promote Passenger Ferry Service between Maine and Nova Scotia by Amending the Laws Governing Pilotage Requirements

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing pilotage requirements for vessels providing regularly scheduled passenger service between Maine and Nova Scotia.

LR: 2721

Title: An Act To Establish the Office of Broadband Development within the Department of Economic and Community Development

Comment: This bill would create within the Department of Economic and Community Development the Office of Broadband Development. This new office would provide staffing for the ConnectME Authority and would be responsible for coordinating policies and practices between municipal, county and state entities to advance a coordinated state broadband policy.

Closely Related CO: LD 1399 Senator Bellows, S

Sponsor: Senator Dow of Lincoln

LR: 2528

Title: Resolve, To Improve the Department of Transportation's Wiscasset Village Traffic Management Plan

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Transportation to honor the Wiscasset citizens' majority vote from a June 13, 2017 referendum at the annual Wiscasset town meeting and subsequent Wiscasset Select Board majority vote that rejected the so-called Department of Transportation Option 2.

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Sponsor: Senator Dow of Lincoln

LR: 2586

Title: An Act To Extend the Pine Tree Development Zone Program until December 31, 2021

Comment: This bill would extend the Pine Tree Development Zone program until December 31, 2021. Under current law, the program must stop accepting applications from businesses in so-called tier 1 locations on December 31, 2018.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2582 Representative Mastraccio, A

LR: 2740

Title: Resolve, Authorizing the Lease of the Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site

Comment: This resolve would authorize the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to lease the Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site in the Town of Bristol to the Friends of Colonial Pemaquid, a Maine nonprofit corporation, for use by the public for educational and recreational purposes.

Sponsor: Representative Duchesne of Hudson

LR: 2496

Title: An Act To Rename the Coast of Maine Wildlife Management Area as the Alan E. Hutchinson Wildlife Management Area

Comment: This bill would rename the Coast of Maine Wildlife Management Area as the Alan E. Hutchinson Wildlife Management Area in Mr. Hutchinson's honor and memory.

Sponsor: Representative Dunphy of Old Town

LR: 2493

Title: An Act To Reinstate Part-time State Park Ranger Positions

Comment: This bill would reinstate 24 part-time state park ranger positions that were cut in the 2018-2019 biennial budget.

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Sponsor: Representative Espling of New Gloucester

LR: 2632

Title: An Act To Create Equity in Wine and Spirits Container Deposits

Comment: This bill would create a uniform deposit for all wine and spirits containers in the laws governing returnable containers.

Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland

LR: 2725

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office To Develop a Proposal Designed To Improve the Process of Competency Evaluations

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to work with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office to develop a proposal to use jail facilities to meet the needs of counties in southern Maine for competency evaluations. The proposal would include the establishment of a behavioral health unit in the Cumberland County jail, which would allow the Riverview Psychiatric Center to take on fewer, and only more complicated, evaluations.

Sponsor: Representative Farrin of Norridgewock

LR: 2583

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Beano

Comment: This bill would remove the requirement that beano conducted by organizations such as volunteer fire departments, agricultural fair associations and nonprofit, charitable, educational, political, civic, recreational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans organizations be conducted by members of those organizations.

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Sponsor: Representative Farrin of Norridgewock

LR: 2715

Title: An Act To Establish a Grant Program for Community-based Veterans' Organizations

Comment: This bill would establish a grant program administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development. Under the program, grants would be provided to community-based veterans' organizations in the State to address veterans' homelessness and to encourage community-based efforts to develop agribusiness and agritourism in order to train veterans for job placement in and ownership of such business enterprises.

Sponsor: Representative Fay of Raymond

LR: 2526

Title: An Act To Protect Working and Service Animals

Comment: This bill would extend Good Samaritan liability protection to cover first responders who treat working and service animals in emergency situations.

Sponsor: Representative Fecteau of Biddeford

LR: 2458

Title: An Act Regarding Accounts Opened for Minors at Financial Institutions

Comment: This bill would require a financial institution, in the case of a joint account established for a minor and an adult, to receive the consent of the account holders to keep both names on the account when the minor attains 18 years of age.

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Sponsor: Representative Fecteau of Biddeford

LR: 2459

Title: An Act Regarding Levies Placed on Accounts at Financial Institutions for Unpaid State Income Taxes

Comment: This bill would require a financial institution, in a case in which a debtor's accounts have been levied for unpaid state income taxes, to satisfy the levy first with money from accounts held solely by the debtor or the debtor and the debtor's spouse before taking money from accounts held by the debtor and a 3rd party.

Sponsor: Representative Foley of Wells

LR: 2544

Title: An Act To Prohibit Nonmedical Switching by Health Insurance Providers

Comment: This bill would ensure that persons covered by health insurance who are stable on their prescription drug regimens have continuous care and would prohibit 3rd-party payers from making restrictive changes to those persons' formularies after a plan year has begun or has been renewed, a practice referred to as "nonmedical switching."

Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

LR: 2478

Title: An Act To Strengthen Maine Families with Children by Changing the Income Tax Laws

Comment: This bill would double the standard deduction for children in the State and also double the earned income tax credit for their families.

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Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

LR: 2479

Title: An Act To Amend for Fiscal Year 2018-19 the School Funding Formula for School Districts with a High Incidence of Free and Reduced-price Lunches

Comment: This bill would increase school funding for schools with a high incidence of free and reduced-price lunch delivery to children.

Closely Related CO: LD 816 Senator Breen, C

LR: 2481

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund a Program of Student Debt Consolidation and Repayment

Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue and establish a program of student debt consolidation and repayment to be administered by the Finance Authority of Maine. Under the program, Maine residents who work in Maine after graduation from postsecondary school can apply to consolidate student loans at a single advantageous interest rate and employers that opt to pay up to 50% of their employees' annual loan repayment costs are authorized to treat those costs as expenses for tax purposes.

Closely Related CO: LD 1163 Senator Libby, N

LR: 2708

Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Direct Initiative of Legislation

Comment: This resolution would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Maine to prohibit the direct initiative of legislation that raises a tax or involves the spending of public money.

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Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook

LR: 2744

Title: An Act To Save Lives and Create the Homeless Opioid User Service Engagement Pilot Project

Comment: This bill would establish a homeless opioid user service engagement pilot project to provide rapid access to low-barrier treatment for substance use disorders and stable housing to support recovery and create stability for 50 opioid users who are among the most vulnerable and unstable in Maine.

Closely Related CO: LD 565 Senator Chipman, B

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2665 Representative Vachon, K

LR: 2748

Title: An Act To Improve Housing Support in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to revise eligibility criteria in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program to bring it more in line with other rental assistance programs. It would direct the department to lower the tenant's share of the monthly rent payment from 51% of income to 30% of income.

LR: 2762

Title: An Act To Clarify Authority Pertaining to the Collection of Debts of MaineCare Providers

Comment: This bill would prohibit the imposition of personal liability for a MaineCare provider's debts onto an employee, officer, director, member or shareholder of the provider unless that employee, officer, director, member or shareholder controls at least the number of votes of the provider's governing body necessary to govern operations of the provider.

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Sponsor: Representative Gerrish of Lebanon

LR: 2491

Title: An Act To Clarify Residency Requirements for Municipal Officials

Comment: This bill would clarify that municipal code enforcement officers and municipal fire chiefs are not required to be residents of the State.

LR: 2492

Title: An Act To Create a Full-time Drug Interdiction Unit within the State

Comment: This bill would create a full-time drug interdiction unit within the State.

Sponsor: Speaker Gideon of Freeport

LR: 2614

Title: An Act To Enhance Safety for Victims of Sexual Assault and Stalking

Comment: This bill would amend the law:

1. Governing remedies available to tenants who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking by expanding the forms of acceptable documentation that may be provided to landlords to include police reports prepared in response to investigations of sexual assault or stalking, and copies of criminal complaints for, or indictments or convictions of, charges of sexual assault or stalking; and
2. To provide that a person is guilty of sexual misconduct with a child who is at least 14 years of age but not yet 16 years of age if the actor is at least 10 years older than the other person and knowingly displays or disseminates sexually explicit materials to the other person with the intent to encourage the other person to engage in a sexual act or sexual contact.

