

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

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



**Bill Requests Received before Cloture  
on September 27, 2019 and Submitted for  
Consideration by the Legislative Council  
on October 23, 2019**

Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0007

# **BOOK II APPEALS**

## **CONTENTS**

### **PART**

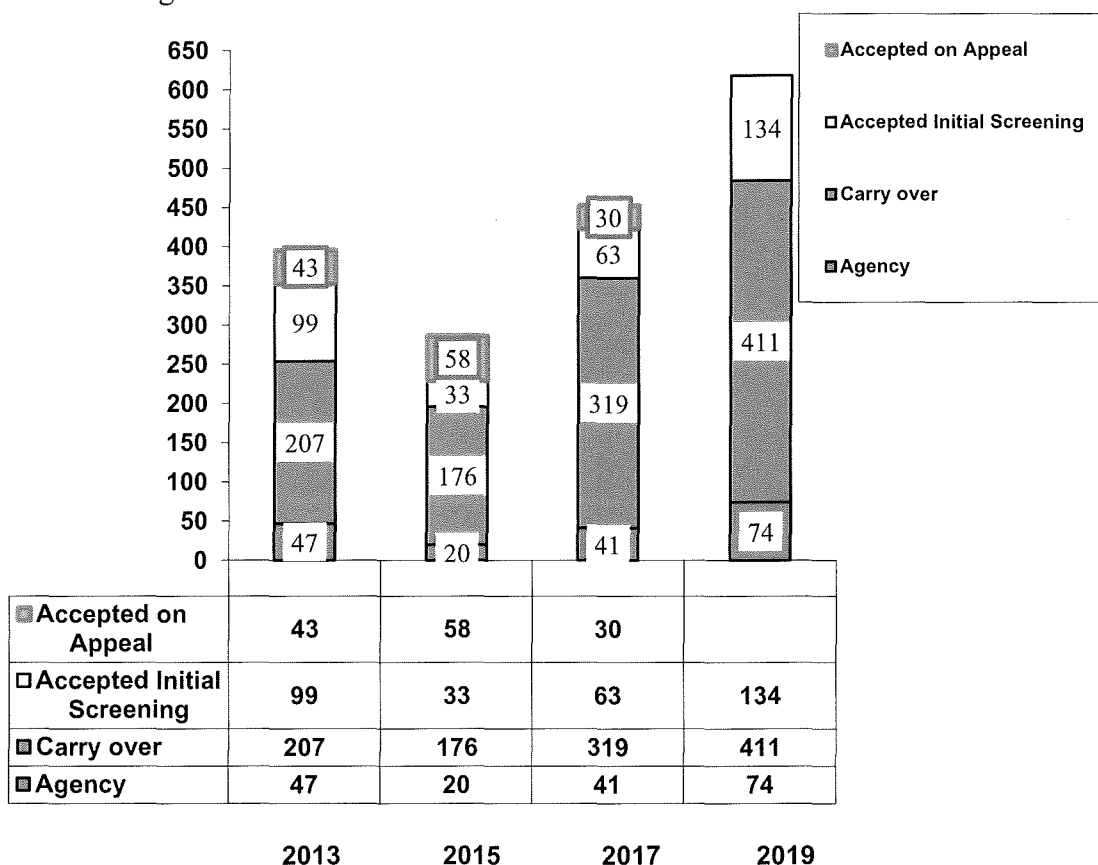
Introduction

6.    Appealed Bill Requests - Notices and Ballots  
      (Alphabetical by Sponsor)
7.    Appealed Bill Requests - Titles and Comments  
      (by Broad Subject)
8.    Accepted Bill Requests - Titles and Comments  
      (by Broad Subject)
9.    Accepted Bill Requests - Titles only  
      (Alphabetically by Sponsor)

## INTRODUCTION

This volume contains the titles and summaries of the 77 bill requests filed before cloture, rejected at the Legislative Council's October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting and appealed by the appeal deadline on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The council accepted 134 of 397 requests at its October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Part 6 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 7 contains a list of appealed bills by broad subject. Part 8 contains a list of bill requests accepted by broad subject. Part 9 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  
 396                  287                  453                  619 + ?

Number of Legislator Requests Subject To Review  
 399                  395                  269                  397

## **PART 6**

***PRELIMINARY***  
**ADDENDUM TO PART 6**

**Of Appealed Bill Requests**

*(NOTE: addendum may change prior to 12/6/19 Legislative Council meeting)*

**Representative Moriarty** withdrew his appeal regarding LR 2707, “An Act To Fund the Land for Maine's Future Program.” (p. 54)

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

**Appeal Letters and Voting Records of  
Legislative Council Meeting of  
October 23, 2019**

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2722

FIRE SAFETY

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Sponsor: Representative Ackley of Monmouth

An Act To Provide a Death Benefit for Volunteer and Part-time Firefighters

Gideon	Yes	Jackson	No
Moonen	Yes	Libby	No
Fecteau	Yes	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This bill would establish a death benefit for volunteer and part-time firefighters.

---



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1400

TTY: MAINE RELAY 711

**Kent Ackley**

705 Route 135

Monmouth, ME 04259

Cell Phone: (207) 512-2524

Kent.Ackley@legislature.maine.gov

October 28, 2019

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
129<sup>th</sup> Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

Following the Legislative Council meeting on October 23 to decide which bill titles to proceed with for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature, I am formally appealing the decision to not let in two bill titles that I have submitted.

In regards to LR 2722 "An Act to Provide a Death Benefit for Volunteer and Part-Time Firefighters", I believe that following this year's tragedy in Farmington, Maine needs to immediately take action to take care of the spouses and children of our volunteer firefighters who put their lives in danger every day for their community. Today, if a volunteer firefighter was to die on duty, their spouse and children could lose not only their parent, but also a breadwinner. LR 2722 would provide a death benefit to parents and children beyond an amount that is severely behind compared to our New England neighbors.

LR 2723 "An Act to Allow Municipalities to Set Below-Market Interest Rates for Senior Citizen Property Tax Deferral Programs" was brought to me by the Monmouth Selectboard. In this case, state statute is holding back our local municipalities to offer our senior property tax payers the option to pay property tax amounts due at a rate that they can afford. Without this fix in state statute, municipalities are forced to evict their senior citizens simply because they live on a fixed-income that has not kept up with the rising cost of property taxes.

Thank you for your time and I hope that you will strongly consider my appeal.

Sincerely,

Kent Ackley  
State Representative

District 82 Litchfield, Monmouth (part) and Wales

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

TAXATION

LR 2723

PROPERTY TAX

RELIEF

Sponsor: Representative Ackley of Monmouth

An Act To Allow Municipalities To Set Below-market Interest Rates for Senior Citizen Property Tax Deferral Programs

Gleason	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	Yes
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

Comment

This bill would allow a municipality to set a below-market interest rate on deferred taxes under a senior citizen property tax deferral program.



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1400

TTY: MAINE RELAY 711

**Kent Ackley**

705 Route 135

Monmouth, ME 04259

Cell Phone: (207) 512-2524

Kent.Ackley@legislature.maine.gov

October 28, 2019.

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
129<sup>th</sup> Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

Following the Legislative Council meeting on October 23 to decide which bill titles to proceed with for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature, I am formally appealing the decision to not let in two bill titles that I have submitted.

In regards to LR 2722 "An Act to Provide a Death Benefit for Volunteer and Part-Time Firefighters", I believe that following this year's tragedy in Farmington, Maine needs to immediately take action to take care of the spouses and children of our volunteer firefighters who put their lives in danger every day for their community. Today, if a volunteer firefighter was to die on duty, their spouse and children could lose not only their parent, but also a breadwinner. LR 2722 would provide a death benefit to parents and children beyond an amount that is severely behind compared to our New England neighbors.

LR 2723 "An Act to Allow Municipalities to Set Below-Market Interest Rates for Senior Citizen Property Tax Deferral Programs" was brought to me by the Monmouth Selectboard. In this case, state statute is holding back our local municipalities to offer our senior property tax payers the option to pay property tax amounts due at a rate that they can afford. Without this fix in state statute, municipalities are forced to evict their senior citizens simply because they live on a fixed-income that has not kept up with the rising cost of property taxes.

Thank you for your time and I hope that you will strongly consider my appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kent Ackley", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kent Ackley

State Representative

District 82 Litchfield, Monmouth (part) and Wales

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS

LR 2864

LICENSING

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sponsor: Representative Andrews of Paris

An Act To Recognize Occupational Licenses from Other States To Attract New Residents and Business to Maine

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

---

Comment

This bill would recognize occupational licenses from other states to attract new residents and business to Maine.

---

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2802 Representative Stewart, T



**John Andrews**

P.O. Box 118  
Paris, ME 04271

Cell Phone: (207) 739-9075

John.Andrews@legislature.maine.gov

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1440

TTY: (207) 287-4469

President Jackson and distinguished members of the Legislative Council,

I am writing today to file an appeal of the rejection of LR 2864, 'An Act To Recognize Occupational Licenses from Other States To Attract New Residents and Business to Maine'.

As one of the states with the oldest population in the country, Maine is facing a demographic crisis. Attracting new and younger residents is imperative for Maine's economy to positively grow in the future. Recognizing Occupational Licenses from other states will make Maine much more competitive in attracting new businesses and families by clearing the pathway to entry for new professionals moving to Maine.

Maine needs more healthcare professionals, occupational therapists and other licensed professionals in our state workforce. By supporting LR 2864 we can declare as a Legislature that we are serious about welcoming home more new residents and professionals by letting them know that we want them to choose Maine to practice their profession over the other 49 state in the union. Recognizing their out of state license and allowing them to hit the ground running is a an opportunity for Maine to stand out in workforce recruitment on the national stage.

'An Act To Recognize Occupational Licenses from Other States To Attract New Residents and Business to Maine' already has bipartisan support to move forward. Senator Ned Claxton, himself a healthcare professional, has agreed to co-sponsor the potential bill . I hope to have co-sponsors from both parties as this is a completely non-partisan bill that will help out current and future residents of the great state of Maine.

We have a chance to do some good here for our state and would ask you to please vote to support LR 2864's passage through Legislative Council on appeal.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John Andrews", written over a horizontal line.

John Andrews  
State Representative

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2868

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

LIQUOR SALES

Sponsor: Representative Andrews of Paris

An Act To Allow the Sale of Privately Held Fine and Rare Spirits by Auction

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

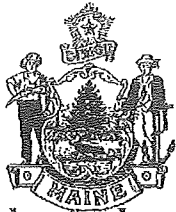
	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

---

Comment

This bill would allow the sale of privately held fine and rare spirits by auction.

---



**John Andrews**

P.O. Box 118

Paris, ME 04271

Cell Phone: (207) 739-9075

John.Andrews@legislature.maine.gov

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1440

TTY: (207) 287-4469

President Jackson and distinguished members of the Legislative Council,

I am writing today to file an appeal of the rejection of LR 2868, 'An Act To Allow the Sale of Privately Held Fine and Rare Spirits by Auction.'

I was approached by Larry Sanborn of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to submit this bill. It is for a resident of Turner who is attempting to start a new business and requires this legislation to operate legally.

His business model is to hunt down and acquire fine and rare bottles of spirits and sell them at personal auction. Currently, he is legally allowed to do this with fine and rare wine if he chose to and all this legislation would do is to expand the statute to include fine and rare spirits.

This is an opportunity for the Legislature to help a fellow Mainer start a new business and add to the state's tax rolls. It is a straight forward emergency need to expand the statute to allow a business to operate legally. If we can not get this through Legislative Council the individual will be forced to wait a year or more and sit on his stock at great personal expense.

I would ask you to please support small business in Maine and the passage of LR 2868 through Legislative Council on appeal.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JA", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John Andrews  
State Representative

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

TRANSPORTATION

LR 2971

MOTOR VEHICLES

MODIFICATIONS

Sponsor: Senator Bellows of Kennebec

An Act To Require Employee Safety within the Funeral Industry

Gideon	No	Jackson	Yes
Moonen	No	Libby	Yes
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	Yes
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

Comment

This bill would require any added platform in a vehicle being used as a hearse to be level with the bottom of the front seats of the vehicle and to be attached to the vehicle.

*129th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 14*

*Senator Shenna Bellows*  
*3 State House Station*  
*Augusta, ME 04333-0003*  
*Office (207) 287-1515*  
*Cell (207) 776-5404*  
*Shenna.Bellows@legislature.maine.gov*

October 30, 2019

Senate President Troy Jackson  
Chair, Legislative Council  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson,

Earlier this year, I was contacted by a constituent with a horrifying and heart-wrenching story about her husband's untimely death. Richard Charest had been working for a funeral home transporting remains in a Ford Flex minivan that was jerry-rigged for this purpose. One evening while he was driving remains to the funeral home, his vehicle was rear-ended, which sent the coffin through the back of his seat, breaking his spine and killing him.

Thankfully, this is the only instance I know of something like this happening, and most funeral homes use vehicles specifically built for transporting remains. But without specifying safety standards, we risk the lives of others in Richard's situation.

**LR 2971, "An Act To Require Employee Safety within the Funeral Industry"** is simple in that it specifies three safety measures to ensure that vehicles used in the funeral industry are equipped in a way that in the event of an accident any floors, platforms, or containers do not become dislodged in a way as to cause harm to persons in the vehicle. The bill also includes penalties for violation of these provisions.

While no piece of legislation will bring Marie's beloved husband back, we can enact these safety provisions in his memory, potentially saving others from this awful fate. We could wait until 2021, but by then it may be too late.

I urge you to allow consideration of LR 2971 in the coming year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Take care,

*Shenna Bellows*

Shenna Bellows  
State Senator

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

LABOR AND HOUSING

LR 2828

LABOR RELATIONS

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

Sponsor: Representative Bradstreet of Vassalboro

An Act To Conform State Labor Law with Federal Labor Law

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would remove a provision allowing a nonunion employee to be required to pay a service fee for representation by a bargaining agent.

Potential JR 217:

LD 1232 Representative Lockman, L



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002  
(207) 287-1400  
TTY: MAINE RELAY 711

**Richard T. Bradstreet**

44 Harmony Lane  
Vassalboro, ME 04989  
Cell Phone: (207) 861-1657  
Dick.Bradstreet@legislature.maine.gov

October 30, 2019

Senator Troy Jackson, President  
Legislative Council

RE: LR 2828

Dear Senator Jackson:

Please let this letter be my formal appeal of the Legislative Council's rejection of my Bill LR 2828, *An Act to Conform State Labor Law with Federal Law*.

I believe that this proposal achieves Emergency status in light of a recent U.S. Supreme Court Decision, *Janus v. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees*, which addresses the compelled payment of dues or fees as a condition of employment. Regardless of what one's opinion may be of this decision, it certainly can create confusion and uncertainty on the part of public sector employees regarding state versus federal law. Given the primacy of federal law, it only makes sense to bring state statute into conformity, and it should be done as soon as possible. The particulars can be discussed within the legislative process, as all bills are, but the urgency of clarification certainly warrants Emergency status.

Thank you and the Legislative Council for your consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard Bradstreet", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Representative Richard Bradstreet  
House District 80

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

LABOR AND HOUSING

LR 2846

STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

ADMINISTRATION

Sponsor: Representative Brennan of Portland

An Act Regarding Socially Responsible Investing by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

Gideon	Yes	Jackson	No
Moonen	Yes	Libby	No
Fecteau	Yes	Vitelli	Yes
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This bill would direct the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to develop a socially responsible investment policy including divestment from for-profit prisons and fossil fuel companies.

---



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1400

TTY: (207) 287-4469

**Michael F. Brennan**

49 Wellington Rd.

Portland, ME 04103

Phone: (207) 939-6462

[michael.brennan@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:michael.brennan@legislature.maine.gov)

October 30, 2019

Sen. Troy Jackson, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson:

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

**LR 2846, An Act Regarding Socially Responsible Investing by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System**

Theoretically, MainePERS has an ethical investment policy, but it has little effect on who they invest in, and particularly, it has no impact on what investments they sell.

This bill would require that MainePERS adopt a policy which prevents it from holding certain investments that it would be inappropriate for the state to own, specifically for-profit prisons and fossil fuel companies.

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Brennan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Michael Brennan  
State Representative

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

LR 2878

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

BROADBAND SERVICES

Sponsor: Representative Brennan of Portland

An Act To Expand Protections for the Privacy of Online Consumer Information

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	No
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would ensure all citizens of Maine have consistent protections for their personal information when it is collected and used online, regardless of the entity collecting or using their information. It would expand current privacy law, which applies only to broadband Internet access service providers, to apply to all providers of websites and online services. It also would make amendments to the law to address operational barriers faced by companies during implementation and technical fixes to focus privacy protections on citizens' personal information.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2602 Senator Bellows, S



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1400

TTY: (207) 287-4469

**Michael F. Brennan**

49 Wellington Rd.

Portland, ME 04103

Phone: (207) 939-6462

[michael.brennan@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:michael.brennan@legislature.maine.gov)

October 30, 2019

Sen. Troy Jackson, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson:

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

## **LR 2878, An Act To Expand Protections for the Privacy of Online Consumer Information**

In 2019, the Maine Legislature passed LD 946, "An Act to Protect the Privacy of Customer Online Information." This bill exempts what are commonly referred to as edge providers – the websites, online services and social media platforms that put Mainers' data most at risk. Every other state in the country that has passed online privacy legislation, including California, Vermont, Nevada, Delaware and Oregon included these entities. And every other state with legislation still pending or likely to pass in 2019, such as Massachusetts and New Jersey, drafted their laws to include the online actors with the riskiest data practices.

Companies like Google and Facebook will understand the Maine Legislature to have given them a green light to collect, sell and manipulate the data of Maine residents. We cannot claim in good faith to have protected online privacy unless we correct this glaring omission.

Emergency legislation is warranted to correct these omissions errors before the law goes into effect in July 2020.

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Brennan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being more prominent than the last name "Brennan".

Michael Brennan  
State Representative

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2729

SCHOOL FACILITIES

CONSTRUCTION

Sponsor: Representative Campbell of Orrington

An Act To Amend the Qualifications and Hiring Process for an Owner's Representative for a School Construction Project

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

Comment

This bill would amend the qualifications needed to be an owner's representative for a school construction project to expand the pool of qualified applicants and change the hiring process for owner's representatives.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002  
(207) 287-1440  
TTY: (207) 287-4469

**Rep. Richard H. Campbell**  
321 River Road  
Orrington, ME 04474  
(207) 745-7748  
[dickcampbellllc@gmail.com](mailto:dickcampbellllc@gmail.com)

October 30, 2019

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

**RE: L.R. 2729, "An Act To Amend the Qualifications and Hiring Process for an Owner's Representative for a School Construction Project"**

Dear President Jackson:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2729 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

With school construction costs ever-increasing, it is imperative that we make revisions to a law passed in the early 1990s that has gone beyond the Legislature's original intent. Primarily established as a system where an owner's representative, to be employed and overseen by a school's building committee on behalf of the local school board and handled by the Bureau of General Services, was permitted and paid for, the owner's representative position is now administered by the Department of Education. Established qualifications have diminished the role to include only architects and engineers, leaving less than a handful to supervise all projects across the State. Experienced applicants, such as individuals with construction proficiency, are eliminated at the initial request for proposal phase.

Objective individuals who can understand acceptable and sensible construction details, procedures, cost savings, and oversight on behalf of the local building committee are needed. They will, in turn, report to the school's building committee, school board, and municipality, not the Department of Education, which only hires architects and engineers to oversee themselves.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns at the upcoming meeting when appeals are to be considered. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 745-7748.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Campbell  
State Representative

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2743

WASTE FACILITIES

INCINERATORS

Sponsor: Representative Campbell of Orrington

An Act To Amend the Solid Waste Management Laws Relating to Waste-to-energy Facilities

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	No
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This bill would amend the solid waste management laws relating to waste-to-energy facilities.

---



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002  
(207) 287-1440  
TTY: (207) 287-4469

**Rep. Richard H. Campbell**  
321 River Road  
Orrington, ME 04474  
(207) 745-7748  
[dickcampbellllc@gmail.com](mailto:dickcampbellllc@gmail.com)

October 30, 2019

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

**RE: L.R. 2743, "An Act To Amend the Solid Waste Management Laws Relating to Waste-to-energy Facilities"**

Dear President Jackson:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2743 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

With landfills being the worst form of solid waste management and the complexity of recycling due to China refusing our contaminated waste, we must create a sustainable plan to deal with this escalating dilemma. The Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) Committee has tried to enlist stakeholders in the past to redefine our solutions, but the challenge remains. Sweden and other countries are seen as leaders we can look to in an effort to bring promise.

Some of the ENR Committee's actions and present Department of Environmental Protection procedures have created issues that need to be changed and better sustainable solutions employed to create a sensible future for Maine's solid waste. L.R. 2743 will allow the ENR Committee the opportunity to make necessary adjustments.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns at the upcoming meeting when appeals are to be considered. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 745-7748.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dick", written over a faint circular stamp.

Richard H. Campbell  
State Representative

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2744

WASTES

OMNIBUS

Sponsor: Representative Campbell of Orrington

An Act To Create a Sustainable Solution to the Handling, Management and Disposal of Solid Waste in the State

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	No
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

---

Comment

This bill would enact measures designed to create a sustainable solution to the handling, management and disposal of solid waste in the State.

---



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1440

TTY: (207) 287-4469

**Rep. Richard H. Campbell**

321 River Road

Orrington, ME 04474

(207) 745-7748

[dickcampbelllllc@gmail.com](mailto:dickcampbelllllc@gmail.com)

October 30, 2019

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

**RE: L.R. 2744, "An Act To Create a Sustainable Solution to the Handling, Management, and Disposal of Solid Waste in the State"**

Dear President Jackson:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2744 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

With landfills being the worst form of solid waste management and the complexity of recycling due to China refusing our contaminated waste, we must create a sustainable plan to deal with this escalating dilemma. The Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) Committee has tried to enlist stakeholders in the past to redefine our solutions, but the challenge remains. Sweden and other countries are seen as leaders we can look to in an effort to bring promise.

Some of the ENR Committee's actions and present Department of Environmental Protection procedures have created issues that need to be changed and better sustainable solutions employed to create a sensible future for Maine's solid waste. L.R. 2744 will allow the ENR Committee the opportunity to make necessary adjustments.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns at the upcoming meeting when appeals are to be considered. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 745-7748.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dick".

Richard H. Campbell  
State Representative

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

JUDICIARY

LR 2632

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

PROVISIONS REVISED

Sponsor: Representative Cardone of Bangor

An Act To Implement Recent Changes to the Laws Regarding Unclaimed Property in Lawyer's Trust Accounts

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	Yes	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This bill would amend the new unclaimed property laws to include the changes made in Public Law 2019, chapter 496.

---



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1400

TTY: MAINE RELAY 711

## Barbara A. Cardone

39 Harthorn Avenue  
Bangor, ME 04401

Residence: (207) 942-5809

Business: (207) 942-4644

Fax: (207) 942-3699

Cell Phone: (207) 356-7981

Barbara.Cardone@legislature.maine.gov

October 30, 2019

Senate President Jackson, Chair  
Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson:

**I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of LR 2632, An Act To Implement Recent Changes to the Laws Regarding Unclaimed Property in Lawyer's Trust Account.**

Last session, the Legislature enacted LD 1483, which amended the Unclaimed Property Act to clarify the procedure for disposing of funds presumed abandoned in a lawyer's trust account. This statute took effect on September 19, 2019.

Also last session, the Legislature passed a new version of the Unclaimed Property Act, which took effect on October 1, 2019. Because the new version of the Unclaimed Property Act did not include the language of LD 1483, that new law was abrogated as of October 1, 2019.

LR 2632 seeks to put back into the Unclaimed Property Act the language that was approved and passed by the Legislature last session. It will not be a time-consuming bill at the committee or floor level. It will also have a minimal, if any, fiscal note.

Please reconsider your earlier action and allow this language fix to move through the legislative process this session.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this important measure and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara Cardone

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS

LR 2951

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

Sponsor: Senator Chipman of Cumberland

An Act To Create Incentives for Employers To Allow Employees to Work Remotely in Rural Maine

Gideon	No	Jackson	Yes
Moonen	Yes	Libby	Yes
Fecteau	Yes	Vitelli	Yes
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This bill would create incentives for employers to allow employees to work remotely in rural parts of the State.

---

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2792 Representative Roberts, T

*129th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 27*

*Senator Benjamin M. Chipman*  
*3 State House Station*  
*Augusta, ME 04333-0003*  
*Office (207)287-1515*  
*Cell (207)318-4961*  
*Ben.Chipman@legislature.maine.gov*

10/30/19  
Senate President Troy Jackson  
Chair, Legislative Council  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson,

Thank you for your consideration of LR 2951, "An Act to Create Incentives for Employers to Allow Employees to Work Remotely in Rural Maine." I urge you to please vote "yes" on appeal and to allow this measure to be considered by the Legislature.

Of the biggest issues we face today in Maine, the migration of people out of the state's rural areas is at the top. There are many ideas on how to tackle this problem, but we should also look to utilize modern technology for more innovative ideas.

Working remotely is a great option for many, and it has the possibility to benefit our state as well. While many people are afforded the opportunity to live in Maine while working for companies based in other states, we can encourage something similar for those that are already living here. As Mainers in rural communities struggle to find work near home and feel pressured to leave for cities like Lewiston, Bangor or Portland, working remotely can offer an opportunity for them to continue living in their homes, while also taking advantage of job opportunities that are not close to where they live. Making sure people have an opportunity to stay in communities they love, near their families and friends, is vital if we want to help our rural communities flourish once again. We should be helping to encourage businesses provide these opportunities.

This bill would be create a tax credit for businesses that create positions in which their employees can work remotely. The credit would be directly tied to the jobs, and if the remote positions were eliminated the company would no longer be eligible for the credit. I strongly believe that this will help people who feel pressured to move to Maine's cities for work but may not want to.

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this bill and the issues raised surrounding this legislation. I welcome any questions you have.

Best,



Senator Ben Chipman

*Fax: (207) 287-1585 \* TTY (207) 287-1583 \* Message Service 1-800-423-6900 \* Website: legislature.maine.gov/senate*

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

TRANSPORTATION

LR 2944

MOTOR VEHICLES

NUMBER PLATES

Sponsor: Senator Claxton of Androscoggin

An Act To Minimize Potentially Objectionable License Plates

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

---

Comment

This bill would adopt changes similar to those in other states to minimize potentially objectionable license plates.

---

Closely Related Legislator Req:    LR 2695    Senator Guerin, S

*129th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 20*

*Senator Ned Claxton*  
*3 State House Station*  
*Augusta, ME 04333-0003*  
*(207)287-1515*

10/30/19  
Senate President Troy Jackson  
Chair, Legislative Council  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson,

Thank you for your consideration of LR 2944, "An Act to Minimize Potentially Objectionable License Plates." I urge you to vote "yes" to allow this measure to be considered by the Legislature on appeal.

Recently, there has been a public conversation in Maine sparked by some license plates that feature explicit language. I do not believe anybody, especially children, should have to be exposed to vulgar words and other inappropriate phrases on vehicle license plates. Currently, other states regulate what can and cannot be said on license plates, and we should do the same in Maine.

Other states have more restrictive language than Maine does and the laws have survived court challenges. Georgia, Kansas, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Vermont all give their registrars or departments the right to invalidate vulgar or objectionable license plates.

After speaking with Sen. Stacey Guerin, we are committed to a bipartisan effort to form a common sense law surrounding explicit language on license plates. There is no reason people driving their car should be forced to read curse words and the like. This would be a step toward bringing decency back to our streets. This is a common sense change.

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration on this legislation. I welcome any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

*Ned Claxton*  
Senator Ned Claxton

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2945

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

COMMUNITY-BASED

Sponsor: Senator Claxton of Androscoggin

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Convene a Study Group To Review the Potential Contribution of Community-based Health Workers and Consider Issues Relating to Credentialing and Compensation

Gideon	No	Jackson	Yes
Moonen	No	Libby	Yes
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a study group to review the potential contribution of community-based health workers and consider issues relating to credentialing and compensation.

---

*129th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 20*

*Senator Ned Claxton*  
*3 State House Station*  
*Augusta, ME 04333-0003*  
*(207)287-1515*

10/30/19  
Senate President Troy Jackson  
Chair, Legislative Council  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson,

Thank you for your consideration of LR 2945, "Resolve, Directing the Dept. of Health and Human Services to Convene a Study Group to Review the Potential Contribution of Community-based Health Workers and Consider Issues Relating to Credentialing and Compensation." I urge you to vote "yes" to allow this measure to be considered by the Legislature on appeal.

This resolve is part of the effort to assure better outcomes for patients in Maine. There is good evidence that community-based health workers are a valuable resource to patients receiving high-risk or expensive care. They can save money for the system by promoting adherence to treatment plans and getting patients to the necessary follow-up care.

