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**128<sup>th</sup> LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**



**Appealed Bill Requests Submitted for  
Consideration by the Legislative Council  
on November 30, 2017**

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Augusta, Maine 04333-0007

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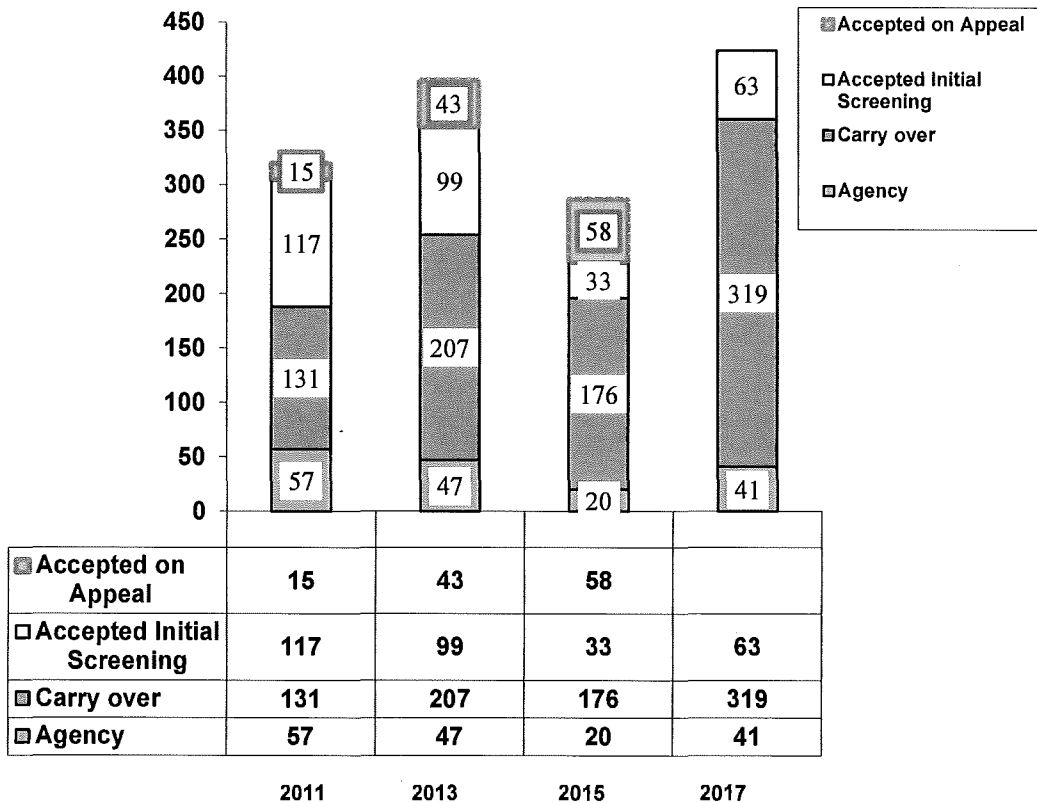
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## INTRODUCTION

This volume contains the titles and summaries of the 99 bill requests filed before cloture, rejected at the Legislative Council's October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and appealed by the appeal deadline on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The council accepted 63 of 272 requests at its October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Part 7 contains a record of the vote for the requests and is sorted by sponsors' names in alphabetical order. Each sponsor's appeal notice is reproduced as received followed immediately by the ballot for the appealed request. Part 8 contains a list of appealed bills by broad subject. Part 9 contains a list of bill requests accepted by broad subject. Part 10 contains a list of accepted bill requests in order alphabetically by sponsor.

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                  423 + ?

Number of Legislator Requests Subject To Review  
288                  399                  395                  272

## **PART 7**

**128<sup>th</sup> Legislature  
Second Regular Session**

**Appeal Letters and Voting Records of  
Legislative Council Meeting of  
October 26, 2017**

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2693

GAMBLING

CASINO GAMBLING

Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	No
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	<b>Out</b>

**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



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Rep. Henry John Bear  
HOULTON BAND OF  
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October 30, 2017

Speaker Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon,

I am writing to respectfully inform you and your colleagues on Legislative Council that I will be appealing your decision to reject several of the bills that I offered for the second legislative session. I do so because I believe these bills seek to handle economic and/or social emergencies facing the Tribes, and deserve a legislative hearing. Please reconsider your actions on the following bills:

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I am available to discuss any of the proposals above, and ask that you vote to support them through Legislative Council.

Respectfully,

*Henry John Bear*

Maliseet Tribal Representative  
Maine House of Representatives

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**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

LR 2694

HUNTING

REGULATIONS

Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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



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LR 2695

NATIVE AMERICANS

RELATIONS WITH STATE

Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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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LR 2696

NATIVE AMERICANS

HOULTON BAND OF MALISEET

Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

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

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Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

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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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2697

GAMBLING

CASINO GAMBLING

Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	No
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	Out

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.



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Maine House of Representatives

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LR 2698

NATIVE AMERICANS

RELATIONS WITH STATE

Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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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Maliseet Tribal Representative  
Maine House of Representatives

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**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2700

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

COMMUNITY-BASED

Sponsor: Representative Beebe-Center of Rockland

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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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October 27, 2017

Rep. Sara Gideon, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

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

**LR 2700, An Act To Preserve the Community Mental Health System in the State by Increasing Compensation for Direct Care Worker.**

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 30 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Pinny Beebe-Center  
State Representative

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2521

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

TREATMENT

Sponsor: Senator Bellows of Kennebec

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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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November 1, 2017

Speaker Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
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Dear Speaker Gideon,

Drug overdoses in 2016 reached an all-time high, and the epidemic seems to be growing worse. President Trump has declared the opioid epidemic a public health crisis. It is certainly an emergency situation to try to expand treatment options and ensure that those options are safe and effective.

This summer a constituent approached me about proposing legislation to ensure that Mainers who do the hard work of detoxing from an opioid addiction and decide to stay on that path to recovery are safe when they sign up for and move into a "recovery residence." After meeting with him and learning more about recovery residences, I knew I had to act. As we all have heard over and over again, recovering from a substance use disorder is hard, hard work and it is incumbent upon us as legislators to ensure Mainers have the best supports we can offer them.

One of those supports would be LR 2521, An Act To Ensure Quality of and Increase Access to Recovery Residences. Too many people get out of detox and have nowhere to go but back to the living and social situations they were in before, making it harder for them to resist a relapse of their substance use. Some of those people may also want or need the additional supports a recovery residence offers, which even the nicest apartment building does not have.

LR 2521 would establish standards within Maine for these recovery residences as well as increase access to them by expanding eligibility for the Bridging Rental Assistance Program (BRAP) to include a substance use diagnosis and allow BRAP funds to be used for shared rooms, as some recovery residences have shared, rather than individual, rooms. After months or years dealing with a substance use disorder, many people do not have the savings to be able to afford the cost of a recovery residence on their own.

We know that ending this epidemic will not happen with any one bill on its own. But LR 2521 is part of the larger solution. Ensuring that people have access to quality recovery residences is vital. I urge you to allow consideration of LR 2521 next year.

Sincerely,

*Shenna Bellows*

Senator Shenna Bellows

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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
BENEFITS

LR 2600

Sponsor: Senator Bellows of Kennebec

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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

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Dear Speaker Gideon,

As one of the senators from the greater Augusta area, I have the honor of representing many state employees in the State House. This has led me to learn about the many ways which they serve our state every day and also about the unique challenges they face.

One of my constituents worked for nearly twenty years for the State of Maine at the Department of Transportation before becoming ill with polycystic kidney disease – now in Stage 4 – making him too sick to work, a fact confirmed by his doctors who are working with him to prepare for a kidney transplant. When he went to MPERS for long term disability, he was denied because it is feasible that once he receives a kidney transplant, which may be over a year away, he may or may not be well enough to work again. Right now he is stuck in the middle between being able to work and qualifying for a transplant. That liminal status means that his wife had to take on more hours of work outside her home (in addition to caring more and more for him) because he doesn't yet qualify for any disability pay. If he had worked all the years of his career for a different employer, he believes he would qualify for Social Security Disability Insurance, but as a state employee, he doesn't qualify for anything similar to that.

LR 2600, An Act To Provide Equality for State Employees with Nonpermanent Disabilities, would level that playing field. After my constituent's story was reported in the newspaper, others came forward. It seems that those state employees who are sick enough to be awaiting organ transplant should receive some time-limited MPERS benefits during that time when they are too sick to work. So many of our state employees went into their jobs because they love their neighbors and their state. They took those jobs and stayed in them even though they generally are paid less than their private sector counterparts because they care. We shouldn't allow their passion and their dedication to our state to further hinder them financially or health-wise.

I urge you to allow consideration of LR 2600 in the coming year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

*Shenna Bellows*

Senator Shenna Bellows



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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2724

ELDERLY

HOME-BASED CARE

Sponsor: Senator Bellows of Kennebec

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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.

*128th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 14*

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November 1, 2017

Speaker Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon,

A constituent contacted me in September with a horrifying story. She was scheduled to go in for breast cancer surgery, and home healthcare had been arranged for her permanently disabled husband, who is confined to a wheelchair. On the night before her surgery, the home healthcare agency cancelled the home healthcare and fired the home healthcare worker who challenged that decision. My constituent was left without care for her husband and had to postpone her cancer surgery. When she called the ombudsman she discovered that there was no recourse and no oversight of the agency and that the rules governing in-home personal care and support workers had not been updated in nearly twenty years – since January 1, 1999! I met with the coalition of groups that works in this area, and they shared my constituent's concerns about lack of adequate oversight and the urgent need to review the regulations.

As Maine's population ages, more and more of our friends, families, and neighbors are turning to home care services to get the care they need without having to rip themselves from their homes and their communities and move to a nursing home. Unfortunately, home care services don't have the same regulatory standards that other forms of care services do. When something happens with a home care recipient's care – maybe a provider cancels at the last minute, doesn't show up, or has insufficient training – there is often little or nothing a family can do to rectify the situation. LR 2724, An Act To Ensure the Health and Safety of Consumers of Home Care Services, would rectify that.

LR 2724 would amend statute in the Registration of personal care agencies and placement agencies to authorize DHHS rule making governing in-home personal care and support workers. Again, these rules were last updated on January 1, 1999. Much has changed in the health care and home care world since then, it is past time when we should be looking to update these rules.

Thank you for your consideration of LR 2724. Please let me know if you have any questions about this bill proposal.

Sincerely,

*Shenna Bellows*

Senator Shenna Bellows

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

LR 2786

ELECTRIC UTILITIES

PLANNING

Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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.



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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October 27, 2017

Rep. Sara Gideon, Chair  
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115 State House Station  
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Dear Speaker Gideon:

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

**LR 2786, An Act To Protect Maine Residents and Businesses from Rising Electricity Costs.**

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 30 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Seth Berry  
State Representative

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

LR 2787

ELECTRIC UTILITIES

DELIVERY

Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

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



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Dear Speaker Gideon:

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**LR 2787, An Act To Provide Tangible Benefits to Maine's Economy by Amending  
Laws Governing Electricity Transmission Corridors**

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 30 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Seth Berry  
State Representative

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

TRANSPORTATION

LR 2719

TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

DUTIES

Sponsor: Representative Blume of York

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

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Dear Speaker Gideon:

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

**LR 2719: An Act To Increase Safety, Ensure Efficient Operation, and Improve Traffic Flow on the Maine Turnpike by Requiring All Electronic Toll Collection.**

All Electronic Toll Collection, or AET, used to be the future of toll roads just a few years ago, now it is the technology that states are adopting, especially on their major thoroughfares that experience bottlenecks. It has been used in other states and is safer and allows for smoother traffic flow. The bill is an emergency because the Maine Turnpike Authority is planning to build a major new toll plaza in southern Maine that does not fully incorporate it. This new plaza will cost millions more to build and operate than an AET plaza, have a higher accident risk and cause traffic-slowdowns during high traffic periods.

It is critical that we act before this new plaza is built and do what is best for Maine.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 30 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Representative Lydia Blume



**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2473

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

AGENCY STORES

Sponsor: Senator Brakey of Androscoggin

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

Thibodeau	Yes				Gideon	Yes
Mason	Yes				Herbig	No
Cushing	No				Golden	No
Jackson	No				Fredette	No
Libby	No				Espling	Yes
	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent		
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out	
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.

*128th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 20*

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October 31, 2017

The Honorable Sara Gideon  
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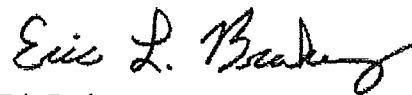
Dear Speaker Gideon:

I write this letter to request an appeal on the Legislative Council's decision to reject LR 2473, "*An Act To Increase the Number of Retail Liquor Licenses Allowed in Certain Municipalities.*"

This bill proposal is a simple fix to the way the State issues liquor agency licenses to large municipalities by increasing the number of licenses BABLO can issue for every additional 15,000 in population beyond the current 60,000.

I believe that this law is actively hindering a business's current ability to do commerce in state. To delay this legislation for another year delays the ability for businesses in Maine to do commerce and grow our economy.

Sincerely,



Eric Brakey  
State Senator

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2648

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

MANAGED CARE AND RATE SETTING RULES

Sponsor: Senator Breen of Cumberland

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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.

*128th Legislature*  
***Senate of Maine***  
*Senate District 25*

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Speaker Sara Gideon, Chair of the Legislative Council, 128th Maine Legislature

**FROM:** Senator Cathy Breen

**DATE:** November 1, 2017

**RE:** Appeal notice for LR 2648, "An Act to Preserve Medication Management for Persons with Mental Health Needs"

On October 26, I submitted LR 2648, "An Act to Preserve Medication Management for Persons with Mental Health Needs" to provide funding for Medication Management, a service provided by psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners to dispense and adjust medications for some of the most vulnerable among us: people with mental illness, those recovering from substance abuse addiction, and seniors trying to stay in their homes and maintain a dignified standard of living.

This bill was rejected by the Legislative Council. I respectfully submit this memo for the purpose of appealing your decision on the grounds that this legislation has the potential to raise the standard of living for the aforementioned at-risk people and avoid putting additional stress on hospitals, emergency rooms and jails.

Currently there are long waiting lists, making it difficult for people to obtain and monitor their prescription dosages. In one agency alone in southern Maine, there is a waiting list of 350 adults and 154 children. Often, people who are in recovery from substance abuse get out of a residential treatment program and have to wait months to receive proper medication and oversight to assist with their addiction recovery.

It is impossible to operate this program at anything other than a financial loss for community organizations and individual practitioners. Several agencies are reporting 6 figure losses annually, and two others have stopped providing the service altogether. In addition, inadequate reimbursement rates make it near impossible to hire and retain professionals to do this work. Should this service cease, there will be increased emergency room visits, hospital stays, bad debt charity care for hospitals and more people behind bars with mental illness and substance abuse disorders.

I believe this bill, which will increase the reimbursement rates for providers by 25%, qualifies as an emergency and merits consideration this Legislative session. Please consider supporting this important legislation, and do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2650

ELECTIONS

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

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

*128th Legislature*  
***Senate of Maine***  
*Senate District 31*

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LR 2650, An Act To Close Loopholes in Election Laws and Ban the Use of Leadership Political Action Committees for Personal Profit

LR 2651, An Act To Clarify the Difference between Late and Unfiled Campaign Expenditures and Expenses Reports

Dear Members of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to appeal your previous decision on LR 2650 and LR 2651, An Act To Close Loopholes in Election Laws and Ban the Use of Leadership Political Action Committees for Personal Profit and An Act To Clarify the Difference between Late and Unfiled Campaign Expenditures and Expenses Reports.

As a member of the Senate Committee on Conduct and Ethics, I take our responsibility to hold each other accountable very seriously. Strengthening our ethics and setting a positive example for the next generation isn't a partisan issue.

Earlier this year, a senator racked up massive fines for not disclosing campaign spending. Moreover, an investigation by the Maine Ethics Commission found that in the prior election cycle, this senator had used his PAC to pay his family business \$11,000. The senator himself said he transferred these funds as a "loan" to keep the business afloat. At the end of the day, the Commission found the business only repaid a portion of those loans.