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Sponsor: Speaker Gideon of Freeport

LR: 2710

Title: An Act To Create a Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Educational Organizations That Provide Educational Programs That Require Overnight Accommodations and Meal Service

Comment: This bill would create a tax exemption for educational organizations that are 501(c)(3) organizations and that provide educational programs that require overnight accommodations and meal service.

LR: 2747

Title: An Act To Reduce Child Poverty by Promoting Higher Wages for Families through Education and Training

Comment: This bill would identify qualified workforce development and other nonprofit community-based programs to leverage state, local and philanthropic resources eligible to receive 50% reimbursement for skills-based supplemental nutrition employment and training funds. Under this bill, the Department of Health and Human Services will implement memorandums of understanding to establish partnerships with these entities to deliver wraparound support services, such as child care and transportation, to low-income adult learners.

Sponsor: Representative Golden of Lewiston

LR: 2546

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Adopt Protocols Designed To Prevent Youth Suicide

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Education to adopt for schools protocols that are designed to help prevent youth suicide. This bill would also authorize the department to make recommendations regarding any necessary implementing legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education.

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Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

LR: 2489

Title: An Act To Protect Patients with Preexisting Health Conditions

Comment: This bill, which is based on a similar proposal in Illinois, would require the State to obtain the approval of the Legislature before waiving any existing health care protections.

LR: 2532

Title: An Act To Establish a Statewide System of Regional Peer Recovery Support Center Hubs in Maine

Comment: This bill would establish throughout the State regional hubs for peer recovery support centers for persons with substance use disorders.

LR: 2592

Title: An Act To Require Legislative Authorization for the Location and Funding of Secure Forensic Rehabilitation Facilities or Secure Assisted Rehabilitation Facilities

Comment: This bill would require legislative authorization for the location and funding of secure forensic rehabilitation facilities or secure assisted rehabilitation facilities.

LR: 2654

Title: An Act To Provide for the Safe Disposal of Drugs

Comment: This bill would establish a system for the safe disposal of drugs at pharmacies in the State based on a model of product stewardship.

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Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

LR: 2670

Title: An Act To Reduce the Number of Vacant Properties

Comment: This bill would reduce the number of vacant properties.

LR: 2682

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Keeping of a Dangerous Dog

Comment: The bill would require that, if an animal control officer identifies a dog as dangerous, the animal control officer must so notify all people who reside within 500 feet of where the dog resides. The bill would also specify that the owner of a dangerous dog is responsible for that dog whether or not the dog is under the owner's direct control at a particular time and that a person who keeps a dangerous dog as a therapy dog must have evidence that the dog has been trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability.

Closely Related CO: LD 858 Representative Nadeau, C

LR: 2689

Title: An Act To Require Chaplaincy Staff at Certain Hospitals in the State

Comment: This bill would require that all hospitals in the State that accept public funds and have more than 75 beds have a professional and appropriately paid chaplaincy staff available to minister to patients.

Sponsor: Representative Grignon of Athens

LR: 2692

Title: An Act To Ensure Sustainable Health Care Access in the Jackman Region

Comment: This bill would allocate \$495,000 to ensuring sustainable health care access in the Jackman region.

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Sponsor: Representative Guerin of Glenburn

LR: 2674

Title: An Act To Amend the Liquor Laws To Allow Certain Businesses in Airports To Sell Liquor for On-premises Consumption

Comment: This bill would allow establishments that do not meet certain current requirements and are located in airports to sell liquor for consumption on the premises.

LR: 2675

Title: An Act To Waive the Fee for Attendance at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for Former Military Police Officers

Comment: This bill would allow an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces who served as a military police officer to attend the Maine Criminal Justice Academy without charge as long as certain other education and experience requirements are met.

Sponsor: Representative Hamann of South Portland

LR: 2453

Title: An Act To Establish the Fund for Maine's Future

Comment: This bill would add a 3% tax, effective January 1, 2019, on individual Maine taxable income above \$200,000 to create a state fund that would provide direct support for student learning in kindergarten to grade 12 public education. It creates a dedicated fund that may not be used for any purpose other than direct education funding to schools.

Potential JR 217: LD 829

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Sponsor: Senator Hamper of Oxford

LR: 2664

Title: An Act To Clarify the Role of Veterinary Medical Professionals in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program

Comment: This bill would exempt veterinary medical professionals from the requirement to check prescription monitoring information when prescribing opioids and would broaden the continuing education requirements called for in Public Law 2015, chapter 488.

Sponsor: Representative Handy of Lewiston

LR: 2456

Title: An Act To Restore Maine's School-based Health Centers

Comment: This bill would restore the funding for Maine's school-based health centers, which was reallocated in the biennial budget, in order to maintain the health centers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2512 Senator Bellows, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2522 Representative Perry, A

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Sponsor: Representative Hanington of Lincoln

LR: 2487

Title: An Act To Impose Reporting Deadlines on Joint Standing Committees of the Legislature and Deadlines for Action on Bills

Comment: This bill would impose reporting deadlines for joint standing committees of the Legislature. If a bill has not been reported out of committee by the 2nd Friday in May of a First Regular Session, that bill would be carried over to the Second Regular Session unless the Legislative Council authorizes the committee to continue to work on the bill during the First Regular Session. If a bill has not been reported out of committee by the 2nd Friday of March in the Second Regular Session, that bill would be dead unless the Legislative Council authorizes the committee to continue to work on the bill.
This bill would require the Senate and House of Representatives to refer a bill to committee no later than 15 business days after the Senate or House of Representatives receives the bill. It also would require the Senate and House of Representatives to place a committee amendment on the calendar for a vote no later than 15 business days after the receipt of that committee amendment by the Senate or House of Representatives.

LR: 2568

Title: An Act To Increase by One Cent the Deposit Amount on Returnable Beverage Containers

Comment: This bill would increase by one cent the amount of the refundable deposit paid on returnable beverage containers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2551 Representative White, D

Sponsor: Representative Harlow of Portland

LR: 2686

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Contamination of Groundwater during the Metallic Mineral Mining Process

Comment: This bill would prohibit a person engaged in metallic mineral mining from contaminating groundwater.

Potential JR 217: LD 580

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Sponsor: Representative Harrington of Sanford

LR: 2612

Title: An Act To Increase Transparency for Pawn Shops

Comment: This bill would require all pawn shops to report all items pawned or sold to them and to enter them into the Property and Recovery Tracking System at the New England State Police Information Network.

Sponsor: Representative Harvell of Farmington

LR: 2584

Title: An Act To Eliminate Gross Metering for Energy Generation

Comment: This bill would eliminate gross metering for energy generation.

Closely Related CO: LD 1373 Representative Berry, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2538 Senator Saviello, T

LR: 2585

Title: An Act To Modify the Method of Notification by a Utility for Trimming of Trees

Comment: This bill would allow a utility to provide notice of trimming of trees in a public right-of-way directly to affected residents instead of by publication in newspapers.

LR: 2603

Title: An Act To Protect the Right To Self-generate Electricity

Comment: This bill would prohibit a transmission and distribution utility from charging an exit or reentry fee to a customer based on the energy or demand supplied to that customer by self-generation of electricity.

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Sponsor: Representative Harvell of Farmington

LR: 2671

Title: An Act To Require Implementation of the Marijuana Legalization Act

Comment: This bill would require the relevant state agencies under the Marijuana Legalization Act to adopt rules and begin accepting applications for licensing related to adult use marijuana by April 1, 2018. If rules and applications are not adopted or accepted by April 1, 2018, a registered caregiver or licensed dispensary who has been registered or licensed since February 1, 2015 would be authorized to cultivate, manufacture and sell marijuana to individuals who have attained 21 years of age if the registered caregiver or licensed dispensary has received approval from the host municipality and has not been subject to a penalty by the Department of Health and Human Services or the State.