A group of stakeholders has begun some work on this and we would like to ensure that their efforts are coordinated with other efforts in DHHS now. Director Probert at MaineCare is involved in an effort to appropriately classify different guidance providers or navigators. They are also considering a future pathway to compensation.

After speaking with some of the stakeholders, I see this as an opportunity to expand the discussion in a way that could help our health system avoid future costs from incomplete care and assure better outcomes of care for Mainers.

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration on this legislation. I welcome any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

*Ned Claxton*

Senator Ned Claxton

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2642

ELECTIONS

CITIZEN INITIATIVES

Sponsor: Representative Corey of Windham

An Act To Exempt Citizen Initiatives and People's Vetoes from Presidential Primary Elections

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would exempt citizen initiatives and people's vetoes from being held during a presidential primary election.



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**2 STATE HOUSE STATION**  
**AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0002**  
**(207) 287-1440**  
**TTY: (207) 287-4469**

**Patrick W. Corey**

353 River Road  
Windham, ME 04062  
Telephone: (207) 892-6164  
Cell Phone: (207) 749-1336  
Patrick.Corey@legislature.maine.gov

October 30, 2019

Appeal for LR 2642 "An Act To Exempt Citizen Initiatives and Peoples Veto's from Presidential Primary Elections".

President Jackson,

I am requesting an appeal for LR 2642 to have a chance for a public hearing with the Legislative Council. Direct democracy should not be jeopardized every four years due to a potentially lopsided electorate turning out to vote during a presidential primary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Corey". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "P" and "C".

Representative Patrick Corey

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

LR 2876

STATE FINANCES

BONDED DEBT

Sponsor: Representative Corey of Windham

An Act To Authorize Increased Borrowing by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority To Support the Completion of the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	No
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This bill would increase by \$50,000,000 the ceiling on outstanding securities for correctional facilities issued by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority and require the securities to be used to complete the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham.

---



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION

AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0002

(207) 287-1440

TTY: (207) 287-4469

### Patrick W. Corey

353 River Road

Windham, ME 04062

Telephone: (207) 892-6164

Cell Phone: (207) 749-1336

Patrick.Corey@legislature.maine.gov

October 30, 2019

Appeal for LR 2876 "An Act to Authorize Increase Borrowing by The Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to Support the Completion of the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham".

President Jackson,

I am requesting an appeal for LR 2876 to have a chance for a public hearing with the Legislative Council. Due to unforeseen reasons construction costs have been increased due to the current economy. Amounts that we had bonded have not kept up with these increases. This is an emergency because there are plans in place, contractors on site...we cannot risk them leaving, and contracts with the architects that may expire with work to be done. In the long run this will add to the costs of construction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Patrick Corey'.

Representative Patrick Corey

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2727

MEDICAID

REIMBURSEMENT

Sponsor: Representative Craven of Lewiston

An Act To Advance Palliative Care Utilization in the State

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	Yes
Fecteau	Yes	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

Comment

This bill would require the adoption of rules that define, standardize and support palliative care delivery, the implementation of reimbursement policies and quality measures within Medicaid to promote high-value care, the incorporation of palliative care into public health and public education strategies and the convening of stakeholders to inform policy and programmatic changes.



**Margaret Craven**

41 Russell Street  
Lewiston, ME 04240  
(207) 783-1897

[Margaret.Craven@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Margaret.Craven@legislature.maine.gov)

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002  
(207) 287-1400  
TTY: (207) 287-4469

October 30, 2019

Senate President Jackson, Chair  
Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR 2727, An Act To Advance Palliative Care Utilization in the State.**

This bill would reimburse for a palliative care benefit. At the moment, the only way to have palliative care services is if you have a terminal diagnosis.

With the advent of reduced opioid prescribing, there are people with chronic pain that are left hopeless and at high risk of suicided or addiction. Our understanding is that it is much better to have a supervised plan to avoid such situations.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this important measure and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

*Margaret Craven*

Margaret Craven  
State Representative

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2610

MARIJUANA

COMMERCIAL

Sponsor: Senator Cyrway of Kennebec

An Act To Require Warning Labels Regarding the Danger of Psychosis from the Consumption of Marijuana Products

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

---

Comment

This bill would require all medical and adult use marijuana products to have a label warning of the possibility of psychosis from use of the product.

---

129th Legislature  
*Senate of  
Maine*  
Senate District 16

Senator Scott W. Cyrway  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0003  
(207) 287-1505  
Scott.Cyrway@legislature.maine.gov

Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee  
Ranking Member

Dear President Jackson,

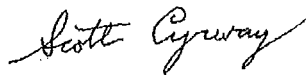
I would like to appeal your decision to not let LR 2610, "An act to Require Warning Labels Regarding the Danger of Psychosis from the Consumption of Marijuana Products" move forward. This legislation is indeed an emergency because people should be made aware of the dangers to their mental health before purchasing and consuming marijuana products, especially those with higher THC. These concerns should be even more prevalent with the recent sickness and deaths associated with vaping higher THC products.

In Canada, they have warning labels on their marijuana products on any product containing THC above 10 micrograms per gram, and the product is required to feature a red icon, along with a message highlighted in yellow, carrying a health-related warning. The message associated with higher THC reads, "*WARNING: Regular use of cannabis can increase the risk of psychosis and schizophrenia. Higher THC content can increase the risk of psychosis and schizophrenia.*"

I strongly encourage the Legislature to study this issue, and improve Maine's warning labels, modeling Canada's system. Canada has a wide variety of different warnings that apply to products containing marijuana in an effort to educate consumers and warn them about serious side effects from misusing or overusing products.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,



Scott Cyrway  
State Senator



**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

TAXATION

LR 2867

REVENUE SERVICES BUREAU

PROCEDURES

Sponsor: Senator Deschambault of York

An Act To Promote Economic Development by Increasing Incentives for the Film Industry

Gideon	No	Jackson	Yes
Moonen	No	Libby	Yes
Fecteau	Yes	Vitelli	Yes
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

Comment

This bill would promote economic development by increasing tax incentives for the film industry.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2917 Representative Grignon, C

**129th Legislature**  
**Senate of**  
**Maine**  
**Senate District 32**

*Senator Susan Deschambault*  
*3 State House Station*  
*Augusta, ME 04333-0003*  
*(207) 287-1515*

October 30, 2019

Senate President Troy Jackson  
Chair, Legislative Council  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senate President Jackson,

I am appealing the Legislative Council's decision to deny **LR 2867, "An Act To Promote Economic Development by Increasing Incentives for the Film Industry."** This is a bill that I submitted last session, but ultimately decided to withdraw it. I am bringing it back this session, because I am committed to developing creative ways to tackle our labor shortage, develop career opportunities for the next generation and boost Maine's economy overall.

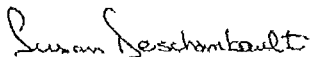
My goal for this bill is not to find ourselves subsidizing a famous movie actor's income. My goal is to invest in Maine and Maine workers and bring pride to our state. TV shows and movies based in Maine film out of state. Maine-based film crews have to travel elsewhere for work. We are missing out an opportunity if we do not invest in our film industry.

Many iterations of this bill have been proposed in the past, but there has not been significant updates to Maine's policy towards the film industry in years. If we do not update this law, we have the chance to lose out on boosts to our economic development. I have met with stakeholders in the film industry in Maine, and they are eager to build on and improve upon the currently incredibly small film industry we have.

This bill attracts more people to Maine and invests in careers for our young people. We need this bill to update old laws and take a more modern approach in the film industry, by investing in careers for our young people, attracting more people to Maine and help Maine's economy.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Susan Deschambault  
Senate District 32

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2805

VETERANS  
SERVICES

Sponsor: Representative DeVeau of Carlbou

An Act To Provide Additional Supplemental Funding to the Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Coordination Program

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

---

Comment

This bill would provide additional supplemental funding of approximately \$600,000 to the veterans' homelessness prevention coordination program.

---



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION

AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0002

(207) 287-1440

TTY: (207) 287-4469

**John DeVeau**

P.O. Box 431

Caribou, ME 04736

Home: (207) 999-6281

[John.DeVeau@legislative.maine.gov](mailto:John.DeVeau@legislative.maine.gov)

October 30, 2019

Appeal for LR 2805 "An Act To Provide Additional Supplemental Funding To The Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Coordination Program".

President Jackson,

I am requesting an appeal for LR 2805 to have a chance for a public hearing with the Legislative Council. Our state appropriated funds that have not yet been dispersed, and it is very apparent that funding will not nearly be enough to keep up with the current demand. The facilities we current have in place are stretched thin and need all the help they can get.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DeVeau".

Representative  
John DeVeau

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

LR 2806

PRODUCTS

HEMP

Sponsor: Representative DeVeau of Caribou

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Hemp To Specifically Authorize the Interstate and International Sale and Transfer of Hemp

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

---

Comment

This bill would amend the laws governing hemp to specifically authorize the interstate and international sale and transfer of hemp.

---



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION

AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0002

(207) 287-1440

TTY: (207) 287-4469

**John DeVeau**

P.O. Box 431

Caribou, ME 04736

Home: (207) 999-6281

John.DeVeau@legislative.maine.gov

October 30, 2019

Appeal for LR 2806 "An Act To Amend The Laws Governing Hemp To Specifically Authorize The Interstate and International Sale and Transfer Of Hemp".

President Jackson,

I am requesting an appeal for LR 2806 to have a chance for a public hearing with the Legislative Council. The State of Maine would only benefit from allowing hemp to be cultivated, processed, sold and shipped internationally. Maine is in need of new industry endeavors and hemp is a great choice.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DeVeau'.

Representative  
John DeVeau

# 129th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

---

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2607

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

SYSTEM

Sponsor: Representative Dillingham of Oxford

Resolve, To Establish the Working Group To Review Emergency Medical Services in the State

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	No
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

---

Comment

This resolve would establish the Working Group To Review Emergency Medical Services in the State to perform a comprehensive review of the State's emergency medical services system.

---



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

KATHLEEN R.J. DILLINGHAM  
HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER

Office: (207) 287-1440  
Fax: (207) 287-1449  
Email: Kathleen.Dillingham@legislature.maine.gov

October 30, 2019

President Troy Jackson  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson,

I write this letter as my notice to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of the following bill proposals for the Second Regular Session of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature:

LR: 2607 An Act To Update Worker Protections for Public Safety Employees

LR: 2668 An Act To Create the Broadband Work Plan

In regard to LR: 2607, I believe that this bill should be deemed an urgent matter as there is currently a study already being done in regard to this matter. This bill seeks to Corrections Officers and Public Safety Dispatchers to this study as a more time effective and effiecent method of addressing this issue.

Furthermore, regarding LR: 2668, this bill seeks to create a work plan for broadband state-wide. In my opinion this is a timely issue to help our state become more competitive not only in the short term, but as a plan moving our state forward. With several plans being considered in the Second Legislative Session I believe it would be wise to ensure we have a work plan, similar to that of the MDOT road plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen R.J. Dillingham".

Kathleen R.J. Dillingham  
State Representative

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

LR 2668

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

BROADBAND SERVICES

Sponsor: Representative Dillingham of Oxford

An Act To Create the Broadband Work Plan

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would create a broadband work plan.

---

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1563 Senator Bellows, S



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

KATHLEEN R.J. DILLINGHAM  
HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER

Office: (207) 287-1440  
Fax: (207) 287-1449  
Email: Kathleen.Dillingham@legislature.maine.gov

October 30, 2019

President Troy Jackson  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson,

I write this letter as my notice to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of the following bill proposals for the Second Regular Session of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature:

LR: 2607      An Act To Update Worker Protections for Public Safety Employees

LR: 2668      An Act To Create the Broadband Work Plan

In regard to LR: 2607, I believe that this bill should be deemed an urgent matter as there is currently a study already being done in regard to this matter. This bill seeks to Corrections Officers and Public Safety Dispatchers to this study as a more time effective and effiecent method of addressing this issue.

Furthermore, regarding LR: 2668, this bill seeks to create a work plan for broadband state-wide. In my opinion this is a timely issue to help our state become more competitive not only in the short term, but as a plan moving our state forward. With several plans being considered in the Second Legislative Session I believe it would be wise to ensure we have a work plan, similar to that of the MDOT road plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathleen R.J. Dillingham'.

Kathleen R.J. Dillingham  
State Representative

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2887

CRIMES

ENDANGERING

Sponsor: Representative Doudera of Camden

An Act To Amend the Statute Regarding Endangering the Welfare of a Child To Include Allowing Children Access to Loaded Firearms without Permission

Gideon	Yes	Jackson	No
Moonen	Yes	Libby	No
Fecteau	Yes	Vitelli	Yes
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This bill would keep Maine children safer by expanding the statute concerning endangering the welfare of a child to cover a person's allowing a child access to a loaded firearm without permission.

---



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1400

TTY: (207) 287-4469

**Victoria Doudera**

18 Trim Street

Camden, ME 04843

(207) 542-1990

[Victoria.Doudera@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Victoria.Doudera@legislature.maine.gov)

October 30, 2019

President Troy Jackson  
Legislative Council  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson,

It is my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of my bill request, LR: 2887, An Act To Amend the Statute Regarding Endangering the Welfare of a Child To Include Allowing Children Access to Loaded Firearms without Permission.

This bill is an important clarification of current law. It is not a new law, nor an expansion of current law, and it will not result in additional costs to the state. It simply adds a conduct to those already enumerated in current law, further clarifying what constitutes child endangerment.

This clarification is vital to ensure that there is proper notice to Maine people, so that the law can be enforced appropriately by law enforcement and the judiciary. It is necessary because LD 44, which passed last session and created a new Class C crime for reckless violation of duty of care or protection resulting in serious bodily injury or death of a child, was not funded and has been carried over on the AFA table. Due to the seriousness of the issue, and because LD 44 did not become law, there is still an existing and urgent need to provide the clarity which could prevent the death or maiming of Maine children and the ripple effects of these tragedies for Maine families and communities.

There are many examples of specific cases where the publication of this law as a deterrent could have helped prevent a terrible accident, or saved a child's life, such as last year's Oakland tragedy in which an 8-year-old boy perished after finding a loaded shotgun.

I look forward to addressing the Council to discuss the emergency nature of this proposal.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victoria W. Doudera".

Rep. Victoria Doudera

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2711

GAMBLING

GAMES OF CHANCE

Sponsor: Senator Farrin of Somerset

An Act Regarding Games of Chance at Fairs Conducted by Groups Affiliated with Fraternal Organizations

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	Yes
Stewart	No	Timberlake	Yes

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

---

Comment

This bill would allow organizations and groups such as the American Legion Riders, which unlike the American Legion do not hold an actual license, to conduct games of chance at fairs without having to own the equipment for those games and without having to be members of the fair.

---

*129th Legislature  
Senate of  
Maine  
Senate District 3*

*Senator Brad Farrin  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0003  
(207) 287-1505  
Brad.Farrin@legislature.maine.gov*

Dear President Troy Jackson,

I would like to appeal your decision to not let LR 2711, "An Act Regarding Games of Chance at Fairs Conducted by Groups Affiliated with Fraternal Organizations" move forward. This legislation is an emergency because it restores and maintains the American Legion Riders' largest fundraising event, and will prevent other fraternal groups like the American Legion Riders from having the same issue.

This bill would allow organizations and groups such as the American Legion Riders, who do not hold a gambling license, like the American Legion, to conduct games of chance at fairs without having to own the equipment for those games and without having to be a member of the fair.

For many years the Riders had been conducting Beano while using the local Lions Club's equipment. However, this year they were told by the Gambling Control Unit that they could not do that. Additionally, they were told that the Legion, which the Riders fall under, would need to get a special license to allow the Riders to conduct the gaming, in turn forcing the Legion to give up their yearly license. This legislation would permit the Riders to continue to operate as they have been for years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Bradlee Farrin  
State Senator

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2731

PRISONERS

TRANSITIONING

Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland

An Act To Improve Prisoner Transport Safety by Specifically Authorizing Transport of Prisoners by Transport Officers

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This bill would amend the laws governing the transporting of prisoners to specifically authorize transport of prisoners by transport officers.

---



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1400

TTY: (207) 287-4469

**Richard R. Farnsworth**

55 Old Mast Road

Portland, ME 04102

Residence: (207) 874-6399

Cell Phone: (207) 233-3814

Richard.Farnsworth@legislature.maine.gov

To: Troy D. Jackson: President of the Senate

Subject: Justification for L.R. 2731: "An Act To Improve Prisoner Transport Safety by Specifically Authorizing Transport of Prisoners by Transport Officers".

I would like to thank you and the other members of the Legislative Council for this opportunity to present the need for this legislation.

As with so many parts of our public service organizations, the positions that are created have evolved over time in order to meet increasing demands. This legislation is being presented as a result of this process being incomplete as it pertains to the position entitled "Transport Officer" in the county correctional system.

While the history of how we got to where we are today could cover several pages, the crux of the matter is that staff who are carrying out their duties are in the position of dealing with some very dangerous and potentially violent individuals. Because of the important functions performed by Sheriff's department across the state, the responsibility for transporting these individuals between court appearance and other needs, places these Transport Officers at significant risk if they are to successfully complete their job assignments.

In the case of the Transport Officer position, there is a significant gap that has been identified in the evolution of the position. That gap is the fact that there has been no legislation to define the authority of the position. This gap places any Transport Officer at risk of liability should there be a need to use force in the management of their duties. This legislation merely aligns the authority of the Transport Officer with that of a Deputy thus defining the authority they have in carrying out their job functions. It also places the officer's liability at the same level as that of the deputy.

This is an urgent issue since the Sheriff's departments are currently operating with increased liability due to the existence of the legislative gap.

*Rep. Dick Farnsworth*

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2842

TEACHERS

CERTIFICATION

Sponsor: Representative Fecteau of Augusta

An Act To Modify Teacher Certification Expiration Dates for Teachers Who Use Medical Leave or Family Medical Leave

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would allow a teacher with a professional, provisional or conditional certification who uses medical or family medical leave within the teacher's final year of certification to have the certification expiration date extended by the exact number of days the teacher was on leave. A request for extension would be sent to the Department of Education by the school administrative unit. A request would be automatically approved if the department receives sufficient proof documenting the medical leave or family medical leave used by the teacher.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002  
(207) 287-1440

**Justin Fecteau**

7 Davis Street  
Augusta, ME 04330  
Cell Phone: (207) 248-7183  
Justin.Fecteau@legislature.maine.gov

October 30, 2019

President Troy Jackson  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson,

This letter serves as notice to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of the following bill proposal for the Second Regular Session of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature:

**LR: 2842      An Act To Modify Teacher Certification Expiration Dates for Teachers Who Use Medical Leave or Family Medical Leave**

Currently, teachers who use medical leave to take care of a newborn and/or a sick child, or are fighting through/recovering from a severe illness risk losing their active teaching certifications.

A teacher colleague of mine with 30 years of teaching was in serious jeopardy of losing her active teaching certification because she became ill with leukemia. She has since recovered, but she lost out on critical time to produce enough training and credits to justify a new certification. When she returned to the classroom, a multiple months long battle to ensure she could keep her active teaching certification ensued.

This bill would ensure that a teacher's worth and ability to work uninterrupted by certification issues is not defined by serious illness or their choice to have children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Fecteau'.

Rep. Justin Fecteau  
Serving District 86 - West and North Augusta

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2843

TEACHERS

CERTIFICATION

Sponsor: Representative Fecteau of Augusta

An Act To Establish a Lifetime Substitute Teacher Certification for Successful and Established Maine Teachers

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would allow any teacher who taught in the State under a professional certification for at least 10 school years to be granted a lifetime certification to substitute teach, so long as the teacher's certification was never revoked or suspended, the teacher can successfully pass regular criminal history checks and the teacher is up to date with current special education course requirements for general teacher certification.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002  
(207) 287-1440

**Justin Fecteau**

7 Davis Street  
Augusta, ME 04330  
Cell Phone: (207) 248-7183  
Justin.Fecteau@legislature.maine.gov

October 30, 2019

President Troy Jackson  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson,

This letter serves as notice to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of the following bill proposal for the Second Regular Session of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature:

**LR: 2843      An Act To Establish a Lifetime Substitute Teacher Certification for  
Successful and Established Maine Teachers**

Throughout our state, we are experiencing a critical substitute teacher shortage. Even a small school district will experience dozens of requests for substitute teachers each week. While many are for a day or two, some requests are long term. Long term substitute teachers are also needed for medical leaves or when a school district cannot find a permanent replacement. There are currently hundreds of educator openings in Maine.

A simple illness at a medium-sized school like Maranacook Community High School in Readfield can cause more than a dozen teachers to be absent in a single day. This creates unmanageable chaos.

This bill will ensure we keep our successful Maine teachers in the classroom. We want our children to learn and be productive, even when their permanent teacher is out for the day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Fecteau", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rep. Justin Fecteau  
Serving District 86 - West and North Augusta

## 129th Legislature - Second Regular Session

### Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

---

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2857

TEACHERS

CERTIFICATION

Sponsor: Representative Fecteau of Augusta

An Act To Waive Certain Standardized Assessment Requirements for Teacher Certification for Individuals Who Successfully Complete Bachelor's Degree Programs, Teacher Preparation Programs or Teacher Probationary Mentoring Programs

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

---

Comment

This bill would waive certain standardized assessment requirements for teacher certification for individuals who successfully complete bachelor's degree programs, teacher preparation programs or teacher probationary mentoring programs.

---



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002  
(207) 287-1440

**Justin Fecteau**

7 Davis Street  
Augusta, ME 04330  
Cell Phone: (207) 248-7183  
Justin.Fecteau@legislature.maine.gov

October 30, 2019

President Troy Jackson  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson,

This letter serves as notice to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of the following bill proposal for the Second Regular Session of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature:

**LR: 2857      An Act To Waive Certain Standardized Assessment Requirements for Teacher Certification for Individuals Who Successfully Complete Bachelor's Degree Programs, Teacher Preparation Programs or Teacher Probationary Mentoring Programs**

Maine is experiencing a teacher shortage and our entire country is experiencing critical shortages in some subject areas. Maine taxpayers spend hundreds of millions of dollars every biennial budget to keep our teacher education, preparation, and mentoring programs healthy and fully-funded.

Standardized testing requirements for successful teachers and soon-to-be teachers are a tax on low-income-earning individuals and an egregious check on the quality of our higher education programs. These tests are not calibrated by Maine educational outcomes and they create an unfair barrier to young students, new teachers, and those that might want to become teachers.

This bill will remove barriers that impact teacher recruitment, without impacting the high quality our educators provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Fecteau", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rep. Justin Fecteau  
Serving District 86 - West and North Augusta

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2702

INSURANCE PRACTICES

INSURANCE PRODUCERS

Sponsor: Senator Foley of York

An Act To Increase the Automatic Draft Authority for Licensed Insurance Producers

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

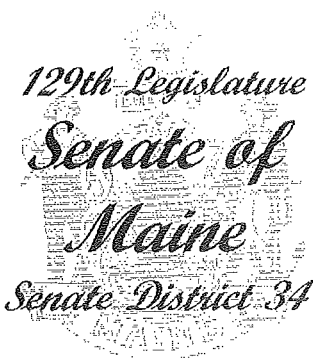
	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

---

Comment

This bill would increase the current automatic draft authority of licensed insurance producers from \$5,000 to \$10,000, with a provision to temporarily raise it to \$20,000 for a severe weather event.

---



Senator Robert Foley  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0003  
(207) 287-1505  
Robert.Foley@legislature.maine.gov

Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee

October 29, 2019

The Honorable Troy Jackson, Chair  
Legislative Council  
Maine State Legislature  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Dear President Jackson:

I wish to appeal the recent decision by the Legislative Council regarding LR 2702, "*An Act To Increase the Automatic Draft Authority for Licensed Insurance Producers.*"

Currently insurance companies can only extend draft paying authority for claims to its agents and producers up to a limit of \$5,000, a practice that has been in place for over 20 years. In today's world \$5,000 does not go far when you have lost everything. My proposal would increase that amount to \$10,000; and in the case of a declared catastrophe, like the ice storm several years ago, the companies can increase that to \$20,000, temporarily.

Imagine it you suffered from a severe fire loss to your home or business and the first person you see has the ability to hand you a check to start the recovery process. Whether it is to establish a new place to live, purchase new clothing for your family or re-establish your business in a new location, receiving that financial help immediately eases the pain of the loss.

Why is this request an emergency? Most of our severe losses in Maine occur between December and April – fire losses from wood stoves, wind storm losses like we recently experienced, coastal storms, building collapses from the weight of ice and snow and the list goes on.

Since it is unlikely this proposal will receive any objectionable testimony as the insurance carriers want this increased authority and the Insurance Bureau has no opposition, we could have these modifications in place soon after we convene in January.

My request is about providing Maine people and businesses with the needed financial resources to rebuild their lives. I believe Mainers deserve that. I hope you do, too, and will reconsider your decision so we can do exactly that.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Foley  
State Senator

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2939

INSURANCE

PROPERTY

Sponsor: Representative Foley of Biddeford

An Act To Create the Limited Lines Self-Storage Insurance Act

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	Yes	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This bill would establish a limited lines producer license for the sale of self-storage insurance.

---



**Victoria Foley**  
168 Hill Street  
Biddeford, ME 04005  
Phone: (207) 409-5115  
[Victoria.Foley@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Victoria.Foley@legislature.maine.gov)

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002  
(207) 287-1400  
TTY: (207) 287-4469

October 24, 2019

The Honorable Troy Jackson  
President, Maine Senate & Chair, Legislative Council  
c/o Office of the Maine Revisor of Statutes  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson,

I hereby respectfully appeal the Council's initial rejection of this **LR 2939, An Act To Create the Limited Lines Self-Storage Act**. I believe that LR 2939 will address a serious gap in insurance coverage for thousands of Maine residents needing to access self-storage rental units. Because the bill is modeled after current Maine law, I believe my committee will be able to implement this consumer protection quickly and efficiently.

Approximately 50% of storage tenants are in transition – moving in connection with military service, college graduation or study abroad, extended work assignment out of state, or unable to find housing and storing their belongings while staying with relatives or friends - and do not have an insurance policy covering their stored property. As the cost of housing climbs, it is likely this gap in coverage will affect more Mainers. I was once in that position myself.

Because this gap in coverage currently exists for many Mainers, I respectfully request your approval of this LR. I appreciate and thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victoria Foley".

Victoria Foley  
Representative, District 12

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2720

INSURANCE

MOTOR VEHICLES

Sponsor: Representative Foster of Dexter

An Act To Allow a Qualifying Religious or Other Entity To Self-Insure for Automobile Insurance

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

---

Comment

This bill would allow a qualifying religious or other entity to self-insure for automobile insurance with proper proof of financial responsibility for a minimum and maximum number of automobiles. A minimum amount of \$175,000 must be deposited and approved by the Treasurer of State.

---



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002  
(207) 287-1440  
TTY: (207) 287-4469

**Steven D. Foster**

56 Silvers Mills Rd.  
Dexter, ME 04930  
Residence: (207) 924-7523  
Steven.Foster@legislature.maine.gov

Oct. 29, 2019

Hon. Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate

Mr. President,

Please accept this appeal of the recent Legislative Concil decision to reject my proposed bill, LR: 2720 An Act To Allow a Qualifying Religious or Other Entity To Self-insure for Automobile Insurance and allow me the opportunity to address its merits before the council.

Members of a local Mennonite church came to me last winter looking for relief from the requirement to purchase auto insurance by becoming self-insured. Under current statute, it appears members of the group could self-insure, but they would need to provide proof of financial responsibility of \$175,000 for each vehicle. The bill I entered would allow the group to self-insure multiple vehicles for this amount, which is similar to statute found in several other states. States with specific statute allowing the Mennonites to meet auto insurance financial responsibility requirements while avoiding contracting with an insurance company include: Georgia, Illinois, North Carolina, Kentucky, Maryland, Wyoming, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Ohio.

The number of Mennonites in Maine is low compared to other regions of the country. The members in the local church currently own about 12 vehicles. There is another church in Brownfield with members owning up to 50 vehicles. I'm not aware of others, but know the number relocating to Maine continues to grow. The Mennonites believe they are required to provide for their own, including payment of any auto accident related expenses. They attempt to stay from "under the yoke" of the government or insurance companies. For example, the federal government exempts them from participating in the Social Security or Medicare programs. Some of the states mentioned include that in statute as a requirement to allow them to self-insure. This bill may also help other not for profit groups as well.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steven Foster  
State Representative

District 104 Charleston, Dexter, Exeter, Garland, Stetson

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2690

INSURANCE

HEALTH

Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

An Act Regarding Prior Medical Authorizations for Certain Medical Procedure

Gideon	No	Jackson	Yes
Moonen	No	Libby	Yes
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	Yes
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This bill would establish certain criteria and conditions that, if met, would eliminate the need for prior authorization for health insurance or prohibit an insurer from denying coverage for specified services.