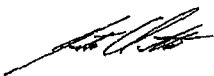
This is an example of an elected official — and not only that, but an elected member of the leadership around this horseshoe — using our political system to benefit their own bottom line. The worst part is: None of this is illegal. Rules governing PACs in Maine are so lax that nothing prevented this lawmaker from using our campaign finance system as his own personal lending agency.

We've already made it illegal for PACs or campaigns to pay lawmakers, but politicians can get around this rule by simply writing checks to businesses they control — even if those businesses are simply pass-throughs to their own bank accounts.

This bill aims to close this campaign finance loophole once and for all by making it illegal to use a PAC for personal profit.

I would think members of this council would want to ensure the public has an unwavering trust in the institution of government and wants to set out to ensure the public knows that one bad apple does not represent the hardworking men and women of the House and Senate and of either party.

Sincerely,



Justin Chenette

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2651

ELECTIONS

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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Comment

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

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*128th Legislature*  
***Senate of Maine***  
*Senate District 31*

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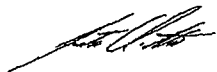
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Sincerely,



Justin Chenette



**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2659

SCHOOL POLICIES

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

An Act To Include Cursive Writing in High School Graduation Standards

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	No
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

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

*128th Legislature*  
***Senate of***  
***Maine***  
*Senate District 31*

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November 1, 2017

LR 2659, An Act To Include Cursive Writing in High School Graduation Standards

Dear Members of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to appeal your decision on LR 2659, An Act To Include Cursive Writing in High School Graduation Standards.

I am hearing directly from parents concerned about their child's education they are receiving in the classroom. There has been an all-out phasing out of cursive in our school system across the state.

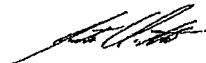
Typically students learn cursive handwriting in the early grades of Elementary school alongside print writing and even typing.

Studies have shown immense cognitive benefits of learning cursive. Students do better at spelling and with an overall better understanding of the English language.

The most obvious benefit is penmanship; the ability to sign ones name. How are these young people ever going to be able to sign their name for important documents or write checks without this simple yet vital skillset? Who better to teach this skill than our fantastic schools and dedicated teachers?

I urge this council to give this a second look. Allow parents in my district and yours a chance to be heard, to come up to the state house, and voice their frustration and see what solutions could be outlined.

Sincerely,



Justin Chenette

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

TAXATION

LR 2661

TAX ASSESSMENT

VALUATION

Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

An Act To Properly Notify Taxpayers of Property Valuation Changes

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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.

*128th Legislature*

*Senate of  
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*Senate District 31*

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November 1, 2017

LR 2661, An Act To Properly Notify Taxpayers of Property Valuation Changes

Dear Members of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to appeal your previous decision on LR 2661, An Act To Properly Notify Taxpayers of Property Valuation Changes.

We did some great work this past session on trying to lower the burden of property taxes on homeowners. We increased the homestead exemption and sent more money for education back to municipalities to pay for rising costs. Problem is, this seemingly good will isn't felt. Many municipalities including my own decided to re-valuate everyone's houses causing property taxes for many to actually increase.

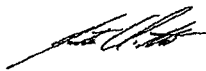
The problem occurs not in the municipalities' ability to evaluate property and assess value, but in the notification process. When most folks including myself receive our tax bill, it is often the first time when property taxpayers receive notice of valuation changes. Moreover, the appeals process isn't explained in their tax bill. So people get a notice of their tax bill without notice of valuation changes and without proper information on how to appeal the decision.

This bill aims to ensure proper notification of property valuation changes, either up or down, prior to receiving a tax bill. In the notification, information must also be provided on how that homeowner can appeal the decision.

This puts the power back into the hands of the people and ensures no one is confused or left with a bill without a way to get involved in the process of their own taxation.

This is worth a public conversation. It's worth flushing this out in front of a committee in a public hearing. I hope this council changes its mind and allows this bill to just be heard.

Sincerely,



Justin Chenette

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

TRANSPORTATION

LR 2780

BUSES

EQUIPMENT

Sponsor: Senator Chipman of Cumberland

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

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

*128th Legislature  
Senate of  
Maine  
Senate District 27*

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*Senate Democratic Lead:  
Committee on Health and Human Services*

October 31, 2017

Speaker Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon,

Public transportation in Maine has been rapidly expanding over the past several years. This expansion includes the growth of the Greater Portland metro bus services, which now have an increased number of stops and riders. While this growth is positive, it is unfortunately leaving those with blindness and visual impairments behind. These individuals have expressed that they have extreme difficulty utilizing public transport due to lack of audio announcements onboard buses. It is considerably difficult for them to know when and where certain stops are without this sort of support. It is important to note that many of these individuals rely solely on public transportation to get from place to place. Additionally, there is no current standard procedure in place to accommodate people with visual impairments, so it is vital that we accommodate their needs as soon as possible.

Furthermore, lack of audio announcements can create an unsafe, stressful and confused environment for those who rely on buses to get around. We should not allow those with disabilities to feel this way using a service that is supposed to provide efficient and equal access to all people. Clear audio announcements are one way in which we can aid in fostering a much needed safe and efficient bus service to our communities. This bill will give blind and visually impaired Mainers the dignity and independence that comes with the ability to travel easily on public transportation. It is critical that the State government acts quickly to ensure a safe and secure transition to the utilization of public transportation. For those with visual impairments and blindness, this is a bill we cannot afford to postpone.

For these reasons, I urge you to reconsider acceptance of LR 2780, An Act To Increase Safety for Persons with Visual Impairments on Public Transportation. Please let me know if you have any questions about this legislation.

Sincerely,



Senator Ben Chipman

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TRANSPORTATION

LR 2595

ROADS

HIGHWAY SAFETY

Sponsor: Senator Collins of York

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

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	Out

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.

*128th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 34*

*Senator Ron Collins*  
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October 31, 2017

The Honorable Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

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Dear Speaker Gideon and Distinguished Members of the Legislative Council,

I write to you to request an appeal of your decision to reject LR 2595, *Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Install a Traffic Signal in Wells*. I feel this bill is deemed as an emergency measure for the upcoming Second Regular Session of the 128th Maine Legislature.

According to the Route 109 Corridor Study done by the Department of Transportation in conjunction with the Maine Turnpike Authority and the town of Wells; the need for a light at this location was recommended at the conclusion of the study. The location that this bill refers to brings two major routes together, and the lack of a traffic signal has proven to be a safety hazard with numerous near misses amongst it travelers.

With the support of DOT, MTA and town of Wells, I believe the time is now to get this project started. I find it irresponsible to wait until we've encountered an emergency on this roadway to enact this bill.

I thank the committee for your consideration and encourage you to vote in favor of LR 2595.

Sincerely,



Senator Ron Collins



**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2524

LANDLORD AND TENANT

TENANTS RIGHTS

Sponsor: Representative Cooper of Yarmouth

An Act To Expand the Rights of Residential Tenants

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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.

October 31, 2017

Sen. Michael Thibodeau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

REVISOR OF STATUTES

2017 NOV -1 P 3:27

Dear President Thibodeau:

I intend to appeal the Council's rejection, by a vote of 5-5, of the following bill request:

LR 2524, An Act to Improve the Rights of Maine Residential Tenants [approximate title].

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 19 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

/s/

Janice Cooper  
State Representative

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

LR 2604

HUNTING

SAFETY

Sponsor: Senator Cushing of Penobscot

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

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

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.

*128th Legislature*  
***Senate of***  
***Maine***  
*Senate District 10*

REVISOR OF STATUTES

2017 NOV - 1 P 4: 42

***Senator Andre E. Cushing, III***  
***Assistant Majority Leader***  
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***Joint Standing Committees:***  
***Energy, Utilities & Technology***  
***Taxation***

***Select Committees:***  
***Joint Rules, Senate Rules, Senatorial Vote***

October 31, 2017

The Honorable Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

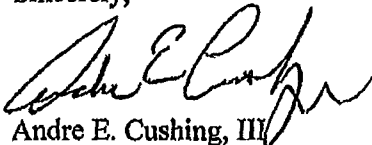
I respectfully request an appeal for a second session submission that was rejected at the Legislative Council meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The proposed legislation is LR 2604, "*An Act To Increase Safety on Youth Hunting Day for Hunting Bear by Allowing an Accompanying Adult To Possess a Firearm.*"

This bill was brought to my attention by a constituent. Due to the time of year that this legislation affects, it would be appropriate for this bill to be brought forward in the coming session as it is a matter of safety for our youth hunters.

I respectfully ask that Legislative Council allow this bill to move forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Andre E. Cushing, III  
Assistant Majority Leader

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

TRANSPORTATION

LR 2754

TRANSPORTATION DEPT  
PLANNING

Sponsor: Senator Cushing of Penobscot

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

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

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

*128th Legislature*  
***Senate of***  
***Maine***  
*Senate District 10*

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2017 NOV -1 P 4: 42

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October 31, 2017

The Honorable Sara Gideon  
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Dear Speaker Gideon:

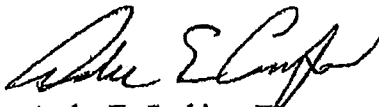
I respectfully request an appeal for a second session submission that was rejected at the Legislative Council meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The proposed legislation is LR 2754, "Resolve, To Study Methods for Better Transportation for Students and Workers in Maine."

I proposed this legislation in light of numerous instances that have recently come to my attention affecting those who rely on public transportation to access the workforce and education. I feel that it is important to panel this taskforce as soon as possible to review more effective and efficient means to make use of our current public transportation resources.

I respectfully ask that Legislative Council allow this bill to move forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Andre E. Cushing, III  
Assistant Majority Leader

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2549

WORKERS COMPENSATION

BENEFITS

Sponsor: Senator Cyrway of Kennebec

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

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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.

128th Legislature  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
Senate District 16

REVISOR OF STATUTES

2017 NOV - 1 P 2:45

Senator Scott W. Cyrway  
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November 1, 2017

Speaker Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
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Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

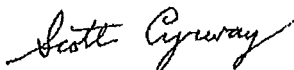
I am before you today to appeal LR 2549, "An Act to Award to the Family of Nathan Desjardins His Workers' Compensation Death Benefits." This bill was rejected by the Legislative Council at the October 26, 2017 meeting and I respectfully request that this bill be allowed in for the second session as I believe this is of great emergency.

As most of you likely remember, Nathan Desjardins died at just twenty years of age due to injuries he endured while working a search and rescue mission for the Fryeburg Police Department this past summer. Nathan was a student at the University of New England and lived at home with his parents when he was not in school.

Following Nathan's death, his parents received a denial letter from the state for his worker's compensation death benefit, but were told they could appeal this. While this family tries to find closure, they are unable to move forward because of the denial from the state. No one should have to go through an appeal process if it can be prevented in this type of situation. Losing a loved one is hard enough. By allowing this bill to move forward, Nathan's family can begin to find closure without having to wait another legislative session.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Scott Cyrway  
State Senator



**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2550

WORKERS COMPENSATION

BENEFITS

Sponsor: Senator Cyrway of Kennebec

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

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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.

128th Legislature  
Senate of  
Maine  
Senate District 16

REVISOR OF STATUTES

2017 NOV -1 P 2:46

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November 1, 2017

Speaker Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
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Dear Speaker Gideon:

I am before you today to appeal LR 2550, "An Act to Include a Deceased Person's Immediate Family Members in the Group of People Paid Workers' Compensation Death Benefits." This bill was rejected by the Legislative Council at the October 26, 2017 meeting and I respectfully request that this bill be allowed in for the second session.

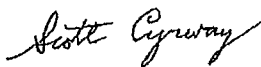
After the death of Nathan Desjardins, a young member of law enforcement killed due to injuries sustained in the line of duty, it was brought to my attention that the families of individuals who have died without a dependent do not receive the same worker's compensation death benefits as those with a spouse or child. While families of the deceased may receive some benefits after their loved one is killed in the line of duty, it would make sense that they receive the same benefits of those with a spouse or child. Unfortunately, this is not the case.

Nathan's family has yet to receive any worker's compensation death benefits. In fact, they were denied worker's compensation benefits and told if they wanted to, they could appeal it. The bill before you would correct this error so that future parents and immediate family members will not have to go through the same hurdles Nathan's immediate family is facing right now.

This bill will allow for worker's compensation death benefits to be provided to immediate family members of individuals, without dependents, killed in the line of duty, just as those benefits are currently provided to family members of the deceased with a spouse or children. These benefits don't necessarily have to come in the form of a wage benefit, but some form of benefit should be provided to them. Their loved ones have gone through the same working tasks as those receiving benefits that have dependents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Scott Cyrway  
State Senator

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

LR 2646

HUNTING

GUIDES

Sponsor: Senator Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis

An Act To Amend the Registered Maine Guide Background Check Requirement

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	No	Espling	No

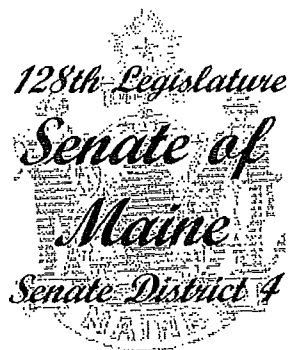
	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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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November 1, 2017

Speaker Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
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Dear Speaker Gideon,

I respectfully request an appeal for a second session bill I submitted that was rejected by the Legislative Council on October 26, 2017. The proposed legislation is L.R. 2646, "*An Act To Amend the Registered Maine Guide Background Check Requirement.*"

Since the passage of L.D. 1489 just last session, I have heard complaints from dozens of licensed Maine Guides and today is the first day that the new law will be in effect. I expect that as more people have to renew their guide licenses and become aware of this law, the complaints will only increase. That is why I believe that we should not wait any longer to address this matter.

As the sponsor of L.D. 1489, I stand by the intent of this legislation. Maine Guides are known across the country as some of the most competent and experienced woodsmen and women. L.D. 1489 was intended to ensure that our Maine Guides are as ethically and morally sound as they are knowledgeable and competent in the field.

However, there are some unintended consequences that have made Maine Guides anxious. The new expenses and privacy concerns are just some of the issues that have alarmed people, some who have worked in this industry for over thirty years.

I believe it is necessary that we go back and take another look at this law before we cause irreparable harm to the Maine Guide Industry. We owe it to our Maine Guides to get this right.

Thank you for considering this appeal.

Sincerely,

Paul Davis  
State Senator

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2500

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

Sponsor: Representative Denno of Cumberland

An Act To Reestablish the Office of Advocacy

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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.



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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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October 31, 2017

Rep. Sara Gideon, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

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

**LR 2500, An Act To Reestablish the Office of Advocacy.**

This bill is an emergency because it seeks to develop a solution to a serious and critical situation. A report issued in August by the federal OIG report pointed out numerous areas of non-compliance with federal and state requirements for critical incidents involving Medicaid beneficiaries with developmental disabilities, including the failure to investigate the deaths of 133 people with developmental disabilities between January, 2013 and June, 2015. DHHS also only investigated 5% of the almost 16,000 suspected cases of abuse, neglect, exploitation, sexual abuse or medication errors. The federal audit concluded that "Maine failed to demonstrate that it has a system to ensure the health, welfare and safety" of the people with developmental disabilities who qualify for Medicaid. This report points out that no oversight agency noticed or sounded the alarm on these failures.

This bill is a vehicle to initiate a discussion to determine what went wrong, and how we can most effectively and efficiently assure that these problems do not reoccur. The Legislature has a responsibility to take corrective action.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 30 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Representative Dale Denno  
Maine House District 45

REVISOR OF STATUTES  
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**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2466

SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
TREATMENT

Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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.



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October 27, 2017

Rep. Sara Gideon, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

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

**LR 2466, Resolve, To Establish A Task Force To Investigate the High Rate of  
Addiction among Persons Who Fish Commercially.**

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 30 to discuss this proposal and to  
clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Mick Devin  
State Representative

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**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

LR 2569

PESTICIDES

PEST MANAGEMENT

Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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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.

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October 27, 2017

Rep. Sara Gideon, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

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

### **LR 2569, Resolve, To Use A Comprehensive Approach To Restore And Protect Pollinator Populations.**

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 30 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Mick Devin  
State Representative

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**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

TRANSPORTATION

LR 2528

TRANSPORTATION DEPT

PLANNING

Sponsor: Senator Dow of Lincoln

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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.