LR: 2753

Title: An Act To Exempt Subcontractors for Municipal Snow Removal from Class B License Requirements

Comment: This bill would exempt subcontractors for municipal snow removal from Class B license requirements.

Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast

LR: 2525

Title: An Act To Allow Veterans Free Admission to the Maine State Museum

Comment: This bill would allow a Maine veteran to visit the Maine State Museum without paying an admission fee.

Potential JR 217: LD 1233

LR: 2596

Title: An Act To Empower Maine's Rural Economy and Workforce

Comment: This bill would empower Maine's rural economy and workforce.

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Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast

LR: 2597

Title: An Act To Promote Innovation and Growth in Maine's Traditional Industries

Comment: This bill would promote innovation and growth in Maine's traditional industries.

LR: 2598

Title: An Act To Expand Job Opportunities for People Working in Maine

Comment: This bill would expand job opportunities for people who work in the State.

LR: 2599

Title: An Act To Strengthen Crime Victims' Rights

Comment: This bill would strengthen the rights of victim of a crime by: 1. Authorizing the victim to be present at all trial proceedings unless the court determines that the fair administration of justice requires the exclusion of the victim; and 2. Requiring that a victim who so wishes receive notification of the defendant's escape from the jail or institute to which the defendant was confined.

Closely Related CO: LD 1168 President Thibodeau, M

LR: 2716

Title: An Act To Attract Trained Firefighters to Maine and Provide Incentives To Retain Them

Comment: This bill would attract trained firefighters to Maine and provide incentives to retain them.

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Sponsor: Representative Hickman of Winthrop

LR: 2520

Title: An Act To Amend the Maine Food Sovereignty Laws To Clarify Local Authority Regarding Meat and Poultry Products

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing food sovereignty to clarify and ensure compliance with federal law.

Sponsor: Representative Hilliard of Belgrade

LR: 2490

Title: An Act To Require Transient Rental Platforms To Register To Collect and Report Sales Taxes

Comment: This bill would require online real property rental platforms to register to collect and report sales taxes.

LR: 2565

Title: An Act To Allow Seniors To Stay in Their Homes

Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to allow seniors to stay in their homes.

LR: 2609

Title: An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Bicentennial Commission

Comment: This bill would provide funding for the Maine Bicentennial Commission, which was enacted in Resolve 2017, chapter 25.

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Sponsor: Representative Hubbell of Bar Harbor

LR: 2751

Title: An Act To Identify Representatives of Regional School Management and Leadership Centers as Public Employers and To Establish Collective Bargaining Provisions for Regional School Management and Leadership Centers

Comment: This bill would identify representatives of regional school management and leadership centers as public employers and establish collective bargaining provisions for regional school management and leadership centers.

Potential JR 217: LD 1470

Sponsor: Representative Hymanson of York

LR: 2501

Title: Resolve, To Study Best Practices for Helping Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Comment: This resolve would establish a commission consisting of Legislators and experts in the field of developmental disabilities to study the most effective ways of helping adults with developmental disabilities achieve their full potential and to report recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook

LR: 2474

Title: An Act Regarding a Biomass-generated Energy Purchase and Sale Agreement and Payments to Contractors

Comment: This bill would provide payments to logging contractors who have not been paid by Stored Solar LLC.

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Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook

LR: 2506

Title: An Act To Support Funding for Workforce Development in Maine

Comment: This bill would direct Maine to accept \$8,000,000 in federal funds for workforce development.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2523 Representative Perry, A

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2761 Senator Libby, N

LR: 2558

Title: An Act To Repeal Certain Provisions Regarding the System Administration Allocation Affecting Maine School Districts in the 2018-2019 Biennial Budget

Comment: This bill would repeal provisions setting the system administration allocation for fiscal years 2018- 19, 2019-20 and 2020 -21 enacted in Public Law 2017, chapter 284, Part C, section 35.

LR: 2657

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Prioritize and Increase the Funding for Rural Roads

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Transportation to prioritize and increase the funding for the construction and repair of rural roads.

LR: 2658

Title: An Act To Create the Hire American Tax Credit for Businesses That Hire Residents of the United States

Comment: This bill would provide a tax credit for businesses engaged in the logging industry that hire employees who are citizens of the United States.

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Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook

LR: 2741

Title: Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Transfer Land in the Town of Washburn

Comment: This resolve would authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to transfer land in the Town of Washburn.

LR: 2742

Title: An Act To Establish a Task Force To Examine Agricultural Issues

Comment: This bill would establish a task force to examine agricultural issues.

Sponsor: Representative Jorgensen of Portland

LR: 2687

Title: Resolve, Regarding Medicaid Reimbursement for Rehabilitation Hospitals

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to adjust the reimbursement rate provided to rehabilitation hospitals to allow rehabilitation hospitals to be reimbursed at a rate similar to other hospitals.

Sponsor: Senator Katz of Kennebec

LR: 2552

Title: An Act To Establish a Statewide Uniform Property Tax

Comment: This bill would establish a statewide uniform property tax.

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Sponsor: Senator Katz of Kennebec

LR: 2553

Title: An Act To Allow for the Substitution of Interchangeable Biological Products and for Enhanced Prescriber Communications for the Substitution of Generic Drugs and Interchangeable Biological Products

Comment: This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It would allow for the substitution of interchangeable biological products and for enhanced prescriber communications for the substitution of generic drugs and interchangeable biological products.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2545 Representative Picchiotti, J

Sponsor: Senator Keim of Oxford

LR: 2476

Title: An Act Regarding the Rights of Parents

Comment: This bill would amend the law to stipulate that the State or a political subdivision of the State may not infringe a parent's fundamental right to direct the care, custody and control of the parent's child unless the infringement is justified by a compelling state interest and narrowly tailored to achieve that compelling state interest through the least restrictive means necessary.

Potential JR 217: LD472

LR: 2556

Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Increase the Length of a Term for State Senators to 4 Years

Comment: This resolution would increase the length of a term for State Senators by 2 years, making each term 4 years in total.

Potential JR 217: LD 1007

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Sponsor: Senator Keim of Oxford

LR: 2557

Title: An Act To Create a Tax Credit To Encourage Pediatric Cancer Research

Comment: This bill would provide a tax credit to businesses that make contributions to pediatric cancer research institutions.

LR: 2706

Title: An Act Regarding Compensation by Electricity Transmission Providers

Comment: This bill would require that electricity transmission providers compensate developers for underground installation of electricity infrastructure at the same rate as for installation of aboveground infrastructure.

LR: 2707

Title: Resolve, To Study Medical Records Retention in Light of the Emerging Survivorship Field

Comment: This resolve would direct the Legislature to review medical records retention in light of the emerging field of adult survivorship medicine. Specifically, the resolve would require the Legislature to review how to make records more available to patients, rules associated with offering records to patients and how long records are stored.

LR: 2709

Title: An Act To Implement a Training Wage in Maine

Comment: This bill would institute a training wage for individuals under 18 years of age. Employers would have the option of paying those individuals the training wage, which would be set at the federal minimum wage.

Potential JR 217: LD 991, LD 774, LD 971, LD 1609

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Sponsor: Representative Kinney of Limington

LR: 2548

Title: An Act To Increase Take-home Pay for Maine Taxpayers

Comment: This bill would reduce by one percent the current income tax rates of 5.8%, 6.75% and 7.15% .

Sponsor: Representative Kornfield of Bangor

LR: 2590

Title: An Act To Establish Alternative Pathways to the Completion of Secondary School Mathematics Requirements

Comment: This bill would establish alternative pathways to the successful completion of certain secondary school mathematics requirements.

LR: 2591

Title: An Act To Ensure the Successful Implementation of Proficiency-based Diplomas by Extending the Timeline for Phasing in Their Implementation

Comment: This bill would extend the timeline for implementing the phase-in of proficiency-based diploma standards.