---

*129th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 9*

*Senator Geoffrey M. Gratwick*  
*3 State House Station*  
*Augusta, ME 04333-0003*  
*(207) 287-1515*  
*Geoff.Gratwick@legislature.maine.gov*

October 30, 2019

Senate President Troy Jackson  
Chair, Legislative Council  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson:

In the medical world an emergency exists when a person is exposed to the risk of significant harm or death. An emergency requires prompt action, not a delay due to insurance company impediments.

In the 1960s, insurance companies began requiring doctors to obtain pre-approval or "prior authorization" for certain procedures and treatments. Initially this practice focused on containing costs and eliminating unnecessary treatments, but over the past 20 years it has increasingly delayed needed care. Insurers hold on to Mainer's money. It costs us time, money and our health. A recent survey by the American Medical Association found that 91% of doctors felt that these delays had a **"significant or somewhat negative impact"** on patient outcomes, and 1 in 4 doctors surveyed reported that these delays had led to **serious adverse events**.

This past session, the legislature passed LD 249, "An Act to Ensure Protection of Patients in Medical Reviews by Health Insurance Carriers" and LD 705, "An Act Regarding the Process for Obtaining Prior Authorization for Health Insurance Purposes." The former required that prior authorizations be carried out by providers with relevant experience, while the latter requires a 48-72 hour response to requests for prior authorization, and restricted its use for Medication Assisted Treatment for opioid use disorder.

**LR 2690, "An Act Regarding Prior Medical Authorizations for Certain Medical Procedures"** finishes the job, by bringing Maine into compliance with the 2014 Consensus Statement of the American Hospital Association, America's Health Insurance Plans, American Medical Association, American Pharmacists Association, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and Medical Group Management Association.

By improving the prior authorization processes this emergency legislation will reduce the risk of **significant harm or death** caused by insurance company impediments.

Sincerely,



Sen. Geoff Gratwick

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

LABOR AND HOUSING

LR 2932

STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

RETURN TO SERVICE

Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

An Act To Allow Certain Law Enforcement Officers To Return to Participation in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

Comment

This bill would allow 7 members of the Bangor Police Department who are former participants in the Maine State Retirement System, now the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, to buy their way back into the retirement system.

*129th Legislature*  
***Senate of***  
***Maine***  
*Senate District 9*

*Senator Geoffrey M. Gratwick*  
*3 State House Station*  
*Augusta, ME 04333-0003*  
*(207) 287-1515*  
*Geoff.Gratwick@legislature.maine.gov*

October 30, 2019

Senate President Troy Jackson  
Chair, Legislative Council  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson:

Our law enforcement officers put it all on the line to keep our families and our communities safe. It is our duty in the Legislature to honor their service and sacrifice and make sure that they get a fair deal on their pensions.

Currently there are a number of law enforcement officers who opted out of the state retirement plan (MPERS) in the late 1980s for what were then good reasons. Retirement plans have changed over the years but, because of some bureaucratic barriers, **these officers now do not have the option of buying back** into MPERS.

**LR 2932, "An Act To Allow Certain Law Enforcement Officers To Return To Participation in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System"** would change this inequity by allowing officers who opted out of MPERS before 1989 to join back in - at no extra cost to the state or MPERS. It wouldn't give these officers any special treatment.

If we push this issue off another year, it will be another year where these officers aren't being treated appropriately. We need our law enforcement officers! Let's do right by them and take this issue up this year.

Sincerely,



Sen. Geoff Gratwick

# 129th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

LR 2767

ELECTRIC UTILITIES

TRANSMISSION LINES

Sponsor: Representative Grohoski of Ellsworth

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Requirements for the Construction of Transmission Lines by Incumbent Transmission and Distribution Utilities

Gideon	Yes	Jackson	Yes
Moonen	Yes	Libby	Yes
Fecteau	Yes	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

Comment

This bill would amend the laws governing approval of construction of transmission lines when the party seeking approval from the Public Utilities Commission is an Incumbent transmission and distribution utility and the proposed transmission line would not be built for reliability purposes and would not serve Maine retail customers. Under such circumstances, in addition to the existing requirements in law, applicants seeking commission approval would be required to demonstrate (1) that the applicant, upon request, provided equal access to information about the transmission line to any transmission developer seeking to compete with the applicant to construct that transmission line; and (2) that the proposed transmission line will not use ratepayer-funded assets. If ratepayer-funded assets will be used for the proposed transmission line, the applicant would be required to establish that such ratepayer-funded assets were made available on equal terms to any transmission developer seeking to compete with the applicant to construct that transmission line.



**Nicole Grohoski**  
151 Bangor Road  
Ellsworth, ME 04605  
Cell Phone: (207) 358-8333  
[Nicole.Grohoski@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Nicole.Grohoski@legislature.maine.gov)

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002  
(207) 287-1400  
TTY: (207) 287-4469

28 October 2019

To: President Jackson, Chair, Legislative Council  
Re: Appeal Notice, LR 2767, An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Requirements for the Construction of Transmission Lines by Incumbent Transmission and Distribution Utilities

Dear President Jackson,

Thank you for the opportunity to appeal the 5-5 decision of the Legislative Council on LR 2767, An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Requirements for the Construction of Transmission Lines by Incumbent Transmission and Distribution Utilities.

Due to the passage in 2019 of new Renewable Portfolio Standards (LD 1494) and solar and distribution general policies (LD 1711) in Maine and the increasing demand for renewables by other states within our New England grid, Mainers can expect to see more proposals for elective transmission lines within and through our state. These proposals may come as soon as 2020, when our Public Utilities Commission (PUC) finalizes rules for renewable procurements for LDs 1494 and 1711. We cannot wait until mid to late fall 2021 to improve our process for approving these lines and assuring that Maine ratepayers receive the benefits they deserve for the use of the infrastructure they have funded.

Many Mainers have made it clear that they were confused by and unhappy with the opaque process by which a limited group of people determined a benefits package for Maine in exchange for approval by the PUC of the New England Clean Energy Connect project (a.k.a, CMP Corridor). I believe we owe it to our constituents to provide them with an improved, standardized, and transparent process for the approval of future elective transmission projects. We also owe it to ourselves and our clean energy future to make sure that all project developers have access to the same information about the grid as our current transmission and distribution utilities do, so that they can compete fairly to bring clean energy solutions to Maine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole C. Grohoski".

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

LR 3083

PESTICIDES

PEST MANAGEMENT

Sponsor: Representative Grohoski of Ellsworth

An Act To Improve Agricultural Productivity through the Protection of Native Pollinator Species

Gideon	Yes	Jackson	No
Moonen	Yes	Libby	Yes
Fecteau	Yes	Vitelli	Yes
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This bill would prohibit the use by any person of any product containing the neonicotinoid insecticides dinotefuran, clothianidin, imidacloprid or thiamethoxam, regardless of application method, on pollinator-attractive plant species within the State.

---



**Nicole Grohoski**  
151 Bangor Road  
Ellsworth, ME 04605  
Cell Phone: (207) 358-8333  
[Nicole.Grohoski@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Nicole.Grohoski@legislature.maine.gov)

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002  
(207) 287-1400  
TTY: (207) 287-4469

28 October 2019

To: President Jackson, Chair, Legislative Council  
Re: Appeal Notice, LR 3083, An Act To Improve Agricultural Productivity through the Protection of Native Pollinator Species

Dear President Jackson,

Thank you for the opportunity to appeal the 5-5 decision of the Legislative Council on LR 3083, An Act To Improve Agricultural Productivity through the Protection of Native Pollinator Species.

There is a growing body of scientific research indicating that certain neonicotinoid pesticides (neonics) are particularly harmful for our native pollinator species (namely, bees and butterflies) because of their toxicity and persistency in the environment. As importantly, Maine farmers, gardeners, and entomologists are noting a decline in the insects that do the important work of pollination. This has a negative effect on many farmers' bottom lines, since they now need to hire hives of bumblebees to visit their farms and pollinate their plants.

The longer we wait to remove the most toxic of these pesticides from homeowner and landscaper use, the more devastating the damage will be. This bill would not ban all neonics and all of their uses, since there are worse chemicals available to replace them and it is not helpful to interfere with our agricultural producers, many of whom are already pursuing alternative pest management strategies. Instead, it aims to remove just four neonics from non-agricultural use. This targeted approach is based on the best available science to remove the most harmful of pesticides available for sale today. I think that many people buy these pesticides assuming that they would not be available for sale if they were very harmful. Unfortunately, most consumers do not have the time to research which least-harmful chemicals they should use. That is where a thoughtful, data-driven bill honed through the public input of the legislative process can help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole C. Grohoski".

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

TRANSPORTATION

LR 2670

MOTORCYCLES

MOTORIZED SCOOTERS

Sponsor: Representative Hobbs of Wells

An Act To Require Operators of Motorized Scooters To Wear Helmets

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	Yes	Libby	Yes
Fecteau	Yes	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This bill would require operators of motorized scooters to wear helmets.

---



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1400

TTY: (207) 287-4469

**Daniel J. Hobbs**

PO Box 2000

Wells, ME 04090

Phone: (207) 360-0000

[Daniel.Hobbs@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Daniel.Hobbs@legislature.maine.gov)

October 30, 2019

President Troy Jackson  
Legislative Council  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson,

It is my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of my bill request, LR: 2670 An Act To Require Operators of Motorized Scooters To Wear Helmets.

It is clear that the use of motorized scooters is on the rise. These scooters have become far more accessible to users, as national rental companies have begun to roll out these motorized scooters in communities across the country. According to the National Association of City Transportation Officials riders took 38.5 million trips on shared electric scooters in 2018.

Unsurprisingly, this uptick has been accompanied by a dramatic rise in scooter-related injuries and deaths. According to data from Consumer Reports, e-scooters injury rate is 2.2 per 10,000 miles traveled, compared to .05 per 10,000 vehicle miles traveled for motorcycles and 0.1 per 10,000 miles travelled for cars.

This legislation would simply align helmet regulations for electric scooters with the existing regulations on bicycles. Considering that motorized scooters travel at a higher average speed than bicycles, this is a logical step that will prevent injuries and fatalities among Maine teenagers. Our teenagers' safety is of critical importance to our state's health and future. Given the rapid emergence of these vehicles, it is necessary that we take action sooner rather than later.

I look forward to addressing the Council to discuss the emergency nature of these proposals.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. Hobbs".

Rep. Daniel J. Hobbs

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2973

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

LIQUOR SALES

Sponsor: President Jackson of Aroostook

An Act To Encourage Innovation In Maine's Craft Beverage Industries

Gideon	No	Jackson	Yes
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would define the term "mixed beverages," which will have no more than 24% alcohol by volume, and allow mixed beverages to be produced by brewers, sold by wholesalers and taxed with an excise tax set at 35¢ per gallon.



Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate

THE MAINE SENATE  
129th Legislature

3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

October 30, 2019

Hon. Troy D. Jackson, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

LR 2973, An Act To Encourage Innovation in Maine's Craft Beverage Industries

Dear President Jackson,


Thank you for the opportunity to give further explanation of LR 2973, An Act To Encourage Innovation in Maine's Craft Beverage Industries. I appreciate your time in giving this idea a second chance for consideration in the second regular session of the Legislature.

Today Maine is seeing a huge surge in the craft brew industry. Young brewers in all corners of our state are bringing their creative talents to brewing a huge variety of beers, ciders, pre-mixed cocktails and more. Some of these innovations have led to a need to update laws and regulations to accommodate these changes.

Currently in Maine, spirit distributors deal with different regulations than beer distributors do. This means that some new types of pre-mixed drinks that contain spirits are facing what I believe to be unnecessary regulations applied to spirits that are not applied to beer. This is a common sense bill that would give us a chance to properly align our regulations to reflect the changes in the industry today.

Thanks for your consideration of this proposal. I believe that this is an issue that both parties can agree would be a signal of support for a growing industry in our state.

Sincerely,



Troy Jackson  
Senate District 1

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

TRANSPORTATION

LR 2818

OPERATORS LICENSES

SUSPENSION

Sponsor: Senator Kelm of Oxford

An Act To Provide an Appeals Process for Administrative Suspensions of Provisional Driver's Licenses

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would provide a process to appeal administrative suspensions of provisional driver's licenses.

*129th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 18*

*Senator Lisa Keim*  
*3 State House Station*  
*Augusta, ME 04333-0003*  
*(207) 287-1505*  
*Lisa.Keim@legislature.maine.gov*

*Judiciary Committee*  
*Government Oversight Committee*

Dear President Jackson,

I am writing to appeal the Legislative Council's decision regarding LR 2818, "An Act To Provide an Appeals Process for Administrative Suspensions of Provisional Driver's."

This legislation was submitted after an unsuccessful attempt to help a constituent. My constituent has been looking after a young man for the past 3 or 4 years who has a very difficult home life. My constituent has helped the young man obtain his driver's license, find a job, and regularly lent him his vehicle, getting him on the path to become self-sufficient.

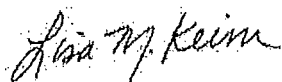
Unfortunately, the young man was pulled over, while in the probationary period, for driving with an expired inspection sticker, and also had his cousin in the vehicle. As a result, he was given close to \$400 in fines and lost his license. A 17-year-old in Rumford, without any family support, finding the money to pay \$400 in fines is obviously beyond reach. Furthermore, his loss of license caused him to lose his job. If he manages to stay on track with pulling his life together, this set back is severe and will take years for him to recover.

Just last session the Legislature took steps to limit the cases where losing a driver's license would be a penalty. We collectively realized that taking away one's license takes away a person's ability to work and support themselves, and that loss of license should largely be in response for driving infractions.

My bill will create an appeal process for cases like this young man and allow probationary drivers to make their case. Currently, there is no discretion allowed in the law and there should be. Circumstances must be taken into account when harsh penalties and ramifications are debilitating. While this situation is likely uncommon, this predicament is not one into which we allow other young people to find themselves. This bill is clearly an emergency. Young people make mistakes, and need to learn great caution taking on the responsibility of operating a vehicle, but their punishment must fit the crime.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Lisa Keim  
State Senator

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2613

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

PLANNING

Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade

An Act To Require a Referendum Regarding the Maine Death with Dignity Act

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	Yes
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

Comment

This bill would require a statewide referendum to repeal the Maine Death with Dignity Act.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002  
(207) 287-1440  
TTY: (207) 287-4469

**Dennis L. Keschl**  
1024 Wings Mills Road  
Belgrade, ME 04917  
Residence: (207) 495-2973  
Cell Phone: (207) 441-3701  
[Dennis.Keschl@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Dennis.Keschl@legislature.maine.gov)

October 30, 2019

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

RE: L.R. 2613, "*An Act To Require a Referendum Regarding the Maine Death with Dignity Act*"

Dear President Jackson:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2613 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

The passage of L.D. 1313, "*An Act To Enact the Maine Death with Dignity Act*," allows, under certain circumstances, for a terminally ill patient to receive assistance in ending their life. Despite having voted for the bill and being a continued supporter, I believe its narrow passage by only one vote in the House and deeply held convictions on both sides warrants the subject being sent to the full electorate for consideration.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns at the upcoming meeting when appeals are to be considered. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 441-3701.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Keschl  
State Representative

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 3068

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade

An Act To Establish the Trust for a Healthy Maine

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	Yes
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

Comment

This bill would establish the Trust for a Healthy Maine as the entity to receive and distribute funds paid to the State pursuant to the tobacco settlement and from other sources.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002  
(207) 287-1440  
TTY: (207) 287-4469

**Dennis L. Keschl**  
1024 Wings Mills Road  
Belgrade, ME 04917  
Residence: (207) 495-2973  
Cell Phone: (207) 441-3701  
[Dennis.Keschl@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Dennis.Keschl@legislature.maine.gov)

October 30, 2019

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

RE: L.R. 3068, "*An Act To Establish the Trust for a Healthy Maine*"

Dear President Jackson:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 3068 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

Until this year, tobacco settlement payments have been predictable and relatively consistent, averaging about \$47.5 million in "initial" and "base" payments since inception. This year's revenue projections, however, paint a very different and concerning picture. It is now apparent that we are facing both a temporary plunge in revenue in FY21 and FY22 (~\$35 million/year), and a longer-term recalibration of average base payments for FY23 and beyond (~\$40 million/year).

Pairing this revenue re-projection with the unfortunate pattern in recent years of using Fund for a Healthy Maine dollars to supplant medical care expenditures in the General Fund, means there will no longer be enough revenue to support current expenditures – public health and medical care – being funded by tobacco settlement dollars. Consequently, there is a possibility that the Maine CDC may not have the resources it needs to confront the vaping epidemic and other threats to our children's health and productivity.

L.R. 3068 offers one solution through the creation of a trust that would balance the tobacco settlement budget in two years, guarantee funding for Maine's tobacco program, as well as provide resources for our highest public health priorities. More importantly, L.R. 3068 allows us to have the conversation – to take a planful approach to finding better ways to protect the tobacco settlement and stabilize funding for public health and prevention so we are supporting healthy families and a healthy workforce for years to come.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns at the upcoming meeting when appeals are to be considered. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 441-3701.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Keschl  
State Representative

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

LABOR AND HOUSING

LR 2801

LANDLORD AND TENANT

RENT

Sponsor: Representative Kessler of South Portland

An Act To Prohibit Residential Rental Application Fees and Limit Security Deposits

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	Yes	Libby	No
Fecteau	Yes	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

Comment

This bill would prohibit a landlord from charging a fee to apply to enter into a residential rental agreement. It would also limit the security deposit a landlord may require.



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1400

TTY: MAINE RELAY 711

**Christopher J. Kessler**

39 Stanley Street

South Portland, ME 04106

Residence: (207) 956-0882

Christopher.Kessler@legislature.maine.gov

October 28, 2019

Sen. Troy Jackson, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson:

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

**LR 2801, An Act To Prohibit Residential Rental Application Fees and Limit Security Deposits**

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Kessler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher Kessler  
State Representative

# 129th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

JUDICIARY

LR 2630

ABORTION

LATE TERM

Sponsor: Representative Kinney of Knox

An Act To Protect Infants Who Are Born Alive Immediately following Birth

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would require that necessary lifesaving measures be used for any child born alive immediately following the birth of that child, regardless of the mother's decision to keep the child.

---

**Subject:**

FW: Appeal LR 2630 Rep. Kinney

**From:** Kinney, MaryAnne

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 30, 2019 2:56 PM

**To:** Aylward, Crystal <Crystal.Aylward@legislature.maine.gov>; Dillingham, Kathleen

<Kathleen.Dillingham@legislature.maine.gov>; Gresser, Suzanne <suzanne.gresser@legislature.maine.gov>

**Subject:** Appeal LR 2630 Rep. Kinney

Appeal for LR 2630 An Act To Protect Infants Who Are Born Alive Immediately Following Birth  
President Jackson,

I am writing my appeal to allow LR 2630 a chance to have a public hearing during the second regular session of the 129th Legislature.

In today's climate of "legally" killing people (in the eyes of man) who are terminal (technically we are all "terminal") who don't want to live and where governments are denying taxpayers their constitutional rights to freedom of religion by making us pay for elective abortions, LR 2630 seeks to protect babies who physically cannot fight for their rights so we can protect our most vulnerable people!

It is against the law (even the law of man) to murder another human being. Doctors who swore an oath to "do no harm" should have the law of man protecting them in cases of babies born alive during any medical procedure including the cases involving a potential abortion. Once a baby is born it deserves a chance to live even if the biological donor doesn't want the child. A child born alive deserves a chance at their constitutional right to life! They shouldn't be murdered because the biological donor doesn't want them. Without this protection a viable life could potentially "legally" (questionable wording at best) be snuffed out and killed because this bill doesn't have a chance to be heard before a committee of jurisdiction with a public hearing. I suppose this appeal could become the only public a hearing this bill may get so I need to be the voice for these vulnerable little lives. We are fortunate in Maine to have a plethora of places that will accept and care for children whose biological donors don't want them.

These children are born alive. Let me repeat that. These children are BORN ALIVE! All this bill does is ensure they have a chance to stay that way and not be subject to murder by neglect due to their defenseless position. I am fighting for them because they are physically fragile and deserve a chance. If protecting human life is not an emergency in this legislative session, let God strike me dead here and now as I write this appeal. Hmmm. I'm still writing. Religion aside, this bill protects these infants' constitutional right to LIFE!

Thank you,

Representative MaryAnne Kinney

HD 99

Brooks, Burnham, Freedom, Jackson, Knox, Monroe, Thorndike, Troy, and Unity

Correspondence to and from me in my capacity as a State lawmaker is considered a public record and may be subject to a request under the Maine Freedom of Access Act. Information that you wish to keep confidential should not be included in e-mail correspondence.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2649

STATE BOARDS

MAINE-CANADIAN LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY

Sponsor: Senator Lawrence of York

An Act To Allow Public Members of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission To Receive Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Gideon	No	Jackson	Yes
Moonen	No	Libby	Yes
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	Yes
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

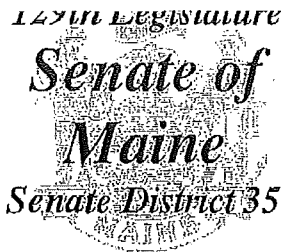
	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

---

Comment

This bill would allow public members of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission to receive reimbursement for travel expenses.

---



3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0003  
(207) 287-1515

October 30, 2019

Senate President Troy Jackson  
Chair, Legislative Council  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senate President Jackson,

I wish to appeal the Legislative Council's denial of allowing me to introduce **LR 2649, "An Act To Allow Public Members of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Committee To Receive Reimbursement for Travel Expenses,"** during the second regular session.

In 2019, you appointed me to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Committee, an act for which I am eternally grateful. The law also allowed you and Speaker Gideon to appoint public members.

Because some of the duties of the Commission involve meeting with representatives of Canada at different locations, Chapter 419 Public Law, "An Act To Increase International Cross-border Partnerships To Benefit Maine's Economy," was passed to allow reimbursement to Commission members for expenses in attending these meetings. I am told that this is done through an appropriation to the executive branch, not to the legislative branch.

One of the people you and Speaker Gideon appointed was an energetic, insightful 81-year-old retired French speaking individual with experience in municipal, legislative and state service from a community with a long history of serving Canadian tourists. He is a great asset on the commission given his extensive knowledge of government, fluency in French and past participation in Maine-Canadian relations. However, as a retiree, he lives on a fixed income.

Recently committee members were asked to attend the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers in New Brunswick, where leaders from all over New England and the Eastern Canadian provinces convene to discuss issues of mutual importance, including energy, rail services, tourism and cross border ownership of enterprises. It was an important two-day event where all different kinds of New England and Canadian leaders, policy makers and experts were to convene in one place to discuss issues of mutual interest.

After Commission members registered for the conference, booked accommodations, and arranged car-pooling for transportation, it was learned that, due to a flaw in the law, only the expenses of legislators could be compensated out of this fund and not the expenses of the public members.

As a result, much to his embarrassment, this public individual I mentioned had to admit that he did not have enough personal resources to participate in the conference that he would have to resign from the commission because he did not have the finances to support his participation. I personally asked him to wait to see if the legislature could rectify the situation so that the Commission would not lose the benefit of his experience.

I am asking you to reconsider the approval of **LR 2649, "An Act To Allow Public Members of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Committee To Receive Reimbursement for Travel Expenses,"** to rectify this problem and allow members if the public of modest means to serve their government. I believe you will discover that there are many similar commissions where public members who serve on legislative or gubernatorial appointed boards are reimbursed for their expenses. I personally know that when I was asked by Governor King to serve on the Board of Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation after leaving the legislature in 2001, public members were entitled compensation for travel expenses. There are many other examples I could cite. It would be a shame to have the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Committee not follow a similar practice.

Sincerely,

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

MARINE RESOURCES

LR 2769

SHELLFISH

HARVESTING

Sponsor: Representative Matlack of St. George

An Act to Ensure Equity in the Shellfish Depuration Compensation Process for Municipalities

Gideon	Yes	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

Comment

This bill would amend the laws concerning the shellfish depuration harvesting process to raise the rate of reimbursement paid to the municipality by the depuration certificate holder from 50¢ for each bushel of soft-shelled clams to \$2.00 for each bushel.



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1400

TTY: Maine Relay 711

**Ann Matlack**

130 Scraggle Point Road

Spruce Head, ME 04859

(207) 594-4831

[Ann.Matlack@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Ann.Matlack@legislature.maine.gov)

Senator Troy Jackson

Chair, Legislative Council

**Re: LR 2769, An Act to Ensure Equity in the Shellfish Depuration Compensation Process for Municipalities**

Dear Senator Jackson:

I am writing to appeal the Legislative Council's recent decision regarding LR 2769, as noted above. LR 2769 would increase the fee paid to municipalities by depuration companies from \$.50 per bushel of clams harvested to \$2.00 per bushel. Depuration companies are permitted to harvest softshell clams in clam flats rated Conditionally Restricted or Restricted where commercial and residential license-holders are excluded. Depuration companies in turn, pay a per-bushel fee to the municipality where the clam flat is located, to harvest these clams. The per-bushel depuration fee has not increased in 20 years.

Depuration fees are used by municipalities and regional shellfish management groups to "ensure sustainable harvest practices and optimum utilization of soft-shell clam resources" (2018 Georges River Regional Clam Management Plan) through management of clam resources, including re-seeding, water sampling, shoreline surveys, and water measuring and testing. Local municipalities adopt and regularly update management plans to provide for sustainable management of this resource. License fees, depuration fees and fines are used to fund these efforts.

Statewide, softshell clam landings have decreased over the last 20 years, from 1,036.17 metric tons in 2000 to 659.82 metric tons in 2018, while the value of clam landings has risen from \$9,545,531 to \$12,864,545 and the price has increased from \$42.50 per bushel (\$0.85 per pound) to \$90.00 per bushel (\$1.80 per pound), an increase in price of 47%.

Increasing the fee paid by depuration companies from \$.50 per bushel to \$2.00 per bushel will provide additional resources to municipalities and regional shellfish management groups so they can improve the water quality required to sustain this natural resource, and continue to provide a valuable product enjoyed throughout the State of Maine and beyond.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Matlack".

Ann Matlack  
State Representative

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2700

OILS

ABOVEGROUND TANKS

Sponsor: Senator Millett of Cumberland

Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Evaluate Emissions from Heated Aboveground Petroleum and Storage Tanks

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	Yes
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This resolve would direct the Department of Environmental Protection to evaluate emissions from heated aboveground petroleum and storage tanks.

---

*129th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 29*

*Senator Rebecca J. Millett*  
*3 State House Station*  
*Augusta, ME 04333-0003*  
*(207) 287-1515*  
*Rebecca.Millett@legislature.maine.gov*

October 30, 2019  
Senate President Troy Jackson  
Chair, Legislative Council  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson,

Thank you for your consideration of LR 2700, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Evaluate Emissions from Heated Aboveground Petroleum and Storage Tanks." I urge you to please vote "YES" on appeal and to allow this measure to be considered by the Legislature.

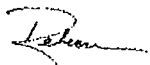
Today in South Portland and surrounding communities, residents are very concerned about the air quality that may be affected by the Petroleum Storage Tanks based in South Portland. Much of this concern stems from an air quality violation which South Portland learned of through a consent decree filed against Global Partners, LP, the operators of the storage tanks and facility. One concern was that area residents had not known about the air quality violation until the matter appeared in court, after the violation itself was reported. This situation led me to introduce LD 1706 during the previous session, and the bill was subsequently signed into law.

However, citizen concerns have not dissipated. Although municipalities will now be informed when an air quality violation is committed, there remains the issue whether the tanks pose a threat to the air quality and health of people in the area. I continue to hear from my constituents on a regular basis about how concerned they are that their health is at risk just by living in our community. It is not right to have to live in doubt like this.

LR 2700, as drafted and supported by Maine Department of Environment Protection, would require the Department to study methods to estimate, measure and control emissions and provide a report with recommendations. DEP has indicated that they believe this would be a positive step to take. This is a matter of public health, and we must not delay this important work. Let's show the residents of South Portland and the surrounding communities that we can make progress helping to ensure their health and well-being.

I greatly appreciate your thoughtful consideration of the importance of LR 2700 and the matters raised in this legislation. I welcome any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Senator Rebecca Millett

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

JUDICIARY

LR 2636

CRIMINAL HISTORIES

CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS

Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox

An Act To Expunge Records for Certain Cannabis Convictions

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

Comment

This bill would expunge records for certain cannabis convictions.