*128th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 13*

*Senator Dana L. Dow*  
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*Chair, Taxation Committee*

October 31, 2017

The Honorable Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

REVISOR OF STATUTES  
2017 NOV - 1 P 3:50

Dear Speaker Gideon:

I respectfully request an appeal for a second session submission that was rejected at the Legislative Council meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The proposed legislation is LR 2528, "Resolve, To Improve the Department of Transportation's Wiscasset Village Traffic Management Plan."

The planned construction is quickly moving along with the Department of Transportation. The towns-people and a 3-2 vote of selectpersons have both indicated a change of heart from their original vote in one particular phase of construction – eliminating on-street parking. This could have a devastating effect on downtown businesses with very little relief of traffic congestion.

Thank you for your consideration.



Dana L. Dow  
State Senator

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

LR 2740

PUBLIC LANDS

HISTORIC SITES

Sponsor: Senator Dow of Lincoln

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

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	Yes
Mason	Yes	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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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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*128th Legislature*  
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*Maine*  
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October 31, 2017

The Honorable Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

REVISOR OF STATUTES  
2017 NOV - 1 P 3:50

Dear Speaker Gideon:

I respectfully request an appeal for a second session submission that was rejected at the Legislative Council meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The proposed legislation is LR 2740, "Resolve, Authorizing the Lease of the Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site."

LR 2740 is critically important as the Friends of Colonial Pemaquid have been involved in efforts to restore the historic site and have now lined up financial support which is contingent upon the possibility of a lease arrangement similar to the Ft. Knox lease. In order to take advantage of these current opportunities, this legislation must be considered during the legislative session coming up in 2018.

Thank you for your consideration.



Dana L. Dow  
State Senator

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2632

CONTAINERS - RETURNABLE

BOTTLES

Sponsor: Representative Espling of New Gloucester

An Act To Create Equity in Wine and Spirits Container Deposits

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

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

128<sup>TH</sup> STATE LEGISLATURE  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0002



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November 1, 2017

Speaker Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

REVISOR OF STATUTES  
2017 NOV - 1 P 12:04

Dear Speaker Gideon;

I'm writing to appeal the 10/26 decision of the Legislative Council regarding **LR 2632: *An Act To Create Equity in Wine and Spirits Container Deposits***. This proposal creates a uniform deposit for all wine and spirit containers in the laws governing returnable containers.

After speaking with many professionals in the industry, including both employers and employees, I strongly believe this commonsense accommodation should be discussed further at the committee level during the Second Regular Session in 2018. Many other legislators have expressed support for clarifying the returnable deposit process in Maine, and I urge the members of the Legislative Council to reconsider action on November 30, 2017.

Please don't hesitate to contact me directly should there be any need for further clarification or documentation.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellie Espling  
State Representative



**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2544

INSURANCE

HEALTH

Sponsor: Representative Foley of Wells

An Act To Prohibit Nonmedical Switching by Health Insurance Providers

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	No	Espling	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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."



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The Honorable Sara Gideon, Chair

Legislative Council

115 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0115

RE: L.R. 2544, "*An Act To Prohibit Nonmedical Switching by Health Insurance Providers*"

Dear Speaker Gideon:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2544 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

Non-medical switching is a practice undertaken by insurers to drive stable patients from their current medication regimen to a less expensive alternative without the knowledge or consent of either patient or physician. Many of these drugs involved in non-medical switching are used for pain management, with insurers moving patients from non-addictive, non-opium based formularies to "cheaper," highly addictive opium products. Various studies have shown that this method has not resulted in lower costs, but, in some cases, led to higher costs with prolonged treatment and medical relapses.

L.R. 2544 simply requires insurance carriers, or their third party administrators, to communicate with the patient and the physician prior to making any switching of medications. It allows for a dialogue between all parties to evaluate the benefits and potential risks that switching to a newer, less expensive medication may have.

The opioid crisis in Maine is dire. This bill provides one small way to stem this crisis by making certain insurers are not able to move patients to highly addictive drugs at will and without consultation with patients and physicians.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns on November 30. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 590-2144.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Foley  
State Representative

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TAXATION

LR 2478

INCOME TAX

CREDITS

Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	No
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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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RE: Appeal to Legislative Council for: L.R. 2478, "An Act to Strengthen Maine Families with Children by Changing the Income Tax Laws"

Dear Speaker Gideon,

I am submitting an appeal to the recent decision of the Legislative Council to reject the above bill during the Second Session bill review.

This bill was submitted to simply help those Mainer's who are in the Middle Class. This bill will enable the Mainer's who fall into this category to keep more of their money through changes to Maine's Income Tax laws.

This bill will not be a stand-alone panacea for the Middle Class, but this bill combined with other policy work during the Second Session, could begin to address the stagnant growth of the middle class in Maine.

These changes now may help out the middle class during the 2020 tax filing year, so it is important to consider these changes during the Second Session of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Fredette  
State Representative

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2479

SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

SUBSIDIZABLE COSTS

Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	No
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	Out

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



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RE: Appeal to Legislative Council for: L.R. 2479, An Act to Amend for the Fiscal year 2018-2019 the School Funding Formula for School Districts with a High Incidence of Free and Reduced-price Lunches

Dear Speaker Gideon,

I am submitting an appeal to the recent decision of the Legislative Council to reject the above bill during the Second Session bill review.

Our poorer school districts are in need of immediate attention within our existing school funding formula. This bill is designed to help those poorer school districts. In order to assist our poorer school districts as soon as possible, the Legislature would need to take this up during the Second Legislative session of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Fredette  
State Representative

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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

LR 2481

BOND ISSUES

EDUCATION

Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	No
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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



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RE: Appeal to Legislative Council for: L.R. 2481, "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund a Program of Student Debt Consolidation and Repayment"

Dear Speaker Gideon,

I am submitting an appeal to the recent decision of the Legislative Council to reject the above bill during the Second Session bill review.

Business owners and Educators have seen the migration of our young people out of Maine for many years. It is a trend that will take multiple approaches to stem the tide. This bill is designed to keep Maine young people in the state and grow our work force.

Action during the Second Session of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature would help our Maine's citizens now.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Fredette  
State Representative



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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2708

ELECTIONS

CITIZEN INITIATIVES

Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

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

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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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RE: Appeal to Legislative Council for: L.R. 2708, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Direct Initiative of Legislation"

Dear Speaker Gideon,

I am submitting an appeal to the recent decision of the Legislative Council to reject the above bill during the Second Session bill review.

If ever we have seen the need to reform Maine's Direct Initiative Process it was the 2016 Election cycle, which included many Direct Citizen Initiative's. This bill is designed to reform Maine's Referendum Citizens Direct Initiative process.

This current Citizen Initiative procedure is a significant step away from the initial intent of this process. The Second Session of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature must reform this part of the Constitution as we head into the 2018 elections.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Fredette  
State Representative

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2744

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

DRUG ABUSE

Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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



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October 30, 2017

Rep. Sara Gideon, Chair  
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Dear Speaker Gideon:

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

**LR 2744, An Act To Save Lives and Create the Homeless Opioid User Service Engagement Pilot Project.**

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 30 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Drew Gattine  
State Representative

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2748

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

POWERS

Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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.



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Dear Speaker Gideon:

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**LR 2748, An Act To Improve Housing Support in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program.**

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 30 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Drew Gattine  
State Representative

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2492

LAW ENFORCEMENT

STATE POLICE

Sponsor: Representative Gerrish of Lebanon

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

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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Comment

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

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The Honorable Sara Gideon, Chair  
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115 State House Station  
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RE: L.R. 2492, *"An Act To Create a Full-Time Drug Interdiction Unit within the State"*

Dear Speaker Gideon:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2492 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

The State of Maine currently has no overarching policy or strategic methodology to address the opioid epidemic that is threatening the wellbeing of Maine's people. The largest police organization in the State – the Maine State Police – has the resources currently to address this issue utilizing a multi-front and multi-approach manner.

There are areas in Maine where the State Police has greatly diminished its calls for service due to the sheriffs' offices taking the majority of the calls, i.e. Oxford and Cumberland counties. A reassignment of the 15 troopers assigned to these areas would staff the interdiction effort. Seven troopers from other similar areas would staff the task forces utilizing existing resources.

Maine is the only state in New England that does not have a full time interdiction effort, nor fully-staffed task forces, and does not have any real focus on this area of criminality – NARCOTICS. Consequently, there is a vacuum of enforcement that will be filled in by drug dealers, since there is no coordinated effort to interfere with their work/crimes.

It is only logical that the largest multi-jurisdictional organization in the State would take the lead on this issue and refocus its resources to address this statewide threat. There is no larger or more serious issue in Maine or the country at present.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns on November 30. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 651-5452.

Respectfully,

Karen A. Gerrish  
State Representative



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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2747

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

POWERS

Sponsor: Speaker Gideon of Freeport

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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.



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SARA GIDEON  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

October 31, 2017

Speaker Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Colleagues,

This letter is to notify you that I am appealing your decision to reject my proposal, LR 2747, An Act to Reduce Child Poverty by Promoting Higher Wages for Families through Education and Training.

This proposal seeks to bolster job training and educational attainment programs by identifying available matching funds to increase support for existing programs. This would be achieved without additional state investment, and support programs like Parents as Scholars and the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program. These programs have a record of impressive outcomes, but have seen declining investment and enrollment in recent years. The successful Parents as Scholars program, which provides access to post-secondary degrees and credentials, has seen a decline in enrollment from over 700 in 2010 to fewer than 60 in 2017. Investing in and empowering these programs to thrive would generate additional skilled workers for Maine's ailing workforce and increase the earning capability of families currently in poverty.

Earlier this year, the Legislature convened the Task Force on Maine's 21st Century Economy and Workforce, to study and address workforce issues in our state, and foundations and municipalities are always considering new resources to put into the widely-recognized workforce crisis. Some of the new initiatives created by the task force or by other entities, like municipalities or educational non-profit organizations, could be eligible for matching funds through the Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Education and Training programs. However, once these programs begin, they may lose the opportunity for supplemental funding, since it cannot supplant funding already secured for an initiative.

I believe the workforce challenges and high rates of child poverty constitute an emergency for our state, and ask you to support LR 2747 through Legislative Council. Maine children and families can't wait for these supports.

Sincerely,

Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2532

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

DELIVERY

Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

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

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*Senate of Maine*  
Senate District 9

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LR 2532, An Act to Establish a State Wide System of Regional Peer Recovery Support Center Hubs in Maine

Dear Members of the 128th Legislative Council,

*"Peer recovery centers"* marshal the *volunteer* resources of the recovery community to support individuals in recovery from substance use disorder. They forestall the endless recycling in and out of the criminal justice system that occurs when people do not have support. They prepare individuals for a productive role in society.

Peer recovery centers are not for-profit *"community support centers"* with programming that supports the person in their recovery. They are lean, efficient, focused, and largely volunteer based — although they have certain basic requirements for space and staff. Community mentors lead smart recovery and 12 step groups, act as recovery coaches, and conduct supportive workshops such as tai chi. There are community events including pizza nights or open mic entertainment. They are a place to be surrounded and supported by one's peers. People in recovery have complex needs in addition to substance use and benefit from the support of peers with access to a wide variety of interventions.

Support for those in recovery saves money. Currently every man, woman, and child in the State of Maine is paying a "hidden tax" of \$1,346 due to the cost of substance use — a total \$1.8 billion 2015. The costs associated with Emergency Room visits and involvement in the criminal justice system *decrease ten-fold* with treatment. Employment, education, and family stability increases. More people report paying taxes, having good credit, making financial plans for the future, and paying back debts.

Currently the Portland Recovery Community Center runs a highly successful program, sponsoring 1,668 groups with 31,818 attendees in FY 17. There were a total of 38,495 visits, 457 new members and 147 new volunteers in the same year. In the attendee survey conducted quarterly, 96.2 percent report PRCC helps them maintain recovery, 94.5 percent report since coming to the PRCC their overall health and wellness has improved, and 100 percent report since coming to the PRCC they have not had any criminal involvement. Prior to coming to the PRCC, 58.5 percent report criminal involvement.

There are similar programs in Brewer/Bangor (the BARN), Augusta, and Rockland that are running on a deficit and in danger of closing their doors. State support for basic operational needs will insure their financial viability and result in major long term savings. The current initiative by the department to develop more peer recovery centers is focused on Maine's rural areas. However, the urban centers of Lewiston/Auburn, Augusta, Bangor/Brewer and Portland are where we find higher concentrations of people seeking recovery, and where support is needed to sustain these recovery efforts.

Thanks for your consideration of this important proposal.

All the best,



Senator Geoff Gratwick

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2654

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

An Act To Provide for the Safe Disposal of Drugs

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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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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*128th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 9*

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LR 2654, An Act to Provide for the Safe Disposal of Drugs

Dear Members of the 128th Legislative Council,

Both President Trump and Governor LePage agree that we are in the midst of an emergency drug epidemic. More than one Mainer a day is now dying from an overdose. Where do addicts get their drugs? Too often, it is from the family medicine cabinet. We can eliminate this source by providing Mainers with a safe, easy way to dispose of unused drugs.

The key is '*product stewardship*'. Product stewardship means that manufacturers must share the responsibility for safe collection, recycling, or disposal of their products. Mainers can be justly proud that Maine already has one of the most comprehensive set of product stewardship laws in the nation. We require it for batteries, mercury thermostats, tires, architectural paint, soda bottles, cell phones and other products from birth to their use or disposal. If we do the same with pharmaceuticals we can dramatically decrease the number of drugs that feed addictions.

There are a number of ways to take back and destroy medicines in a safe, user friendly way. One example is a simple metal box (much like a post box) bolted to the floor of a participating pharmacy. A 'reverse distributor' empties the box periodically and destroys the contents safely. Other methods are equally straightforward. A number of cities and counties have instituted successful programs and they have a track record of success. The cost to the consumer averages of \$0.02 per prescription and the cost to the pharmacies near \$0.00. The U.S. Product Stewardship Council in Boston has helped the Maine's Environmental and Natural Resources Committee a number of times before and is an excellent resource for us in this instance as well.

For a small investment we can strike a blow at our annual \$1.8 billion dollar opioid epidemic. Thank you for your consideration.

All the best,



Senator Geoff Gratwick  
District 9 — Bangor and Hermon

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2692

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

DELIVERY

Sponsor: Representative Grignon of Athens

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	No
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

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

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November 1, 2017

Honorable Sarah Gideon, Chair  
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, Vice-Chair  
and Members of the Legislative Council

Dear Speaker Gideon, President Thibodeau and Members of the Legislative Council:

I respectfully appeal the Legislative Council's vote rejecting *LR: 2692, An Act To Ensure Sustainable Health Care Access in the Jackman Region*.

Please understand our facility services not only Jackman, but is the only medical service provider within an hour of our community, and therefore sustains vital services for all of Northern Somerset County including many other rural municipalities. Without being able to provide 24 hour care, both the developing tourist economy of our region as well as many of our most vulnerable residents will no longer be able to remain in our area.

I request your support and will be happy to submit any material requested in advancing this appeal to show the severe economic impact losing these services would create.

Sincerely,

Chad Grignon  
State Representative

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TAXATION

LR 2453

INCOME TAX

RATE

Sponsor: Representative Hamann of South Portland

An Act To Establish the Fund for Maine's Future

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	No
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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:

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Sen. Michael Thibodeau, Chair  
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President Thibodeau:

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

**LR 2453, An Act to Establish the Fund for Maine's Future.**

This bill is an emergency because it provides a sustainable funding source for education in the next biennium.

Rejection of this LR will result in a budget crisis in the 129<sup>th</sup> legislature, one that I hope to avoid.