Sponsor: Representative Kumiega of Deer Isle

LR: 2593

Title: An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in Maine's Marine Resources Laws

Comment: This bill would reduce the Class I lobster and crab fishing license fee for applicants under 18 years of age from \$65 to \$60; clarify lobster license surcharge fees to avoid conflicts; fix an error regarding resident apprentice licenses for applicants 18 years of age or older; and repeal conflicting language regarding sea urchin and scallop diving tender license surcharges to reflect current practice.

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Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock

LR: 2495

Title: An Act To Recognize the Accreditation of Certain Private Secondary Schools

Comment: This bill would allow a private school that enrolls fewer than 60% publicly funded students to operate as an approved private school if it is accredited by a commission on independent schools of a New England association of schools and colleges, rather than making that private school subject to the Department of Education's basic school approval process.

LR: 2615

Title: An Act To Expedite Medical Claims in Workers' Compensation Cases When Compensability Has Been Determined

Comment: This bill would authorize the Workers' Compensation Board to work with 3rd-party vendors to implement an independent medical review process for cases when compensability has already been determined.

LR: 2775

Title: An Act To Protect Maine Citizens from the Practice Known as "Spoofing"

Comment: To protect consumers from the practice known as "spoofing," which is the transmission of false caller identification information, this bill would prohibit telephone companies from providing in bulk cell phone numbers to entities that do not have a nexus in the State.

LR: 2783

Title: An Act To Extend Secondary Student Eligibility in the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program

Comment: The current law allowing a full-time student at a public secondary school who is enrolled in a career and technical education program at a career and technical education center or a career and technical education region to be enrolled in the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program is scheduled to be repealed January 1, 2020. This bill would remove the repeal date.

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Sponsor: Representative Lawrence of South Berwick

LR: 2788

Title: An Act To Amend the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association Act To Improve Market Stability for Maine Residents Purchasing Individual Health Insurance Coverage

Comment: This bill would provide the Board of Directors of the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association with additional flexibility to restructure the association and its operations and would broaden the scope of the waiver permitted under the laws governing the resumption of operations of the association to include additional innovations permitted under Section 1332 of the federal Affordable Care Act.

Sponsor: Senator Libby of Androscoggin

LR: 2761

Title: Resolve, To Require the Department of Labor To Receive Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Funds

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Labor to receive from the Federal Government any funds available pursuant to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and to disburse those funds to regional workforce investment boards.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2506 Senator Jackson, T

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2523 Representative Perry, A

Sponsor: Representative Luchini of Ellsworth

LR: 2627

Title: An Act To Ensure Stability for Certain Holders of Liquor Licenses

Comment: This bill would permanently prohibit the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations from suspending, revoking or refusing to renew certain licenses for the manufacture or sale of liquor issued prior to June 1, 2017 based solely on a change in the bureau's interpretation of the term "exclusively held" or "exclusively owned."

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Sponsor: Senator Maker of Washington

LR: 2517

Title: An Act To Require a Police Report When a Person Is Treated with Medication To Reverse an Overdose

Comment: This bill would require hospitals, ambulance services, police officers and other emergency responders to file a police report when a person is treated with medication to reverse an overdose.

LR: 2542

Title: An Act Forbidding Food Shaming, Food Denial and the Use of Food as Discipline Involving Any School-aged Child in Maine's Public Schools

Comment: This bill would forbid food shaming, food denial and the use of food as discipline involving any school-aged child in public schools in the State.

LR: 2563

Title: An Act To Increase Penalties for Drivers Who Cause Serious or Fatal Injuries to Others in Multiple Accidents

Comment: This bill would impose greater penalties, including license suspension, upon an individual who has caused serious or fatal injuries to other individuals through 2 or more vehicle accidents and who lacks auto insurance.

Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock

LR: 2480

Title: An Act To Change Certain Gender-specific Terminology in the Laws Regarding Municipalities and Counties

Comment: This bill would change the term "selectmen" to "selectpersons" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A.

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Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock

LR: 2555

Title: Resolve, To Designate Route 182 in Franklin as a Blue Star Memorial Highway

Comment: This resolve would designate Route 182 in Franklin as a Blue Star Memorial Highway.

LR: 2561

Title: Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Conduct a Study of MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Assistive Technology Assessments

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a study of reimbursement rates for assistive technology assessments under Sections 18, 20, 21 and 29 of the MaineCare Benefits Manual.

LR: 2764

Title: An Act To Provide Protection for Individuals with Acquired Brain Injuries

Comment: This bill would establish through rulemaking the rights of an individual with an acquired brain injury.

Sponsor: Representative Martin of Sinclair

LR: 2570

Title: An Act To Reduce the Minimum Population Threshold a Municipality Must Attain in Order To Have More Than One Redemption Center

Comment: This bill would decrease from 5,000 to 4,000 the population that a municipality must exceed in order to have more than one beverage container redemption center.

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Sponsor: Representative Martin of Eagle Lake

LR: 2497

Title: An Act Regarding the Prohibition on the Possession of a Firearm on School Property

Comment: This bill would provide that the prohibition in current law on the possession of a firearm on public school property or the property of an approved private school does not apply to a person who possesses a firearm in a motor vehicle.

Potential JR 217: LD 988

Sponsor: Senator Mason of Androscoggin

LR: 2564

Title: An Act Regarding Access to Tobacco Products by Members of the Military 18 Years of Age and Older

Comment: This bill would permit access to tobacco products by members of the military 18 years of age and older.

LR: 2588

Title: An Act To Establish a Study Commission To Examine the Implied Warranty Laws and the Arbitration Process for Those Laws

Comment: This bill would establish a study commission to examine the implied warranty laws and the arbitration process for those laws.

Sponsor: Representative Mastraccio of Sanford

LR: 2582

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Pine Tree Development Zones

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing Pine Tree Development Zones.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2586 Senator Dow, D

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Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Representative McCreight of Harpswell

LR: 2554

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Temporary Medical Allowance for Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holders

Comment: This bill would extend the temporary medical allowance for lobster and crab fishing license holders from one year to 2 years and create a temporary terminal illness medical allowance for those who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness.

Sponsor: Senator Millett of Cumberland

LR: 2483

Title: An Act To Protect Local Control of Military Equipment Procurement

Comment: This bill would require that law enforcement agencies receive the approval of local elected officials prior to the acquisition of federal surplus military-grade equipment.

LR: 2484

Title: An Act To Ensure Transparency in Acquisition of Military Equipment by Law Enforcement Agencies

Comment: This bill would require that the Attorney General review all requests by local law enforcement agencies for federal surplus military-grade equipment.

LR: 2623

Title: An Act To Protect Children in Child Care

Comment: This bill would reverse the recent changes to the rules governing child care adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Closely Related CO: LD 383 Senator Millett, R

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Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox

LR: 2462

Title: An Act Regarding the Sales Tax on Trailers Sold in This State for Use Outside the State

Comment: This bill would exempt from the sales tax trailers sold in this State for use outside of the State.

LR: 2463

Title: An Act To Set 16 Years of Age as the Minimum Age for Marriage

Comment: This bill would set 16 years of age as the minimum age for marriage.

LR: 2464

Title: An Act To Shorten the Residency Requirements for In-state Tuition

Comment: This bill would ensure that any Maine college or university charges the in-state tuition rate for students who have one year of proven residency.

LR: 2494

Title: An Act To Require Cameras in Ambulances

Comment: This bill would require cameras in ambulances to record patients transported in those ambulances and services provided to those patients. The recordings must be made available for review by authorized personnel and appropriate family members only, based on privacy protections already established in law. Recordings must be available for law enforcement and court proceedings in the event of questions raised about the care during the transport.

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Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox

LR: 2566

Title: An Act To Change the Term "Overseers of the Poor" as It Is Used in the Maine Revised Statutes

Comment: This bill would replace the term "overseers of the poor" as found in the Maine Revised Statutes to "overseers of temporary assistance."