Potential JR 217:

LD 991    Senator Dill, J

*129th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 12*

*Senator David Miramant*  
*3 State House Station*  
*Augusta, ME 04333-0003*  
*(207) 236-4845*  
*David.Miramant@legislature.maine.gov*

President Troy Jackson  
Chair, Legislative Council  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

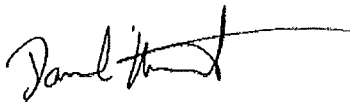
Re: Appeal of Legislative Council's decision on LR 2636, "An Act To Expunge Records for Certain Cannabis Convictions"

Dear President Jackson:

Our workforce shortage presents an imminent crisis: According to a report by the Maine Department of Labor, we will add jobs over the next ten years, while losing 22 percent of employees between the ages of 45-54. We must take immediate action to address this crisis, and one way to do that is to expunge the records of some folks who have minor marijuana convictions. New Hampshire, Maryland, Colorado and Oregon have already passed similar laws. Maine and New Hampshire face the same issues with unemployment and our aging population. New Hampshire has done something about it. It's time for us to do the same.

This bill helps address not only our workforce crisis, but also a grave injustice. Think about it: The offenses these folks committed are no longer illegal. As a society, we have reconsidered marijuana possession and decided that it's not wrong, that it's not something we should punish people for. Yet these convictions dog folks as they simply try to get a job and contribute to Maine's economy. We continue to punish these folks every time a potential employer doesn't consider their application because they have a criminal record. I can't stress this enough: We're hurting our economy by punishing people for something that we no longer consider to be wrong. Not only that, these folks have already been wrongly punished for years. It's the least we can do to expunge their records and simultaneously give our economy a boost.

Sincerely,



Senator Dave Miramant

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2663

WATER QUALITY

OVERBOARD DISCHARGES

Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox

An Act To Prohibit the Purging of Volatile Organic Compound Gases from Oil Tankers in the Waters of Maine

Gideon	No	Jackson	Yes
Moonen	No	Libby	Yes
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	Yes
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This bill would prohibit the purging of volatile organic compound gases from oil tankers in the waters of the State.

---

*129th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 12*

*Senator David Miramant*  
*3 State House Station*  
*Augusta, ME 04333-0003*  
*(207) 236-4845*  
*David.Miramant@legislature.maine.gov*

President Troy Jackson  
Chair, Legislative Council  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

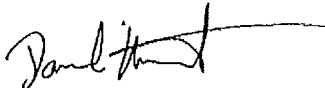
Re: Appeal of Legislative Council's decision on LR 2663, "Act To Prohibit the Purging of Volatile Organic Compound Gases from Oil Tankers in the Waters of Maine"

Dear President Jackson:

Currently, oil tankers close to the Maine coast are allowed to purge dangerous gases from their cargo tanks. These gases pose health risks to people, so this practice must be banned to protect the health and safety of folks in Maine. Tankers should wait to purge these gases until they are farther out to sea, where they should then take precautions to protect their crew. We must err on the side of caution and prohibit this practice now, rather than waiting a year and hoping people don't get sick. If we wait, we're playing with fire.

This urgent issue was brought to my attention by a constituent, Mike Ames, who operated crude oil tankers in the Alaskan oil trade from 1978 to 2016. Coming across Penobscot Bay one day, he met an outbound Irving tanker coming out of Searsport. The tanker appeared to be operating at full sea speed close to shore. The emissions coming from the vessel's stack indicated to Mr. Ames that auxiliary machinery was operating. He felt that the most likely explanation was that the tanker was purging these dangerous gases. Then, downwind of the vessel, he felt vapor residue in the air. Purging is something that oil tankers have to do on a regular basis, but they should not do it so close to shore. Although this practice is highly dangerous, it's not currently illegal in Maine waters. Therefore, Maine must ban the practice.

Sincerely,



Senator Dave Miramant

# 129th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

---

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2708

WASTES

PLASTICS

Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox

An Act To Ban Single-use Plastic Straws, Splash Sticks and Beverage Lid Plugs

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This bill would prohibit the manufacture and provision to customers of single-use plastic straws, splash sticks and beverage lid plugs.

---

*129th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 12*

*Senator David Miramant*  
*3 State House Station*  
*Augusta, ME 04333-0003*  
*(207) 236-4845*  
*David.Miramant@legislature.maine.gov*

President Troy Jackson  
Chair, Legislative Council  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

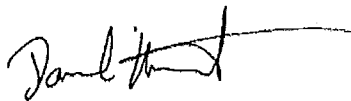
Re: Appeal of Legislative Council's decision on LR 2708, "An Act To Ban Single-use Plastic Straws, Splash Sticks and Beverage Lid Plugs"

Dear President Jackson:

Earlier this month, Portland banned the sale and distribution of plastic straws, joining San Francisco, Seattle, Miami and a number of other cities. Currently, 100,000 plastic straws are used in Portland every day, and 500 million are used daily across the country. This significantly contributes to the vast amount of plastic in our oceans and landfills, an environmental crisis that threatens the future of our children and grandchildren. It's time for Maine to ban this source of pollution statewide.

It would be one thing if we had no alternative to plastic straws. But not only do we have myriad alternatives, they are all significantly better than plastic. Straws can now be made of metal, paper, pasta, sugar or bamboo, all of which function better and are reusable or compostable. By switching to these alternatives and reducing the use of straws overall, we can protect our environment for future generations. I can think of no emergency more pressing than the health of our environment.

Sincerely,



Senator Dave Miramant

## 129th Legislature - Second Regular Session

### Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

---

HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2746

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

MORTGAGES

Sponsor: Senator Moore of Washington

An Act To Clarify the Rights of Parties in Certain Foreclosure Actions

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	Yes
Stewart	No	Timberlake	Yes

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

---

Comment

This bill would provide that a mortgage loan returns to the status quo if the mortgagee does not prevail in a foreclosure action, except that the court may impose sanctions against a mortgagee who has acted with malfeasance. The mortgagor would have no liability for interest or penalties or other fees or costs incurred as a result of the foreclosure action.

---

129th Legislature  
*Senate of  
Maine*  
Senate District 6

**Senator Marianne Moore**  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0003  
(207) 287-1505  
Marianne.Moore@legislature.maine.gov  
  
**Health & Human Services Committee**  
Ranking Member

October 30, 2019

Senate President Troy Jackson  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: LR 2746 *An Act to Clarify the Rights of Parties in Certain Foreclosure Actions*

President Jackson:

I am writing this letter of appeal for LR 2746 – “*An Act to Clarify the Rights of Parties in Certain Foreclosure Actions*”. This bill aims to create an equitable foreclosure process for all parties. A reliable process will help to ensure Mainers continue to have access to affordable mortgage loans. We must maintain a robust real estate and mortgage market for our citizens and the economy!

The rate and availability of mortgage loans are based on the cost of funds and the risk associated with the loan transaction. Lenders could consider a mortgage a “high risk transaction” if they felt they had no recourse in the event of default. The current foreclosure process has denied lenders the right to collect on debts owed due to a minor defect in procedure, leading to a dismissal of the foreclosure. Losing a foreclosure without the opportunity to recover money lent has a huge impact on local Maine banks and credit unions.

This bill protects consumers in foreclosure. To demonstrate, highlighting two important components,:

- (1) **PASSAGE OF THIS BILL WOULD NOT CHANGE THE COURT’S ABILITY TO LEVEL SANCTIONS AGAINST A LENDER.** This bill specifically states the court can still impose sanctions against a lender who has acted with malfeasance, up to and including a dismissal of the action with prejudice, which would void and discharge the mortgage.
- (2) **THIS BILL DOES ALLOW LENDERS WHO ACTED IN GOOD FAITH TO REMEDY THE DEFECT, BUT IT DOES NOT PERMIT THEM TO PASS ADDITIONAL COSTS ON TO THE BORROWER.** Upon the approval of the court, the loan would return to its status at the time of the foreclosure filing. The borrower has no liability for interest, penalties, or other costs, including legal fees, incurred from the date of the filing of the foreclosure complaint to the date of judgment.

No lender wants to foreclose on a borrower; however, banks and credit unions lend their depositors’ and members’ money and, as fiduciaries, have a duty to ensure the money is paid back. The Maine Bankers Association and the Maine Credit Union League strongly support this bill.

I ask for your vote to allow LR 2746 *An Act to Clarify the Rights of Parties in Certain Foreclosure Actions* to move forward in the legislative process and have a public hearing.

Sincerely,

*Marianne Moore*

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

MARINE RESOURCES

LR 2752

FISH

FISHWAYS

Sponsor: Senator Moore of Washington

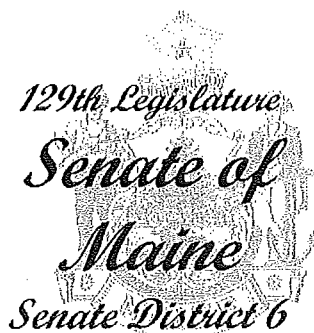
An Act To Restore Fish Passage for Anadromous Fish

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would create a fund at the Department of Marine Resources to construct, restore or enhance dams for anadromous fish passage. It would also provide an appropriation for restoring the Whiting Mill Pond Dam located at the head of the tide in Whiting and installing a fishway to allow for anadromous fish passage.



**Senator Marianne Moore**  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0003  
(207) 287-1505

*Marianne.Moore@legislature.maine.gov*

**Health & Human Services Committee**  
Ranking Member

October 30, 2019

Senate President Troy Jackson  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: LR 2752 – “*An Act to Restore Fish Passage for Anadromous Fish*”

President Jackson:

I am writing this letter of appeal for LR 2752 – “*An Act to Restore Fish Passage for Anadromous Fish*”. This bill would create a fund at the Department of Marine Resources to construct, restore or enhance dams for anadromous fish passage. Restoring fish passage is key to a watershed’s conservation. Reopening a watershed to once-abundant anadromous fish species – such as alewife and salmon – helps to restore the ecological balance of the watershed. Restoring fish migration also helps to revitalize a source of income for local fishermen and provide low-cost bait to local lobstermen.

Section 2 of the bill provides an appropriation for restoring the Whiting Mill Pond Dam located at the head of the tide in Whiting, Maine and installing a fishway to allow for anadromous fish passage. Located at the intersection of Routes 1 and 189, the Mill Pond creates the scenic heart of the Whiting village. Quite simply, the Mill Pond forms Whiting’s identity and sense of place. Unfortunately, the dam has not received sufficient structural maintenance for many years, nor has fish passage been maintained. The dam is now considered hazardous, is in severe disrepair and prevents passage of all native migratory fish except eels. The Mill Pond plays a vital role in the current preparedness plan for fire suppression in Whiting and neighboring areas and, as such, the disrepair and neglect of the Mill Pond Dam is a serious vulnerability and weakness.

The Mill Pond Dam is currently owned by the Downeast Salmon Federation (“DSF”), who is working with the Town of Whiting and other partners to restore fish passage in the Orange River watershed. Maine Coast Heritage Trust has made the restoration of the Orange River Watershed its flagship project, noting it is “one of the most significant conservation and restoration opportunities on the coast of Maine”. Reopening the watershed to once-abundant anadromous fish species - such as alewife and salmon - would be a major first step in restoring the ecological balance of the Orange River watershed and have far-reaching impacts on Cobscook Bay, one of the most biodiverse marine ecosystems in the northeast Atlantic.

In view of these facts, I ask for your vote to allow LR 2752 – “*An Act to Restore Fish Passage for Anadromous Fish*” to move forward in the legislative process and have a public hearing.

Sincerely,

*Marianne Moore*

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 3086

HOMELESS PERSONS

ACCESS TO SERVICES

Sponsor: Representative Morales of South Portland

An Act To Create a Frequent Users Systems Engagement Collaborative

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	Yes	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

Comment

This bill would bring together the Maine State Housing Authority, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Statewide Homeless Council, the county jail system, the Department of Corrections and other stakeholders to wrap services and housing around the 500 highest users of high-cost services, such as emergency shelters, emergency rooms, policing, jails and prisons, so that these users can be stabilized in permanent housing and supported by services in the community.

October 30, 2019

Dear Senator Jackson:

Please accept this appeal of **LR 3086, An Act to Create Frequent Users Systems Engagement Collaborative**.

Homelessness has reached a crisis level in our State with reports of over 5,000 people, including 2,500 students, the highest percentage reporting from Kennebec County. The cost of our state and local day to day reaction to this crisis is unsustainable. Currently, taxpayers spend \$500,00 - 1 million per year on each chronically homeless individual in homeless shelters, emergency rooms, jails, policing measures on the street, school resources and transportation services (McKinney Vento), and in prison. More importantly, the outcomes are extremely poor.

This FUSE Collaborative legislation, which has been successful in other states, provides the State with a planning structure for our current Statewide Homeless Council together with the Maine State Housing Authority, the Department of Health and Human Services, the County Jail System, the Department of Corrections, and other stakeholders to develop a plan over the summer of 2020 to wrap services and housing around the 500 highest users of various high cost services, including emergency shelters, emergency rooms, policing, jails, and prisons, so that they can be stabilized in permanent housing and supported with services in the community.

We must begin to address and plan for the homelessness crisis with a statewide public health and fiscally responsible approach. The FUSE legislation will do just that, without the addition of a fiscal note.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this appeal.

Representative Victoria Morales

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

LR 2707

PUBLIC LANDS

LAND FOR MAINES FUTURE BOARD

Sponsor: Representative Moriarty of Cumberland

An Act To Fund the Land for Maine's Future Program

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	Yes	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This bill would allocate \$10,000,000 annually to the Land for Maine's Future Program from the end of the fiscal year cascade.

---



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1400

TTY: (207) 287-4469

**Stephen W. Moriarty**

12 Oak Street

Cumberland Center, ME 04021

[Steve.Moriarty@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Steve.Moriarty@legislature.maine.gov)

Cell: (207) 318-3238

October 25, 2019

Sen. Troy Jackson, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson:

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

**LR 2707, An Act To Fund the Land for Maine's Future Program**

Currently, funding for Land for Maine's Future depends on bonding. In recent years, the Legislature has not been able to pass bonds for Land for Maine's Future, putting projects to preserve land at risk.

This bill proposes to use the end of the fiscal year cascade to provide funding for the Land for Maine's Future program, thus ensuring a more reliable source of revenue to preserve Maine's valuable land for future generations. At a time when more and more farmland, woods and working waterfront are under threat from development, it is vital to provide a more sustainable funding stream for this critical program.

I look forward to addressing the Council 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, reading "Steve W. Moriarty".

Steve Moriarty  
State Representative

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

LR 2897

ANIMAL WELFARE

LAYING HENS

Sponsor: Representative O'Neil of Saco

An Act Prohibiting Certain Confinement of Egg-laying Hens and the Sale of Their Eggs

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	Yes
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This bill would prohibit confinement of egg-laying hens and the sale of their eggs, with certain exceptions.

---



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1400

TTY: Maine Relay 711

**Margaret O'Neil**

21 Sheila Circle

Saco, ME 04072

Phone: (207) 590-1679

[Margaret.O'Neil@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Margaret.O'Neil@legislature.maine.gov)

October 30, 2019

President Jackson, Speaker Gideon and members of the Legislative Council:

Please accept this written notice of appeal of the Legislative Council's October 23<sup>rd</sup> vote on **LR 2897, An Act Prohibiting Certain Confinement of Egg-laying Hens and the Sale of Their Eggs**. I respectfully request further consideration of this important and time-sensitive legislative request for the following reasons:

The egg industry and humane organizations agree: the future of the egg industry is cage-free. It's imperative to pass LR 2897 in 2020 so egg producers can plan for the future of their businesses in an economically viable way when major egg buyers are demanding a switch to cage-free.

LR 2897 offers certainty to egg producers by establishing a reasonable timeline and by simply requiring the industry's own cage-free standards. Those standards (promulgated by the United Egg Producers) are clear, sensible, and widely in use. Without this type of legislation for basic minimum standards, a race to the bottom occurs in egg production that could undercut food safety and animal welfare.

More than 200 of the world's leading restaurant and grocery companies are requiring their suppliers to switch to cage-free systems, including McDonald's, Burger King, Hannaford, Shaw's, Walmart, Dollar Tree, IHOP, and Denny's. Nearly identical laws to LR 2897 have passed this year in Oregon and Washington with the egg industry's backing, and collaborative legislative efforts are underway in multiple other states as well.

This compromise measure is backed by the United Egg Producers and the New England Brown Egg Council, as well as the Humane Society of the United States and other leading animal protection groups.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marg O'Neil".

Representative Margaret M. O'Neil

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2680

LAND USE

SHORELAND ZONING

Sponsor: Representative Perry of Calais

An Act To Amend the Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Laws To Provide for Clear and Operable Language in Municipal Land Use Guidelines

Gideon	Yes	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

Comment

This bill would amend the mandatory shoreland zoning laws to clarify definitions regarding wetlands and rivers and to require clear and operable language in the minimum guidelines for municipal zoning and land use controls adopted by the Board of Environmental Protection.



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1400

TTY: (207) 287-4469

**Anne C. Perry**

474 South St.

Calais, ME 04619

Phone: (207) 214-7000

[anne.perry@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:anne.perry@legislature.maine.gov)

October 28, 2019

Sen. Troy Jackson, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson:

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

LR 2680, An Act To Amend the Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Laws To Provide for Clear and Operable Language in Municipal Land Use Guidelines

The current statute and resultant guidelines contain definitions that are both ambiguous to interpret and difficult to use in a Geographic Information System (GIS) when creating municipal shoreland zoning maps. There are at least six municipalities in Washington County alone that are struggling with this issue. While the partnership between the University of Maine at Machias and the Washington County Council of Governments has created a GIS model to aid with the technical and financial challenges, there are still several problems with the statute that are a burden on municipalities.

The proposed legislation will clarify these definitions and provide municipalities with an efficient and technically workable means of preparing GIS-based shoreland zoning maps. The proposed legislation will also reduce the time needed by Department staff to review and adjudicate on the requisite placement of Resource Protection districts on municipal maps and on the ground.

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "AP", enclosed within an oval shape.

Anne Perry  
State Representative

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

LR 3076

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

9-1-1 EMERGENCY SYSTEM

Sponsor: Representative Riley of Jay

An Act To Amend the Funding Mechanism for the E-9-1-1 System

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

Comment

This bill would revise the mandates imposed to fund the E-9-1-1 system in response to a report being conducted by the Public Utilities Commission.



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1400

TTY: MAINE RELAY 711

**Christina Riley**

437 Main Street

Jay, ME 04239

Residence: (207) 897-2288

Tina.Riley@legislature.maine.gov

October 30, 2019

President Troy Jackson  
Chair, Legislative Council  
129<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature

Dear President Jackson,

I write to request the reconsideration of the vote denying my bill submission "LR 3076; An Act To Amend the Funding Mechanism for the E-9-1-1 System" for the upcoming legislative session.

In the earlier session, I had submitted a bill which would have expanded the dispatch protocols for the state's E911 system. It became clear to me as we worked that bill, that we needed more detailed input from across the system to map an appropriate path forward, and that simply implementing the additional protocols would have been disastrous. We passed that bill, and held those stakeholder meetings this summer; the PUC should be releasing its report in the near future.

I had hoped to retain the forty-five-cent surcharge that funds much of the E911 system, even though that revenue stream has not been fully utilized in the past, because it is clear that there are significant funding needs across the system that we should be able to address without further harm to local property-tax-payers. Given the perennially short funding for legislative interests, it was no surprise that Appropriations found another use for that revenue stream. Unfortunately, the revenue that remains is insufficient to meet the existing operational costs, so we must make some change as soon as possible to avoid falling short of funds.

Given what we learned this summer, I feel sure that we can make the needed changes to more fully support the public safety answering points (PSAPs) to ensure that they have the needed technology and personnel without further strain to local resources. For those reasons, I ask that the Council consider allowing this bill to be heard this session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tina Riley".  
Tina Riley

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2793

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

DRUG ABUSE

Sponsor: Representative Roberts of South Berwick

An Act To Address the Needs of Expectant Mothers Affected by Opioid Abuse

Gideon	Yes	Jackson	No
Moonen	Yes	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	Yes
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	No

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

Comment

This bill would create a grant program for the treatment of expectant mothers affected by opioid abuse. The program would be administered by the Department of Health and Human Services.



**Tiffany D Roberts**

35 Buttonwood Rd  
South Berwick, ME 03908  
(207) 210-3287

[Tiffany.roberts@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Tiffany.roberts@legislature.maine.gov)

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1400

TTY: (207) 287-4469

October 30, 2019

President Troy Jackson  
Legislative Council  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson,

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

LR 2793 An Act To Address the Needs of Expectant Mothers Affected by Opioid Abuse

It is increasingly clear that the opioid epidemic is hitting our state hard. The number of Mainers suffering from opiate addiction grows daily. What is often overlooked is the impact that this epidemic is having on our state's expectant mothers and their unborn children. Over 8% of babies born in Maine are born addicted.

In speaking to health care providers and constituents in my community, it has become clear that this is a problem that requires immediate action. Currently, the options for pregnant women impacted by the opioid epidemic to get the immediate help they need are extremely limited. This is especially a critical need in rural Maine. I have heard stories of heartbreak and desperation from where I live, but I know that this is a statewide issue that impacts every corner of Maine.

When it comes to addressing the opioid epidemic, no matter which aspect it may be, it is a problem that needs to be solved yesterday, not tomorrow or next year, and it is our duty as legislators to do everything in our power to provide solutions.

I look forward to addressing the Council to discuss the emergency nature of this proposal.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tiffany".

Rep. Tiffany D Roberts

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2902

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

POSTSECONDARY PLANNING ASSISTANCE

Sponsor: Representative Rykerson of Kittery

An Act Regarding Student Privacy

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This bill would require public schools to provide to military recruiters the same access to school buildings and student information as is provided to other recruiting representatives. It would allow a student to request that the student's information not be released to military recruiters.

---



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1400

TTY: (207) 287-4469

**Deane Rykerson**

1 Salt Marsh Lane

Kittery Point, ME 03905

Phone: (207) 439-8755

[deane.rykerson@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:deane.rykerson@legislature.maine.gov)

October 30, 2019

Sen. Troy Jackson, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson:

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

## **LR 2902 - An Act Regarding Student Privacy**

This bill will bring Maine school district practices into line with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and Maine state law and honor the right to individual privacy under the United States Constitution.

Under the Every Student Succeeds Act, schools share students' directory information with the United States Military. Maine schools are not currently required to provide notice to parents of what information they share with outside institutions or to ensure that this notice is provided in a clear manner. However, FERPA requires that a school disclosing "directory information" of students give parents/guardians "reasonable notice" to opt out of sharing such information. Consequently, there is a conflict between FERPA and the practices of many Maine school districts. LR 2902 requires schools to place notice on the emergency contact form sent to all parents/guardians at the beginning of the school year so that parents/guardians are aware of their right to opt out of sharing student directory information.

LR 2902 should be accepted this legislative session because the bill facilitates school districts following FERPA and Maine state law in the way they release student contact information to the United States Military. Schools should not have policies which contradict state and federal law.

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deane Rykerson".

Deane Rykerson, State Representative

# 129th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

---

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2764

HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

POWERS

Sponsor: Representative Sampson of Alfred

An Act To Require an Assessment of the Role of Vaccination in Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Cases during Postmortem Examinations

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

---

Comment

This bill would require postmortem examinations to include an assessment of the role of vaccinations in sudden infant death syndrome cases.

---

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, ME 04330



REP. HEIDI H. SAMPSON  
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE  
(207) 287-1440

October 30, 2019

President Troy Jackson  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson,

This letter serves as notice to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of the following bill proposals for the Second Regular Session of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature:


**LR: 2764     An Act To Require an Assessment of the Role of Vaccination in Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Cases during Postmortem Examinations**

Given the increase in prevalence of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome in Maine, I believe that the Legislature should take a more comprehensive view of possible risk factors with the eventual goal of identifying root causes and reversing the trend here in Maine. By introducing LR 2764 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services in the Second Regular Session, members of the Legislature will have the opportunity to review the work that is in progress to address SIDS, and to identify areas of opportunity for us to do more.

**LR: 1920     An Act To Establish as a Civil Violation the Use by Adults of Tobacco Products or Electronic Smoking Devices on School Grounds**

I brought this LR forward after many conversations with constituents, most notably a high school resource officer. The concerns continue to be issues around the lack of enforcement of recently enacted legislation. LR 1920 will allow for the much-needed discussion by the committee(s) of jurisdiction on the evolving public health crisis facing Maine's youth.

Sincerely,

  
Heidi H. Sampson  
State Representative

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2920

SMOKING

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Sponsor: Representative Sampson of Alfred

An Act To Establish as a Civil Violation the Use by Adults of Tobacco Products or Electronic Smoking Devices on School Grounds

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would establish as a civil violation the use by adults of tobacco products or electronic smoking devices on school grounds.

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, ME 04330



REP. HEIDI H. SAMPSON  
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE  
(207) 287-1440

October 30, 2019

President Troy Jackson  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson,

This letter serves as notice to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of the following bill proposals for the Second Regular Session of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature:


**LR: 2764      An Act To Require an Assessment of the Role of Vaccination in Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Cases during Postmortem Examinations**

Given the increase in prevalence of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome in Maine, I believe that the Legislature should take a more comprehensive view of possible risk factors with the eventual goal of identifying root causes and reversing the trend here in Maine. By introducing LR 2764 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services in the Second Regular Session, members of the Legislature will have the opportunity to review the work that is in progress to address SIDS, and to identify areas of opportunity for us to do more.

**LR: 2920      An Act To Establish as a Civil Violation the Use by Adults of Tobacco Products or Electronic Smoking Devices on School Grounds**

I brought this LR forward after many conversations with constituents, most notably a high school resource officer. The concerns continue to be issues around the lack of enforcement of recently enacted legislation. LR 1920 will allow for the much-needed discussion by the committee(s) of jurisdiction on the evolving public health crisis facing Maine's youth.

Sincerely,

  
Heidi H. Sampson  
State Representative

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2931

INSURANCE

MOTOR VEHICLE

Sponsor: Senator Sanborn of Cumberland

An Act To Clarify Insurance Requirements under the Peer-to-peer Car Sharing Insurance Act

Gideon	No	Jackson	Yes
Moonen	No	Libby	Yes
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	Yes
Dillingham	No	Dow	Yes
Stewart	No	Timberlake	Yes

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

---

Comment

This bill would clarify insurance requirements for peer-to-peer car sharing.

---

*129th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 28*

*Senator Heather Sanborn*  
*3 State House Station*  
*Augusta, ME 04333-0003*  
*(207)287-1515*

Senate President Troy Jackson  
Chair, Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0115


**Re: LR 2931, "An Act To Clarify Insurance Requirements under the Peer-to-peer Car Sharing Insurance Act"**

Dear President Jackson,

I am requesting further consideration of LR 2931, "An Act to Clarify Insurance Requirements under the Peer-to-peer Car Sharing Insurance Act" for the Second Regular Session. LR 2931 is intended to make a few small changes to the State's new car sharing law (LD 1615) to make it possible for currently operating peer-to-peer car sharing platforms to comply with new regulations enacted at the end of last session. At the tail end of the First Regular Session, just prior to passing the bill, we amended LD 1615 to delay the effective date of certain provisions to June 1, 2020 to allow some time to make additional changes if they were necessary to enable compliance with the spirit of the regulatory scheme. A few small changes have been identified as necessary, so it is important that we enact them with an emergency preamble prior to June 1, 2020.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any additional questions.

Best regards,



Heather Sanborn

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

TAXATION

LR 2906

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING

USES EXPANDED

Sponsor: Representative Skolfield of Weld

An Act To Authorize the Use of Tax Increment Financing District Funds for Law Enforcement Purposes

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	No
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

---

Comment

This bill would authorize the use by counties of tax increment financing district funds for public safety purposes, such as hiring deputy sheriffs and purchasing gear for law enforcement personnel.

---



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1440  
TTY: (207) 287-4469

**Thomas Skolfield**

349 Phillips Road  
Weld, ME 04285

Home Phone: (207) 585-2638

Thomas.Skolfield@legislature.maine.gov

October 30, 2019

Appeal for LR 2906 "An Act To Authorize The Use Of Tax Increment Financing District Funds For Law Enforcement Purposes".

President Jackson,

I am requesting an appeal for LR 2906 to have a chance for a public hearing with the Legislative Council. Northern Franklin County is not currently receiving regular patrol from the Maine State Police, and Franklin County Sheriff's Office's resources are stretched thin. Allowing additional funding through tax increment financing is urgently needed for the hiring and training of additional law enforcement personnel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas H. Skolfield".

Thomas Skolfield  
State Representative

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2687

GAMBLING

RAFFLES

Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

An Act To Allow Nonprofit Organizations in Maine To Sell Raffle Tickets Online

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

---

Comment

This bill would allow nonprofit organizations in Maine to sell raffle tickets online.