Accepting this bill into the second regular session will allow the public a platform to reiterate their support for an education funding surtax on top incomes, which was supported by the *majority* of Maine voters in the 2016 election and overturned *without public comment* and despite voters' opposition during budget negotiations in 2017. Let's give real Mainers their voice back.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Scott Hamann  
State Representative

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2664

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Sponsor: Senator Hamper of Oxford

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

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	No	Espling	No

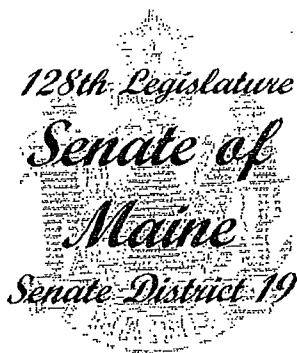
	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	Out

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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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Senator James M. Hamper  
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November 1, 2017

The Honorable Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

I respectfully request an appeal for a second session submission of LR 2664, "An Act to Clarify the Role of Veterinary Medical Professionals in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program."

Right now, veterinarians are required by law to check the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) before prescribing opioids. Simply put, these individuals who were trained to treat animals are now being held to the same standards of medical professionals treating people that are undergoing surgery, battling long term chronic pain, and so on. Whereas these professionals were not trained in the same manner as medical doctors or are HIPPA compliant, I believe we are requiring veterinarians to do something that is out of their scope of practice, therefore, potentially causing an issue of privacy. By holding them to the same standard, it is also cutting into their time, putting an administrative and financial burden on them that they cannot keep up with as owners of small businesses.

Since there is no evidence that veterinarians are aiding to the opioid epidemic, I suggest we exempt them from the requirement to check the PMP and instead better educate them on this issue by broadening the scope of what can be included in order for them to meet the three hours of continuing education requirement.

Let's stop saddling our veterinarians with unnecessary and financially burdensome tasks and instead better equip them to be more knowledgeable about the harmfulness of opioids.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James Hamper  
State Senator

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2568

CONTAINERS - RETURNABLE

BOTTLES

Sponsor: Representative Hanington of Lincoln

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	No
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

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

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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2551 Representative White, D



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November 1, 2017

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RE: Appeal to Legislative Council for: L.R. 2568, "An Act to Increase by One Cent the Deposit Amount on Returnable Beverage Containers"

Dear Speaker Gideon,

I am submitting an appeal to the recent decision of the Legislative Council to reject the above bill during your Second Session bill review.

The concept of the bill is to add one cent increase to the returnable rate. The rate now, that is set from the state, is 3 1/2 cents on certain returnable containers and 4 cents on others. The reason behind this bill is to offset the \$1.50 per hour minimum wage raise that went into effect this past January, and future minimum wage increases.

In my district two redemption centers closed due to the increase of the minimum wage. The new statewide rate would be 4 1/2 cents vs the current 3 1/2 cents and 5 cents vs. the current 4 cents from the state. With this increase of the returnable rate, it would offset any future increases in minimum wage. If we do nothing to help our redemption centers, I predict in the next year or two we will have a problem. This issue has the urgency to be under consideration of the full Legislature during the Second Legislative session of the 128<sup>th</sup> and I feel it cannot wait until late into 2019.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sheldon Hanington  
State Representative

District 142 Enfield, Howland, Lincoln, Maxfield, Woodville and Plantation of Seboeis, plus part of the unorganized territory of North Penobscot (including Mattamiscontis Township)

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MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION

LR 2671

MARIJUANA

COMMERCIAL

Sponsor: Representative Harvell of Farmington

An Act To Require Implementation of the Marijuana Legalization Act

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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.

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November 1, 2017

Speaker Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
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REVISOR OF STATUTES  
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Dear Speaker Gideon;

I'm writing to appeal the 10/26 decision of the Legislative Council regarding ***LR 2671: An Act To Require Implementation of the Marijuana Legalization Act.***

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.

Please don't hesitate to contact me directly should there be any need for further clarification or documentation.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance E. Harvell  
State Representative

*Proudly serving the citizens of District 113: Farmington & New Sharon*



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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2716

FIRE SAFETY

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

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

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ERIN HERBIG  
MAJORITY LEADER

REVISOR OF STATUTES  
2017 NOV - 1 A 11:00

November 1, 2017

Speaker Sara Gideon, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

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

LR 2716, An Act To Attract Trained Firefighters to Maine and Provide Incentives To Retain Them.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 30 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Best,

Rep. Erin Herbig  
House Majority Leader

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**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

TAXATION

LR 2490

SALES AND USE TAX

PROVISIONS REVISED

Sponsor: Representative Hilliard of Belgrade

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

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

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



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Speaker Gideon,

I would like to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision on LR 2490.

LR 2490 is An Act to Require Transient Rental Platforms to Register to Collect and Report Sales Tax. This concept was brought to us last session, had a unanimous report out of the Taxation Committee within the change package, but failed to be included in the budget. Below are a few highlights of the bill and why I feel that this should be reconsidered.

- Equity for small Maine hospitality businesses and their short term rental counterparts hosted on transient rental platforms like Airbnb and VRBO. Everyone should collect and remit lodging taxes.
- By collecting and remitting you are contributing additional funds to promote Maine as a tourism destination. (5% of the 9% tax goes to the Maine Tourism Marketing Promotion fund)
- Sites that collect payment like Airbnb and Expedia, should also collect the taxes and remit on behalf of renters.
- Sites that don't collect payment should notify renters that there is 9% lodging tax in Maine. (currently they don't and the legislation makes it mandatory)
- State law already requires that short term renters collect and remit tax, but it is hard to enforce. This puts the onus on sizable companies with lots of resources, to make it happen.

Please take this information when making your decision. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Gary Hilliard  
State Representative

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TAXATION

LR 2658

INCOME TAX

CREDITS

Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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.

*128th Legislature*  
***Senate of***  
***Maine***  
*Senate District 1*

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November 1, 2017

LR 2658, An Act To Create the Hire American Tax Credit for Businesses That Hire Residents of the United States

Dear fellow members of the 128th Legislative Council,

I respectfully appeal the Legislative Council's decision to reject approval of this bill request. As you know, I have spent my entire legislative career trying to help the families who earn a living in Maine's woods. Unfortunately, Mainers are at a huge competitive disadvantage against international competition. Canada has enacted a regulatory framework to protect its own loggers and truckers and provide a favorable environment for them. It's nearly impossible for Mainers to go work in Canada's woods. But the same is not true in reverse; All too often, Maine's loggers and truckers are forced to sit idly by while Canadians come cut the wood on our side of the border and truck it back to theirs.

No one in Maine's woods is afraid of competition. On a level playing field, we can compete with anyone. But we can't allow Canada to create such favorable conditions for its own workers while doing nothing for our own.

Just recently, I invited the governor to a public forum in the county to hear from the loggers themselves about the struggles they face every day trying to get work. He acknowledges there is a problem. But that acknowledgment only gets us halfway. We need solutions.

I have submitted bills over the years trying every different approach to level the playing field. I have tried the "carrot" approach as well as the "stick." This time, I am trying a new approach. The bill proposal before us would incentivize landowners to hire Maine loggers and truckers by providing a "Hire American" tax credit to those businesses that give jobs to Mainers.

Please support my appeal and allow this bill to move forward. Let the people have their say on this issue in committee. Any steps we can take toward improving their livelihoods will go a long way for some of Maine's hardest working people.

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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

LR 2742

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DEPT  
POWERS

Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook

An Act To Establish a Task Force To Examine Agricultural Issues

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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Comment

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

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*128th Legislature*  
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*Senate District 1*

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November 1, 2017

LR 2742, An Act To Establish a Task Force To Examine Agricultural Issues

Dear fellow members of the 128th Legislative Council,

I respectfully appeal the Legislative Council's decision to reject approval of this bill request. A significant part of Maine's economy is built on the success of our agricultural industries. This bill would create a task force to ensure that we are doing all that we should be doing to help them.

The task force would consider barriers to economic prosperity in rural parts of the state, and how innovation, infrastructure and technology may play a role in long-term, sustainable rural success.

The task force would also address issues, such as:

- Workforce training and labor shortages;
- Investment and development challenges;
- Marketing and branding opportunities, like the "Made in Maine" initiative;
- Infrastructure needs; and
- How can we provide more jobs and growth in rural Maine?

Whether it is the Maine potato or wild Maine blueberries, we should be doing what we can to make sure our signature agricultural industries are competitive and thriving in our state.



**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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JUDICIARY

LR 2476

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

PARENTAL RIGHTS

Sponsor: Senator Keim of Oxford

An Act Regarding the Rights of Parents

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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

128th Legislature  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
Senate District 18

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Senator Lisa Keim  
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November 1, 2017  
Speaker Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
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Dear Speaker Gideon,

I am writing to request an appeal for a second session bill submission that was rejected at the Legislative Council meeting on October 26, 2017. The proposed legislation is LR 2476, "*An Act Regarding the Rights of Parents.*"

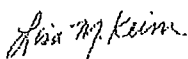
Across the country, parental rights are being eroded at an increasing rate through judicial decisions. Currently, Maine does not have a statute that explicitly defines and protects parental rights as a fundamental right. LR 2476 seeks to be proactive by solidifying, in statute, parental rights that are already precedent in Maine through case law. Safeguarding parental rights is an important issue to the people of our state.

Last session Representative Espling submitted a similar bill, LD 472. As Chair of Judiciary, where this bill was heard, I worked with several members from across the aisle who were willing to collaborate on improving and clarifying this legislation. However, while the Senate voted to send the bill back to committee, the House unfortunately did not, by a vote of 76-68.

With the death of LD 472, the legislators who were working on the language changes agreed that another bill should be submitted. This bill will solidify parental rights and we will take care to change the wording and placement that had caused issues with Representative Espling's bill. Leaving this bill until the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session wastes the time and effort already expended and sidelines an important issue.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,



Lisa Keim  
State Senator

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2707

HEALTH CARE RECORDS

RETENTION

Sponsor: Senator Keim of Oxford

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	Out

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.

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The Honorable Sara Gideon  
Chair of Legislative Council  
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Dear Speaker Gideon,

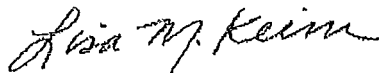
I am writing regarding LR 2707, An Act Regarding Compensation by Electricity Transmission Providers. I believe this legislation is important and ought to be heard in the current session.

This bill would require that transmission companies compensate developers for underground infrastructure installation at the same rate as above ground. Currently, a subdivision developer who installs underground electrical transmission wires must deed the entire infrastructure to the transmission company, with no reimbursement, at the time the first house hooks up to electricity. However, the same infrastructure, installed above ground, would trigger compensation by the transmission company to the developer. This seems to be an unfair practice, providing transmission providers infrastructure at no cost, yet ratepayers still pay for this as a portion of their monthly bill. This issue was brought forward by a developer in my district, after he found the PUC changed the compensation rule to this current form. I believe this issue warrants further consideration, and a chance for the public interest to be heard.

The State should be encouraging development and providing private business an environment conducive to success. This compensation rule is likely to deter current projects where underground transmission lines are planned.

Thank you for your consideration, please contact myself or Representative Seth Berry if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Lisa M. Keim  
Maine State Senator

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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2709

COMPENSATION

WAGES

Sponsor: Senator Keim of Oxford

An Act To Implement a Training Wage in Maine

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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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.

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

128th Legislature  
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November 1, 2017

The Honorable Sara Gideon  
Chair of Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon,

I am writing regarding LR 2709, An Act To Implement a Training Wage. Although the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development heard a similar bill last session, I would argue that this issue is important enough to have the conversation again.

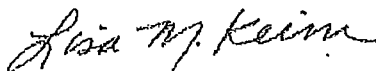
This legislation would provide an option for employers to pay a training wage for individuals under 18. The training wage would be set at the federal minimum wage, which is currently \$7.25.

I, like many Legislators, have heard from countless businesses in my district asking for Maine to implement a training wage. Employers are reluctant to hire young people, many who have never been employed before, for \$9 an hour. The amount of time it takes to train an inexperienced minor is significant, and yet the Maine economy desperately needs these young people to learn basic skills and work ethic from our hardworking entrepreneurs and small business owners so they are prepared to enter the work force. Maine's increasing minimum wage poses a barrier to young people gaining this progressive learning experience.

This legislation could also increase apprenticeship opportunities for young people. There is untapped opportunity for a partnership between schools and local businesses to create a framework where students and business owners can engage in a mentor-type relationship. Facilitating these relationships will help students gain self-esteem as they see their skills add value to the efforts of those around them in the business environment.

I sincerely believe this legislation will expand job opportunities for youth. Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Lisa M. Keim  
Maine State Senator

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2590

SCHOOL POLICIES

CURRICULUM

Sponsor: Representative Kornfield of Bangor

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

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

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Rep. Sara Gideon, Chair  
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115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

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2017 OCT 27 A 11:41

Dear Speaker Gideon:

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

**LR 2590, An Act To Establish Alternative Pathways to the Completion of Secondary School Mathematics Requirements.**

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 30 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

*Victoria P. Kornfield*

Tori Kornfield  
State Representative



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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2615

WORKERS COMPENSATION

CLAIMS

Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock

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

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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.

*128th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
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*Senate District 7*

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October 31, 2017

The Honorable Sara Gideon  
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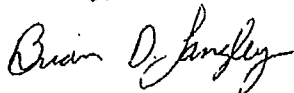
Dear Speaker Gideon and Distinguished Members of the Legislative Council,

I write to request an appeal of your decision to reject LR 2615, *'An Act to Expedite Medical Claims in Workers' Compensation Cases When Compensability Has Been Determined'* for the upcoming Second Regular Session of the 128th Maine Legislature. I think it is important to highlight a few key points in this regard:

- 1) We want to make clear that the Independent Medical Review program that would be developed in this legislation would be voluntary; this means that no party would be obligated to pursue this action.
- 2) Secondly, this program would only be afforded to parties after causation has been determined to be compensable.
- 3) In California, both the NFIB as well as the AFL-CIO supported this program.
- 4) Given that this program would be voluntary in nature, there seems to be no liabilities to any party. In exchange, it may afford injured workers the treatment they need more rapidly, and provide predictability and cost savings for all that pay into the system.

I look forward to talking with you and other stakeholders about this concept, and appreciate your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



Senator Brian Langley

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

LR 2775

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

AUTOMATED SOLICITATIONS

Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock

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

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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.

*128th Legislature*  
***Senate of Maine***  
*Senate District 7*

***Senator Brian D. Langley***  
*3 State House Station*  
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October 31, 2017

The Honorable Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon and Distinguished Members of the Legislative Council,

I write to you to request an appeal of your decision to reject LR 2775, '*An Act to Protect Maine Citizens from the Practice Known as "Spoofing"*' for the upcoming Second Regular Session of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

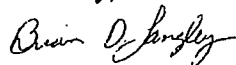
"Spoofing" occurs when a caller deliberately falsifies the information transmitted to your caller ID to disguise their identity. Spoofing is often used as part of an attempt to trick someone into giving away valuable personal information so it can be used in fraudulent activity or sold illegally. U.S. law and FCC rules prohibit most types of spoofing.

Caller ID lets consumers avoid unwanted phone calls by displaying caller names and phone numbers, but the caller ID feature is sometimes manipulated by 'spoofers' who masquerade as representatives of banks, creditors, insurance companies; even the government. There are multiple online services that offer caller ID spoofing for a price; some even offer a 30-second free trial to try out the service. To make the service work, all you do is provide three pieces of information: the number you want to call from, the number you are calling, and the number you wish to show up in the caller ID. Once all the information is provided, the service will create a conference type phone call and connect you to the number you have specified. Some providers have been known to allow any number in the caller ID sequence sent out on Primary Rate Interfaces. This allows any company having a legitimate purpose to change the caller ID to a number they specify. Unfortunately, this allows anyone who owns a PRI to specify a number for malicious purposes.

Earlier this year, a tax scam in Pottsville, PA, claimed to arrest victims if they didn't pay outstanding tax debts. The caller ID that was spoofed showed that the originating call was from a Pennsylvania phone number, which belonged to the Pottsville City Hall, giving a false sense of security to anyone who received the call.

This bill is an emergency due to the high volume of incidences that involve scamming our residents, especially the elderly. Spoofing has run rampant and we must take measures to protect our citizens. Thank you for your time and consideration; I encourage you to vote in favor of LR 2775.