LR: 2567

Title: An Act To Allow the Operation of "Autocycles" on Roads in Maine

Comment: This bill would allow a person licensed for the operation of a motor vehicle to legally operate a 3-wheeled vehicle with automotive controls, or "autocycle," on roads in this State

LR: 2672

Title: An Act To Promote Recruitment and Retention of State Highway Workers

Comment: This bill would provide a wage increase for certain state highway workers.

Sponsor: Representative Moonen of Portland

LR: 2628

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Affecting the Judicial Branch Regarding Civil Railroad Trespass Violations

Comment: This bill would permit civil railroad trespass violations to be handled by the violations bureau in the same way as civil traffic infractions. The bill would allow a person to waive a court appearance and pay a fine for a civil railroad trespass violation through the violations bureau. The bill would also allow the Chief Judge of the District Court to establish the level of fines a person is subject to in order to waive a court appearance for other civil violations.

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Sponsor: Representative Nadeau of Winslow

LR: 2656

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Offenses against the Person

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing offenses against the person by specifically providing criminal penalties for female genital mutilation of a minor.

Potential JR 217: LD 745

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2630 Representative Sirocki, H

Sponsor: Representative O'Connor of Berwick

LR: 2530

Title: An Act To Amend the Tax Laws To Strengthen Charitable Institutions, Encourage Home Ownership and Manage Medical Expenses

Comment: This bill would allow a resident individual who itemizes deductions in determining federal adjusted gross income to claim those deductions to the full extent allowed under federal law in determining Maine adjusted gross income.

LR: 2531

Title: An Act To Allow Municipalities To Reduce Mill Rates on the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax to Zero Percent

Comment: This bill would allow municipalities to reduce mill rates on the motor vehicle excise tax to 0% beginning in 2019.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2606 Senator Collins, R

LR: 2625

Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Help Ensure Direct Initiatives of Legislation are Compatible with the Constitution of Maine and Statutory Law

Comment: This resolution would require a direct initiative of legislation to be reviewed by the Secretary of State, the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, the Governor, the Legislative Council and the Attorney General to help ensure the initiative is compatible with the Constitution of Maine and statutory law.

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Sponsor: Representative Parker of South Berwick

LR: 2704

Title: An Act To Allow the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board Access to Investigations and Mortality Reviews Performed by the Department of Health and Human Services

Comment: This bill would grant to the staff of the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board direct access to the personal planning records of any person receiving adult developmental services, subject to appropriate safeguards to protect the person's right to confidentiality, and would grant to the board access to any mortality review or investigation into the suspicious death of a person with intellectual disabilities or autism, subject to appropriate safeguards for the privacy of the deceased person.

LR: 2705

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Scope of the Mandatory Disclosure of Information Provision in the Adult Protective Services Act

Comment: This bill would require that the final report of an adult protective investigation pertaining to a person with intellectual disabilities or autism be shared with the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board and with the person or the person's guardian.

Sponsor: Representative Parry of Arundel

LR: 2562

Title: An Act To Waive Income Restrictions for Supplemental MaineCare Coverage for Children Diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis

Comment: This bill would waive income restrictions for supplemental MaineCare coverage for children diagnosed with cystic fibrosis.

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Sponsor: Representative Perry of Calais

LR: 2522

Title: An Act To Restore Funding for School-based Health Clinics

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to fund school-based health clinics at least at the level established before the 2018-2019 biennial budget.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2456 Representative Handy, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2512 Senator Bellows, S

LR: 2523

Title: An Act To Ensure Federal Funding for Job Training Services

Comment: This bill would require the State to apply for and accept all available federal funding for job training services.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2506 Senator Jackson, T

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2761 Senator Libby, N

Sponsor: Representative Picchiotti of Fairfield

LR: 2545

Title: An Act To Allow for the Substitution of Interchangeable Biological Products in Medications and To Provide for Enhanced Prescriber Communications

Comment: This bill would allow for the substitution of interchangeable biological products in medications and would provide for enhanced prescriber communications.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2553 Senator Katz, R

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Sponsor: Representative Pickett of Dixfield

LR: 2533

Title: An Act To Allow Certain Retirees in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System the Option of Including Certain Wages for Purposes of Retirement Benefits

Comment: This bill would provide a member of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System who retired after June 30, 2011 and before July 1, 2015 to include wages lost due to merit pay freezes and longevity pay freezes during fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13 in the member's retirement benefit calculations if the member pays the employee portion of the retirement contributions due on those lost wages.

Sponsor: Representative Pierce of Falmouth

LR: 2726

Title: An Act To Support Maine Businesses by Authorizing the Imposition of a Surcharge on the Use of a Debit or Credit Card

Comment: This bill would remove the current prohibition on sellers in sales transactions in the State from imposing a surcharge on the use of a debit or credit card.

Closely Related CO: LD 660 Senator Whittemore, R

Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta

LR: 2688

Title: An Act To Address Separation of a Class A Restaurant and Off-premises Retail Licensee Located on the Same Premises

Comment: This bill would exempt licensed liquor manufacturers who hold accompanying retail licenses from the requirement to segregate their supplies and inventory.

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Sponsor: Senator Rosen of Hancock

LR: 2477

Title: Resolve, To Study the Negue Trading Post Site in Orono

Comment: This resolve would require that the Maine Historic Preservation Commission provide assistance to Emeric Spooner and the Town of Orono to study the site on the Penobscot River in the Town of Orono known to be the proven site of the French-built trading post Negue in order to preserve its archaeological importance to the State.

LR: 2499

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Wearing of a Mask or Hood or Otherwise Disguising a Person's Identity While Participating in a Protest, Demonstration or Riot

Comment: This bill would prohibit the wearing of a mask or hood or otherwise disguising a person's identity while participating in a protest, demonstration or riot.

LR: 2652

Title: An Act To Protect the Interests of Grandchildren Regarding Visitation by Grandparents

Comment: This bill would allow a grandparent to visit a grandchild who has been adopted by a family member or stepparent or an individual with whom the grandparent is acquainted.

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Sponsor: Representative Rykerson of Kittery

LR: 2594

Title: An Act To Revise the Renewable Portfolio Standard Laws To Require Certain Hydropower Facilities To Qualify as Class I Resources

Comment: This bill would require a hydropower facility with a licensed capacity of 30 megawatts or less that receives a new Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license and that is subject to state property taxes to qualify as a Class I resource under the State's renewable portfolio standard program beginning in 2018.

Sponsor: Representative Sanborn of Portland

LR: 2611

Title: An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Develop and Operate Pilot Programs for the Use of Autonomous Vehicles for Public Transportation

Comment: This bill would authorize municipalities to develop and operate pilot programs for the use of self-driving vehicles for public transportation.

LR: 2703

Title: An Act To Make a Technical Correction Regarding the Information Required of Debt Buyers for Debt Collection

Comment: This bill would make a technical correction regarding the information that a debt buyer must possess for purposes of debt collection by clarifying that the debt buyer must possess not the principal amount due at charge-off, as in current law, but rather the total amount due at charge-off.

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Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin

LR: 2538

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Distributed Energy and To Eliminate Gross Metering

Comment: This bill would eliminate gross metering from the Public Utility Commission's solar rules and prohibit behind-the-meter assessments of distributed energy. In addition, the bill would require an adjudicatory proceeding to identify ratepayer benefits of distributed generation, specifically solar generation.

Closely Related CO: LD 1373 Representative Berry, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2584 Representative Harvell, L

LR: 2578

Title: An Act To Repeal the Requirement That an Initiator of Deposit Register the Container Label of a Returnable Beverage Container

Comment: This bill would remove the requirement that an initiator of deposit register the label of any beverage offered for sale in this State on which it initiates a deposit. Instead, this bill would allow the Department of Environmental Protection to establish by rule product registration requirements.