---



STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
HOUSE REPUBLICAN OFFICE  
AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0002

**HAROLD "Trey" L. STEWART III**  
ASSISTANT HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER

Office: (207) 287-1440  
Cell: (207) 227-0569  
Fax: (207) 287-1449  
E-mail: [Trey.Stewart@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Trey.Stewart@legislature.maine.gov)

October 30, 2019

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

RE: L.R. 2687, ***"An Act To Allow Nonprofit Organizations in Maine To Sell Raffle Tickets Online"***

Dear President Jackson:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2687 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns at the upcoming meeting when appeals are to be considered. 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Trey Stewart", written over a horizontal line.

Harold "Trey" L. Stewart III  
Assistant House Republican Leader

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

LR 2693

FORESTRY

FIRE CONTROL

Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

An Act Relating to the Northeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

---

Comment

This bill would amend the Northeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact.

---



STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
HOUSE REPUBLICAN OFFICE  
AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0002

**HAROLD "Trey" L. STEWART III**  
ASSISTANT HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER

Office: (207) 287-1440  
Cell: (207) 227-0569  
Fax: (207) 287-1449  
E-mail: [Trey.Stewart@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Trey.Stewart@legislature.maine.gov)

October 30, 2019

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

**RE: L.R. 2693, "*An Act Relating to the Northeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact*"**

Dear President Jackson:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2693 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns at the upcoming meeting when appeals are to be considered. 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Trey Stewart III", written over a horizontal line.

Harold "Trey" L. Stewart III  
Assistant House Republican Leader

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2719

CORRECTIONS DEPT

POWERS

Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

An Act To Make Comprehensive Changes to Maine's Criminal Justice System To Reduce Recidivism and Improve Mental Health across the State

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

---

Comment

This bill would make comprehensive changes to Maine's criminal justice system to reduce recidivism and improve mental health across the State.

---



STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
HOUSE REPUBLICAN OFFICE  
AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0002

**HAROLD "Trey" L. STEWART III**  
ASSISTANT HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER

Office: (207) 287-1440  
Cell: (207) 227-0569  
Fax: (207) 287-1449  
E-mail: [Trey.Stewart@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Trey.Stewart@legislature.maine.gov)

October 30, 2019

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

**RE: L.R. 2719, "*An Act To Make Comprehensive Changes to Maine's Criminal Justice System To Reduce Recidivism and Improve Mental Health across the State*"**

Dear President Jackson:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2719 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns at the upcoming meeting when appeals are to be considered. 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Trey Stewart", written over a horizontal line.

Harold "Trey" L. Stewart III  
Assistant House Republican Leader

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS

LR 2802

LICENSING

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

An Act To Establish the Universal Occupational and Professional License Reciprocity and Recognition Act

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

---

Comment

This bill would grant reciprocal occupational or professional licenses for licenses earned out of state for individuals who live in this State and spouses of active duty military members who have relocated to this State with their spouses under military orders and grant an occupational or professional license to an applicant based on work experience in another state that does not require a license.

---

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2864 Representative Andrews, J



STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
HOUSE REPUBLICAN OFFICE  
AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0002

**HAROLD "Trey" L. STEWART III**  
ASSISTANT HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER

Office: (207) 287-1440  
Cell: (207) 227-0569  
Fax: (207) 287-1449  
E-mail: [Trey.Stewart@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Trey.Stewart@legislature.maine.gov)

October 30, 2019

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

**RE: L.R. 2802, "*An Act To Establish the Universal Occupational and Professional License Reciprocity and Recognition Act*"**

Dear President Jackson:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2802 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns at the upcoming meeting when appeals are to be considered. 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Trey Stewart", written over a horizontal line.

Harold "Trey" L. Stewart III  
Assistant House Republican Leader

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2975

LEGISLATURE

PROCEDURES

Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Study Reforming the Legislative Process

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

---

Comment

This resolve would establish a commission to study reforming the legislative process.

---



STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
HOUSE REPUBLICAN OFFICE  
AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0002

**HAROLD "Trey" L. STEWART III**  
ASSISTANT HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER

Office: (207) 287-1440  
Cell: (207) 227-0569  
Fax: (207) 287-1449  
E-mail: [Trey.Stewart@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Trey.Stewart@legislature.maine.gov)

October 30, 2019

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

**RE: L.R. 2975, "*Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Study Reforming the Legislative Process*"**

Dear President Jackson:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2975 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns at the upcoming meeting when appeals are to be considered. 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Trey Stewart", written over a horizontal line.

Harold "Trey" L. Stewart III  
Assistant House Republican Leader

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2742

PAROLE

COMMUNITY INTEGRATION

Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross of Portland

An Act To Establish a Structured Reentry Program for the Reentry of Persons from Correctional Facilities Into the Community

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	Yes
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This bill would establish a structured reentry program for the reentry of persons from correctional facilities into the community.

---



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1400

TTY: Maine Relay 711

**Rachel Talbot Ross**

39 Washburn Avenue

Portland, ME 04101

Phone: (207) 747-5461

[Rachel.TalbotRoss@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Rachel.TalbotRoss@legislature.maine.gov)

October 30, 2019

Dear President Jackson, Speaker Gideon and members of the Legislative Council:

I write to appeal the decision of the Legislative Council regarding **LR 2742, An Act To Establish a Structured Reentry Program for the reentry of Persons from Correctional Facilities into the Community.**

Maine is in the grips of a serious opioid epidemic, and a large percentage of incarcerated citizens suffer from substance abuse disorder. Due to a lack of funding, many are released with little to no support, often resulting in additional crime, victimization, overdose and death. The number of incarcerated people suffering from mental illness has also drastically increased as mental health institutions have down-sized or closed. Many leave correctional facilities with little medication and no mental health provider.

To curb the ongoing social issues caused by these tragedies, a reentry program such as "Structured Three Phase Reentry" will provide necessary programming to battle addiction and provide mental health care.

Another barrier to success is the fact that most men and women leave DOC facilities with basic education and very little vocational training, no job placement or little in the way of job prospects. Expanding education and vocational opportunities substantially reduces victimization, strengthens public safety and transforms criminals into law-abiding, taxpaying citizens.

Participating in the Structured Reentry Program enhances incarcerated citizens' chances of success upon reintegration into the community, reducing recidivism. As of May 2019, Maine State Prison housed 315 incarcerated citizens with less than a year on their sentence. How many will be prepared for society after being released from a maximum security prison with no job prospects, no place to live, no concrete plan of direction, no money and little to no reentry programming and support?

Affording incarcerated citizens the opportunity to participate in a reentry program such as "Structured Three Phase Reentry" will result in substantially reduced recidivism, a vast improvement in public safety and taxpayer dollars saved. Most importantly, fewer victims will suffer the trauma of crime. That, in itself, is priceless. For these reasons, I ask you to allow the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature to consider LR 2742.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Talbot Ross".

Rep. Rachel Talbot Ross

District 40: Portland (part)

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2983

LEGISLATURE

IMPACT STATEMENTS

Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross of Portland

An Act To Authorize the Preparation of Racial Impact Statements for Certain Legislation

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

Comment

This bill would authorize the preparation of racial impact statements for certain legislation. Implementation of this bill would be contingent on available resources, funding and training.



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1400

TTY: Maine Relay 711

**Rachel Talbot Ross**

39 Washburn Avenue

Portland, ME 04101

Phone: (207) 747-5461

[Rachel.TalbotRoss@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Rachel.TalbotRoss@legislature.maine.gov)

October 30, 2019

Dear President Jackson, Speaker Gideon and members of the Legislative Council:

I write to appeal the decision of the Legislative Council regarding **LR 2983, An Act To Authorize the Preparation of Racial Impact Statements for Certain Legislation**. LR 2983 would allow legislators to request racial impact statements for criminal justice-related bills, ensuring that lawmakers can consider potential unintended consequences of seemingly race-neutral criminal justice legislation in order to address the alarming racial disparities in our legal system.

Although Maine's population is approximately 95% white, the most recent information from the Department of Corrections shows that at least 15.5% of men and 11% of women incarcerated in Maine's prisons are people of color.<sup>1</sup> This vast overrepresentation of people of color, especially Black people, in Maine's prison system is an indication that our laws are producing different outcomes for people of color. We cannot wait to take action if we are going to address the racial disparities within our legal system. This bill alone will not solve the problem, but it represents a practical first step.

Racial impact statements are tools for lawmakers to examine—before they vote—the potential racial disparities a piece of legislation could create. These statements are akin to the fiscal notes that the Office of Fiscal and Policy Review creates to predict unforeseen fiscal considerations. Just like fiscal notes can prevent lawmakers from enacting costly legislation, racial impact analyses can prevent the Legislature from furthering the disproportionate impact the criminal justice system has on people of color. Maine would not be the first to implement such a system; states as ideologically diverse as Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, New Jersey and Oregon have such mechanisms in their laws, and legislatures in eight other states have considered legislation to implement racial impact statements.

We know by looking at incarceration that we have a racial injustice problem in our legal system. We, as legislators, must act immediately to stem the flow of laws that affect people differently based on the color of their skin. I urge the Legislative Council to reverse its decision on LR 2983.

Sincerely,

Rep. Rachel Talbot Ross

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.maine.gov/corrections/quality-assurance/Sept%202019%20Monthly%20Adult%20Data%20Report.pdf>

## 129th Legislature - Second Regular Session

### Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

---

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 3080

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

ARREST

Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross of Portland

An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Summonses for Certain Misdemeanor Offenses

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This bill would amend the laws regarding summonses for criminal offenses and warrantless arrests to narrow the misdemeanors that are subject to arrest without a warrant. It would also narrow the violations of conditions of pretrial release that are arrestable so that technical violations of conditions of release are dealt with by summons rather than arrest and would not be considered new crimes. The bill would narrow the conditions that may be imposed when someone is given pretrial bail to those that implicate public safety and likelihood of return to court.

---



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

(207) 287-1400

TTY: Maine Relay 711

**Rachel Talbot Ross**

39 Washburn Avenue

Portland, ME 04101

Phone: (207) 747-5461

[Rachel.TalbotRoss@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Rachel.TalbotRoss@legislature.maine.gov)

October 30, 2019

Dear President Jackson, Speaker Gideon and members of the Legislative Council:

I write to appeal the decision of the Legislative Council regarding **LR 3080, An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Summonses for Certain Misdemeanor Offenses**. This bill would help address the immediate and ongoing jail funding crisis by reducing incarceration for low-level, non-violent crimes without jeopardizing public safety.

LR 3080 would reduce cycles of re-incarceration and recidivism by eliminating life disruptions caused by incarceration, such as the inability to work, care for children and loved ones, pay taxes, obtain schooling and contribute to one's community.

Maine's violent crime rate is the lowest in the country, and our property crime rate is fourth-lowest in the nation. Yet our jails consistently report operating in the red, forcing sheriffs and jail administrators to come to the Legislature every session requesting more and different funding. Jail beds are costly (around \$100 per day), yet many of the individuals in Maine jails are being held for low-level, non-violent crimes that do not justify a secure facility. For example:

- Misdemeanors, or crimes punishable by less than a year in jail, are a leading cause of pretrial jail stays;
- In 2017, the Class E crime of "Violation of Condition of Release" was the leading reason for jail stays in Androscoggin, Cumberland and Oxford Counties and within the top ten reasons for jail stays in Penobscot, Piscataquis, Waldo and Washington Counties, and there is no reason to think this has changed today; and,
- Failure to pay fines or fees was in the top ten reasons for jail stays in Cumberland, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Waldo and Washington Counties.

Incentivizing police officers to issue summonses instead of arresting people for low-level, non-violent crimes will save significant money, help families stay together and keep people employed.

As we continue our conversation about jail funding, this proposal can be a key component of the solution. I respectfully urge you to allow LR 3080 to be considered by the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Sincerely,

Rep. Rachel Talbot Ross

District 40: Portland (part)

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2982

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

TREATMENT

Sponsor: Representative Terry of Gorham

Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Assist Women Recovering from Substance Use Disorder

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	No	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a task force to develop a program specifically designed to help women recover from substance use disorder.

---

President Troy Jackson  
Legislative Council  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

October 30, 2019

Dear President Jackson,

I would like to respectfully appeal the Council's decision to reject **LR 2982, Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Assist Women Recovering from Substance Use Disorder.**

The State's efforts to assist Mainers with substance use disorder must include targeted efforts to assist women with substance use disorder.

Women with substance use disorder face unique challenges, particularly when pregnant and nursing. This can have serious impacts on the health and safety of infants and children and often leads to people losing custody of their children. In addition, the circumstances that lead women to develop substance use disorder often include experiences with domestic violence and sexual assault.

From the unique challenges of pregnancy to differing causes of developing substance use disorder, we need a task force to specifically find ways to assist women with recovery.

I plan to speak on the emergency nature of this bill at the next meeting of the Legislative Council. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Representative Mo Terry

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2820

SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Sponsor: Representative Tuell of East Machias

An Act To Reduce Pay Disparity in Maine Schools

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	No
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	No

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

---

Comment

This bill would modify the regional adjustment component of the essential programs and services formula for all school administrative units that are under the state average, which is 1.0 in the EPS formula, by increasing all units under 1.0 incrementally over a 3-year period.

---

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, ME 04330



REP. WILL R. TUELL  
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE  
(207) 287-1440

October 28, 2019

Sen. Troy Jackson  
President of the Maine Senate  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

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

I am writing today to formally request an appeal of LR 2820, "An Act to Reduce Pay Disparity in Maine Schools". While it is to be commended that the Department of Education is working to resolve this issue internally, helping lower income school districts improve the quality of their educational offerings is critical. This bill does that by guaranteeing that every school district is reimbursed through the Regional Adjustment component of Essential Programs and Services formula at the state average (1.0). It does not reduce those school districts which are above 1.0, but does increase those which are below 1.0 over a three-year period.

I understand the temptation to hold off on this matter until the next biennial budget, and see the value in taking a comprehensive look at how the EPS formula can be improved to better ensure a higher quality of education statewide, yet, issues like the one I have outlined above are exactly the types of concerns that should be addressed during an emergency session when legislators have fewer bills and more time to work through the nuances of each proposal. Additionally, as the Department itself has indicated a desire to address school funding issues in the coming year, this legislation may be an appropriate vehicle to do so.

I ask for your consideration of the above appeal request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William R. Tuell".

William R Tuell  
Representative, House District 139

*Proudly Serving House District 139: Cutler, East Machias, Eastport, Lubec,  
Machias, Machiasport, Roque Bluffs, Whiting, Trescott Township*

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2835

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

Sponsor: Representative Tuell of East Machias

An Act To Establish Separate Prosecutorial Districts in Downeast Maine

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	Yes	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

Comment

Currently, Hancock and Washington counties share a district attorney. This bill would allow the voters of both counties to decide whether to continue the current arrangement or establish separate prosecutorial districts during a referendum at the November 2020 general election. If the establishment of separate prosecutorial districts is approved by a majority of voters in both counties, Prosecutorial District Number 7 would be dissolved following the 2022 election of a new district attorney in each new prosecutorial district. Each county could also opt to form a new prosecutorial district with other counties prior to January 1, 2022.

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, ME 04330



REP. WILLIAM R. TUELL  
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE  
(207) 287-1440

*October 28, 2019*

Sen. Troy Jackson  
President of the Maine Senate  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

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

I am writing today to formally request an appeal of LR 2835, "An Act to Establish Separate Prosecutorial Districts in Downeast Maine." If approved, this bill would allow the people of Hancock and Washington counties to vote on whether to share a district attorney or establish separate offices, and if approved, establish an orderly process for dissolving Prosecutorial District 7, that will not conflict with state law.

Under the proposal, Hancock and Washington counties would vote on a referendum question during the November 2020 General election on whether to stay in DA 7 or dissolve it. If the people vote to stay, the process ends there. If they vote to dissolve, each county would have time to seek out other partners or establish their own DA office like Aroostook County has. The counties would have a year to sort this out and introduce any necessary legislation prior to the 2022 DA election. DA 7 would not be dissolved until January 1, 2023, the start of the new DA's term of office.

By rejecting this appeal now, that decision will be taken out of the voters hands as legislation will not be able to be introduced until January 2021. Assuming it then cleared the legislature in June 2021, people voted in November 2021, and was approved by both counties, candidates for the new DA districts would have less than a month to decide whether to run. The 130<sup>th</sup> could also carry it over, creating further chaos and disarray.

Hancock and Washington counties are radically different. Hancock is smaller, more urban, and more closely connected to larger service centers such as Bangor, whereas Washington County is much more rural, spread out, and geographically diverse. To drive this point home, it takes two hours (or more) to get from Steuben in the west to Danforth in the north; and an hour and a half to get to Calais in the east. These differences have created an imbalance in access to justice which has only grown over the years as demographics in both counties have changed since the introduction of prosecutorial districts in the 70s. At the very least, the voters of both counties should have a chance to weigh in before electing their next district attorney to a four year term.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William R. Tuell".

William R Tuell  
Representative, House District 139

Proudly Serving House District 139: Cutler, East Machias, Eastport,  
Lubec, Machias, Machiasport, Roque Bluffs, Whiting, Trescott Township

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2686

MUNICIPALITIES

ORDINANCES

Sponsor: Senator Woodsome of York

An Act To Ensure Maine Cable Service Franchises Are Nonexclusive

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

---

Comment

This bill would amend the law authorizing municipal officers pursuant to ordinances to contract to prohibit exclusive cable service franchises in compliance with 47 United States Code, Section 541.

---

*129th Legislature  
Senate of  
Maine  
Senate District 33*

*Senator David C. Woodsome  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0003  
(207) 287-1505*

*Energy, Utilities & Technology Committee  
Ranking Member*

Dear President Jackson,

I would like to appeal your decision to not let LR 2686, "An Act To Ensure Maine Cable Service Franchises Are Nonexclusive" move forward. This legislation is indeed an emergency because current Maine law conflicts with federal law.

Here is the Federal Statute that says all cable franchises must be non-exclusive:

**"(1) A franchising authority may award, in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter, 1 or more franchises within its jurisdiction; except that a franchising authority may not grant an exclusive franchise and may not unreasonably refuse to award an additional competitive franchise."**

<https://codes.findlaw.com/us/title-47-telecommunications/47-usc-sect-541.html>

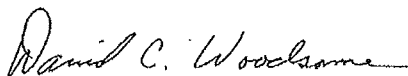
And here is the Maine Statute which incorrectly states that exclusive franchises may be awarded:

**"5. Franchise agreements or contracts. The State specifically authorizes municipal officers pursuant to ordinances to contract on such terms and conditions and impose such fees as are in the best interests of the municipality, including the grant of **exclusive** or nonexclusive franchises for a period not to exceed 15 years, for the placing and maintenance of cable television systems and appurtenances, or parts thereof, along public ways and including contracts with cable system operators that receive the services of television signal transmission offered by any public utilities using public ways for such transmission."**

<http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/30-A/title30-Asec3008.html>

I hope this helps to explain the purpose of the legislation; it would not be well to be in conflict with federal regulations. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



David C. Woodsome  
State Senator

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

JUDICIARY

LR 2704

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

MARRIAGE

Sponsor: Senator Woodsome of York

An Act To Establish Common Law Marriage In Maine

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	Yes
Stewart	No	Timberlake	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would establish common law marriage in the State. Under the law persons cohabitating and acknowledging each other as spouses, and generally reputed to be spouses, for a period of 3 years and until one of them is deceased, must be deemed to have been legally married.

*129th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 33*

*Senator David C. Woodsome*  
*3 State House Station*  
*Augusta, ME 04333-0003*  
*(207) 287-1505*

*Energy, Utilities & Technology Committee*  
*Ranking Member*

Dear President Jackson,

I would like to appeal your decision to not let LR 2704, "An Act To Establish Common Law Marriage in Maine" move forward.

According to AARP, Social Security recognizes common-law marriage if:

- The couple lives in a state where common-law marriage is legal, or did so when the marriage began.

"If your common-law spouse has died and you are seeking survivor benefits, you must provide your own statement, one from a blood relative of yours and two from blood relatives of the deceased. Social Security may seek corroborating evidence that the couple consider (or considered) themselves spouses, such as mortgage or rent receipts, insurance policies or bank records. **If you live in a state that does not recognize common-law marriage, you're out of luck, Social Security-wise.**"

Maine does not currently recognize Common Law Marriages, and as a result, many Maine couples lose the benefits they would be entitled to if only they lived in a different state. As you know social security benefits can make the difference between financial survival and outright poverty especially in rural Maine. Something must be done immediately to remedy this.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



David C. Woodsome  
State Senator

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

---

INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS

LR 2873

LICENSING

DENTAL PERSONNEL

Sponsor: Senator Woodsome of York

An Act To Remove Barriers to Entry to the Profession of Dental Therapy and Expand Access for the Underserved Dental Patient Population

Gideon	No	Jackson	No
Moonen	No	Libby	No
Fecteau	No	Vitelli	No
Dillingham	No	Dow	Yes
Stewart	Yes	Timberlake	Yes

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

---

Comment

This bill would propose changes to the laws governing dental therapy designed to remove barriers to entry to the profession of dental therapy and to expand access for the underserved dental patient population.

---

Total number of bills screened: 77

*129th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 33*

*Senator David C. Woodsome*  
*3 State House Station*  
*Augusta, ME 04333-0003*  
*(207) 287-1505*

*Energy, Utilities & Technology Committee*  
*Ranking Member*

Dear President Jackson,

I would like to appeal your decision to not let LR 2873, "An Act To Remove Barriers to Entry to the Profession of Dental Therapy and Expand Access for the Underserved Dental Patient Population" move forward.

The 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature has been largely focused on access to affordable healthcare, and we have passed a number of bills to help with that effort. LR 2873 is another piece of legislation in this effort. Dental care can be hard to find in rural Maine. It is not uncommon for patients to drive over an hour for a regular cleaning. Dental Therapists can help to mitigate this problem.

A dental therapist is a licensed professional practicing as part of an expanded dental team. This bill is an emergency because sadly current law prevents Dental Therapists licensure due to updated A.D.A. Commission On Dental Accreditation certification standards, and also prevents Maine student applicants from applying to Dental Therapy programs as well as practicing in Maine.

Licensed Dental Therapists would provide treatments beyond the level of hygienist. Since 2009, Minnesota's Licensed Dental Therapists have shown significant patient growth in settings that serve not only the general population but low-income, uninsured and under-served populations, especially in a dental health professional shortage area similar to Maine.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



David C. Woodsome  
State Senator

## **PART 7**

# 129th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Appealed Bill Requests

### Sorted By Subject

---

#### AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

##### ANIMAL WELFARE

###### LAYING HENS

LR: 2897      Sponsor: Representative O'Neil, M of Saco  
Title:          An Act Prohibiting Certain Confinement of Egg-laying Hens and the Sale of Their Eggs  
Comment:      This bill would prohibit confinement of egg-laying hens and the sale of their eggs, with certain exceptions.

##### FORESTRY

###### FIRE CONTROL

LR: 2693      Sponsor: Representative Stewart, T of Presque Isle  
Title:          An Act Relating to the Northeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact  
Comment:      This bill would amend the Northeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact.

##### PESTICIDES

###### PEST MANAGEMENT

LR: 3083      Sponsor: Representative Grohoski, N of Ellsworth  
Title:          An Act To Improve Agricultural Productivity through the Protection of Native Pollinator Species  
Comment:      This bill would prohibit the use by any person of any product containing the neonicotinoid insecticides dinotefuran, clothianidin, imidacloprid or thiamethoxam, regardless of application method, on pollinator-attractive plant species within the State.

##### PRODUCTS

###### HEMP

LR: 2806      Sponsor: Representative DeVeau, J of Caribou  
Title:          An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Hemp To Specifically Authorize the Interstate and International Sale and Transfer of Hemp  
Comment:      This bill would amend the laws governing hemp to specifically authorize the interstate and international sale and transfer of hemp.

##### PUBLIC LANDS

###### LAND FOR MAINE'S FUTURE BOARD

LR: 2707      Sponsor: Representative Moriarty, S of Cumberland  
Title:          An Act To Fund the Land for Maine's Future Program  
Comment:      This bill would allocate \$10,000,000 annually to the Land for Maine's Future Program from the end of the fiscal year cascade.

# **129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**

## **Appealed Bill Requests**

### **Sorted By Subject**

---

#### **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

##### **STATE FINANCES**

##### **BONDED DEBT**

LR: 2876      Sponsor: Representative Corey, P of Windham

Title:            An Act To Authorize Increased Borrowing by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority  
To Support the Completion of the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham

Comment:      This bill would increase by \$50,000,000 the ceiling on outstanding securities for  
correctional facilities issued by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority and require  
the securities to be used to complete the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham.

# 129th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Appealed Bill Requests

### Sorted By Subject

---

#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

##### CORRECTIONS DEPT

###### POWERS

LR: 2719 Sponsor: Representative Stewart, T of Presque Isle  
Title: An Act To Make Comprehensive Changes to Maine's Criminal Justice System To Reduce Recidivism and Improve Mental Health across the State  
Comment: This bill would make comprehensive changes to Maine's criminal justice system to reduce recidivism and improve mental health across the State.

##### CRIMES

###### ENDANGERING

LR: 2887 Sponsor: Representative Doudera, V of Camden  
Title: An Act To Amend the Statute Regarding Endangering the Welfare of a Child To Include Allowing Children Access to Loaded Firearms without Permission  
Comment: This bill would keep Maine children safer by expanding the statute concerning endangering the welfare of a child to cover a person's allowing a child access to a loaded firearm without permission.

##### CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

###### ARREST

LR: 3080 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland  
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Summonses for Certain Misdemeanor Offenses  
Comment: This bill would amend the laws regarding summonses for criminal offenses and warrantless arrests to narrow the misdemeanors that are subject to arrest without a warrant. It would also narrow the violations of conditions of pretrial release that are arrestable so that technical violations of conditions of release are dealt with by summons rather than arrest and would not be considered new crimes. The bill would narrow the conditions that may be imposed when someone is given pretrial bail to those that implicate public safety and likelihood of return to court.

##### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

###### SYSTEM

LR: 2607 Sponsor: Representative Dillingham, K of Oxford  
Title: Resolve, To Establish the Working Group To Review Emergency Medical Services in the State  
Comment: This resolve would establish the Working Group To Review Emergency Medical Services in the State to perform a comprehensive review of the State's emergency medical services system.

##### FIRE SAFETY

###### VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

LR: 2722 Sponsor: Representative Ackley, K of Monmouth  
Title: An Act To Provide a Death Benefit for Volunteer and Part-time Firefighters

# **129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**

## **Appealed Bill Requests**

### **Sorted By Subject**

---

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

##### **FIRE SAFETY**

##### **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS**

Comment: This bill would establish a death benefit for volunteer and part-time firefighters.

##### **PAROLE**

##### **COMMUNITY INTEGRATION**

LR: 2742 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act To Establish a Structured Reentry Program for the Reentry of Persons from Correctional Facilities into the Community

Comment: This bill would establish a structured reentry program for the reentry of persons from correctional facilities into the community.

##### **PRISONERS**

##### **TRANSITIONING**

LR: 2731 Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth, D of Portland

Title: An Act To Improve Prisoner Transport Safety by Specifically Authorizing Transport of Prisoners by Transport Officers

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing the transporting of prisoners to specifically authorize transport of prisoners by transport officers.

# **129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**

## **Appealed Bill Requests**

### **Sorted By Subject**

---

#### **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

##### **SCHOOL FACILITIES**

###### **CONSTRUCTION**

LR: 2729      Sponsor: Representative Campbell, D of Orrington  
Title:          An Act To Amend the Qualifications and Hiring Process for an Owner's Representative for a School Construction Project  
Comment:      This bill would amend the qualifications needed to be an owner's representative for a school construction project to expand the pool of qualified applicants and change the hiring process for owner's representatives.

##### **SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA**

###### **ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

LR: 2820      Sponsor: Representative Tuell, W of East Machias  
Title:          An Act To Reduce Pay Disparity in Maine Schools  
Comment:      This bill would modify the regional adjustment component of the essential programs and services formula for all school administrative units that are under the state average, which is 1.0 in the EPS formula, by increasing all units under 1.0 incrementally over a 3-year period.

##### **SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

###### **POSTSECONDARY PLANNING ASSISTANCE**

LR: 2902      Sponsor: Representative Rykerson, D of Kittery  
Title:          An Act Regarding Student Privacy  
Comment:      This bill would require public schools to provide to military recruiters the same access to school buildings and student information as is provided to other recruiting representatives. It would allow a student to request that the student's information not be released to military recruiters.