Sincerely,



Senator Brian Langley

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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2783

JOB TRAINING  
PROGRAMS

Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock

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

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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**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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November 1, 2017

The Honorable Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
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Dear Speaker Gideon and Distinguished Members of the Legislative Council,

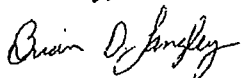
I am writing to request an appeal of the decision made on LR 2783, '*An Act to Extend Secondary Student Eligibility in the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program*' for the upcoming Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

The reasoning for this emergency bill is as follows. This section of law was passed in the 126th legislature, but imposed a sunset provision. This program applies to our CTE students and aims to keep them in Maine. The success of this program has been tremendous. The latest Economic Forecast out today, November 1<sup>st</sup> predicts a slowing of the economy due mostly to a lack of workforce. I am looking to repeal the sunset provision because the program has been successful in keeping kids here in Maine, while training them for high wage, high demand jobs. Repealing the sunset is an emergency because the students who are signing up for the CSSP program this year will not have the confidence that the program will be there when they finish programming. Repealing the sunset provision will allow for continued marketing and planning for our students.

The following is a portion of the bill language; before January 1, 2020, a full-time student at a public secondary school enrolled in a career and technical education program at a career and technical education center or a career and technical education region may be granted enrollment in the program if the student applies for enrollment and meets the requirements of subsection 5, paragraphs B, C, D and E. For the purpose of determining eligibility under subsection 5, paragraph C, "income" includes the income of the student's family as defined by department rule. The commissioner may not expend, on an annualized basis, more than 15% of the annual revenue to the fund for tuition, other allowable costs and administration and case management for students enrolled in the program under this subsection and the costs for any of these students who continue to participate in the program after attaining 18 years of age. This subsection is repealed January 1, 2020.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill and I encourage you to vote in favor of LR 2783.

Sincerely,



Brian Langley

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2563

CRIMES

MOTOR VEHICLE

Sponsor: Senator Maker of Washington

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

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	Out

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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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November 1, 2017

Speaker Sara Gideon  
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Dear Speaker Gideon,

I am writing to appeal the Legislative Council decision on October 26, 2017 to reject L.R. 2563, *"An Act To Increase Penalties for Drivers Who Cause Serious or Fatal Injuries to Others in Multiple Accidents."*

I submitted this bill because one of my constituents lost her husband after he was struck by an SUV while snow blowing their driveway. The driver of the SUV had been involved in several other serious traffic accidents, including one that occurred in 2001, which also resulted in a fatality.

The police investigation of the crash involving my constituent's husband did not show that the driver was violating any civil or criminal driving standards; the only violation was driving without insurance. However, this accident, coupled with this driver's long and persistent history of dangerous driving, show that the current laws regarding licensing and insurance for individuals who have caused a death while driving a motor vehicle are not sufficient to keep our citizens safe.

Right now, driving without insurance is a civil violation and punishable only by a fine of up to \$500. In addition, it is only when a driver is required to give proof to the State of financial responsibility (i.e., the requirement to file an SR22) that the driver's subsequent failure to have insurance becomes a Class E crime under 29-A M.R.S. Sec. 1605; then it is punishable by a maximum sentence of only six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. The Secretary of State will suspend the driver's license of a person who fails to provide evidence of insurance, but once an SR22 is filed, get the license is returned.

I believe that if an uninsured driver has caused more than one accident resulting in a fatality or serious injury, there should be a tough penalty. The toll paid by victims is beyond measure. Whether suffering death or serious injury, when a person gets hit by an uninsured driver, that person is a victim twice over. That person and his or her family must suffer the pain, the medical expenses, the loss of income, and all the burdens that accompany serious or fatal injuries.

Today, after forever changing someone's life, the uninsured driver merely gets a slap on the wrist before getting behind the wheel again. This is not sufficient. This is not justice. L.R. 2563 would compel drivers to become insured and would bring a greater measure of fairness to those whom the drivers may injure. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joyce Maker  
State Senator



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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2564

SMOKING

MINORS

Sponsor: Senator Mason of Androscoggin

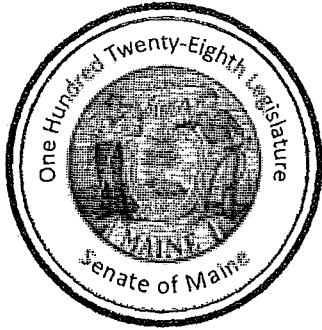
An Act Regarding Access to Tobacco Products by Members of the Military 18 Years of Age and Older

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

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



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**Senator Garrett Paul Mason**  
**Senate Majority Leader**

November 1, 2017

The Honorable Sara Gideon  
Chair of Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
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Dear Speaker Gideon,

I am writing regarding LR 2564, "An Act Regarding Access to Tobacco Products by Members of the Military 18 years of Age or older."

Last session, the Legislature passed LD 1170, which prohibited the purchase of tobacco products by people under the age of 21. The purpose of LD 1170 was to keep tobacco products out of schools and in turn, out of the hands of young people that are susceptible to peer pressure. The intent of the legislation was not to prohibit military personnel from purchasing tobacco products.

I became aware of this unintended consequence when I was contacted by the Northeast Region Liaison from the Defense-State Liaison Office under the Department of Defense. The Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense in the Pentagon is responsible for providing the tobacco policy for the Department of Defense. It was suggested that I submit this bill so that laws affecting service members remain uniform from state to state. Allowing this legislation to move forward will put Maine one step closer to minimizing the already significant impact that service members and their families face as a result from required re-assignments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Garrett P. Mason".

Garrett P. Mason  
Maine State Senate Majority Leader

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MARINE RESOURCES

LR 2554

LOBSTERS

MANAGEMENT ZONES

Sponsor: Representative McCreight of Harpswell

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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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.

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October 27, 2017

Rep. Sara Gideon, Chair  
Legislative Council  
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Dear Speaker Gideon:

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

**LR 2554, An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Temporary Medical Allowance for Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holders.**

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 30 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jay McCreight".

Jay McCreight  
State Representative

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2483

LAW ENFORCEMENT

PROCEDURES

Sponsor: Senator Millett of Cumberland

An Act To Protect Local Control of Military Equipment Procurement

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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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.

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*128th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 29*

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October 31, 2017

Speaker Sara Gideon  
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Dear Speaker Gideon,

When a local law enforcement agency procures military equipment through the Pentagon's 1033 program, they are taking on more than just the equipment itself. They are taking on the responsibility of training their personnel to use that equipment as well as the cost of maintenance and storage of that equipment. For those reasons, the people footing the bill for those increased costs – local taxpayers – should have a say in whether or not a community will take on those additional pieces of equipment.

That's why I introduced LR 2483 An Act to Protect Local Control of Military Equipment Procurement. It is based on legislation passed by the New Jersey legislature and signed by Governor Chris Christie in 2014 which established "a system of local oversight for county and municipal law enforcement agencies that participate in" the federal program, whereby officials requesting military equipment must first obtain permission from local authorities (NJ: A 3901, 2014). Locally elected officials have the most direct line of representation to Maine's citizens and their voices should be heard in these debates.

I will not be appealing your decision on LR 2484, An Act To Ensure Transparency in Acquisition of Military Equipment by Law Enforcement Agencies, so that I may focus on this bill to make sure local communities have control over financial commitments made on their behalf.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of LR 2483 and welcome any questions or thoughts you may have.

Sincerely,



Senator Rebecca Millett

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2623

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CHILD CARE

Sponsor: Senator Millett of Cumberland

An Act To Protect Children in Child Care

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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Comment

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

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Closely Related CO: LD 383 Senator Millett, R

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Speaker Sara Gideon  
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Dear Speaker Gideon,

Earlier this fall, the Maine Department of Health and Human Services proposed new rules governing how Maine's child care centers are run and what relationship parents have with their children's child care providers. While billed as routine, technical rules changes, these changes were anything but. They fundamentally changed the parent-provider relationship and made massive changes to the minimum quality of child care we expect Maine children to receive on a day-to-day basis.

For these reasons, the Legislature should have had the opportunity to invite the public to provide feedback for these changes as major, substantive rule changes. LR 2623, An Act to Protect Children in Child Care, will give Maine families the chance they deserve to weigh in on these critical aspects of the care of their children.

Whether or not you agree with the rule changes I propose in LR 2623, which were outlined to you in my October 23 communication to you, I hope you can support the necessity of having the conversation about these questions. Should providers be able to block parents from observing their child's care at any time? Should providers be able to take children away from the facility's premises at any time for activities, without getting permission from parents? Should providers be trained in CPR, first aid, and other safety skills within the first month of their employment – or the first year? Do families have the right to confidentiality for their child's information and records? For the purposes of staffing ratios, should a provider's own children count towards the total number of children in their care? And if yes, at what age?

We should do our jobs as legislators in making sure Maine citizens, including the families who entrust their children to child care providers' care, can weigh in on these issues.

I greatly appreciate your thoughtful consideration of the importance of LR 2623 and the matters raised in this legislation. I welcome any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Senator Rebecca Millett

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TAXATION

LR 2462

SALES AND USE TAX

ITEMS TAXED

Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

Comment

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

*128th Legislature  
Senate of  
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Senate District 12*

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LR 2462, An Act Regarding Sales Tax on Trailers Sold in this State for Use Outside the State

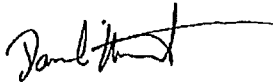
Dear Members of the 128th Legislative Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to appeal your previous decision on LR 2462, An Act Regarding Sales Tax on Trailers Sold in this State for Use Outside the State, and to explain my reasoning for why I feel this meets the emergency requirement for the upcoming legislative session.

This proposal seeks to bring consistency to sales tax laws with regard to vehicle purchases. Currently, no other vehicle sold in Maine has a requirement that sales tax be paid on a vehicle that will not be registered here. Larger trailers are already included with other vehicles creating an inequity on Maine small trailer manufacturers.

This measure would seek to exempt trailers from the sales tax if that trailer is not registered in Maine. It is a common sense change — one that I hope you will consider allowing for consideration in the second regular session.

Sincerely,



Senator Dave Miramant  
District 12, Knox County

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2566

MUNICIPALITIES

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

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

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Senate District 12*

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LR 2566, An Act to Change the Term Overseers of the Poor as it is used in Statute

Dear Members of the 128th Legislative Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to appeal your previous decision on LR 2566, An Act to Change the Term Overseers of the Poor as it is used in Statute, and to explain my reasoning for why I feel this meets the emergency requirement for the upcoming legislative session.

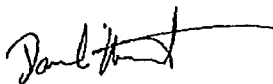
As legislators, we have a wide variety of issues that we must keep informed and updated on in order to best serve the residents of our state. Sometimes, we must make large policy changes to keep in the fold of what is happening both in Maine, and in the country as a whole.

This request represents is a much smaller and more easily achievable change. The proposal calls for an update to the term "Overseers of the Poor" in statute to a more modern and compassionate phrase. This language becomes a requirement for all towns to use in establishing oversight for temporary assistance.

Archaic language should be updated when it is out of date. This should be a quick and simple change with my suggestion being Overseers of Temporary Assistance. However, I trust the committee to come up with an alternative that is equally appropriate and achieves the same goal.

I ask that you allow this proposal in for the second regular session. It is a proposal that is overdue, easily achievable, and non-partisan.

Sincerely,



Senator Dave Miramant  
District 12, Knox County

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TRANSPORTATION

LR 2672

TRANSPORTATION DEPT  
ADMINISTRATION

Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox

An Act To Promote Recruitment and Retention of State Highway Workers

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

Comment

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

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LR 2672, An Act to Promote Recruitment and Retention of State Highway Workers

Dear Members of the 128th Legislative Council,

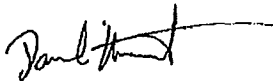
Thank you for the opportunity to appeal your previous decision on LR 2672, An Act to Promote Recruitment and Retention of State Highway Workers, and to explain my reasoning for why I feel this meets the emergency requirement for the upcoming legislative session.

The State of Maine is having a hard time getting State Highway workers we need and retaining them because private companies are paying more. Within the Department of Transportation (DOT), it turns out that we pay \$3 per hour less than we pay contractors for workers doing the same job. A modest increase of \$2 per hour for DOT workers will help remove the incentive to move to another job with a small pay increase after we have trained them.

Currently, DOT utilizes third-party contractors for several design, engineering and planning of public works that could be done using existing staff and resources. I have tried in the past to take different angles at solving this problem through legislation, including requiring the department to use existing employees and resources to perform any project financed by bonding, to the extent practicable.

It is imperative that we curb this trend in order to save money and retain quality employees. As many people continue to leave our state for work elsewhere, we must work toward fostering an attractive public sector in order to save money and retain strong long term employees.

Sincerely,



Senator Dave Miramant  
District 12, Knox County

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2625

ELECTIONS

CITIZEN INITIATIVES

Sponsor: Representative O'Connor of Berwick

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

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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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November 1, 2017

Speaker Sara Gideon, Chair  
Legislative Council  
State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon,

I write this letter to appeal the result of the October 26, 2017 Legislative Council decision for my resolution request LR 2625 – "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."

It is in my opinion that this bill meets the qualifications as an emergency legislation to be taken up during the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature. I believe that we need to try and stabilize the referendum process by creation of a statute to mandate a smooth process for the "veto and referendum" process for the Secretary of State, The Governor, The Legislative Council, The Revisor's Office, and the Attorney General, to fulfill their duties by following their oaths to support the Maine Constitution.

The current process is not only confusing and time-consuming, but it is also costing the people of Maine. For example, we still have not finished our business for the first half of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislative session. I believe much of this delay was caused by the poor wording and unconstitutionality of the referendum questions posed that required serious deliberation. In my opinion, this session reflected poorly on all of us who were elected serve and lead the people of Maine.

Ensuring that direct initiatives of legislation are compatible with the Constitution of Maine and Statutory Law is a matter of statewide concern and certainly needs to be addressed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Sincerely,

Beth O'Connor  
State Representative

District 5 Berwick and North Berwick (part)

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**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2705

DISABLED PERSONS

PROTECTIVE SERVICES (ADULT)

Sponsor: Representative Parker of South Berwick

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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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October 31, 2017

Rep. Sara Gideon, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

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

**LR 2705, An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Scope of the Mandatory Disclosure of Information Provision in the Adult Protective Services Act.**

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 30 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Representative Jennifer Parker  
Maine House District 6

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**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2562

MEDICAID

MAINECARE

Sponsor: Representative Parry of Arundel

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

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

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November 1, 2017

Speaker Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon;

I want appeal the decision of Legislative Council on the bill I submitted.

**LR 2562: An Act to Waive Income Restrictions For Supplemental MaineCare Coverage For Children Diagnosed With Cystic Fibrosis**

This is an issue for a very few families, about 250, but as I have learned unless the family is super wealthy, it is destroying families.

Even with good insurance the out of pocket cost can be tens of thousands of dollars. These families are desperate to help their children. I have a constituent that is living with this everyday, she is a young adult so she is covered by Medicare and Medicaid, so she is all set, but families with younger children are not.

To me this is the government's role to help these families. I'm hoping the Council will see fit to send this bill forward. I think this is a very important issue that the legislature needs to address.

Thank you,

Wayne R. Parry  
State Representative

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2545

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

PHARMACIES

Sponsor: Representative Picchiotti of Fairfield

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	No
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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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October 31, 2017

Honorable Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House  
Room 303, State House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

RE: Appeal to Legislative Council for: L.R. 2545, "An Act to Allow for the Substitution of Interchangeable Biological Products in Medications and to Provide for the Enhanced prescriber Communications"

Dear Speaker Gideon,

I am submitting an appeal to the recent decision of the Legislative Council to reject the above bill.