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Sponsor: Representative Sirocki of Scarborough

LR: 2630

Title: An Act To Prohibit Female Genital Mutilation and To Provide Education and Outreach Regarding Female Genital Mutilation

Comment: This bill would make it a Class B crime to perform female genital mutilation on a female person under 18 years of age for nonmedical purposes. The bill would also make it a Class B crime for a parent, guardian or person who has immediate custody of a female person under 18 years of age to consent to or permit female genital mutilation of that female person for nonmedical purposes or for a person to remove the female person from the State for such a procedure. Under the provisions of the bill, it is not a defense that the female person, or the parent, guardian or person who has immediate custody of the female person, consented to the procedure, but it is a defense that the procedure was done for medical purposes. This bill also would direct the Department of Health and Human Services, within its existing resources, to administer community-based education and outreach to provide culturally specific services for communities in the State in which female genital mutilation of minors might be practiced.

Potential JR 217: LD 745

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2656 Representative Nadeau, C

Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway

LR: 2534

Title: An Act To Improve the Energy Efficiency of Group Homes in the Northern Part of the State

Comment: This bill would create a pilot program within the Efficiency Maine Trust Act to improve the energy efficiency of group homes in the northern part of the State.

LR: 2535

Title: An Act To Make the Cost of Camp Leases Public Information

Comment: This bill would make the costs of leases for camps public information.

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Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway

LR: 2601

Title: An Act To Repeal the Requirement That Applicants for a Guide License Submit to a Background Check

Comment: This bill would remove the requirement that applicants for a guide license submit to a background check.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2646 Senator Davis, Sr., P

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2777 Senator Bellows, S

LR: 2711

Title: An Act To Encourage Computer Data Center Development by Providing a Sales Tax Refund or Exemption

Comment: This bill would provide a sales tax refund or exemption for sales of eligible server equipment, eligible power infrastructure and electronic data storage and data management services to an eligible computer data center that begins operation in 2018 or later.

LR: 2712

Title: An Act To Allow Hydropower Facilities To Sell Power Directly to Rural Manufacturing and Industrial Sites

Comment: This bill would expand the authorization of hydropower facilities to allow them to sell power directly to rural manufacturing and industrial sites with direct transmission lines.

LR: 2713

Title: An Act To Ensure the Continuation of Maternity Care in Rural Hospitals

Comment: This bill would ensure the continuation of maternity care in hospitals located in rural areas of Maine.

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Sponsor: Representative Stearns of Guilford

LR: 2504

Title: An Act To Amend the Term of Suspension of a Hunting License for a Conviction of Hunting Deer over Bait

Comment: This bill would impose a one-year suspension of the hunting license of a person who is convicted up to 2 times of hunting deer over bait. Effective November 1, 2017, the law requires the hunting license of a person convicted for a 2nd time of hunting deer over bait to be permanently revoked.

Sponsor: Representative Stetkis of Canaan

LR: 2610

Title: An Act To Protect Work Opportunities for Maine Citizens by Eliminating Certain Laws, Rules, Policies and Fees Imposed on Professions and Occupations

Comment: This bill would require that all units of state and local government perform a comprehensive review of the laws, rules, policies, ordinances, fees, tests, permits and conditions imposed on the engagement in an occupation or profession and require that all such limitations that are not carefully tailored to fulfill legitimate public health, safety and welfare objectives be eliminated or proposed for elimination.

Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

LR: 2471

Title: An Act To Exempt Nonprofit Cemeteries from the Sales and Use Tax

Comment: This bill would exempt a nonprofit cemetery from paying the sales and use tax when purchasing equipment necessary for the maintenance of the cemetery.

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Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

LR: 2472

Title: An Act To Prevent Human Trafficking, Protect Children and Finance the Victims' Compensation Fund

Comment: This bill would establish the Human Trafficking Prevention Act to:

1. Declare that pornography is a public health crisis;
2. Protect children from obscenity by requiring manufacturers and wholesalers that distribute obscene products on the Internet to sell their products with preset activated filters that can be removed only under certain conditions;
3. Affect human trafficking by establishing restrictions on viewing websites used for solicitation and facilitation of prostitution and human trafficking;
4. Protect consumers from inadvertently viewing child pornography;
5. Mitigate the harm caused by so-called revenge pornography; and
6. Establish a fine to be used to fund the Victims' Compensation Fund and fund other human trafficking prevention programs.

Closely Related CO: LD 951 Senator Volk, A

LR: 2541

Title: An Act To Improve Access to Experienced Primary Care Providers in the State

Comment: This bill would increase access to primary care providers by allowing physician assistants having at least 25 years of experience to work without the supervision of a physician and to act as the supervisory provider for up to 2 licensed physician assistants having less than 25 years of experience.

LR: 2543

Title: An Act To Expand Resources for Veterans in the State through Phone Partnerships

Comment: This bill would expand the role of the Maine 2-1-1 program to include veteran-specific intake and assessment for referrals or calls.

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Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

LR: 2576

Title: An Act Regarding School Bus Rules in Maine

Comment: This bill would direct the Department of Public Safety to change its rules regarding school buses.

LR: 2577

Title: An Act Regarding High School Guidance Counseling

Comment: This bill would amend the law regarding high school guidance counseling.

LR: 2629

Title: An Act To Further Protect the Safety of College Students by Authorizing a Student To Possess a Firearm While on Campus as Long as the Firearm Remains in a Vehicle

Comment: This bill would allow a student to possess a firearm in a vehicle while on campus. The firearm must remain in the vehicle.

Potential JR 217: LD 1370

Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross of Portland

LR: 2579

Title: An Act To Create a Homeless Persons' Bill of Rights

Comment: This bill would explicitly state rights that a person experiencing homelessness has, including the right to equal treatment by government agencies and in employment, the right to vote and the right to privacy, among others.

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Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross of Portland

LR: 2580

Title: An Act To Provide for the Sealing of Records of Convictions for Marijuana-related Violations That Are No Longer Crimes

Comment: This bill would permanently seal for all purposes records of criminal convictions of marijuana-related violations that are no longer crimes upon petition to the court.

LR: 2647

Title: An Act To Provide Funding To Improve Public Safety through Expanded Department of Corrections Treatment, Education and Vocational Programs

Comment: This bill would provide funding to the Department of Corrections to support the department's strategic plan to meet the rehabilitation needs of prisoners through treatment, education and vocational programs.

Closely Related CO: LD 1415 Representative Talbot Ross, R

LR: 2782

Title: An Act To Establish the Commission on Racial Equity

Comment: This bill would establish in the statutes an ongoing commission on racial equity to address acute disparities in health and economic, social and educational outcomes in the State.

Potential JR 217: LD 1008

Sponsor: Representative Tepler of Topsham

LR: 2772

Title: An Act To Protect Consumers from Unscrupulous Contractors and Repair Persons

Comment: This bill would require the Office of the Attorney General to create and maintain on its publicly accessible website a list of unscrupulous contractors and repair persons.

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Sponsor: President Thibodeau of Waldo

LR: 2587

Title: An Act To Clarify the Interstate Commerce Sales Tax Exemption

Comment: This bill would clarify the interstate commerce sales tax exemption by taking into account the amount of time that a trailer sits loaded or waiting to be loaded when computing the amount of time a vehicle is used as an instrumentality of interstate commerce and by incorporating the federally recognized standard of interstate commerce.

LR: 2605

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Restricting Firearms on Public Lands

Comment: This bill would amend the laws that restrict the possession, concealing or discharging of a firearm within 300 feet of any marked hiking trail on public lands to allow hunting within this area.

LR: 2608

Title: Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Economic, Environmental and Energy Benefits of Energy Storage to the Maine Electricity Industry

Comment: This resolve would establish a commission to study the economic, environmental and energy benefits of energy storage to the Maine electricity industry.

LR: 2621

Title: An Act To Authorize Regional Medical Control Committees Approved by the Emergency Medical Services Board To Have Access to Maine Emergency Medical Services Data for Purposes of Quality Improvement

Comment: This bill would allow regional medical control committees approved by the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services Board to have access to data collected by Maine Emergency Medical Services for purposes of quality improvement.

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Sponsor: President Thibodeau of Waldo

LR: 2746

Title: An Act To Broaden Educational Opportunities for Members of the Maine National Guard

Comment: This bill would broaden the tuition benefit program that is available to members of the Maine National Guard who attend a state postsecondary institution to also provide a tuition benefit at private nonprofit postsecondary institutions.