##### **TEACHERS**

###### **CERTIFICATION**

LR: 2842      Sponsor: Representative Fecteau, J of Augusta  
Title:          An Act To Modify Teacher Certification Expiration Dates for Teachers Who Use Medical Leave or Family Medical Leave  
Comment:      This bill would allow a teacher with a professional, provisional or conditional certification who uses medical or family medical leave within the teacher's final year of certification to have the certification expiration date extended by the exact number of days the teacher was on leave. A request for extension would be sent to the Department of Education by the school administrative unit. A request would be automatically approved if the department receives sufficient proof documenting the medical leave or family medical leave used by the teacher.

LR: 2843      Sponsor: Representative Fecteau, J of Augusta  
Title:          An Act To Establish a Lifetime Substitute Teacher Certification for Successful and Established Maine Teachers

# 129th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Appealed Bill Requests

### Sorted By Subject

---

#### EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

##### TEACHERS

##### CERTIFICATION

Comment: This bill would allow any teacher who taught in the State under a professional certification for at least 10 school years to be granted a lifetime certification to substitute teach, so long as the teacher's certification was never revoked or suspended, the teacher can successfully pass regular criminal history checks and the teacher is up to date with current special education course requirements for general teacher certification.

LR: 2857 Sponsor: Representative Fecteau, J of Augusta

Title: An Act To Waive Certain Standardized Assessment Requirements for Teacher Certification for Individuals Who Successfully Complete Bachelor's Degree Programs, Teacher Preparation Programs or Teacher Probationary Mentoring Programs

Comment: This bill would waive certain standardized assessment requirements for teacher certification for individuals who successfully complete bachelor's degree programs, teacher preparation programs or teacher probationary mentoring programs.

# 129th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Appealed Bill Requests

### Sorted By Subject

---

#### ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

##### LAND USE

##### SHORELAND ZONING

LR: 2680      Sponsor: Representative Perry, A of Calais  
Title:          An Act To Amend the Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Laws To Provide for Clear and Operable Language in Municipal Land Use Guidelines  
Comment:      This bill would amend the mandatory shoreland zoning laws to clarify definitions regarding wetlands and rivers and to require clear and operable language in the minimum guidelines for municipal zoning and land use controls adopted by the Board of Environmental Protection.

##### OILS

##### ABOVEGROUND TANKS

LR: 2700      Sponsor: Senator Millett, R of Cumberland  
Title:          Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Evaluate Emissions from Heated Aboveground Petroleum and Storage Tanks  
Comment:      This resolve would direct the Department of Environmental Protection to evaluate emissions from heated aboveground petroleum and storage tanks.

##### WASTE FACILITIES

##### INCINERATORS

LR: 2743      Sponsor: Representative Campbell, D of Orrington  
Title:          An Act To Amend the Solid Waste Management Laws Relating to Waste-to-energy Facilities  
Comment:      This bill would amend the solid waste management laws relating to waste-to-energy facilities.

##### WASTES

##### OMNIBUS

LR: 2744      Sponsor: Representative Campbell, D of Orrington  
Title:          An Act To Create a Sustainable Solution to the Handling, Management and Disposal of Solid Waste in the State  
Comment:      This bill would enact measures designed to create a sustainable solution to the handling, management and disposal of solid waste in the State.

##### WASTES

##### PLASTICS

LR: 2708      Sponsor: Senator Miramant, D of Knox  
Title:          An Act To Ban Single-use Plastic Straws, Splash Sticks and Beverage Lid Plugs  
Comment:      This bill would prohibit the manufacture and provision to customers of single-use plastic straws, splash sticks and beverage lid plugs.

# **129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**

## **Appealed Bill Requests**

### **Sorted By Subject**

---

#### **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

##### **WATER QUALITY**

##### **OVERBOARD DISCHARGES**

LR: 2663      Sponsor: Senator Miramant, D of Knox

Title:            An Act To Prohibit the Purging of Volatile Organic Compound Gases from Oil Tankers in the Waters of Maine

Comment:       This bill would prohibit the purging of volatile organic compound gases from oil tankers in the waters of the State.

# 129th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Appealed Bill Requests

### Sorted By Subject

---

#### ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

##### ELECTRIC UTILITIES

###### TRANSMISSION LINES

- LR: 2767      Sponsor: Representative Grohoski, N of Ellsworth
- Title:            An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Requirements for the Construction of Transmission Lines by Incumbent Transmission and Distribution Utilities
- Comment:      This bill would amend the laws governing approval of construction of transmission lines when the party seeking approval from the Public Utilities Commission is an incumbent transmission and distribution utility and the proposed transmission line would not be built for reliability purposes and would not serve Maine retail customers. Under such circumstances, in addition to the existing requirements in law, applicants seeking commission approval would be required to demonstrate (1) that the applicant, upon request, provided equal access to information about the transmission line to any transmission developer seeking to compete with the applicant to construct that transmission line; and (2) that the proposed transmission line will not use ratepayer-funded assets. If ratepayer-funded assets will be used for the proposed transmission line, the applicant would be required to establish that such ratepayer-funded assets were made available on equal terms to any transmission developer seeking to compete with the applicant to construct that transmission line.

##### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

###### 9-1-1 EMERGENCY SYSTEM

- LR: 3076      Sponsor: Representative Riley, T of Jay
- Title:            An Act To Amend the Funding Mechanism for the E-9-1-1 System
- Comment:      This bill would revise the mandates imposed to fund the E-9-1-1 system in response to a report being conducted by the Public Utilities Commission.

##### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

###### BROADBAND SERVICES

- LR: 2668      Sponsor: Representative Dillingham, K of Oxford
- Title:            An Act To Create the Broadband Work Plan
- Comment:      This bill would create a broadband work plan.
- Closely Related Carryover Req:      LD 1563      Senator Bellows, S
- 
- LR: 2878      Sponsor: Representative Brennan, M of Portland
- Title:            An Act To Expand Protections for the Privacy of Online Consumer Information
- Comment:      This bill would ensure all citizens of Maine have consistent protections for their personal information when it is collected and used online, regardless of the entity collecting or using their information. It would expand current privacy law, which applies only to broadband Internet access service providers, to apply to all providers of websites and online services. It also would make amendments to the law to address operational barriers faced by companies during implementation and technical fixes to focus privacy protections on citizens' personal information.
- Closely Related Legislator Req:      LR 2602      Senator Bellows, S

# **129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**

## **Appealed Bill Requests**

### **Sorted By Subject**

---

#### **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

##### **FINANCIAL PRACTICES**

###### **MORTGAGES**

LR: 2746      Sponsor: Senator Moore, M of Washington  
Title:          An Act To Clarify the Rights of Parties in Certain Foreclosure Actions  
Comment:      This bill would provide that a mortgage loan returns to the status quo if the mortgagee does not prevail in a foreclosure action, except that the court may impose sanctions against a mortgagee who has acted with malfeasance. The mortgagor would have no liability for interest or penalties or other fees or costs incurred as a result of the foreclosure action.

##### **INSURANCE**

###### **HEALTH**

LR: 2690      Sponsor: Senator Gratwick, G of Penobscot  
Title:          An Act Regarding Prior Medical Authorizations for Certain Medical Procedure  
Comment:      This bill would establish certain criteria and conditions that, if met, would eliminate the need for prior authorization for health insurance or prohibit an insurer from denying coverage for specified services.

##### **INSURANCE**

###### **MOTOR VEHICLE**

LR: 2931      Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, H of Cumberland  
Title:          An Act To Clarify Insurance Requirements under the Peer-to-peer Car Sharing Insurance Act  
Comment:      This bill would clarify insurance requirements for peer-to-peer car sharing.

##### **INSURANCE**

###### **MOTOR VEHICLES**

LR: 2720      Sponsor: Representative Foster, S of Dexter  
Title:          An Act To Allow a Qualifying Religious or Other Entity To Self-insure for Automobile Insurance  
Comment:      This bill would allow a qualifying religious or other entity to self-insure for automobile insurance with proper proof of financial responsibility for a minimum and maximum number of automobiles. A minimum amount of \$175,000 must be deposited and approved by the Treasurer of State.

##### **INSURANCE**

###### **PROPERTY**

LR: 2939      Sponsor: Representative Foley, V of Biddeford  
Title:          An Act To Create the Limited Lines Self-Storage Insurance Act  
Comment:      This bill would establish a limited lines producer license for the sale of self-storage insurance.

# **129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**

## **Appealed Bill Requests**

### **Sorted By Subject**

---

#### **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

##### **INSURANCE PRACTICES**

##### **INSURANCE PRODUCERS**

LR: 2702      Sponsor: Senator Foley, R of York

Title:          An Act To Increase the Automatic Draft Authority for Licensed Insurance Producers

Comment:      This bill would increase the current automatic draft authority of licensed insurance producers from \$5,000 to \$10,000, with a provision to temporarily raise it to \$20,000 for a severe weather event.

# 129th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Appealed Bill Requests

### Sorted By Subject

---

#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

###### ADMINISTRATION

LR: 3068      Sponsor: Representative Keschl, D of Belgrade  
Title:          An Act To Establish the Trust for a Healthy Maine  
Comment:      This bill would establish the Trust for a Healthy Maine as the entity to receive and distribute funds paid to the State pursuant to the tobacco settlement and from other sources.

##### HEALTH CARE SERVICES

###### COMMUNITY-BASED

LR: 2945      Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin  
Title:          Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Convene a Study Group To Review the Potential Contribution of Community-based Health Workers and Consider Issues Relating to Credentialing and Compensation  
Comment:      This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a study group to review the potential contribution of community-based health workers and consider issues relating to credentialing and compensation.

##### HEALTH CARE SERVICES

###### PLANNING

LR: 2613      Sponsor: Representative Keschl, D of Belgrade  
Title:          An Act To Require a Referendum Regarding the Maine Death with Dignity Act  
Comment:      This bill would require a statewide referendum to repeal the Maine Death with Dignity Act.

##### HOMELESS PERSONS

###### ACCESS TO SERVICES

LR: 3086      Sponsor: Representative Morales, V of South Portland  
Title:          An Act To Create a Frequent Users Systems Engagement Collaborative  
Comment:      This bill would bring together the Maine State Housing Authority, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Statewide Homeless Council, the county jail system, the Department of Corrections and other stakeholders to wrap services and housing around the 500 highest users of high-cost services, such as emergency shelters, emergency rooms, policing, jails and prisons, so that these users can be stabilized in permanent housing and supported by services in the community.

##### HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

###### POWERS

LR: 2764      Sponsor: Representative Sampson, H of Alfred  
Title:          An Act To Require an Assessment of the Role of Vaccination in Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Cases during Postmortem Examinations

# **129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**

## **Appealed Bill Requests**

### **Sorted By Subject**

---

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

##### **HUMAN SERVICES DEPT**

###### **POWERS**

Comment: This bill would require postmortem examinations to include an assessment of the role of vaccinations in sudden infant death syndrome cases.

##### **MEDICAID**

###### **REIMBURSEMENT**

LR: 2727 Sponsor: Representative Craven, M of Lewiston

Title: An Act To Advance Palliative Care Utilization in the State

Comment: This bill would require the adoption of rules that define, standardize and support palliative care delivery, the implementation of reimbursement policies and quality measures within Medicaid to promote high-value care, the incorporation of palliative care into public health and public education strategies and the convening of stakeholders to inform policy and programmatic changes.

##### **SMOKING**

###### **PUBLIC PROTECTION**

LR: 2920 Sponsor: Representative Sampson, H of Alfred

Title: An Act To Establish as a Civil Violation the Use by Adults of Tobacco Products or Electronic Smoking Devices on School Grounds

Comment: This bill would establish as a civil violation the use by adults of tobacco products or electronic smoking devices on school grounds.

##### **SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

###### **DRUG ABUSE**

LR: 2793 Sponsor: Representative Roberts, T of South Berwick

Title: An Act To Address the Needs of Expectant Mothers Affected by Opioid Abuse

Comment: This bill would create a grant program for the treatment of expectant mothers affected by opioid abuse. The program would be administered by the Department of Health and Human Services.

##### **SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER**

###### **TREATMENT**

LR: 2982 Sponsor: Representative Terry, M of Gorham

Title: Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Assist Women Recovering from Substance Use Disorder

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a task force to develop a program specifically designed to help women recover from substance use disorder.

# **129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**

## **Appealed Bill Requests**

### **Sorted By Subject**

---

#### **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**

##### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS ASSISTANCE**

LR: 2951     Sponsor: Senator Chipman, B of Cumberland  
Title:        An Act To Create Incentives for Employers To Allow Employees to Work Remotely in Rural Maine  
Comment:     This bill would create incentives for employers to allow employees to work remotely in rural parts of the State.  
Closely Related Legislator Req:     LR 2792     Representative Roberts, T

##### **LICENSING DENTAL PERSONNEL**

LR: 2873     Sponsor: Senator Woodsome, D of York  
Title:        An Act To Remove Barriers to Entry to the Profession of Dental Therapy and Expand Access for the Underserved Dental Patient Population  
Comment:     This bill would propose changes to the laws governing dental therapy designed to remove barriers to entry to the profession of dental therapy and to expand access for the underserved dental patient population.

##### **LICENSING GENERAL PROVISIONS**

LR: 2802     Sponsor: Representative Stewart, T of Presque Isle  
Title:        An Act To Establish the Universal Occupational and Professional License Reciprocity and Recognition Act  
Comment:     This bill would grant reciprocal occupational or professional licenses for licenses earned out of state for individuals who live in this State and spouses of active duty military members who have relocated to this State with their spouses under military orders and grant an occupational or professional license to an applicant based on work experience in another state that does not require a license.  
Closely Related Legislator Req:     LR 2864     Representative Andrews, J  
  
LR: 2864     Sponsor: Representative Andrews, J of Paris  
Title:        An Act To Recognize Occupational Licenses from Other States To Attract New Residents and Business to Maine  
Comment:     This bill would recognize occupational licenses from other states to attract new residents and business to Maine.  
Closely Related Legislator Req:     LR 2802     Representative Stewart, T

# 129th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Appealed Bill Requests

### Sorted By Subject

---

#### JUDICIARY

##### ABORTION

###### LATE TERM

LR: 2630 Sponsor: Representative Kinney, M of Knox

Title: An Act To Protect Infants Who Are Born Alive Immediately following Birth

Comment: This bill would require that necessary lifesaving measures be used for any child born alive immediately following the birth of that child, regardless of the mother's decision to keep the child.

##### CRIMINAL HISTORIES

###### CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS

LR: 2636 Sponsor: Senator Miramant, D of Knox

Title: An Act To Expunge Records for Certain Cannabis Convictions

Comment: This bill would expunge records for certain cannabis convictions.

Potential JR 217: LD 991 Senator Dill, J

##### DOMESTIC RELATIONS

###### MARRIAGE

LR: 2704 Sponsor: Senator Woodsome, D of York

Title: An Act To Establish Common Law Marriage in Maine

Comment: This bill would establish common law marriage in the State. Under the law persons cohabitating and acknowledging each other as spouses, and generally reputed to be spouses, for a period of 3 years and until one of them is deceased, must be deemed to have been legally married.

##### UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

###### PROVISIONS REVISED

LR: 2632 Sponsor: Representative Cardone, B of Bangor

Title: An Act To Implement Recent Changes to the Laws Regarding Unclaimed Property in Lawyer's Trust Accounts

Comment: This bill would amend the new unclaimed property laws to include the changes made in Public Law 2019, chapter 496.

# **129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**

## **Appealed Bill Requests**

### **Sorted By Subject**

---

#### **LABOR AND HOUSING**

##### **LABOR RELATIONS**

##### **LABOR ORGANIZATIONS**

LR: 2828 Sponsor: Representative Bradstreet, D of Vassalboro

Title: An Act To Conform State Labor Law with Federal Labor Law

Comment: This bill would remove a provision allowing a nonunion employee to be required to pay a service fee for representation by a bargaining agent.

Potential JR 217: LD 1232 Representative Lockman, L

#### **LANDLORD AND TENANT**

##### **RENT**

LR: 2801 Sponsor: Representative Kessler, C of South Portland

Title: An Act To Prohibit Residential Rental Application Fees and Limit Security Deposits

Comment: This bill would prohibit a landlord from charging a fee to apply to enter into a residential rental agreement. It would also limit the security deposit a landlord may require.

#### **STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

##### **ADMINISTRATION**

LR: 2846 Sponsor: Representative Brennan, M of Portland

Title: An Act Regarding Socially Responsible Investing by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

Comment: This bill would direct the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to develop a socially responsible investment policy including divestment from for-profit prisons and fossil fuel companies.

#### **STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

##### **RETURN TO SERVICE**

LR: 2932 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick, G of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Allow Certain Law Enforcement Officers To Return to Participation in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

Comment: This bill would allow 7 members of the Bangor Police Department who are former participants in the Maine State Retirement System, now the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, to buy their way back into the retirement system.

# 129th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Appealed Bill Requests

### Sorted By Subject

---

#### MARINE RESOURCES

##### FISH

##### FISHWAYS

LR: 2752 Sponsor: Senator Moore, M of Washington

Title: An Act To Restore Fish Passage for Anadromous Fish

Comment: This bill would create a fund at the Department of Marine Resources to construct, restore or enhance dams for anadromous fish passage. It would also provide an appropriation for restoring the Whiting Mill Pond Dam located at the head of the tide in Whiting and installing a fishway to allow for anadromous fish passage.

##### SHELLFISH

##### HARVESTING

LR: 2769 Sponsor: Representative Matlack, A of St. George

Title: An Act to Ensure Equity in the Shellfish Depuration Compensation Process for Municipalities

Comment: This bill would amend the laws concerning the shellfish depuration harvesting process to raise the rate of reimbursement paid to the municipality by the depuration certificate holder from 50¢ for each bushel of soft-shelled clams to \$2.00 for each bushel.

## **129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**

### **Appealed Bill Requests**

#### **Sorted By Subject**

---

#### **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

##### **COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

###### **DISTRICT ATTORNEYS**

LR: 2835      Sponsor: Representative Tuell, W of East Machias  
Title:          An Act To Establish Separate Prosecutorial Districts in Downeast Maine  
Comment:      Currently, Hancock and Washington counties share a district attorney. This bill would allow the voters of both counties to decide whether to continue the current arrangement or establish separate prosecutorial districts during a referendum at the November 2020 general election. If the establishment of separate prosecutorial districts is approved by a majority of voters in both counties, Prosecutorial District Number 7 would be dissolved following the 2022 election of a new district attorney in each new prosecutorial district. Each county could also opt to form a new prosecutorial district with other counties prior to January 1, 2022.

#### **LEGISLATURE**

##### **IMPACT STATEMENTS**

LR: 2983      Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland  
Title:          An Act To Authorize the Preparation of Racial Impact Statements for Certain Legislation  
Comment:      This bill would authorize the preparation of racial impact statements for certain legislation. Implementation of this bill would be contingent on available resources, funding and training.

#### **LEGISLATURE**

##### **PROCEDURES**

LR: 2975      Sponsor: Representative Stewart, T of Presque Isle  
Title:          Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Study Reforming the Legislative Process  
Comment:      This resolve would establish a commission to study reforming the legislative process.

#### **MUNICIPALITIES**

##### **ORDINANCES**

LR: 2686      Sponsor: Senator Woodsome, D of York  
Title:          An Act To Ensure Maine Cable Service Franchises Are Nonexclusive  
Comment:      This bill would amend the law authorizing municipal officers pursuant to ordinances to contract to prohibit exclusive cable service franchises in compliance with 47 United States Code, Section 541.

#### **STATE BOARDS**

##### **MAINE-CANADIAN LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY**

LR: 2649      Sponsor: Senator Lawrence, M of York  
Title:          An Act To Allow Public Members of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission To Receive Reimbursement for Travel Expenses  
Comment:      This bill would allow public members of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission to receive reimbursement for travel expenses.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**

**Appealed Bill Requests**

**Sorted By Subject**

---

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**STATE BOARDS**

**MAINE-CANADIAN LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY**

# 129th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Appealed Bill Requests

### Sorted By Subject

---

#### **TAXATION**

##### **PROPERTY TAX**

##### **RELIEF**

LR: 2723 Sponsor: Representative Ackley, K of Monmouth

Title: An Act To Allow Municipalities To Set Below-market Interest Rates for Senior Citizen Property Tax Deferral Programs

Comment: This bill would allow a municipality to set a below-market interest rate on deferred taxes under a senior citizen property tax deferral program.

##### **REVENUE SERVICES BUREAU**

##### **PROCEDURES**

LR: 2867 Sponsor: Senator Deschambault, S of York

Title: An Act To Promote Economic Development by Increasing Incentives for the Film Industry

Comment: This bill would promote economic development by increasing tax incentives for the film industry.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2917 Representative Grignon, C

#### **TAX INCREMENT FINANCING**

##### **USES EXPANDED**

LR: 2906 Sponsor: Representative Skolfield, T of Weld

Title: An Act To Authorize the Use of Tax Increment Financing District Funds for Law Enforcement Purposes

Comment: This bill would authorize the use by counties of tax increment financing district funds for public safety purposes, such as hiring deputy sheriffs and purchasing gear for law enforcement personnel.

# 129th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Appealed Bill Requests

### Sorted By Subject

---

#### TRANSPORTATION

##### MOTOR VEHICLES

###### MODIFICATIONS

LR: 2971 Sponsor: Senator Bellows, S of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Require Employee Safety within the Funeral Industry

Comment: This bill would require any added platform in a vehicle being used as a hearse to be level with the bottom of the front seats of the vehicle and to be attached to the vehicle.

##### MOTOR VEHICLES

###### NUMBER PLATES

LR: 2944 Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin

Title: An Act To Minimize Potentially Objectionable License Plates

Comment: This bill would adopt changes similar to those in other states to minimize potentially objectionable license plates.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2695 Senator Guerin, S

##### MOTORCYCLES

###### MOTORIZED SCOOTERS

LR: 2670 Sponsor: Representative Hobbs, D of Wells

Title: An Act To Require Operators of Motorized Scooters To Wear Helmets

Comment: This bill would require operators of motorized scooters to wear helmets.

##### OPERATORS LICENSES

###### SUSPENSION

LR: 2818 Sponsor: Senator Keim, L of Oxford

Title: An Act To Provide an Appeals Process for Administrative Suspensions of Provisional Driver's Licenses

Comment: This bill would provide a process to appeal administrative suspensions of provisional driver's licenses.

# 129th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Appealed Bill Requests

### Sorted By Subject

---

#### VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

##### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

###### LIQUOR SALES

- LR: 2868      Sponsor: Representative Andrews, J of Paris  
Title:          An Act To Allow the Sale of Privately Held Fine and Rare Spirits by Auction  
Comment:      This bill would allow the sale of privately held fine and rare spirits by auction.
- LR: 2973      Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title:          An Act To Encourage Innovation in Maine's Craft Beverage Industries  
Comment:      This bill would define the term "mixed beverages," which will have no more than 24% alcohol by volume, and allow mixed beverages to be produced by brewers, sold by wholesalers and taxed with an excise tax set at 35¢ per gallon.

#### ELECTIONS

##### CITIZEN INITIATIVES

- LR: 2642      Sponsor: Representative Corey, P of Windham  
Title:          An Act To Exempt Citizen Initiatives and People's Vetoes from Presidential Primary Elections  
Comment:      This bill would exempt citizen initiatives and people's vetoes from being held during a presidential primary election.

#### GAMBLING

##### GAMES OF CHANCE

- LR: 2711      Sponsor: Senator Farrin, B of Somerset  
Title:          An Act Regarding Games of Chance at Fairs Conducted by Groups Affiliated with Fraternal Organizations  
Comment:      This bill would allow organizations and groups such as the American Legion Riders, which unlike the American Legion do not hold an actual license, to conduct games of chance at fairs without having to own the equipment for those games and without having to be members of the fair.

#### GAMBLING

##### RAFFLES

- LR: 2687      Sponsor: Representative Stewart, T of Presque Isle  
Title:          An Act To Allow Nonprofit Organizations in Maine To Sell Raffle Tickets Online  
Comment:      This bill would allow nonprofit organizations in Maine to sell raffle tickets online.

#### MARIJUANA

##### COMMERCIAL

- LR: 2610      Sponsor: Senator Cyrway, S of Kennebec  
Title:          An Act To Require Warning Labels Regarding the Danger of Psychosis from the Consumption of Marijuana Products

# **129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**

## **Appealed Bill Requests**

### **Sorted By Subject**

---

#### **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

##### **MARIJUANA**

##### **COMMERCIAL**

Comment: This bill would require all medical and adult use marijuana products to have a label warning of the possibility of psychosis from use of the product.

##### **VETERANS**

##### **SERVICES**

LR: 2805 Sponsor: Representative DeVeau, J of Caribou

Title: An Act To Provide Additional Supplemental Funding to the Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Coordination Program

Comment: This bill would provide additional supplemental funding of approximately \$600,000 to the veterans' homelessness prevention coordination program.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Appealed Bill Requests**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

Total number of bills screened: 77

## **PART 8**

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DEPT  
PROCEDURES**

LR: 2815      Sponsor: Representative Cuddy, S of Winterport  
Title:          An Act To Protect the Property of Maine Farmers  
Comment:      This bill would allow the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to establish a procedure for releasing back to the original farmers meat products that have been found to be unadulterated and misbranded.

**PESTICIDES  
HERBICIDES**

LR: 2898      Sponsor: Representative Gramlich, L of Old Orchard Beach  
Title:          An Act To Protect Children from Toxic Chemicals  
Comment:      This bill would ban the use of herbicides classified as pesticides by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control, including glyphosate and other nonselective herbicides, within 75 feet of school grounds, public playgrounds and day care centers.

Closely Related Legislator Req:      LR 2637      Representative Gramlich, L

**PUBLIC LANDS  
CONVEYANCES**

LR: 2903      Sponsor: Senator Black, R of Franklin  
Title:          An Act To Require a Lease of Public Lands To Be Based on Reasonable Market Value  
Comment:      This bill would require the review of all leases of public lands by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry within the last 5 years to determine whether those leases were based on reasonable market value and whether they complied with the requirement in the Constitution of Maine that all such leases be approved by a 2/3 vote of the Legislature.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

**BOND ISSUES**

**EDUCATION**

LR: 2656      Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title:          An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide New Facilities at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics  
Comment:      This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to fund new facilities at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics in Limestone.

**BOND ISSUES**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

LR: 2800      Sponsor: Representative Dunphy, M of Old Town  
Title:          An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Repair Maine Forest Service Aircraft  
Comment:      This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to repair Maine Forest Service aircraft.

**STATE FINANCES**

**BONDED DEBT**

LR: 2959      Sponsor: Representative Fecteau, R of Biddeford  
Title:          An Act To Fund Capital Improvements to Career and Technical Education Centers  
Comment:      This bill would fund capital improvements to career and technical education centers using securities issued by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

**EMPLOYEES**

LR: 2960      Sponsor: Representative Pluecker, B of Warren  
Title:          An Act To Reform Correctional Officer Compensation in Maine  
Comment:      This bill would address a shortage of correctional officers by increasing their pay and benefits to make the positions more competitive in the job market.  
Closely Related Carryover Req:      LD 802      Representative Warren, C

**CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

**MANAGEMENT**

LR: 2989      Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland  
Title:          An Act To Ensure Access to Reproductive Health Care in Maine Jails, County Correctional Facilities and State Correctional and Detention Facilities  
Comment:      This bill would establish and maintain access to comprehensive reproductive health care and ensure prenatal, perinatal and postnatal care to a female or person with a uterus upon admission to and throughout that person's incarceration within a correctional or detention facility, jail facility or other county correctional facility.

**CRIMES**

**DRUG OFFENSES**

LR: 3067      Sponsor: Senator Woodsome, D of York  
Title:          An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Drug Paraphernalia That Encourage Drug Use by Young People  
Comment:      This bill would prohibit the sale by Maine retailers of so-called "stash cans" marketed as being able to conceal controlled substances.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**SYSTEM**

LR: 2824      Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title:          An Act To Authorize Emergency Medical Services Personnel To Provide Treatment within Their Scope of Practice in a Hospital Setting with the Permission of the Hospital  
Comment:      This bill would authorize emergency medical services personnel to provide treatment within their scope of practice in a hospital setting with the permission of the hospital.

LR: 3075      Sponsor: Representative Martin, D of Sinclair  
Title:          An Act To Improve Response to Sudden Cardiac Arrest by Requiring Training in the Delivery of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Methods by Telecommunications Technology  
Comment:      This bill would require that all emergency services personnel responsible for communicating with callers on emergency telephone calls be trained in telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**FIRE SAFETY**

**FIRE MARSHAL**

LR: 2834      Sponsor: Representative Reckitt, L of South Portland  
Title:            An Act Regarding the Use of Propane and Natural Gas Detectors  
Comment:       This bill would require the use of propane and natural gas detectors in appropriate buildings.