As you know, our medications are advancing to where we are getting better patient outcomes but not at lower costs. Biosimilars are starting to be introduced into the marketplace as a hoped for lower cost alternative to higher priced biologics. Maine has no mechanism for recognizing these medications nor any procedures for pharmacists to substitute a lower cost alternative (but of equal quality) Biosimilar for a patient to in order to help Maine patients reduce costs. This bill is needed to:

- Stop the rising costs of medications where we can.
- Allow patients to access to lower cost medications when they can and when appropriate to their treatment.
- Allow pharmacists to substitute for less an equal quality but less expensive biological alternatives.
- Keep Maine from becoming the last state to provide patient protections.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Picchiotti  
State Representative from District 108

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**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
CREDITS

LR 2533

Sponsor: Representative Pickett of Dixfield

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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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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Written Appeal Notice for LR: 2533

October 31, 2017

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2017 OCT 31 P 2:57

To: Honorable Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House  
Chair of Legislative Council

LR: 2533 An Act To Allow Certain Retirees in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System the Option  
Of Including Certain Wages for Purposes of Retirement Benefits

I am appealing the decision of the Legislative Council's decision to reject LR 2533 at their meeting on  
October 26, 2017.

I believe this proposed piece of legislation is one that is long overdue. All other groups of Maine State  
Employees affected by frozen merit increases have been given through similar legislation the  
opportunity to buy back their time and receive the benefit of their lost income in their "Average Final  
Compensation." I am requesting the opportunity to testify before the Legislative Council and speak to  
this very important issue.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.  
Rep. Richard A. Pickett  
District 116



**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
LICENSING

LR 2688

Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta

An Act To Address Separation of a Class A Restaurant and Off-premises Retail Licensee Located on the Same Premises

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

Comment

This bill would exempt licensed liquor manufacturers who hold accompanying retail licenses from the requirement to segregate their supplies and inventory.

October 27, 2017

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2017 OCT 27 P 4: 43

Honorable Sarah Gideon, Chair  
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, Vice-Chair  
and Members of the Legislative Council

Dear Speaker Gideon, President Thibodeau and Members of the Legislative Council:

I respectfully appeal the Legislative Council's October 26, 2017 vote rejecting *LR 2688: An Act To Address Separation of a Class A Restaurant and Off-premises Retail Licensee Located on the Same Premises* from introduction to the Second Regular Session of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

This is a straightforward bill designed to help small Maine breweries comply with the state's liquor licensing and enforcement rules. Current application of this law has resulted in a brewpub in my district only receiving a provisional license from state authorities. This non-partisan legislative fix would remove this regulatory uncertainty and allow this business to become fully licensed.

I respectfully request your support in this matter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Representative Matt Pouliot

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2477

CULTURAL AGENCIES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Sponsor: Senator Rosen of Hancock

Resolve, To Study the Negue Trading Post Site in Orono

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	No
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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.

128th Legislature  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
Senate District 8

Senator Kimberley C. Rosen  
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November 1, 2017

The Honorable Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
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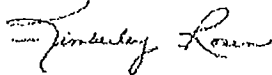
Dear Speaker Gideon,

I am writing regarding LR 2477, Resolve, To Study the Negue Trading Post Site in Orono. This bill was brought to me by my constituent, Emeric Spooner who has done a great deal of research, and feels that the Negue Trading Post site has significant historical value.

This legislation would require the Maine Preservation Commission to provide assistance to Emeric Spooner and the Town of Orono to study the actual site on the Penobscot River in the Town of Orono. The site is the proven site of the French Built Trading Post Negue, built after 1613 and later used as a Plymouth Trading Post and Crownespoint. I believe that it is important to preserve its archaeological importance.

There is potential that the site will be developed in the near future, which is why this bill needs to be considered this session and cannot wait. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kimberley Rosen  
State Senator

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JUDICIARY

LR 2652

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

GRANDPARENTS

Sponsor: Senator Rosen of Hancock

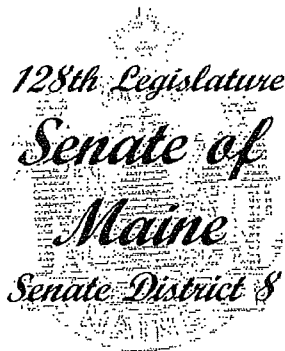
An Act To Protect the Interests of Grandchildren Regarding Visitation by Grandparents

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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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November 1, 2017

The Honorable Sara Gideon  
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Dear Speaker Gideon:

I respectfully request an appeal for a second session submission that was rejected by the Legislative Council at the October 26, 2017 meeting. The legislation I am asking for you to reconsider is LR 2652, "An Act to Protect the Interests of Grandchildren Regarding Visitation by Grandparents."

I feel very strongly that the Legislature must take emergency action on this issue. Current law is extremely confusing when it comes to the rights of grandparents, and, indeed, parts of the Grandparent's Visitation Act have been deemed unconstitutional. Most upsetting though is that under current law, it is almost impossible for any grandparent to establish standing.

I believe this bill is of emergency nature because as indicated in a recent court decision, until the Legislature makes a fix in current statute, families are being left in limbo. As Judge Jabar stated in his dissenting opinion in *Dorr v. Woodard*, regarding the Grandparent's Visitation Act, it is "nearly impossible for any grandparent to establish standing to take advantage of the Act... It would be better if the Court held the Act facially unconstitutional, thereby prompting the Legislature to redraft the Act..."

I thank you for your consideration and hope that you will also see that this legislation is emergency in nature and imperative to families throughout the state.

Sincerely,

Kimberley Rosen  
State Senator

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2713

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

HOSPITALS

Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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Comment

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

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October 31, 2017

Speaker Sara Gideon, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

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Dear Speaker Gideon:

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

**LR 2713, An Act To Ensure the Continuation of Maternity Care in Rural Hospitals.**

If we truly seek to keep young Mainers and their families in our rural communities, it is imperative that we act to preserve maternity care at these hospitals.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 30 to discuss this proposal and to further clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Stephen S. Stanley  
State Representative

District 143 East Millinocket, Medway, Millinocket and Patten, plus part of the unorganized territory of North Penobscot (including Herseytown and Long A Townships)



**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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TAXATION

LR 2471

SALES AND USE TAX

EXEMPT PURCHASERS

Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	No
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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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November 1, 2017

The Honorable Sara Gideon, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

RE: L.R. 2471, ***"An Act To Exempt Nonprofit Cemeteries from the Sales and Use Tax"***

Dear Speaker Gideon:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2471 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

This initiative should be viewed as emergency legislation for the following reasons:

- request came from a constituent in August 2017 when the Legislature was not in session;
- not-for-profit cemeteries would be exempted from sales and use tax in the same way veterans memorial cemetery associations are exempt when making purchases related to their operation; and
- not-for-profit cemeteries operate in a way that even small amounts, such as paying sales tax on a tractor to keep up with ground maintenance, has the potential to be cost-prohibitive of the needs of the organization.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns on November 30. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 227-0569.

Respectfully,

Harold "Trey" L. Stewart III  
State Representative

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**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2472

CRIMES

SEX OFFENSES

Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	No
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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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The Honorable Sara Gideon, Chair  
Legislative Council  
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**RE: L.R. 2472, "An Act To Prevent Human Trafficking, Protect Children and Finance the Victims' Compensation Fund"**

Dear Speaker Gideon:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2472 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

This initiative should be viewed as emergency legislation for the following reasons:

- request came from a constituent in September 2017, subsequent to the Legislature's adjournment in August;
- the initiative is important and timely, as it would change the regulations around access to pornography by children in Maine, which evidence suggests is leading to more cases of sexual assault when these affected children come of age; and
- by putting much-needed technological protections in place, Maine's future generations will be better off. We should at least have a discussion about this public health crisis in Maine in the coming legislative session.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns on November 30. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 227-0569.

Respectfully,

Harold "Trey" L. Stewart III  
State Representative

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**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2541

LICENSING

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

An Act To Improve Access to Experienced Primary Care Providers in the State

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	No
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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.



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November 1, 2017

The Honorable Sara Gideon, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

RE: L.R. 2541, *"An Act To Improve Access to Experienced Primary Care Providers in the State"*

Dear Speaker Gideon:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2541 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

This bill would increase access to experienced primary care providers by allowing physician assistants (PAs) with 25 years of experience working as part of the healthcare team in Maine to work in areas where they will not be limited by the availability of a specific physician willing to perform the supervisory tasks required by the Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Licensure. It further increases access to care by recognizing that a PA with 25 years of experience is fully qualified to perform supervisory tasks for less experienced PAs, giving physicians more time to perform direct patient care. Finally, it creates incentives for PAs currently working in Maine to stay here for many years into the future.

This bill meets the definition of an emergency in every sense of the term. As you know, Maine currently faces a primary care shortage at the same time as a demographic crisis. This is particularly true in northern Maine. I was approached to sponsor this legislation by the owner of an independent family practice in Presque Isle, Full Circle Health Care, because the physician who has served in the role as their supervisory physician for more than 10 years is about to retire. Without this rule change, Full Circle will be forced to close when their supervisory physician retires, as virtually all physicians are now employees of hospitals or other large health care organizations; hence they are not free to take on additional responsibilities. In that event, Full Circle's 3,000 patients will be without a primary care provider in an area that already lacks adequate primary care.

Full Circle is owned by a PA who has practiced medicine as part of Aroostook County's health care team since 1981. At this time, she, along with other PA's with decades of experience, are unable to work or train future generations of PAs without a designated supervisory physician. The rules should reflect the abilities of experienced PAs to improve access to care for Maine's aging population. Had I been aware of this critical need, I would have submitted this initiative during our First Regular Session.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns on November 30. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 227-0569.

Respectfully,

Harold "Trey" L. Stewart III  
State Representative

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2543

VETERANS  
SERVICES

Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

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

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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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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November 1, 2017

The Honorable Sara Gideon, Chair  
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115 State House Station  
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**RE: L.R. 2543, "An Act To Expand Resources for Veterans in the State through Phone Partnerships"**

Dear Speaker Gideon:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2543 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

This initiative should be viewed as emergency legislation for the following reasons:

- in reviewing where the Legislature left the discussion of veteran homelessness at the end of its First Regular Session, it was determined by the Bureau of Veterans' Services (BVS) that there is still work that can and should be done in terms of related phone partnerships in Maine;
- improved coordination with 2-1-1 Maine phone services and the BVS by allowing for training and other needed resources for 2-1-1 Maine from the BVS to help address this problem; and
- by not looking at ways to address this problem in this next legislative session, Maine will be forsaking veterans across the State who would benefit from improving these critical support services.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns on November 30. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 227-0569.

Respectfully,

Harold "Trey" L. Stewart III  
State Representative

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2576

EDUCATION DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

An Act Regarding School Bus Rules in Maine

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	No
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	Out

Comment

This bill would direct the Department of Public Safety to change its rules regarding school buses.



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November 1, 2017

The Honorable Sara Gideon, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

**RE: L.R. 2576, "An Act Regarding School Bus Rules in Maine"**

Dear Speaker Gideon:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2576 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

This initiative should be viewed as emergency legislation for the following reasons:

- request prompted by issue that occurred in August 2017, after the Legislature adjourned its First Regular Session;
- as a result of the underlying issue, it was determined that statutory clarification pertaining to school bus tires is required, since there are inconsistencies which are currently putting school buses in northern Maine in jeopardy; and
- the Legislature needs to act quickly in order to remediate these issues before school buses in northern Maine are forced to change all of their tires over in the spring of 2018.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns on November 30. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 227-0569.

Respectfully,

Harold "Trey" L. Stewart III  
State Representative

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2577

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

An Act Regarding High School Guidance Counseling

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	No
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

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

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**RE: L.R. 2577, "An Act Regarding High School Guidance Counseling"**

Dear Speaker Gideon:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2577 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

This initiative should be viewed as emergency legislation for the following reasons:

- prompts an examination by which guidance counselors advise students in Maine to take-on student debt, which is the only major debt bubble in the United States that has not yet burst;
- rather than being reactive to dealing with student debt, we should be more proactive, having conversations with Maine's kids about debt prior to them acquiring it; and
- the need for a bill, such as this, was not realized until the end of the First Regular Session, which is why it was not sponsored earlier and is coming before you now.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns on November 30. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 227-0569.

Respectfully,

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2629

WEAPONS

POSSESSION

Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

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

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

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

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Potential JR 217: LD 1370



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**RE: L.R. 2629, "An Act To 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"**

Dear Speaker Gideon:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2629 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

This initiative should be viewed as emergency legislation for the following reasons:

- idea was not conceived until after we adjourned our First Regular Session;
- this measure could be coupled with L.R. 2497, which would allow for firearms while picking up and dropping off children at school;
- same protections would be in place for this bill as L.R. 2497, and firearms are already allowed in college campus parking lots by employees of the college; and
- there are many people who do not realize that by driving onto a college campus with a shotgun during bird season may make you a felon -- if you are caught. This law should be changed so good, law-abiding Mainers are not wrongfully turned into felons.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns on November 30. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 227-0569.

Respectfully,

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2579

HOMELESS PERSONS

ACCESS TO SERVICES

Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross of Portland

An Act To Create a Homeless Persons' Bill of Rights

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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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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October 31, 2017

Speaker Sara Gideon, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

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

**LR 2579, An Act To Create a Homeless Persons' Bill of Rights.**

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 30 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Rachel Talbot Ross  
State Representative



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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2580

CRIMINAL HISTORIES

CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS

Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross of Portland

An Act To Provide for the Sealing of Records of Convictions for Marijuana-related Violations That Are No Longer Crimes

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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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.

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October 31, 2017

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Dear Speaker Gideon:

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

**LR 2580, An Act To Provide for the Sealing of Records of Convictions for Marijuana-related Violations That Are No Longer Crimes.**

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 30 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Rachel Talbot Ross  
State Representative

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
CORRECTIONS DEPT  
PROCEDURES

LR 2647

Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross of Portland

An Act To Provide Funding To Improve Public Safety through Expanded Department of Corrections Treatment, Education and Vocational Programs

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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



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October 31, 2017

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Legislative Council  
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Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

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

**LR 2647, An Act To Provide Funding To Improve Public Safety through Expanded Department of Corrections Treatment, Education and Vocational Programs.**

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 30 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Rachel Talbot Ross  
State Representative

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2782

STATE GOVERNMENT

FUTURE PLANNING

Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross of Portland

An Act To Establish the Commission on Racial Equity

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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



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Dear Speaker Gideon:

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

**LR 2782, An Act To Establish the Commission on Racial Equity.**

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 30 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Rachel Talbot Ross  
State Representative

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2605

WEAPONS

POSSESSION

Sponsor: President Thibodeau of Waldo

An Act To Amend the Laws Restricting Firearms on Public Lands

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	No

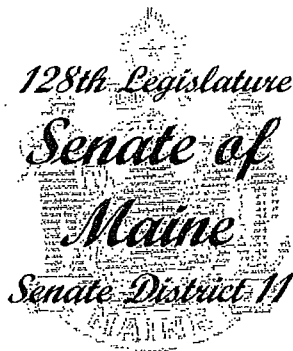
	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

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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.

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November 1, 2017  
Speaker Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon,

I respectfully request an appeal for a bill I submitted that was rejected by the Legislative Council on October 26, 2017. The proposed legislation is L.R. 2605, *"An Act To Amend the Laws Restricting Firearms on Public Lands."*

In 1986, a law went into effect that prohibited the possession or discharge of a loaded firearm within 300 feet of a marked hiking on the state's Public Reserved Lands. At the time, there were very few miles of marked hiked trails on these lands and the trails that existed were popular destinations for hikers, but did not traverse prime hunting lands. The law was evidently intended for the safety of persons visiting those areas.

In the decades that have followed, the Public Reserved Lands has grown to some 600,000 acres, as the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has acquired additional properties through the state. The state now manages a network of more than 175 miles of marked trails on the Public Reserved Lands system. This includes places like the Nahmakanta Unit, a 43,000-acre property that boasts extensive opportunities to hunt each fall, in addition to first class hiking trails. At the same time, the Public Reserved system includes places like Dodge Point in Newcastle, which sees many visitors 12 months a year on its marked hiking trails. The goal of L.R. 2605 is to build flexibility into the regulation that adheres to the Multiple Use Mandate that governs the state's Public Lands.

Everyone should get the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the Maine outdoors. Under L.R. 2605, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry would review and determine which of its marked hiking trails would be appropriate for hunters to use, such as Nahmakanta, and which marked hiking trails would not be suitable for hunters to use, like Dodge Point.