Sponsor: Representative Tuell of East Machias

LR: 2502

Title: An Act To Fund the Downeast Correctional Facility

Comment: This bill would appropriate funding for the Downeast Correctional Facility, which is currently funded only until the end of fiscal year 2017-18. The bill would also require the executive branch to submit a plan to the Legislature detailing the plans for the future of the Downeast Correctional Facility.

Sponsor: Representative Turner of Burlington

LR: 2559

Title: An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of Codyville Plantation

Comment: This bill would provide for the deorganization of Codyville Plantation in Washington County, subject to approval at a local referendum.

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Sponsor: Representative Vachon of Scarborough

LR: 2665

Title: An Act To Enact Measures Designed To Curb the Opioid Epidemic

Comment: This bill would exempt from criminal liability a person who seeks medical assistance when experiencing a drug overdose, establish community-based overdose prevention programs and provide funds to support naloxone hydrochloride distribution.

Potential JR 217: LD 1326

Closely Related CO: LD 565 Senator Chipman, B

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2744 Representative Gattine, D

LR: 2750

Title: An Act To Reduce the Cost of Care Resulting from Blood-borne Infectious Diseases

Comment: This bill would reduce the cost of care resulting from blood-borne infectious diseases by providing funds to support syringe exchange programs.

Potential JR 217: LD 1326

LR: 2755

Title: An Act Regarding Health Care Ombudsman Services

Comment: This bill would require that Medicaid-contracted ombudsman services be expanded to include case-specific advocacy and enrollment services to support qualifying individuals to apply for federal Affordable Care Act special enrollment health insurance coverage to be paid for by the individuals.

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Sponsor: Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc

LR: 2560

Title: An Act To Increase the Penalty for Visual Sexual Aggression against a Child

Comment: This bill would make visual sexual aggression against a child 14 years of age and younger a Class C crime as is the case for visual sexual aggression against a child 12 years of age and under, increase penalties for repeat offenders and ensure repeat offenders are kept on the sex offender registry for a sufficient time.

Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland

LR: 2547

Title: An Act To Establish the Crimes of Forced Labor and Aggravated Forced Labor in the Maine Criminal Code

Comment: This bill would create the Class C crime of forced labor and the Class B crime of aggravated forced labor to address forced labor outside the context of sex trafficking.

LR: 2618

Title: An Act To Maximize Funding for Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Individuals Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Comment: This bill would repeal the provision that sets aside funds from the vocational rehabilitation budget to reimburse attorneys and advocates for the costs of providing interpreting or computer-assisted real-time transcription, or CART, services for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, returning these funds to supporting vocational rehabilitation services.

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Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland

LR: 2619

Title: An Act To Clarify State Hiring and Retention Practices Regarding Persons with Disabilities

Comment: This bill would amend recently enacted laws governing state hiring and retention practices regarding persons with disabilities. This bill would change the definition of "person with a disability" to mean a person with a self-identified physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of a person's major life activities. The bill would remove references to the federal Ticket to Work program.

LR: 2620

Title: An Act To Update the Laws Regarding the Provision of Telecommunications Services for Persons Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing the Department of Labor, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services and the Public Utilities Commission as they relate to funding for telecommunications equipment and services for deaf and hard-of-hearing persons to reflect changes in technology and the use of such equipment and services by such persons.

LR: 2717

Title: An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for All Nonprofit Charitable Organizations

Comment: This bill would provide a sales tax exemption for all nonprofit charitable organizations.

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Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland

LR: 2718

Title: An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Organizations That Assist Victims of Human Trafficking

Comment: This bill would provide a sales tax exemption for purchases by nonprofit organizations that assist victims of human trafficking.

LR: 2773

Title: An Act To Increase Access to Community-based Child Care for Maine's Workforce

Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to increase access to community-based child care for working parents.

LR: 2778

Title: An Act To Stabilize Vulnerable Families

Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to help stabilize vulnerable families by encouraging the prioritization of families for subsidized housing and other services.

Sponsor: Representative Wadsworth of Hiram

LR: 2613

Title: An Act To Facilitate Wireless Broadband Deployment in Maine

Comment: This bill would streamline the statewide process for deploying advanced wireless communications infrastructure by ensuring that certain small aboveground cellular wireless facilities have nondiscriminatory access to the public right-of-way and government facilities.

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Sponsor: Representative Wadsworth of Hiram

LR: 2624

Title: An Act To Ensure Fairness and Affordability in the Private Residential and Commercial Rental Markets

Comment: This bill would prohibit a local governmental unit from enacting, maintaining or enforcing an ordinance or resolution that controls the amount of rent charged for leasing private residential or commercial property.

LR: 2756

Title: An Act To Increase the Number of Any-deer Permits Distributed to Senior Hunters

Comment: This bill would increase the number of any-deer permits distributed to senior hunters.

Potential JR 217: LD 60, LD 509

Sponsor: Representative Warren of Hallowell

LR: 2720

Title: An Act To Reduce Incarceration Costs and Emergency Room Visits by Funding Emergency Crisis Behavioral Health Services

Comment: This bill would increase state grant funding by 25% to community agencies providing community-based emergency crisis behavioral health services.

LR: 2749

Title: An Act To Amend the Greater Augusta Utility District Charter

Comment: This bill would make technical changes to the charter of the Greater Augusta Utility District to accommodate the district's growth and change in services and to change its voting membership.

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Sponsor: Representative Warren of Hallowell

LR: 2774

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Terms of County Commissioners and the Staggering of Those Terms

Comment: This bill would shorten the length of terms to which county commissioners will be elected in 2020 from 4 years to 2 years, resulting in every county commissioner seat in the State being up for election in 2022. The bill further would provide that, for each 10-year period beginning in 2022 and every 10 years thereafter, as near to half the commissioner districts in each county as possible will elect a commissioner for a 2-year term followed by 2 4-year terms, while the other half of the commissioner districts in each county will elect a commissioner for 2 4-year terms followed by a 2-year term.

Sponsor: Representative White of Washburn

LR: 2551

Title: An Act To Increase the Bottle Redemption Rate To Counterbalance Increases in the Minimum Wage

Comment: This bill would increase by one cent the amount of the refundable deposit paid on returnable beverage containers in an effort to counterbalance the impact of the increase in the minimum wage on bottle redemption businesses.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2568 Representative Hanington, S

Sponsor: Representative Winsor of Norway

LR: 2574

Title: An Act To Authorize the Oxford County Commissioners To Close the Western District Registry of Deeds

Comment: This bill would authorize the Oxford County commissioners to close the western district registry of deeds in Fryeburg and merge it with the eastern district registry of deeds in South Paris.

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Sponsor: Senator Woodsome of York

LR: 2616

Title: An Act To Exempt Certain Low-income Residents of the State from Certain Telecommunications Fees and Taxes

Comment: This bill would exempt certain low-income residents of the State from certain telecommunications fees and taxes. It would exempt federal Lifeline program telecommunications services from telecommunications fees and taxes, such as the service provider tax and prepaid wireless fees.

Sponsor: Representative Zeigler of Montville

LR: 2518

Title: An Act To Impose a 3-year Moratorium on Allowing Anadromous Fish Species in Sheepscot Pond in Palermo and To Study the Consequences of Allowing Anadromous Fish Species To Enter Sheepscot Pond

Comment: This bill would impose a 3-year moratorium on allowing anadromous fish species in Sheepscot Pond in Palermo and direct an appropriate agency of State Government to study during the 3-year period the consequences of allowing anadromous fish species to enter Sheepscot Pond and direct that agency to report to the appropriate joint standing committee of the Legislature annually during that 3-year period.

Closely Related CO: LD 922 Representative Pierce, J

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PART 5

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND INTERIM STUDY GROUPS ESTABLISHED BY THE 1ST REGULAR SESSION OF THE 128TH
LEGISLATURE (2017)

Name	Authorized/Revised By	Report Due Date
<u>Approved Committee Studies</u>		
ACF Study of Conserved Lands Owned by Nonprofit Conservation Organizations	PL 2017, c. 284 TT-2	Feb. 15, 2018
<u>New Legislative Studies and Commissions</u>		
*Maine BiCentennial Commission	Resolve 2017, c. 25	12/6/2017, 11/7/2018, 12/4/2019, 4/4/2020 to EDU
Working Group to Improve the Provision of Indigent Legal Services	PL 2017, c. 384 UUUU-17	Dec. 6, 2017 to the Legislature
Task Force to Address the Opioid Crisis in the State	SP 210	Dec. 6, 2017 Final Report to the Legislature.
Task Force on Maine's 21st Century Economy and Workforce	SP 294	March 1, 2018 to the Legislature
Commission to Streamline Veterans' Licensing and Certification	Resolve 2017, c. 27	Jan. 15, 2018 to LCED and VLA
Task Force to Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services	Resolve 2017, c. 26	Dec. 6, 2017 to EDU
Task Force on Health Care Coverage for All of Maine	SP 592	Nov. 1, 2018 Final Report to the Legislature

**Non-Legislative Boards and Studies Requiring Legislative Appointments*

Ongoing Studies, Boards and Commissions

Citizen Trade Policy Commission	10 MRSA §11	Annually to Legislature
Right to Know Advisory Committee	1 MRSA §411 / Public Law 250	Jan. 15th Annually
State Compensation Commission	PL 2017, c. 242	May 1 Odd Years, Nov. 15 Even Years to the Legislature
State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force	20-A MRSA §6663	Nov. 1st Annually to EDU, LCED, MWEF Committees
Task Force to End Student Hunger in Maine	20-A MRSA §12901	Jan. 10th Annually to EDU

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PART 6

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Agency And Department Bills By Subject

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Subject Major / Minor Subjects

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

HARNESS RACING

COMMISSION

2633 An Act To Improve Marketing Efficiency in the Harness Racing Industry by Requiring the Harness Racing Commission To Promote the Sport and by Repealing the Harness Racing Promotional Board (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry)

PUBLIC LANDS

CONVEYANCES

- 2738 Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands To Convey Certain Lands to the Town of Washburn and to Camp Lot Lessees in the Richardson Lake Public Reserved Lands (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry)
- 2767 Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Sell, Lease or Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property Located in Augusta, Bucksport, Limestone, Brookton Township, Penobscot County Unorganized Territory and Rockwood Strip Township (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services)
- 2769 Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services)

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SVC DEPT

GENERAL SERVICES BUREAU

2768 An Act To Reorganize the Bureau of General Services in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

SPECIAL PLANS

2636 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefits for Capitol Police Officers (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety)

STATE FINANCES

BONDED DEBT

2638 An Act To Provide for the 2018 and 2019 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds (Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CRIMINAL HISTORIES

CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS

2637 An Act To Make Criminal History Record Information Maintained in a Database Confidential (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety)

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

VICTIMS OF CRIME

VICTIMS COMPENSATION FUND

2757 An Act Regarding the Victims' Compensation Fund (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General)

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

APPLIED TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

ADMINISTRATION

2731 An Act To Amend Career and Technical Education Statutes (Submitted by the Department of Education)

REGIONS

2727 An Act Concerning Membership in Career and Technical Education Regions and Centers (Submitted by the Department of Education)

EDUCATION DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

2730 An Act To Amend Education Statutes (Submitted by the Department of Education)

SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

ADJUSTMENTS

2728 An Act To Clarify and Amend Education Finance Statutes (Submitted by the Department of Education)

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

AIR QUALITY

EMISSIONS

2736 An Act To Update the Allowance Budget for the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection)

CONTAINERS - RETURNABLE

BOTTLES

2765 An Act To Establish a Single Refund Value for Nonrefillable Beverage Containers (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services)

OILS

UNDERGROUND TANKS

2737 An Act To Update the Laws Governing Underground Oil Storage Facilities To Align with Federal Regulations (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection)

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

POWERS

2631 An Act To Authorize the Public Utilities Commission To Determine the Amount of the E-9-1-1 Surcharge (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission)

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DISABLED PERSONS

CHILDREN

2729 An Act To Reorganize the Provision of Services for Infants and Toddlers and Children with Disabilities from Birth to 5 Years of Age (Submitted by the Department of Education)

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS

2732 An Act To Maintain Mental Health Staffing at the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and Support Statewide Forensic Services (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services)

PUBLIC HEALTH

PROVISIONS

2733 An Act To Clarify Licensing Definitions Regarding Eating Establishments and Lodging Places (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services)

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

DEBT COLLECTION

2640 An Act To Improve the Regulation of Debt Collectors (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation)

JUDICIARY

ABORTION

PROCEDURES

2759 An Act To Eliminate the Requirement That Only Physicians May Perform Abortions (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General)

ACTIONS

WRONGFUL BIRTH

2758 An Act To Amend the Law Prohibiting Claims Based upon Wrongful Birth and Wrongful Life for the Birth of a Healthy Child (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General)

ATTORNEY GENERAL DEPT

MEDICAL EXAMINER

2760 An Act To Clarify the Authority of the Chief Medical Examiner To Properly Dispose of Abandoned Human Remains (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General)

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BUSINESS PRACTICES

REGULATIONS

2735 An Act To Streamline Advocacy for Maine Small Businesses (Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development)

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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COMPENSATION

MINIMUM WAGE

2642 An Act To Protect Maine's Economy by Slowing the Rate at Which the State's Minimum Wage Will Increase (Submitted by the Department of Labor)

WAGES

2643 An Act To Conform the Definition of a Salaried Employee Who Is Exempt from Overtime to Federal Law (Submitted by the Department of Labor)

2644 An Act To Conform Service Charges To Federal Law (Submitted by the Department of Labor)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JOB OPPORTUNITY ZONES

2734 An Act To Protect Economic Competitiveness in Maine by Extending the End Date for Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits (Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development)

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

DRUG TESTING

2645 An Act To Reduce Impairment on the Job and Improve Workplace Safety by Amending the Laws Governing Employment Practices Concerning Substance Abuse Testing (Submitted by the Department of Labor)

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

PROVISIONS REVISED

2641 An Act To Revise Laws Regarding Unemployment That Were Amended or Affected by Recently Enacted Legislation (Submitted by the Department of Labor)

MARINE RESOURCES

COMMERCIAL FISHING

PRACTICES

2639 An Act To Authorize the Commissioner of Marine Resources To Limit the Number of Shrimp Licenses That May Be Used in Certain Seasons (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources)

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

STATE GOVERNMENT

LAND CONVEYANCES

2766 An Act To Allow the Efficient and Responsible Acquisition and Sale of Property by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services)

NOTARIES PUBLIC

2677 Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Study the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts (Submitted by the Secretary of State)

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TAXATION

INCOME TAX

FEDERAL CONFORMITY

2770 An Act To Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986
Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes (Submitted by the Department of
Administrative and Financial Services)

REVENUE SERVICES BUREAU

PROCEDURES

2771 An Act To Amend the Maine Tax Laws (Submitted by the Department of
Administrative and Financial Services)

SALES AND USE TAX

PROVISIONS REVISED

2635 An Act To Increase Revenue To Preserve the Integrity of Maine's Transportation
Infrastructure (Submitted by the Department of Transportation)

TRANSPORTATION

MOTOR VEHICLES

ALTERNATIVE

2634 An Act To Ensure Equity in the Funding of Maine's Transportation Infrastructure by
Imposing an Annual Fee on Hybrid and Electric Vehicles (Submitted by the Department
of Transportation)

NUMBER PLATES

2676 An Act To Create the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center
Registration Plate (Submitted by the Secretary of State)

OMNIBUS

2668 An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws (Submitted by the Secretary of State)

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

ELECTIONS

VOTING PROCEDURES

2669 An Act To Amend the Election Laws (Submitted by the Secretary of State)