Building this type of flexibility into the existing regulation will help the Department manage each of its properties appropriately and result in a win-win scenario for hunters and hikers alike. For example, under the current law the Department has no incentive to construct new marked hiking trails on Public Reserves Lands with good hunting areas, because it would effectively shut down too many acres of land to hunting. If we allow L.R. 2605 to go forward, we can have a conversation of how the state can effectively expand both hiking and hunting opportunities where appropriate – sometimes even in the same places.

For all who enjoy outdoor recreation in our state, I hope that you will understand the urgency in this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Thibodeau  
Senate President



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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2621

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
SYSTEM

Sponsor: President Thibodeau of Waldo

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

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	Yes
Mason	Yes	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	No	Espling	No

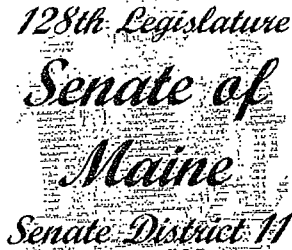
	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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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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November 1, 2017

The Honorable Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

I respectfully request an appeal for a second session submission of LR 2621, "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."

This bill was brought to me at the request of Rick Petrie, Executive Director of Atlantic Partners Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Over the summer, the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Assistant Attorney General assigned to Maine EMS developed an opinion that Regional Medical Control and Quality Improvement committees who have been approved by the EMS Board could no longer have access to run reports collected by Maine EMS. Their reason for this new interpretation is that 32 MRSA Chapter 2-B, section 91 does not specifically list quality improvement in the exemptions for reviewing reports.

For thirty years, staff at regional EMS offices have been able to review reports for the purpose of quality assurance and quality improvement. Now, under this new interpretation, it is only the Regional Medical Directors who can review these reports when a problem is brought forward. The Regional Medical Directors have many other tasks, with limited time to review cases. By allowing staff at these offices to continue to do the job they did before, our EMS can continue to improve the work and quality of work they do on a daily basis.

This bill is not complicated; it would simply add one line to statute permitting access to data collected by EMS to quality improvement programs that have been approved by the Maine EMS Board. We believe this is an emergency because without more staff checking reported cases, fewer issues that arise will be improved upon and more lives will be in danger.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Thibodeau  
Maine Senate President

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2746

NATIONAL GUARD

BENEFITS

Sponsor: President Thibodeau of Waldo

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

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

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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The Honorable Sara Gideon  
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Dear Speaker Gideon,

I am writing regarding LR 2746, An Act To Broaden Educational Opportunities for Members of the Maine National Guard.

On April 14, 2106 Governor LePage signed LD 1612, which provides Maine National Guard members with free in-state tuition to the University of Maine system, Maine Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy. However, LD 1612 did not provide assistance for those attending other private institutions.

This bill proposes that the tuition benefit program for National Guard members be available to members enrolled in both state postsecondary education institutions as well as private nonprofit postsecondary institutions in the State of Maine.

By excluding private institutions, we are also excluding some members of Maine's National Guard from participating in the program. As a result, I truly believe that this bill is an emergency and should be considered by the Legislature this session.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Thibodeau  
Maine Senate President

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2665

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

DRUG ABUSE

Sponsor: Representative Vachon of Scarborough

An Act To Enact Measures Designed To Curb the Opioid Epidemic

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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

Appeal:

LR 2665: An Act to Enact Measures Designed to Curb the Opioid Epidemic.

Dear Speaker Gideon, Chair of the Legislative Council,

As you well know, Maine is in the midst of a serious opioid epidemic.

If last year's data is any indication of expectations for this year, we have lost 300 Mainers this year. As a member of the Opioid Task Force - our group has worked tirelessly through the summer and fall to understand, evaluate, assess, and make recommendations to effectively address the opioid crisis. **One of the recommendations that has arisen from both the Maine Opioid Collaborative and the Opioid Task Force is the need for a comprehensive Good Samaritan/Medical Amnesty Policy. Similar legislation, enacted in other states, has increased calls to emergency services which has resulted in a reduced overdose death rate.** However contentious the policy may be, the undeniable fact remains that this policy will result in more lives saved.

The second piece of this legislation, which is as vital as the first, is a fiscal note to fund community-based distribution of naloxone. **All the available evidence shows that these programs reduce the overdose death rate in the states where they are present.** The efficiency of these types of programs often overshadow their counterparts in clinical settings. Currently these programs struggle forward without state or other public funding. The fiscal note included in this bill would allow for the purchase and distribution of over 1000 kits or more. **Based on current models of distribution these kits could reverse upwards of 200 opioid related overdoses, making a significant dent in Maine's overdose death rate.**

**Maine is one of the increasingly few states in New England and across the country without a Good Samaritan/Medical Amnesty Policy.** Last year the Health and Human Services Committee heard from one person after another regarding their own experiences with law enforcement when they attempted to call in a drug overdose, or the **reluctance of their peers to engage emergency medical services due to fear of prosecution, relating the need for these policies.** The Legislature's inability to pass a comprehensive policy needs to be addressed. The longer we wait, the more we miss opportunities to save a life. We cannot in good conscience wait another year for this to be done.

Neither can we wait another year to provide resources and relief to our already stretched-thin non-profits, who have taken this work upon themselves. For the first year in over 5 years 2017 appears as though drug overdose deaths will remain flat. Efforts to increase access to naloxone have had a demonstrable impact on arresting drug overdose deaths. However, 376 lives is still far too many lives. To bring this number down we need greater access to naloxone and we need medical amnesty provisions. We cannot wait, we cannot delay.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rep. Karen Vachon

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2750

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

DRUG ABUSE

Sponsor: Representative Vachon of Scarborough

An Act To Reduce the Cost of Care Resulting from Blood-borne Infectious Diseases

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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

## Appeal

### LR 2750: An Act To Reduce the Cost of Care Resulting from Blood-borne Infectious Diseases.

Dear Speaker Gideon, Chair of the Legislative Council,

I humbly ask the Legislative Council to reconsider LR 2750. This bill will provide vital funding to shore up and expand access to syringe exchange services throughout Maine. These services are critical to reducing the cost of care resulting from expensive blood-borne infectious diseases including hepatitis C, HIV, infectious endocarditis and others by advancing the public health of people struggling with substance use.

In spite of ongoing efforts to address the opioid crisis Maine continues to be ravaged by illicit substance use.

According to the Maine CDC, Maine has a reported rate of acute hepatitis C (HCV) nearly 3 times that of the United States, largely driven by sharing injection drug equipment. Often called a 'silent epidemic' hepatitis C can remain asymptomatic for over a decade, slowly killing the liver. Left untreated it can be fatal. Currently HCV is the leading cause of liver transplants in the United States.

Meanwhile, the US CDC has flagged several Maine Counties as being susceptible to an HIV outbreak akin to the surge in new cases in HIV in Scott County, Indiana. In 2015 new cases of HIV in Scott County, Indiana increased from an average of 5 per year to 190 over the course of 2015 alone. The crisis, analysts found, was fueled by injection drug use and lack of access to syringe exchange services and testing services. Maine is vulnerable.

If this does not qualify as an emergency, I don't know what does.

The comparative cost of treating versus preventing these issues is simple math. The going rate on liver transplants is \$577,000. A 12 week course of hepatitis C treatment costs over \$84,000. A lifetime of HIV treatment costs \$367,000. This bill, by comparison costs \$75,000. And it would be \$75,000 well spent.

Where most other states with legal syringe exchange publicly resource said services, Maine does not. Maine's network of 5 syringe exchange programs are holding on by their teeth. Barely scraping together enough resources to get by. In September of this year the syringe exchange in Lewiston-Auburn, Maine's second largest population center, was forced to close their doors. Beyond that many constituents, residents in rural counties mostly, lack access to these services altogether.

The longer it takes the legislature to act on this crisis, the more likely that network will continue to crumble. The worse the silent epidemic of HCV will get. The more likely we will be facing an Indiana-style HIV crisis.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rep. Karen Vachon



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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2755

MEDICAID

MAINECARE

Sponsor: Representative Vachon of Scarborough

An Act Regarding Health Care Ombudsman Services

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	No
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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.

Appeal

REVISOR OF STATUTES

LR 2755: An Act Regarding Health Care Ombudsman Services.

2017 NOV - 1 P 12: 35

Dear Speaker Gideon, Chair of the Legislative Council,

I humbly ask the Legislative Council to reconsider LR 2755. What this bill does is add an additional role to the Medicaid Ombudsman. The proposed added language is as follows: **J. Support qualifying individuals to apply for ACA special enrollment health insurance coverage to be paid for by the individual.**

Under the ACA, *technically* the only time a person can enroll in a healthcare plan is during open enrollment, which runs from November 1 – December 15<sup>th</sup>, for a January 1 start date. The only way a person can enroll outside of open enrollment is by way of a qualifying event for a Special Enrollment. A Special Event listed on the healthcare.gov website is: losing health coverage (including Medicaid), moving, getting married, having a baby, or adopting a child.

Because Maine didn't expand Medicaid, Mainers at 100% of FPL under the ACA are eligible to purchase health insurance through the exchange. For 2017, a single person earning just \$12,060/year is eligible for private health insurance through the exchange. Since Maine has raised the minimum wage, this means a person need only work 25.7 hours/week at \$9.00/hour to qualify.

Additionally, because Maine didn't expand Medicaid, there is an additional special enrollment provision: **"Other Complicated Cases That May Qualify for a Special Enrollment"**. This bill specifically addresses: "complicated cases" as such: "You live or previously lived in a state that hasn't expanded Medicaid and you become newly eligible for help paying for a marketplace insurance plan because of an increase in household income." (Emphasis added).

This provision is especially important in serving people in recovery; as part of successful recovery includes landing a job. This provision gives them access to private health insurance throughout the year. This bill provides an Ombudsman to assist with the application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karen R. Vachon  
Representative – House District 29, Scarborough

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2778

HOMELESS PERSONS

ACCESS TO SERVICES

Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland

An Act To Stabilize Vulnerable Families

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	No	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	Out

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Comment

This bill would enact measures designed to help stabilize vulnerable families by encouraging the prioritization of families for subsidized housing and other services.

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128th Legislature  
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Chair, Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development  
Environment & Natural Resources

October 31, 2017

The Honorable Sara Gideon  
Chair, Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

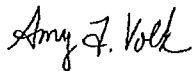
I respectfully request an appeal for a second session submission that was rejected at the Legislative Council meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The proposed legislation is LR 2778, "*An Act To Stabilize Vulnerable Families.*"

The State of Maine is spending nearly \$47 million a year on drug treatment and getting a regrettably low return on investment. We all need to be deeply concerned about the families destroyed and the children caught in the middle. These children are too often doomed to failure, particularly when they have to be removed from their parents or if their parents fatally overdose. Our system cannot manage the caseload it's experiencing due to this crisis. However, we know mothers with children can be uniquely motivated, and we have a demonstrated community-based, housing-inclusive model that works currently run by Mercy Hospital, part of Eastern Maine Health Systems.

In order to replicate the program in Northern Maine, we may not even need new resources. Rather, we may need a realignment and prioritization of existing resources in order to ensure that women with children are able to access healing treatment that stabilizes their lives and the lives of their children. For example, MSHA funds are currently too entangled in income verification and complicating quick placement. This legislation would address these issues and ensure that treatment options are being directed to the families that need those most.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Senator Amy F. Volk

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2624

MUNICIPALITIES

ORDINANCES

Sponsor: Representative Wadsworth of Hiram

An Act To Ensure Fairness and Affordability in the Private Residential and Commercial Rental Markets

Thibodeau	Yes	Gideon	No
Mason	Yes	Herbig	No
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	Yes
Libby	No	Espling	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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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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November 1, 2017

Speaker Sara Gideon, Chair  
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Dear Speaker Gideon,

I write this letter to appeal the result of the October 26, 2017 Legislative Council decision for my bill request LR 2624 – “An Act To Ensure Fairness and Affordability in the Private Residential and Commercial Rental Markets.”

It is in my opinion that this bill meets the qualifications as an emergency legislation to be taken up during the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature. I believe that there is a social and economic need to insure an adequate supply of affordable housing for Mainers.

Imposition of general restrictions on housing rents will disrupt an orderly housing market, increase deferred maintenance of existing housing stock, lead to abandonment of existing rental units and create a property tax shift from rental-owned to owner-occupied housing.

The topic and consideration of rent control on housing in the State of Maine is a matter of statewide concern and certainly needs to be addressed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Sincerely,

Nathan J. Wadsworth  
State Representative

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**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2720

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

COMMUNITY-BASED

Sponsor: Representative Warren of Hallowell

An Act To Reduce Incarceration Costs and Emergency Room Visits by Funding Emergency Crisis Behavioral Health Services

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would increase state grant funding by 25% to community agencies providing community-based emergency crisis behavioral health services.



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October 31, 2017

Speaker Sara Gideon, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

REVISOR OF STATUTES  
2017 OCT 31 P 3:03

Dear Speaker Gideon:

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

**LR 2720, An Act To Reduce Incarceration Costs and Emergency Room Visits by Funding  
Emergency Crisis Behavioral Health Services.**

Access to crisis behavioral health services keeps those in need from having to access more expensive options like emergency departments and overcrowded county jails. In order to preserve essential services, we must assess the rates at which they are reimbursed. I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 30 to discuss this proposal and to further clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

*Charlotte M Warren*

Charlotte M. Warren  
State Representative



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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2774

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

COMMISSIONERS

Sponsor: Representative Warren of Hallowell

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Terms of County Commissioners and the Staggering of Those Terms

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	Yes
Mason	No	Herbig	Yes
Cushing	No	Golden	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Fredette	No
Libby	Yes	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

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.



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October 31, 2017

Speaker Sara Gideon, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

REVISOR OF STATUTES  
2017 OCT 31 P 3:03

Dear Speaker Gideon:

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

**LR 2774, An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Terms of County Commissioners and the Staggering of Those Terms.**

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 30 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

*Charlotte M Warren*

Charlotte M. Warren  
State Representative

**128th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2551

CONTAINERS - RETURNABLE

BOTTLES

Sponsor: Representative White of Washburn

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

Thibodeau	No	Gideon	No
Mason	No	Herbig	No
Cushing	Yes	Golden	No
Jackson	No	Fredette	No
Libby	No	Espling	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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

Total number of bills screened: 99



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The Honorable Sara Gideon, Chair  
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RE: L.R. 2551, *"An Act To Increase the Bottle Redemption Rate to Counterbalance Increases in the Minimum Wage"*

Dear Speaker Gideon:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2551 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

Redemption centers are not like your average business, as they do not sell a product. They do, however, supply a crucial service to our communities.

Most businesses that supply a service have the ability to increase the cost of their services to help offset their overhead and the cost of doing business. Redemption centers are unable to offset the added cost of elevated wages, thus by passing the minimum wage increase, an economic disaster has been created for an entire industry.

With this added expense, at what point does it no longer make financial sense for redemption centers to operate? If these centers close, where do all of those bottles end up?

L.R. 2551 is a commonsense solution by raising the handling fee for our redemption centers to offset the financial burden felt by this industry without forcing it onto the bottling companies.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns on November 30. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 227-8756.

Respectfully,

Dustin Michael White  
State Representative

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## **PART 8**

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**Appealed Bill Requests**

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**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

**PESTICIDES**

**PEST MANAGEMENT**

LR: 2569 Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle

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

**PUBLIC LANDS**

**HISTORIC SITES**

LR: 2740 Sponsor: Senator Dow of Lincoln

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

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**Appealed Bill Requests**

**Sorted By Subject**

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**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

**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

**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

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#### **Sorted By Subject**

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#### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

##### **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

##### **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

##### **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

##### **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

##### **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

##### **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

##### **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

###### **PROCEDURES**

LR: 2483 Sponsor: Senator Millett of Cumberland  
Title: An Act To Protect Local Control of Military Equipment Procurement



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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**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

**WEAPONS**

**POSSESSION**

LR: 2605 Sponsor: President Thibodeau of Waldo

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

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

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**Appealed Bill Requests**

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**EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**CULTURAL AGENCIES**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

LR: 2477 Sponsor: Senator Rosen of Hancock  
Title: Resolve, To Study the Negue Trading Post Site in Orono

**EDUCATION DEPT**

**ADMINISTRATION**

LR: 2576 Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle  
Title: An Act Regarding School Bus Rules in Maine

**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

**SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

**GUIDANCE COUNSELORS**

LR: 2577 Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle  
Title: An Act 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

**SCHOOL POLICIES**

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

LR: 2659 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York  
Title: An Act To Include Cursive Writing in High School Graduation Standards

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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
- LR: 2568 Sponsor: Representative Hanington of Lincoln  
Title: An Act To Increase by One Cent the Deposit Amount on Returnable Beverage Containers
- LR: 2632 Sponsor: Representative Espling of New Gloucester  
Title: An Act To Create Equity in Wine and Spirits Container Deposits

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**ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

**ELECTRIC UTILITIES**

**DELIVERY**

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

**ELECTRIC UTILITIES**

**PLANNING**

LR: 2786 Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham

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

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**AUTOMATED SOLICITATIONS**

LR: 2775 Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock

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

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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

##### **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

##### **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

#### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT**

##### **ADMINISTRATION**

LR: 2500 Sponsor: Representative Denno of Cumberland  
Title: An Act To Reestablish the Office of Advocacy

#### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT**

##### **POWERS**

LR: 2747 Sponsor: Speaker Gideon of Freeport  
Title: An Act To Reduce Child Poverty by Promoting Higher Wages for Families through Education and Training

LR: 2748 Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook  
Title: An Act To Improve Housing Support in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program

#### **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**

##### **HOSPITALS**

LR: 2713 Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway  
Title: An Act To Ensure the Continuation of Maternity Care in Rural Hospitals

#### **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

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#### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

##### **HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

###### **DELIVERY**

LR: 2692 Sponsor: Representative Grignon of Athens

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

##### **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

##### **HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

###### **PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

LR: 2654 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

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

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

#### **HOMELESS PERSONS**

##### **ACCESS TO SERVICES**

LR: 2579 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross of Portland

Title: An Act To Create a Homeless Persons' Bill of Rights

LR: 2778 Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Stabilize Vulnerable Families

#### **MEDICAID**

##### **MAINECARE**

LR: 2562 Sponsor: Representative Parry of Arundel

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

LR: 2755 Sponsor: Representative Vachon of Scarborough

Title: An Act Regarding Health Care Ombudsman Services

#### **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

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**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

**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

**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

**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

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

**DRUG ABUSE**

LR: 2665 Sponsor: Representative Vachon of Scarborough  
Title: An Act To Enact Measures Designed To Curb the Opioid Epidemic

LR: 2744 Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook  
Title: An Act To Save Lives and Create the Homeless Opioid User Service Engagement  
Pilot Project

LR: 2750 Sponsor: Representative Vachon of Scarborough  
Title: An Act To Reduce the Cost of Care Resulting from Blood-borne Infectious  
Diseases

**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

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

**TREATMENT**

LR: 2521 Sponsor: Senator Bellows of Kennebec

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



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**INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**INSURANCE**

**HEALTH**

LR: 2544    Sponsor: Representative Foley of Wells

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

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**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

**HUNTING**

**GUIDES**

LR: 2646 Sponsor: Senator Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis

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

**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

**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

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**JUDICIARY**

**DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

**GRANDPARENTS**

LR: 2652 Sponsor: Senator Rosen of Hancock

Title: An Act To Protect the Interests of Grandchildren Regarding Visitation by Grandparents

**DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

**PARENTAL RIGHTS**

LR: 2476 Sponsor: Senator Keim of Oxford

Title: An Act Regarding the Rights of Parents

**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

**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

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

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**LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

**COMPENSATION**

**WAGES**

LR: 2709 Sponsor: Senator Keim of Oxford  
Title: An Act To Implement a Training Wage in Maine

**JOB TRAINING  
PROGRAMS**

LR: 2783 Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock  
Title: An Act To Extend Secondary Student Eligibility in the Competitive Skills  
Scholarship Program

**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

**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

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

**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

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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

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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

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#### **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

##### **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

##### **MUNICIPALITIES**

###### **MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

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

##### **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

#### **STATE GOVERNMENT**

##### **FUTURE PLANNING**

LR: 2782 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross of Portland

Title: An Act To Establish the Commission on Racial Equity

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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

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

##### **INCOME TAX**

###### **RATE**

LR: 2453    Sponsor: Representative Hamann of South Portland  
Title:        An Act To Establish the Fund for Maine's Future

##### **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

##### **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

##### **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

##### **TAX ASSESSMENT**

###### **VALUATION**

LR: 2661    Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York  
Title:        An Act To Properly Notify Taxpayers of Property Valuation Changes



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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

##### ROADS

##### HIGHWAY SAFETY

LR: 2595 Sponsor: Senator Collins of York  
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Install a Traffic Signal in Wells

#### TRANSPORTATION DEPT

##### ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2672 Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox  
Title: An Act To Promote Recruitment and Retention of 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

LR: 2754 Sponsor: Senator Cushing of Penobscot  
Title: Resolve, To Study Methods for Better Transportation for Students and Workers in Maine

#### 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

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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

##### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

###### **LICENSING**

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

#### **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

LR: 2651 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

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

#### **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

LR: 2708 Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

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

#### **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

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**GAMBLING**

**CASINO GAMBLING**

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

**LANDLORD AND TENANT**

**TENANTS RIGHTS**

LR: 2524 Sponsor: Representative Cooper of Yarmouth

Title: An Act To Expand the Rights of Residential Tenants

**NATIONAL GUARD**

**BENEFITS**

LR: 2746 Sponsor: President Thibodeau of Waldo

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

**VETERANS**

**SERVICES**

LR: 2543 Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

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

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**APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

**BOND ISSUES**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

LR: 2763    Sponsor: Representative Campbell of Orrington

Title:        An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Acquire Significant Historic  
Properties for Resale and Rehabilitation

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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

**CRIMES**

**ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

LR: 2656    Sponsor: Representative Nadeau of Winslow  
Title:        An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Offenses against the Person

**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

**CRIMES**

**SEX OFFENSES**

LR: 2560    Sponsor: Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc  
Title:        An Act To Increase the Penalty for Visual Sexual Aggression against a Child

**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

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**AMBULANCE SERVICES**

LR: 2526    Sponsor: Representative Fay of Raymond  
Title:        An Act To Protect Working and Service Animals

**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

**VICTIMS OF CRIME**

**BILL OF RIGHTS**

LR: 2599    Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast  
Title:        An Act To Strengthen Crime Victims' Rights

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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



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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

**CULTURAL AGENCIES**

**STATE MUSEUM**

LR: 2525    Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast  
Title:        An Act To Allow Veterans Free Admission to the Maine State Museum

**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

**EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS**

**PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

LR: 2495    Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock  
Title:        An Act To Recognize the Accreditation of Certain Private Schools

**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

**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 Child in Maine's Public Schools

**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

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**EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**HEALTH CARE**

LR: 2456    Sponsor: Representative Handy of Lewiston

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

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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

**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

**ELECTRIC UTILITIES**

**DELIVERY**

LR: 2538    Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin  
Title:        An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Distributed Energy Generation and To  
                 Eliminate Gross Metering

**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

**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

**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

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**BROADBAND SERVICES**

LR: 2613    Sponsor: Representative Wadsworth of Hiram  
Title:        An Act To Facilitate Wireless Broadband Deployment in Maine

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**ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

**UTILITY DISTRICTS**

**REGULATION**

LR: 2749    Sponsor: Representative Warren of Hallowell

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

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**ELDERLY**

**HOME-BASED CARE**

LR: 2743    Sponsor: Senator Dill of Penobscot  
Title:        An Act To Support Vulnerable Seniors by Funding Assisted Living Programs

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT**

**ADMINISTRATION**

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

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT**

**POWERS**

LR: 2687    Sponsor: Representative Jorgensen of Portland  
Title:        Resolve, Regarding Medicaid Reimbursement for Rehabilitation Hospitals

**MEDICAID**

**MAINECARE**

LR: 2762    Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook  
Title:        An Act To Clarify Authority Pertaining to the Collection of Debts of MaineCare  
                 Providers

**MEDICAID**

**REIMBURSEMENT**

LR: 2622    Sponsor: Representative Corey of Windham  
Title:        An Act To Allow Qualifying Medicaid Recipients To Hire Spouses and Legal  
                 Guardians

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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 the  
Resequencing of Withdrawal Transactions

**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

**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

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**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

**FISH**

**FISHWAYS**

LR: 2518    Sponsor: Representative Zeigler of Montville  
Title:        An Act To Prohibit the Entry of Anadromous Fish Species into Sheepscot Pond  
                 for 3 Years and To Study the Consequences of the Presence of Anadromous Fish  
                 in Sheepscot Pond

**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

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**JUDICIARY**

**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

**DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

**GRANDPARENTS**

LR: 2537    Sponsor: Representative Cardone of Bangor

Title:        An Act To Revise the Grandparents Visitation Act



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**LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

**BUSINESS PRACTICES**

**BILLING**

LR: 2703    Sponsor: Representative Sanborn of Portland  
Title:        An Act Regarding the Information Required of Debt Buyers for Debt Collection

**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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**PLANNING**

LR: 2596    Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast  
Title:        An Act To 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

LR: 2598    Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast  
Title:        An Act To Expand Job Opportunities for People Working in Maine

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**MARINE RESOURCES**

**MARINE RESOURCES DEPT**  
**PROCEDURES**

LR: 2593    Sponsor: Representative Kumiega of Deer Isle  
Title:        An Act To Amend Maine's Marine Resources Laws Regarding Certain License  
                 Fees and Surcharges That Were Amended by Recently Enacted Legislation

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**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

LR: 2667    Sponsor: Senator Dion of Cumberland  
Title:        An Act To Establish Legal Requirements for Training and Certification of Civil  
                 Deputies

**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

**MUNICIPALITIES**

**DEORGANIZATION**

LR: 2559    Sponsor: Representative Turner of Burlington  
Title:        An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of Codyville Plantation

**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

**STATE GOVERNMENT**

**STATE COMMEMORATIONS**

LR: 2609    Sponsor: Representative Hilliard of Belgrade  
Title:        An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Bicentennial Commission

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**TAXATION**

**INCOME TAX**

**CREDITS**

- LR: 2691    Sponsor: Representative Bailey of Saco  
Title:        An Act To Create an Access to Justice Income Tax Credit
- LR: 2789    Sponsor: Representative DeChant of Bath  
Title:        An Act To Encourage Major Investments in Shipbuilding Facilities and the  
                 Preservation of Jobs

**MISCELLANEOUS TAXES**

**EXCISE TAX**

- LR: 2509    Sponsor: Senator Dill of Penobscot  
Title:        An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Calculation of Excise Tax on  
                 Automobiles

**MISCELLANEOUS TAXES**

**MAINE SERVICE PROVIDER TAX**

- LR: 2616    Sponsor: Senator Woodsome of York  
Title:        An Act To Ensure That Low-income Residents of the State Have Access to  
                 Telephone Services

**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

**SALES AND USE TAX**

**INTERSTATE SALES**

- LR: 2587    Sponsor: President Thibodeau of Waldo  
Title:        An Act To Clarify the Interstate Commerce Sales Tax Exemption

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**MOTOR VEHICLES**

**OTHER**

LR: 2567    Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox  
Title:        An Act To Allow the Operation of Autocycles on Roads in Maine

**NAVIGATION**

**FERRIES**

LR: 2673    Sponsor: Senator Dion of Cumberland  
Title:        An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Pilotage Requirements for Passenger  
Ferry Service between Maine and Nova Scotia

**RAILROADS**

**TRESPASS**

LR: 2510    Sponsor: Senator Dill of Penobscot  
Title:        An Act To Require That Railroads Grant Easements to Owners of Land That is  
Otherwise Inaccessible

**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

**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

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**VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

**AGENCY STORES**

LR: 2573    Sponsor: Senator Dion of Cumberland

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

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

**BUREAU OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

LR: 2627    Sponsor: Representative Luchini of Ellsworth

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

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

**LICENSING**

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

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**Sponsor: Representative Bailey of Saco**

LR: 2691

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

**Sponsor: Representative Campbell of Orrington**

LR: 2763

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Acquire Significant Historic Properties for Resale and Rehabilitation

**Sponsor: Representative Cardone of Bangor**

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**Sponsor: Senator Carpenter of Aroostook**

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**Sponsor: Representative DeChant of Bath**

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**Sponsor: Senator Dill of Penobscot**

LR: 2509

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

LR: 2510

Title: An Act To Require That Railroads Grant Easements to Owners of Land That is Otherwise Inaccessible



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**Sponsor: Senator Dill of Penobscot**

LR: 2743

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

**Sponsor: Senator Dion of Cumberland**

LR: 2573

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

LR: 2667

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

LR: 2673

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Pilotage Requirements for Passenger Ferry Service between Maine and Nova Scotia

**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

**Sponsor: Representative Fay of Raymond**

LR: 2526

Title: An Act To Protect Working and Service Animals

**Sponsor: Representative Fecteau of Biddeford**

LR: 2459

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

**Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook**

LR: 2762

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

**Sponsor: Speaker Gideon of Freeport**

LR: 2614

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

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**Sponsor: Representative Golden of Lewiston**

LR: 2546

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

**Sponsor: Representative Guerin of Glenburn**

LR: 2675

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

**Sponsor: Representative Handy of Lewiston**

LR: 2456

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

**Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast**

LR: 2525

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

LR: 2596

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

LR: 2597

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

LR: 2598

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

LR: 2599

Title:       An Act To Strengthen Crime Victims' Rights

**Sponsor: Representative Hilliard of Belgrade**

LR: 2609

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

**Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook**

LR: 2474

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

LR: 2558

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

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**Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook**

LR: 2657

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

**Sponsor: Representative Jorgensen of Portland**

LR: 2687

Title:        Resolve, Regarding Medicaid Reimbursement for Rehabilitation Hospitals

**Sponsor: Representative Kornfield of Bangor**

LR: 2591

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

**Sponsor: Representative Kumiega of Deer Isle**

LR: 2593

Title:        An Act To Amend Maine's Marine Resources Laws Regarding Certain License Fees and Surcharges That Were Amended by Recently Enacted Legislation

**Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock**

LR: 2495

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

**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

**Sponsor: Representative Luchini of Ellsworth**

LR: 2627

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

**Sponsor: Senator Maker of Washington**

LR: 2542

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

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**Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock**

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

**Sponsor: Representative Martin of Eagle Lake**

LR: 2497

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

**Sponsor: Senator Mason of Androscoggin**

LR: 2588

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

**Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox**

LR: 2464

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

LR: 2567

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

**Sponsor: Representative Moonen of Portland**

LR: 2628

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

**Sponsor: Representative Nadeau of Winslow**

LR: 2656

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

**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

**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

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**Sponsor: Representative Sanborn of Portland**

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

LR: 2703

Title: An Act Regarding the Information Required of Debt Buyers for Debt Collection

**Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin**

LR: 2538

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

**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

LR: 2711

Title: An Act To Encourage Computer Data Center Development by Providing a Sales Tax Refund or Exemption

LR: 2712

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

**Sponsor: President Thibodeau of Waldo**

LR: 2587

Title: An Act To Clarify the Interstate Commerce Sales Tax Exemption

LR: 2608

Title: Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Economic, Environmental and Energy Benefits of Energy Storage to the Maine Electricity Industry

**Sponsor: Representative Tuell of East Machias**

LR: 2502

Title: An Act To Fund the Downeast Correctional Facility

**Sponsor: Representative Turner of Burlington**

LR: 2559

Title: An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of Codyville Plantation

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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

**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

**Sponsor: Representative Wadsworth of Hiram**

LR: 2613

Title: An Act To Facilitate Wireless Broadband Deployment in Maine

**Sponsor: Representative Warren of Hallowell**

LR: 2749

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

**Sponsor: Representative Winsor of Norway**

LR: 2574

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

**Sponsor: Senator Woodsome of York**

LR: 2616

Title: An Act To Ensure That Low-income Residents of the State Have Access to Telephone Services

**Sponsor: Representative Zeigler of Montville**

LR: 2518

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Entry of Anadromous Fish Species into Sheepscot Pond for 3 Years and To Study the Consequences of the Presence of Anadromous Fish in Sheepscot Pond

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