**FIRE SAFETY**

**FIREWORKS**

LR: 2913      Sponsor: Representative Fay, J of Raymond  
Title:            An Act To Protect Water Quality by Prohibiting Consumer Fireworks in the Shoreland Zone  
Comment:       This bill would ban the use of consumer fireworks in the shoreland zone except on certain holidays.

**JUVENILE OFFENDERS**

**JUVENILE COURT**

LR: 2605      Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland  
Title:            An Act To Protect the Confidentiality of Juvenile History Record Information  
Comment:       This bill would enact measures designed to protect the confidentiality of juvenile history record information.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY**

LR: 2797      Sponsor: Representative Nadeau, C of Winslow  
Title:            An Act To Require Forest Rangers To Be Trained at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy  
Comment:       This bill would require new forest rangers to complete the basic training course at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**LOCAL POLICE**

LR: 2789      Sponsor: Senator Dill, J of Penobscot  
Title:            An Act To Allow Retired Law Enforcement Officers To Serve as School Resource Officers  
Comment:       This bill would allow school administrative units to employ as a school resource officer an individual who previously served full time as a certified law enforcement officer in good standing at a state, municipal, county or federal law enforcement agency and has retired. These individuals would be required to undergo a comprehensive background check.

**PUBLIC SAFETY DEPT**

**ADMINISTRATION**

LR: 2629      Sponsor: Representative Caiazzo, C of Scarborough

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**PUBLIC SAFETY DEPT  
ADMINISTRATION**

Title: An Act To Enhance the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code

Comment: This bill would provide for adequate staffing and funding to allow the Department of Public Safety to enforce Maine's building codes.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**APPLIED TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION**

**ADMINISTRATION**

LR: 2875      Sponsor: Senator Herbig, E of Waldo  
Title:          An Act To Provide Funding for Capital Improvements and Equipment for Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions  
Comment:      This bill would appropriate \$4,000,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Education to make capital improvements to and purchase equipment that has a useful life of at least 5 years for career and technical education centers and regions.  
Closely Related Carryover Req:      LD 1606      Senator Dill, J

**EDUCATION DEPT**

**POWERS**

LR: 2862      Sponsor: Senator Libby, N of Androscoggin  
Title:          An Act To Increase High School Graduation Rates for Students Experiencing Homelessness or in Foster Care  
Comment:      This bill would increase high school graduation rates for students experiencing homelessness or in foster care by facilitating the process for those students to obtain a diploma, allowing such students who change schools to receive a diploma from their previous school under certain circumstances and ensuring the appropriate award of partial credits and maximizing progress toward earning full credit.

**EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS**

**MAGNET SCHOOLS**

LR: 2885      Sponsor: Senator Herbig, E of Waldo  
Title:          An Act To Strengthen Maritime Education  
Comment:      This bill would repeal the law terminating the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature, allow the school to admit nonresidential students and address funding issues.

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

**BOARDS**

LR: 2676      Sponsor: Representative Cloutier, K of Lewiston  
Title:          An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Reserve Funds of School Administrative Districts, Regional School Units and Career and Technical Education Regions  
Comment:      This bill would allow a school administrative district board of directors to expend reserve funds for an emergency necessitating immediate expenditures when obtaining voter permission would be cost-prohibitive or when the expenditure is required by law.  
  
LR: 2861      Sponsor: Representative Brennan, M of Portland  
Title:          An Act Regarding the Negotiation of Educational Policies by School Boards

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

**BOARDS**

Comment: This bill would authorize a school board to adopt a policy that establishes the educational policies that the school board may negotiate.

**SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

**HOURLY EMPLOYEES**

LR: 2777 Sponsor: Representative Collings, B of Portland

Title: An Act To Set a Minimum Wage for School Support Staff

Comment: This bill would require a minimum wage of \$16 per hour for school support staff.

**SCHOOL POLICIES**

**ATTENDANCE**

LR: 2633 Sponsor: Representative McCreight, J of Harpswell

Title: An Act To Include Student Absences for Mental Health or Behavioral Health Needs as Excusable Absences

Comment: This bill would require Maine schools to accept student absences for mental health and behavioral health needs as excused absences.

**SCHOOL POLICIES**

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

LR: 2606 Sponsor: Representative Tipping, R of Orono

Title: An Act Regarding Immunizations for Students

Comment: This bill would exempt students who attend virtual charter schools and postsecondary students who attend all of their classes online from immunization requirements. It also would expand the universal vaccine program to include coverage for students who are enrolled in or have been offered enrollment in a postsecondary school in this State.

**SCHOOL POLICIES**

**SUSPENSIONS**

LR: 2948 Sponsor: Representative Morales, V of South Portland

Title: An Act Regarding School Discipline for Maine's Youngest Students

Comment: This bill would prohibit out-of-school suspensions and the withholding of recess as disciplinary options for prekindergarten to grade 5 students and provide for legal representation for indigent children at disciplinary and manifestation determination hearings.

**SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**CURRICULUM**

LR: 2724 Sponsor: Representative Kornfield, V of Bangor

Title: An Act To Establish a Process for the Consideration and Implementation of Changes to School Curricula

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**SCHOOL PROGRAMS**  
**CURRICULUM**

Comment: This bill would establish a consistent process for the consideration and implementation of changes to school curricula. Under this bill, a review committee established by the Commissioner of Education and composed of teachers, administrators and content specialists would review proposals to add to, or change, school curricula and would provide its findings to the sponsor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters.

LR: 2974 Sponsor: Representative Dunphy, M of Old Town

Title: An Act To Promote Outdoor Recreational Opportunities for Maine Students

Comment: This bill would allow state-approved public and private kindergarten to grade 12 schools and state-approved public and private postsecondary education institutions to conduct, without a guide license, back-country trips for students and adults associated with those institutions. The bill would allow for approved schools and institutions to apply for the youth camp trip leader permit.

**SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION**  
**BUS DRIVERS**

LR: 2685 Sponsor: Senator Woodsome, D of York

Title: An Act To Help Retain School Bus Drivers

Comment: This bill would exempt laid-off employees from work search requirements in Maine's unemployment insurance laws for up to 6 weeks if their employers set a specific date for the employees to return to their jobs after no more than 12 weeks.

**SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION**  
**BUSES**

LR: 2925 Sponsor: Senator Vitelli, E of Sagadahoc

Title: An Act To Incentivize the Purchase of Electric Public School Buses

Comment: This bill would provide incentives to municipalities and other purchasers of school buses to replace aging vehicles with electric buses. It would also create a pilot program to work with a large municipality or county to create the infrastructure needed to create vehicle-to-grid energy systems for charging electric buses and feed stored energy back to the grid.

**TEACHERS**  
**CERTIFICATION**

LR: 2674 Sponsor: Representative McCrea, D of Fort Fairfield

Title: An Act To Protect Teachers from Certification Changes

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**TEACHERS**

**CERTIFICATION**

Comment: This bill would provide that when a teacher becomes initially certified under the State's certification programs, the grade spans or subjects the teacher is eligible to teach may not be changed in future years for that teacher. The State may change the recertification requirements, and a teacher seeking recertification may be subject to additional course work in order to meet the new certification requirements, but the grade spans or subjects the teacher is eligible to teach will remain regardless of teacher certification changes instituted by the State.

**TEACHERS**

**EVALUATIONS**

LR: 2673 Sponsor: Representative McCrea, D of Fort Fairfield

Title: An Act To Protect Teachers from Punitive Transfers

Comment: This bill would prohibit a school administrative unit from transferring a teacher for punitive reasons or as an act of retaliation.

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM**

**LABOR RELATIONS**

LR: 2896 Sponsor: Representative Dodge, J of Belfast

Title: An Act To Establish a Career Path for Adjunct Professors in Maine's Public University and College System

Comment: This bill would change the definition of "regular employee" under the laws governing labor relations in public institutions of higher education to include any person who has taught at least 8 credits per year over a 3-year period. Additionally, this bill would make it a prohibited practice for any institution to deny a professor additional credits solely for the purpose of denying the professor the opportunity to achieve the status of a regular employee.

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM**

**SOUTHERN MAINE**

LR: 2934 Sponsor: Senator Libby, N of Androscoggin

Title: An Act To Rename the University of Southern Maine the University of Maine at Portland and To Codify the Establishment of Lewiston-Auburn College

Comment: Consistent with the naming of the other campuses of the University of Maine System, this bill would change the name of the University of Southern Maine to the University of Maine at Portland and would add its Lewiston-Auburn branch campus to the laws governing the University of Maine System.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**ASBESTOS**

**REMEDIATION**

LR: 2816      Sponsor: Representative Harnett, T of Gardiner

Title:          An Act To Protect State Workers from Exposure to Carcinogens

Comment:      This bill would provide for the collection and cataloging of data on the history of public buildings regarding abatement and contaminant testing, create new standards regarding the level of contaminants allowed in the workplace, improve testing requirements and better reinforce oversight regarding problem buildings. This bill also would seek to improve the ability of workers in public buildings to raise and resolve safety concerns.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

**ALTERNATIVE ENERGY**

**RENEWABLE RESOURCES**

LR: 2924      Sponsor: Senator Vitelli, E of Sagadahoc  
Title:          An Act To Authorize Separate Alternative Compliance Payment Rates for Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard  
Comment:      This bill would authorize the Public Utilities Commission to set separate alternative compliance payment rates for Class 1 and Class 1A resources and thermal renewable energy credits.

**FUELS**

**LIQUID PROPANE**

LR: 3052      Sponsor: Representative Matlack, A of St. George  
Title:          An Act To Protect Maine Propane Consumers  
Comment:      This bill would require that when a consumer ends a contract with a propane company with more than 5 gallons of propane in the consumer's tank that the customer has already paid for, the propane company is required to compensate the customer for the propane at the current market price of propane or the price the consumer paid for it, whichever is less. The reimbursement would be limited to once per consumer per 12-month period.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**POWERS**

LR: 2833      Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title:          An Act To Prohibit Certain Wheeling Charges for the Transmission of Electricity  
Comment:      This bill would prohibit a transmission and distribution utility in northern Maine from instituting a wheeling charge for the transmission of electricity to and from Canada.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**PROCEDURES**

LR: 2628      Sponsor: Representative Berry, S of Bowdoinham  
Title:          An Act Regarding Utility-related Fees  
Comment:      This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to report annually on any utility-related fees that have not been updated or adjusted in the previous 5 years and to provide the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters the specific legislation necessary to update each fee set in statute based on the Consumer Price Index.

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**BROADBAND SERVICES**

LR: 2874      Sponsor: Senator Herbig, E of Waldo  
Title:          An Act To Provide Funding for Broadband Internet Infrastructure in Unserved and Underserved Areas

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**BROADBAND SERVICES**

Comment: This bill would appropriate \$15,000,000 from the General Fund to the ConnectME Authority for the provision of broadband Internet infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 173 Representative McCrea, D

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**CELLULAR PHONES**

LR: 2712 Sponsor: Senator Carpenter, M of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Ensure a Consumer's Right To Repair Certain Electronic Products

Comment: This bill would require that manufacturers of certain consumer electronic products sold in the State make available to independent repair facilities and owners of the products the same diagnostic and repair information that the manufacturers make available to their own authorized repair providers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2735 Representative Zeigler, S

**UTILITY DISTRICTS**

**CHARTER CHANGES**

LR: 2796 Sponsor: Representative Rykerson, D of Kittery

Title: An Act To Amend the Kittery Water District Charter

Comment: This bill would describe the present geographic boundaries of the Kittery Water District, allow all customers in the district to vote in district elections and require that district board nominees reside in the district.

LR: 2822 Sponsor: Representative Pickett, R of Dixfield

Title: An Act To Amend the Canton Water District Charter

Comment: This bill would update and modernize the charter of the Canton Water District and clarify that it is a standard district.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

**BILLING**

LR: 2881      Sponsor: Speaker Gideon, S of Freeport  
Title:          An Act To Protect Consumers from Surprise Emergency Medical Bills  
Comment:      This bill would amend the laws governing medical billing to protect consumers from unexpected medical bills in emergency situations. Under this bill, consumers would be held harmless when a consumer receives emergency medical services from an out-of-network medical provider. When an issue arises regarding the differential cost between what the insurer will pay for the out-of-network services and what the out-of-network provider charged for the service, an independent dispute resolution mechanism based on an independent and transparent database would be used to encourage providers and insurers to negotiate in good faith without the consumer's being affected.

Closely Related Legislator Req:      LR 2662      Representative Hepler, A

Closely Related Legislator Req:      LR 2923      Senator Gratwick, G

LR: 2889      Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin  
Title:          An Act To Establish Patient Protections in Billing for Health Care  
Comment:      This bill would ensure patient protections in health care billing by prohibiting new patient fees charged to patients for transferring between doctors; prohibiting billing for the transfer of patient records between providers; requiring referrals to providers who are out-of-network for a patient receiving the referral to disclose that the provider is out-of-network; and requiring providers to disclose the average cost in the State for the service for which a patient has been scheduled and the providers offering the service at the highest and lowest rates in the State.

**INSURANCE**

**DENTAL**

LR: 2910      Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, H of Cumberland  
Title:          An Act To Facilitate Dental Treatment for Children  
Comment:      This bill would prohibit a health insurance or dental insurance issuer offering coverage in the group or individual market from imposing a benefit waiting period on any dental or oral health service or treatment for enrolled individuals 18 years of age and younger, except that this prohibition does not apply to orthodontic treatment.

**INSURANCE**

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

LR: 2879      Sponsor: Speaker Gideon, S of Freeport  
Title:          An Act To Improve Care and Increase Efficiency in the Small Business Health Insurance Marketplace  
Comment:      This bill would require small group insurance plans sold in Maine to meet the same medical loss ratio as is generally required of large group insurance plans. Insurance companies would be required to expend at least 85% of premium dollars on medical claims and activities that improve the quality of care, leaving 15% of premium dollars to cover other expenses including administrative expenses, overhead and marketing costs.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**INSURANCE**

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

- LR: 2880      Sponsor: Speaker Gideon, S of Freeport  
Title:            An Act To Increase Fairness in Maine's Health Insurance Marketplace  
Comment:      This bill would allow the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to administratively lower or eliminate the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association assessment on a person covered by small or large group health insurance as long as the total remaining assessment is sufficient to cover the costs of operations of the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association.
- LR: 2882      Sponsor: Speaker Gideon, S of Freeport  
Title:            Resolve, To Increase Transparency and Lower Health Insurance Costs for Small Businesses in Maine  
Comment:      This resolve would require the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to create, publish and regularly update an online tool that would allow small businesses to view and compare premium rates and out-of-pocket costs and benefits of the various small group plans available to them based on their location and the number and age of employees or dependents they intend to cover. The online tool will also provide a direct link to the summary of benefits and coverage for each plan displayed.
- LR: 2890      Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title:            An Act To Establish a Fully State-based Health Care Exchange  
Comment:      This bill would establish a fully state-based health care exchange under a new Maine Health Care Commission, which would have full responsibility for and oversight of the exchange.
- LR: 2891      Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, H of Cumberland  
Title:            An Act To Control Health Care Spending  
Comment:      This bill would establish an advisory group representing public payer plans that would make recommendations for saving money to the plans and to individuals covered by the plans, including lower premiums and lower cost-sharing, plan consolidation, global budgeting, reference-based pricing implementation and any other recommendations.

**INSURANCE**

**LIABILITY**

- LR: 3088      Sponsor: Representative Moonen, M of Portland  
Title:            An Act To Increase the Minimum Amount of Insurance Coverage Required for Medical Payments for Vehicle Liability Insurance  
Comment:      This bill would increase the minimum amount of insurance coverage required for medical payments for vehicle liability insurance from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**INSURANCE PRACTICES**  
**CLAIMS PROCESSING**

LR: 2624      Sponsor: Senator Libby, N of Androscoggin  
Title:          An Act To Prohibit Insurance Carriers from Retroactively Reducing Payment on Clean Claims Submitted by Pharmacies  
Comment:      This bill would prohibit a health insurance carrier from retroactively reducing payment on a properly submitted claim by a pharmacy provider. The bill would also prohibit a carrier from charging or holding a pharmacy provider responsible for any fee related to a claim that is not apparent at the time the carrier processes the claim, that is not reported on the remittance advice or after the initial claim is adjudicated by the carrier.

**PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**  
**FORMULARIES**

LR: 2892      Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title:          An Act To Protect Consumers from Rising Drug Costs Resulting from Manipulation of Prescription Drug Formularies  
Comment:      This bill would prohibit a therapeutically interchangeable generic drug from being included on a tier higher than that of the brand-name alternative on an insurer's prescription drug formulary.

**PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**  
**REGULATION**

LR: 2986      Sponsor: Representative Madigan, C of Waterville  
Title:          An Act To Assist Persons with Disabilities Who Are Subject to Pill Count Rules with Receiving Refills  
Comment:      This bill would allow a person with a physical disability who is subject to a pill count and whose prescription has run out to request that a pharmacist deliver the medication to the person rather than requiring the person to go to the pharmacy.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**DISABLED PERSONS**

**AUTISTIC PERSONS**

LR: 2623      Sponsor: Senator Millett, R of Cumberland  
Title:          An Act To Eliminate Waiting Lists for Home-based and Community-based Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities, Autism, Other Related Conditions and Brain Injury  
Comment:      This bill would eliminate waiting lists for home-based and community-based services for adults with intellectual disabilities, autism, other related conditions and brain injury.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT  
POWERS**

LR: 2883      Sponsor: Representative Gramlich, L of Old Orchard Beach  
Title:          An Act To Provide Timely Access to Behavioral Health Services for Maine Children and To Address Trauma and the Impacts of the Opioid Crisis  
Comment:      This bill would provide funding to increase rates in the Department of Health and Human Services rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services and Chapter III, Section 97, Appendix B, Principles of Reimbursement for Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities and Appendix D, Principles of Reimbursement for Child Care Facilities by 30% no later than July 1, 2020.

**HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
CHILDREN**

LR: 3078      Sponsor: Representative Riley, T of Jay  
Title:          An Act To Allow Parents of Minors Who Qualify for In-home Personal Care To Be Employed as Caregivers for Those Minors  
Comment:      This bill would allow parents of minors who qualify for hours of in-home personal care staffing to be employed as the caregivers. This bill would allow the parents to work either as employees of the agency that provides the in-home services or as employees of the family member who is acting as the employer in the Family Provider Service Option program; the parent-employee would not be allowed to also function as the employer.

Closely Related Legislator Req:      LR 3091      Representative Cloutier, K

LR: 3091      Sponsor: Representative Cloutier, K of Lewiston  
Title:          An Act To Provide Compensation to Family Caregivers  
Comment:      This bill would provide compensation to family caregivers.  
Closely Related Legislator Req:      LR 3078      Representative Riley, T

**HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
DELIVERY**

LR: 2696      Sponsor: Representative Doudera, V of Camden  
Title:          An Act To Prohibit, Except in Emergency Situations, the Performance without Consent of Pelvic Examinations on Unconscious or Anesthetized Patients

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

**DELIVERY**

Comment: This bill would prohibit, except in emergency situations, the performance without patient consent of a pelvic examination on an anesthetized or unconscious patient.

LR: 2894 Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin

Title: An Act Regarding the Implementation of Federal Requirements for Electronic Visit Verification of Personal Care and Home Health Assistance Visits

Comment: This bill would govern the implementation by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services of the recently enacted federal requirements for electronic visit verification of personal care and home health assistance visits. The bill would require that the electronic visit verification requirements are implemented in a manner that minimizes burdens that could have the effect of diminishing client care and contact time and would require that the perspectives and experiences of direct care workers and agencies be considered in the development of electronic visit verification requirements.

LR: 3033 Sponsor: Representative McCreight, J of Harpswell

Title: An Act To Provide Access to Health Care

Comment: This bill would provide access to the most effective evidence-based health care, including preventative care, early intervention when problems occur and ongoing health care, to provide the best environment for the development of healthy families in which children can thrive, as well as a productive workforce.

**HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

**PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

LR: 2768 Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, H of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Increase Access to and Reduce the Cost of Epinephrine Autoinjectors

Comment: This bill would establish a uniform definition of the term "epinephrine autoinjector" in 2 different Titles of the Maine Revised Statutes that would include devices approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration that deliver a specific dose of epinephrine by means other than automatic injection of epinephrine into the human body. The bill would also change references to "epinephrine pen" to "epinephrine autoinjector."

**INJURIES**

**HEAD INJURIES**

LR: 2728 Sponsor: Representative Hepler, A of Woolwich

Title: An Act To Comply with Recommendations of the Federal Traumatic Brain Injury State Partnership Program by Changing the Membership of the Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Council

Comment: This bill would expand the membership of the Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Council who are persons with acquired brain injury or family caregivers to half the membership of the council and add representatives from the long-term care ombudsman program, an aging and disability resource center and a center for independent living.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**MEDICAID**

**MAINECARE**

- LR: 2640      Sponsor: Representative Craven, M of Lewiston  
Title:            An Act Concerning MaineCare Coverage for Donor Breast Milk  
Comment:      This bill would provide MaineCare reimbursement for donated breast milk when determined to be medically necessary.
- LR: 2738      Sponsor: Senator Gratwick, G of Penobscot  
Title:            An Act To Promote Telehealth in the Targeted Case Management Program  
Comment:      This bill would promote the use of voice and video calls over the Internet by case managers to reach families in remote locations across Maine.
- LR: 2782      Sponsor: Representative Tepler, D of Topsham  
Title:            An Act To Expand Eligibility for Home Accessibility Adaptation Benefits under the MaineCare Program  
Comment:      This bill would expand eligibility for home accessibility adaptation benefits under the MaineCare program.
- LR: 2895      Sponsor: Representative Meyer, M of Eliot  
Title:            Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Targeted Case Management To Reflect Inflation  
Comment:      This resolve would require the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules governing MaineCare reimbursement for targeted case management services to provide an increase reflecting cost increases from 2010 to 2019.
- LR: 2909      Sponsor: Representative Gattine, D of Westbrook  
Title:            An Act To Promote Cost-effectiveness in the MaineCare Program and Improve the Oral Health of Maine Adults and Children  
Comment:      This bill would authorize access to comprehensive, medically necessary preventive, diagnostic and restorative dental services for MaineCare members 21 years of age and older. It would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to develop strategies relating to dental coverage for parents and to educate persons transitioning from MaineCare children's services to adult services.
- LR: 2915      Sponsor: Representative Carney, A of Cape Elizabeth  
Title:            An Act To Provide Maine Women MaineCare Coverage for Postpartum Care  
Comment:      This bill would change the maximum period of time following delivery, from 60 days to 12 months, that a qualified woman with a family income equal to or below 200% of the poverty line or a woman who is a noncitizen legally admitted to the United States may receive Medicaid services.
- LR: 2928      Sponsor: Representative Mastraccio, A of Sanford  
Title:            Resolve, To Support Individuals with Acute Mental Health Needs

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**MEDICAID**

**MAINECARE**

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 45.03 to provide reimbursement for patients discharged from Southern Maine Health Care's psychiatric inpatient unit in the amount of \$13,396.47 per distinct discharge. It would make the change take effect on July 1, 2020.

LR: 2929 Sponsor: Representative Perry, A of Calais

Title: An Act To Reduce Barriers to Health Care for Low-income Homeowners

Comment: This bill would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to take the state option to perform estate recovery in the MaineCare program only for people 55 years of age or older who receive health care services that are mandated to be included in the estate recovery program by federal statute. Those services mandated in federal statute are nursing facility services, home and community-based services and related hospital and prescription drug services.

LR: 2990 Sponsor: Representative Stover, H of Boothbay

Title: An Act Regarding the Process for Obtaining Prior Authorization for Health Insurance Purposes for Medicaid Recipients

Comment: This bill would apply the prohibition against a private carrier's requiring the prior authorization of medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder under Public Law 2019, Chapter 273 to the MaineCare Program.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**SAFE DRINKING WATER**

LR: 3073 Sponsor: Representative Gramlich, L of Old Orchard Beach

Title: An Act To Protect Drinking Water for Low-income Maine Residents

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to revise its maximum contamination levels for arsenic in light of recent research regarding toxicity and levels suitable for consumption. It would further require the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory in the department to offer free well water testing for low-income Maine residents without those Maine residents being required to provide additional justification from a geologist or a physician.

**SMOKING**

**ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES**

LR: 2765 Sponsor: Senator Millett, R of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Enact Restrictions on Electronic Smoking Devices

Comment: This bill would allow electronic smoking devices to be dispensed only with a doctor's prescription as part of a smoking cessation program and only after these devices receive approval from the federal Food and Drug Administration.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND  
BUSINESS**

**BUSINESS PRACTICES**

**BULK PURCHASING**

LR: 2942      Sponsor: Representative Morales, V of South Portland  
Title:            An Act To Promote Retail Bulk Purchasing  
Comment:      This bill would allow individuals to bring their own containers to purchase bulk food items in retail establishments.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**PLANNING**

LR: 2970      Sponsor: Senator Bellows, S of Kennebec  
Title:            An Act To Establish a Public-Private Collaboration for Emerging Nanosatellite and Aerospace Technology  
Comment:      This bill would establish the Maine SpacePort Complex Leadership Council to work toward creating the Maine SpacePort Complex.

**EDUCATION COSTS**

**STUDENT DEBT**

LR: 2803      Sponsor: Senator Libby, N of Androscoggin  
Title:            An Act To Provide Student Debt Forgiveness To Support Attraction and Retention of First Responders, Home Health Care Providers and Public School Teachers  
Comment:      This bill would establish a student loan forgiveness program for first responders, home health care providers and public school teachers. To qualify for loan forgiveness, an individual must live in Maine and work for 5 years as a first responder, home health care provider or public school teacher. The maximum amount of forgiveness would be \$10,000 per individual.

**LICENSING**

**SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS**

LR: 2964      Sponsor: Senator Bellows, S of Kennebec  
Title:            An Act To Facilitate Speech-Language Therapy  
Comment:      This bill would direct the Board of Speech, Audiology and Hearing to adopt rules to permit speech-language pathology assistants serving children in school districts to practice under the supervision of more than one speech-language pathologist and to allow speech-language pathologists to supervise more than 2 speech-language pathology assistants on their license.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE DEPT  
ADMINISTRATION**

LR: 2669      Sponsor: Representative Dillingham, K of Oxford  
Title:          An Act To Create Administrative Review of Hunting and Fishing License Violations  
Comment:      This bill would create administrative review of hunting and fishing license violations.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**JUDICIARY**

**ABUSE**

**PROTECTION ACTIONS**

LR: 2710      Sponsor: Representative Bailey, D of Saco  
Title:            An Act To Amend the Protection from Abuse Laws Concerning Consent Agreements  
Comment:       This bill would allow consent agreements, approved by the court, in protection from abuse cases involving sexual assault, stalking and sex trafficking, removing the requirement of a hearing if the parties agree.

**ATTORNEYS**

**PRACTICE OF LAW**

LR: 2798      Sponsor: Representative Bailey, D of Saco  
Title:            An Act To Increase Access to Justice and Maine's Rural Lawyer Workforce by Expanding Student Attorney Practice Opportunities  
Comment:       This bill would clarify the law permitting law students to practice law pursuant to a rule adopted by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court by changing the requirement that a student be a "senior" law student to the requirement that a student have completed 3 or more full semesters or the equivalent at and remain currently enrolled in a law school approved by the American Bar Association.

**CRIMINAL HISTORIES**

**CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS**

LR: 2791      Sponsor: Senator Dill, J of Penobscot  
Title:            An Act To Authorize the Expungement of Records of Nonviolent Crimes  
Comment:       This bill would allow a person convicted of a Class E, Class D or Class C crime to petition the court where the person was convicted to expunge all records of the crime 5 years after the completion of the person's sentence. Expungement would not be available for persons who have subsequent convictions or pending criminal charges; for crimes involving violence or sex offenses; or crimes that had as an element of the offense victims who were minors or are 65 years of age or older.

**NATIVE AMERICANS**

**PENOBSCOT AND PASSAMAQUODDY**

LR: 2671      Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland  
Title:            An Act To Restore to the Penobscot Nation and Passamaquoddy Tribe the Authority To Exercise Jurisdiction under the Federal Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010  
Comment:       This bill would restore to the Penobscot Nation and Passamaquoddy Tribe the authority to exercise jurisdiction under the federal Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010.

**REAL ESTATE**

**ABANDONED PROPERTY**

LR: 2799      Sponsor: Representative Martin, J of Eagle Lake  
Title:            An Act To Preserve the Value of Abandoned Properties by Allowing Entry by Mortgagees

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**JUDICIARY**

**REAL ESTATE**

**ABANDONED PROPERTY**

Comment: This bill would allow mortgagees to enter abandoned properties for inspections, repairs and maintenance.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**LABOR AND HOUSING**

**COMPENSATION**

**MINIMUM WAGE**

LR: 3092      Sponsor: Representative Fecteau, R of Biddeford  
Title:            An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Subminimum Wage  
Comment:      This bill would amend the laws governing the subminimum wage.

**EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES**

**HIRING**

LR: 2681      Sponsor: Senator Bellows, S of Kennebec  
Title:            An Act To Protect Job Applicants from Identity Theft  
Comment:      This bill would prohibit employers from requesting the social security numbers of prospective employees.

**EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES**

**LEAVE**

LR: 3057      Sponsor: Representative Larsen-Daughtry, M of Brunswick  
Title:            An Act To Provide for Leave from Work for Victims of Domestic Violence or Stalking  
Comment:      This bill would provide for leave from work for victims of domestic violence or stalking.

**HOUSING**

**ZONING AND LAND USE RESTRICTIONS**

LR: 2958      Sponsor: Representative Fecteau, R of Biddeford  
Title:            Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions  
Comment:      This resolve would establish a commission to increase housing opportunities in Maine by studying zoning and land use restrictions.

**HOUSING AUTHORITIES**

**STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY**

LR: 2900      Sponsor: Representative Gattine, D of Westbrook  
Title:            An Act To Support Emergency Shelter Access for Persons Experiencing Homelessness in Maine  
Comment:      This bill would provide ongoing supplemental funding for emergency homeless shelters to support operations and capacity in response to the increased demand for emergency shelter across the State. This funding would be supplemental to the Emergency Shelter and Housing Assistance Program and would be delivered outside of the funding formula set forth in the Maine State Housing Authority rule under 99-346 C.M.R. Chapter 19, Homeless Solutions Rule. This funding would support operations and capacity at low-barrier emergency homeless shelters across the State. It would include an ongoing appropriation of \$3,000,000.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**LABOR AND HOUSING**

**LABOR RELATIONS**  
**ARBITRATION**

LR: 2717      Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title:          An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Arbitration under Certain Public Employees Labor Relations Laws  
Comment:      This bill would amend the laws governing arbitration under certain public employees labor relations laws.

**LABOR RELATIONS**  
**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

LR: 2844      Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin  
Title:          An Act To Extend to Other Public Sector Employees the Same Protections Provided to State Employees upon the Expiration of Contracts  
Comment:      Public Law 2019, chapter 393 provides protections to state employees upon the expiration of labor contracts. This bill would extend those same protections to other public sector employees including municipal employees, public higher education employees and judicial employees.

**LABOR RELATIONS**  
**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

LR: 3100      Sponsor: Representative Sylvester, M of Portland  
Title:          An Act To Protect Communications between Bargaining Agents and Union Members  
Comment:      This bill would prohibit public employers and their agents from accessing private communications between unions and their members.

**STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**BENEFITS**

LR: 2821      Sponsor: Senator Libby, N of Androscoggin  
Title:          An Act To Make Clarifying Corrections to Recently Enacted Laws Governing the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program  
Comment:      This bill would clarify and correct language contained in Public Law 2019, c. 446 governing contributions under the open enrollment provisions of the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program.

**STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**DISABILITY**

LR: 2648      Sponsor: Senator Miramant, D of Knox  
Title:          An Act To Improve the Disability Retirement Program of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**LABOR AND HOUSING**

**STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

**DISABILITY**

Comment: This bill would require the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to use independent hearing officers for disability retirement appeals, would abolish medical board reviews in favor of independent medical examinations to help in decision making and would make other changes to the disability retirement program.

**STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

**MEMBERSHIP**

LR: 2866 Sponsor: Representative Cuddy, S of Winterport

Title: An Act To Amend the Retirement Laws Pertaining to Certain Educational Technicians

Comment: This bill would specify that certain educational technicians are not required to become members of the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**MARINE RESOURCES**

**LOBSTERS**

**LICENSING**

- LR: 2716      Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title:          An Act Regarding State Subsidies for the Seafood Industry and To Clarify Inconsistencies in the Laws Governing Lobster Dealership Licensing  
Comment:      This bill would provide that if the State provides a subsidy for an asset in the seafood industry in the form of a tax incentive or grant or by another method and that asset is sold to an entity located outside of the State within 10 years, the subsidy must be repaid to the State. This bill would also clarify inconsistencies in the laws governing the licensing of lobster dealerships.
- LR: 2774      Sponsor: Representative Hepler, A of Woolwich  
Title:          An Act To Provide Recreational Lobster and Scallop Licenses to Disabled Veterans at No Cost  
Comment:      This bill would allow a resident disabled veteran or nonresident disabled veteran who is a resident of another state to obtain upon application, at no cost, noncommercial licenses for lobstering and scalloping.

**LOBSTERS**

**PROMOTION**

- LR: 3096      Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title:          An Act To Protect the Lobster Industry  
Comment:      This bill would protect the lobster industry by improving labeling of lobsters and the traceability of lobsters to where they are caught and improving information provided to consumers regarding where lobsters are caught and how they are processed.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**MUNICIPALITIES**

**PERSONNEL**

LR: 3101      Sponsor: Representative Sylvester, M of Portland  
Title:            An Act Regarding the Definition of "Public Employee"  
Comment:      This bill would remove the exemption for a person who has been employed less than 6 months from the definition of "public employee" in the municipal public employees labor relations laws.

**MUNICIPALITIES**

**PLANNING BOARDS**

LR: 2758      Sponsor: Senator Carson, B of Cumberland  
Title:            An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Municipal Conservation Commissions  
Comment:      This bill would amend the appointment process for and duties and powers of conservation commissions established by municipalities.

**STATE GOVERNMENT**

**PROPERTY**

LR: 2804      Sponsor: Senator Libby, N of Androscoggin  
Title:            An Act To Require the Installation of Solar Panels on or Adjacent to State-owned Buildings  
Comment:      This bill would require the installation of solar panels on or adjacent to state-owned buildings. The bill would first require the completion of a cost estimate and feasibility analysis, would give preference in awarding the installation contract to a Maine-based solar installer and would phase in the installation over a 10-year period.

**STATE GOVERNMENT**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

LR: 3099      Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title:            An Act To Require 3rd-party Certification for Employees Performing Blasting and Coating on Public Works Projects for Water Treatment Plants, Water Tanks and Bridges  
Comment:      This bill would require 3rd-party certification for employees performing blasting and coating on public works projects for water treatment plants, water tanks and bridges. The certification program would be designed to ensure that corrosion protection systems are properly designed, built and maintained and to promote quality, consistency and the use of recognized industry standards and practices.

**STATE GOVERNMENT**

**STATE COMMEMORATIONS**

LR: 2819      Sponsor: Representative Tuell, W of East Machias  
Title:            An Act To Establish First Responders Day as a State Holiday on September 11

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**STATE GOVERNMENT**

**STATE COMMEMORATIONS**

Comment: This bill would designate September 11th of each calendar year as First Responders Day, a state holiday to honor active military, veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars and victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**TAXATION**

**INCOME TAX**  
**CORPORATIONS**

LR: 2886      Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, H of Cumberland  
Title:          An Act To Clarify the Law Relating to Corporate Income Tax Nexus and the Shipment of Spirits into the State  
Comment:      This bill would clarify that the act of shipping spirits into the State for bailment and sale pursuant to the terms of the State's liquor contract does not constitute nexus for the purposes of corporate income taxes.

**INCOME TAX**  
**CREDITS**

LR: 3084      Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title:          An Act To Create Fairness in the Revitalization of Maine's Paper Industry  
Comment:      This bill would create a refundable Maine income tax credit for a paper manufacturer that is located in an area of the State with high unemployment, that makes qualifying investments of at least \$15,000,000 and not more than \$40,000,000 to modernize and improve paper-making equipment to secure the long-term viability of the business, that is not located in a low-income community that qualifies under the federal New Markets Tax Credit program and that does not receive a Maine new markets capital investment credit for the same investment. Various restrictions and limitations would apply. The refundable credit would be equal to 4% of the qualifying investment per year for 10 years, subject to certain limitations.

**OMNIBUS**  
**TAX REFORM**

LR: 2956      Sponsor: Representative Fecteau, R of Biddeford  
Title:          Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Fair, Equitable and Competitive Tax Policy for Maine's Working Families and Small Businesses  
Comment:      This resolve would establish the Commission To Study Fair, Equitable and Competitive Tax Policy for Maine's Working Families and Small Businesses.

**PROPERTY TAX**  
**TREE GROWTH TAX**

LR: 3098      Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title:          An Act Regarding the Transportation of Products in the Forest Products Industry  
Comment:      This bill would provide that a landowner who owns 50,000 acres or more and allows the intrastate transportation of forest products by foreign drivers is ineligible for the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law or any other state tax incentive or grant program.

**SALES AND USE TAX**  
**EXEMPT ITEMS**

LR: 3054      Sponsor: Senator Millett, R of Cumberland

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**TAXATION**

**SALES AND USE TAX**

**EXEMPT ITEMS**

Title: An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Textbooks  
Comment: This bill would provide a sales tax exemption for textbooks.

**TAX ASSESSMENT**

**VALUATION**

LR: 3056 Sponsor: Representative Tipping, R of Orono  
Title: An Act Relating to Property Tax Assessments Based on Comparable Sales and Market Segments  
Comment: This bill would require assessors to consider as comparable to property being assessed sales or rentals of properties with the same or a similar highest and best use and sales or rentals of properties with similar physical and economic characteristics and provide that a property is not comparable to the property being assessed if the seller has placed restrictions on its highest and best use or if the property is vacant or unoccupied beyond a normal period of time and the property being assessed is not.

**TAX INCREMENT FINANCING**

**USES EXPANDED**

LR: 2651 Sponsor: Representative Meyer, M of Eliot  
Title: An Act Regarding the Financing of Elder Care Facilities  
Comment: This bill would include elder care facilities in the law governing tax increment financing in the same way child care facilities are included under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30 -A, section 5225, relating to authorized project costs for municipal development districts.

**TAXATION BUREAU**

**POWERS**

LR: 2772 Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, H of Cumberland  
Title: An Act Regarding Taxes on Energy Projects  
Comment: This bill would make the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services the assessor for ad valorem valuation purposes where the agency is already performing assessment to all or a portion of an energy generation project and its appurtenant facilities within the unorganized territory. Maine Revenue Services would then allocate or otherwise establish the valuation for adjacent taxing jurisdictions where the project assets are located, while considering any unique features or assets located within those jurisdictions exclusively. Maine Revenue Services would apply its powers to request any and all necessary information from the taxpayer under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 706-A. Any valuation determined by Maine Revenue Services assigned to an incorporated municipality in which a portion of the project is located would be subject to that municipality's assessment ratio, as applicable. Abatements or appeals of valuations would be directed through Maine Revenue Services, rather than the taxpayer engaging separate appeals with each municipal jurisdiction.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**TRANSPORTATION**

**MOTOR CARRIERS  
REGULATIONS**

LR: 3095      Sponsor: Senator Vitelli, E of Sagadahoc  
Title:          Resolve, To Exempt Truck Drivers Transporting Live Lobsters from Certain Hours-of-service Restrictions  
Comment:      This bill would exempt truck drivers transporting live lobsters from certain restrictions on hours of operation.

**MOTOR VEHICLES  
CHILD SAFETY SEATS**

LR: 2753      Sponsor: Senator Cyrway, S of Kennebec  
Title:          An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Motor Vehicle Child Restraint Systems To Allow Certain Exceptions  
Comment:      This bill would amend the laws governing motor vehicle child restraint systems to provide exceptions for children who exceed a manufacturer's recommended height limit and for children who have a medical condition that necessitates a different child restraint system.

**MOTOR VEHICLES  
NUMBER PLATES**

LR: 2761      Sponsor: Senator Keim, L of Oxford  
Title:          An Act To Broaden Eligibility for Disabled Veteran License Plates  
Comment:      This bill would allow veterans who have a disability rating of 50 percent to obtain disabled veteran license plates.

**MOTOR VEHICLES  
TITLES**

LR: 2949      Sponsor: Senator Carpenter, M of Aroostook  
Title:          An Act To Revise Regulations Concerning Tiny Houses  
Comment:      This bill would define what a tiny house is and allow for their titling as camp trailers or trailers.

Closely Related Legislator Req:      LR 2859      Representative Corey, P

**NAVIGATION  
FERRIES**

LR: 2950      Sponsor: Representative McDonald, G of Stonington  
Title:          Resolve, To Reduce the Operational Costs of Ferries in the State  
Comment:      This resolve would require a feasibility study for the use of electric ferries by the Maine State Ferry Service.

**OPERATORS LICENSES  
SUSPENSION**

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**TRANSPORTATION**

**OPERATORS LICENSES**

**SUSPENSION**

LR: 2741      Sponsor: Representative Moonen, M of Portland  
Title:            An Act Regarding Driver's License Suspensions for Nondriving Violations  
Comment:       This bill would remove the sunset on the prohibition on driver's license suspensions for nonpayment of fines for nondriving violations. It also repeals the provision governing restricted licenses for nonpayment of fines.

**ROADS**

**BRIDGES**

LR: 2652      Sponsor: Representative Doore, D of Augusta  
Title:            Resolve, To Rename the Sibley Pond Bridge the William Harris Memorial Bridge  
Comment:       This bill would rename the Sibley Pond Bridge, connecting Canaan and Pittsfield, the William Harris Memorial Bridge.

LR: 2666      Sponsor: Representative Hepler, A of Woolwich  
Title:            Resolve, To Name Bridge Number 3880 in the Town of Dresden the Veterans Memorial Bridge  
Comment:       This resolve would name bridge number 3880 in the Town of Dresden the Veterans Memorial Bridge.

LR: 3053      Sponsor: Representative White, B of Waterville  
Title:            An Act Regarding the Naming of Bridges and Designating Bridge 5818 as the Specialist Wade A. Slack Memorial Bridge  
Comment:       This bill would designate Bridge 5818 on northbound Interstate 95 in Waterville the Specialist Wade A. Slack Memorial Bridge and require the naming of twin parallel bridges on the same route with the same name.

**ROADS**

**SCENIC**

LR: 2830      Sponsor: Senator Deschambault, S of York  
Title:            Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Designate and Erect Highway Markers To Commemorate and Recognize the Lafayette Trail  
Comment:       This bill would designate the route followed by the Marquis de Lafayette while he was in Maine as the Lafayette Trail. The bill would direct the Department of Transportation to erect and maintain suitable signs or other markers at or near each portion of the Lafayette Trail.

**TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

**CELL PHONE USE**

LR: 2739      Sponsor: Senator Diamond, B of Cumberland

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**TRANSPORTATION**

**TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

**CELL PHONE USE**

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Prohibiting the Use of Handheld Phones and Devices While Driving

Comment: This bill would simplify the definition of "handheld electronic device" in recently enacted law prohibiting the use of handheld electronic devices while driving. It would add parking areas to the places where the use of mobile telephones and handheld electronic devices while driving is prohibited. It would change the penalty provisions to provide a fine of \$50 for the first offense and \$250 for a 2nd or subsequent offense.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2734 Representative Bryant, M

**TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

**PARKING**

LR: 3087 Sponsor: Representative Moonen, M of Portland

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Parking for Vehicles with Disability Placards and Plates

Comment: Current law authorizes a vehicle with a disability placard or registration plate to park at a parking meter with no charge. This bill would extend this authorization to parking areas without parking meters.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

**LIQUOR SALES**

LR: 2838      Sponsor: Representative Crockett, E of Portland  
Title:            An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Dual Liquor Licenses  
Comment:       This bill would make changes to the laws governing dual liquor licenses. It would allow a licensee to serve wine until 10 p.m., rather than until 8 p.m. It would remove the restriction that wine be served only to be consumed on the premises when accompanied by a full meal and instead require only that a full meal be available for purchase. It would remove the requirement that a licensee have 2 employees in order to have both the retail store and lounge open.

**ELECTIONS**

**ABSENTEE VOTING**

LR: 3063      Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, L of Cumberland  
Title:            An Act To Authorize the Automatic Continuation of Absentee Voter Status until the Termination of That Status  
Comment:       This bill would provide a statewide process for a voter to request permanent absentee voter status allowing the voter to automatically receive an absentee ballot for each statewide and municipal election until the status is terminated.

Potential JR 217:                      LD 753      Representative Fecteau, R

**ELECTIONS**

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

LR: 2667      Sponsor: Senator Chenette, J of York  
Title:            An Act To Define the Term "Caucus Political Action Committee"  
Comment:       This bill would amend the laws governing the financing of political campaigns and the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices by defining "caucus political action committee" to mean a committee designated by a party leader in the Legislature to promote the election of nominees of their political party to the House or Senate.

LR: 2759      Sponsor: Representative Ackley, K of Monmouth  
Title:            An Act To Restrict Maine Clean Election Act Candidates from Seeking Employment with Vendors  
Comment:       This bill would restrict a Maine Clean Election Act candidate from seeking employment with or being employed by a vendor to whom the candidate has paid \$10,000 or more in connection with the candidate's campaign for a period of 3 years after the election. The restriction would be a condition of the candidate's participation in the Maine Clean Election Act.

**ELECTIONS**

**CAMPAIGNS**

LR: 2747      Sponsor: Senator Millett, R of Cumberland

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

**ELECTIONS**

**CAMPAIGNS**

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Fabrication of a Deceptive Video with the Intent To Influence the Outcome of an Election

Comment: This bill would prohibit the fabrication of a deceptive video with the intent to influence the outcome of an election.

**ELECTIONS**

**MUNICIPAL**

LR: 2698 Sponsor: Senator Libby, N of Androscoggin

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Recounts in Municipal Elections

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing recounts in municipal elections to provide that they apply to elections for all municipal offices.

**MARIJUANA**

**ADULT USE**

LR: 2775 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Make Necessary Amendments To Ensure Quality, Safety and Transparency in the Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Markets

Comment: This bill would enact changes to the laws designed to: provide consistency with regard to marijuana possession limitations; ensure the safe transport of wholesale marijuana and marijuana products; and provide consistency between the residency requirements for owners of medical marijuana dispensaries and residency requirements for owners of marijuana establishments under the laws governing adult use marijuana.

**VETERANS**

**SERVICES**

LR: 2615 Sponsor: Senator Carpenter, M of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Enact the Veterans Bill of Rights

Comment: This bill would enact the Veterans Bill of Rights to increase veterans' access to jobs, college degrees, and training, professional licenses and healthcare, including mental health services, and to end homelessness of veterans.

LR: 2977 Sponsor: Representative Terry, M of Gorham

Title: An Act To Support Employment Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life

Comment: This bill would appropriate \$250,000 for personalized and proactive support for active duty military members and their families who are transitioning to Maine. The support would include assistance with employment, navigating transition services and community reintegration.

**VETERANS**

**VETERANS HOMES**

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

**VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

**VETERANS**

**VETERANS HOMES**

LR: 2926      Sponsor: Representative O'Neil, M of Saco

Title:            An Act To Ensure High-quality Long-term Care for Maine Veterans

Comment:      This bill would increase the required patient-to-staff ratios at Maine Veterans' Homes for long-term care to 3 staff to 15 patients and increase rates for certified nursing assistants by 10%.

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On First Screening**  
**Sorted By Subject**

---

Total number of bills screened: 134

## **PART 9**

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On 10/23/2019**  
**Sorted By Sponsor**

**Sponsor: Representative Ackley, K of Monmouth**

LR: 2759

Title: An Act To Restrict Maine Clean Election Act Candidates from Seeking Employment with Vendors

**Sponsor: Representative Bailey, D of Saco**

LR: 2710

Title: An Act To Amend the Protection from Abuse Laws Concerning Consent Agreements

LR: 2798

Title: An Act To Increase Access to Justice and Maine's Rural Lawyer Workforce by Expanding Student Attorney Practice Opportunities

**Sponsor: Senator Bellows, S of Kennebec**

LR: 2681

Title: An Act To Protect Job Applicants from Identity Theft

LR: 2964

Title: An Act To Facilitate Speech-Language Therapy

LR: 2970

Title: An Act To Establish a Public-Private Collaboration for Emerging Nanosatellite and Aerospace Technology

**Sponsor: Representative Berry, S of Bowdoinham**

LR: 2628

Title: An Act Regarding Utility-related Fees

**Sponsor: Senator Black, R of Franklin**

LR: 2903

Title: An Act To Require a Lease of Public Lands To Be Based on Reasonable Market Value

**Sponsor: Representative Brennan, M of Portland**

LR: 2861

Title: An Act Regarding the Negotiation of Educational Policies by School Boards

**Sponsor: Representative Caiazzo, C of Scarborough**

LR: 2629

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On 10/23/2019**  
**Sorted By Sponsor**

**Sponsor: Representative Caiazzo, C of Scarborough**

Title: An Act To Enhance the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code

**Sponsor: Representative Carney, A of Cape Elizabeth**

LR: 2915

Title: An Act To Provide Maine Women MaineCare Coverage for Postpartum Care

**Sponsor: Senator Carpenter, M of Aroostook**

LR: 2615

Title: An Act To Enact the Veterans Bill of Rights

LR: 2712

Title: An Act To Ensure a Consumer's Right To Repair Certain Electronic Products

LR: 2949

Title: An Act To Revise Regulations Concerning Tiny Houses

**Sponsor: Senator Carson, B of Cumberland**

LR: 2758

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Municipal Conservation Commissions

**Sponsor: Senator Chenette, J of York**

LR: 2667

Title: An Act To Define the Term "Caucus Political Action Committee"

**Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin**

LR: 2844

Title: An Act To Extend to Other Public Sector Employees the Same Protections Provided to State Employees upon the Expiration of Contracts

LR: 2889

Title: An Act To Establish Patient Protections in Billing for Health Care

LR: 2894

Title: An Act Regarding the Implementation of Federal Requirements for Electronic Visit Verification of Personal Care and Home Health Assistance Visits

**Sponsor: Representative Cloutier, K of Lewiston**

LR: 2676

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On 10/23/2019**  
**Sorted By Sponsor**

**Sponsor: Representative Cloutier, K of Lewiston**

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Reserve Funds of School Administrative Districts, Regional School Units and Career and Technical Education Regions

LR: 3091

Title: An Act To Provide Compensation to Family Caregivers

**Sponsor: Representative Collings, B of Portland**

LR: 2777

Title: An Act To Set a Minimum Wage for School Support Staff

**Sponsor: Representative Craven, M of Lewiston**

LR: 2640

Title: An Act Concerning MaineCare Coverage for Donor Breast Milk

**Sponsor: Representative Crockett, E of Portland**

LR: 2838

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Dual Liquor Licenses

**Sponsor: Representative Cuddy, S of Winterport**

LR: 2815

Title: An Act To Protect the Property of Maine Farmers

LR: 2866

Title: An Act To Amend the Retirement Laws Pertaining to Certain Educational Technicians

**Sponsor: Senator Cyrway, S of Kennebec**

LR: 2753

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Motor Vehicle Child Restraint Systems To Allow Certain Exceptions

**Sponsor: Senator Deschambault, S of York**

LR: 2830

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Designate and Erect Highway Markers To Commemorate and Recognize the Lafayette Trail

**Sponsor: Senator Diamond, B of Cumberland**

LR: 2739

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On 10/23/2019**  
**Sorted By Sponsor**

**Sponsor: Senator Diamond, B of Cumberland**

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Prohibiting the Use of Handheld Phones and Devices While Driving

**Sponsor: Senator Dill, J of Penobscot**

LR: 2789

Title: An Act To Allow Retired Law Enforcement Officers To Serve as School Resource Officers

LR: 2791

Title: An Act To Authorize the Expungement of Records of Nonviolent Crimes

**Sponsor: Representative Dillingham, K of Oxford**

LR: 2669

Title: An Act To Create Administrative Review of Hunting and Fishing License Violations

**Sponsor: Representative Dodge, J of Belfast**

LR: 2896

Title: An Act To Establish a Career Path for Adjunct Professors in Maine's Public University and College System

**Sponsor: Representative Doore, D of Augusta**

LR: 2652

Title: Resolve, To Rename the Sibley Pond Bridge the William Harris Memorial Bridge

**Sponsor: Representative Doudera, V of Camden**

LR: 2696

Title: An Act To Prohibit, Except in Emergency Situations, the Performance without Consent of Pelvic Examinations on Unconscious or Anesthetized Patients

**Sponsor: Representative Dunphy, M of Old Town**

LR: 2800

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Repair Maine Forest Service Aircraft

LR: 2974

Title: An Act To Promote Outdoor Recreational Opportunities for Maine Students

**Sponsor: Representative Fay, J of Raymond**

LR: 2913

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On 10/23/2019**  
**Sorted By Sponsor**

**Sponsor: Representative Fay, J of Raymond**

Title: An Act To Protect Water Quality by Prohibiting Consumer Fireworks in the Shoreland Zone

**Sponsor: Representative Fecteau, R of Biddeford**

LR: 2956

Title: Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Fair, Equitable and Competitive Tax Policy for Maine's Working Families and Small Businesses

LR: 2958

Title: Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions

LR: 2959

Title: An Act To Fund Capital Improvements to Career and Technical Education Centers

LR: 3092

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Subminimum Wage

**Sponsor: Representative Gattine, D of Westbrook**

LR: 2900

Title: An Act To Support Emergency Shelter Access for Persons Experiencing Homelessness in Maine

LR: 2909

Title: An Act To Promote Cost-effectiveness in the MaineCare Program and Improve the Oral Health of Maine Adults and Children

**Sponsor: Speaker Gideon, S of Freeport**

LR: 2879

Title: An Act To Improve Care and Increase Efficiency in the Small Business Health Insurance Marketplace

LR: 2880

Title: An Act To Increase Fairness in Maine's Health Insurance Marketplace

LR: 2881

Title: An Act To Protect Consumers from Surprise Emergency Medical Bills

LR: 2882

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On 10/23/2019**  
**Sorted By Sponsor**

**Sponsor: Speaker Gideon, S of Freeport**

Title: Resolve, To Increase Transparency and Lower Health Insurance Costs for Small Businesses in Maine

**Sponsor: Representative Gramlich, L of Old Orchard Beach**

LR: 2883

Title: An Act To Provide Timely Access to Behavioral Health Services for Maine Children and To Address Trauma and the Impacts of the Opioid Crisis

LR: 2898

Title: An Act To Protect Children from Toxic Chemicals

LR: 3073

Title: An Act To Protect Drinking Water for Low-income Maine Residents

**Sponsor: Senator Gratwick, G of Penobscot**

LR: 2738

Title: An Act To Promote Telehealth in the Targeted Case Management Program

**Sponsor: Representative Harnett, T of Gardiner**

LR: 2816

Title: An Act To Protect State Workers from Exposure to Carcinogens

**Sponsor: Representative Hepler, A of Woolwich**

LR: 2666

Title: Resolve, To Name Bridge Number 3880 in the Town of Dresden the Veterans Memorial Bridge

LR: 2728

Title: An Act To Comply with Recommendations of the Federal Traumatic Brain Injury State Partnership Program by Changing the Membership of the Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Council

LR: 2774

Title: An Act To Provide Recreational Lobster and Scallop Licenses to Disabled Veterans at No Cost

**Sponsor: Senator Herbig, E of Waldo**

LR: 2874

Title: An Act To Provide Funding for Broadband Internet Infrastructure in Unserved and Underserved Areas

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On 10/23/2019**  
**Sorted By Sponsor**

**Sponsor: Senator Herbig, E of Waldo**

LR: 2875

Title: An Act To Provide Funding for Capital Improvements and Equipment for Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions

LR: 2885

Title: An Act To Strengthen Maritime Education

**Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook**

LR: 2656

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide New Facilities at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics

LR: 2716

Title: An Act Regarding State Subsidies for the Seafood Industry and To Clarify Inconsistencies in the Laws Governing Lobster Dealership Licensing

LR: 2717

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Arbitration under Certain Public Employees Labor Relations Laws

LR: 2775

Title: An Act To Make Necessary Amendments To Ensure Quality, Safety and Transparency in the Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Markets

LR: 2824

Title: An Act To Authorize Emergency Medical Services Personnel To Provide Treatment within Their Scope of Practice in a Hospital Setting with the Permission of the Hospital

LR: 2833

Title: An Act To Prohibit Certain Wheeling Charges for the Transmission of Electricity

LR: 2890

Title: An Act To Establish a Fully State-based Health Care Exchange

LR: 2892

Title: An Act To Protect Consumers from Rising Drug Costs Resulting from Manipulation of Prescription Drug Formularies

LR: 3084

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On 10/23/2019**  
**Sorted By Sponsor**

**Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook**

Title: An Act To Create Fairness in the Revitalization of Maine's Paper Industry

LR: 3096

Title: An Act To Protect the Lobster Industry

LR: 3098

Title: An Act Regarding the Transportation of Products in the Forest Products Industry

LR: 3099

Title: An Act To Require 3rd-party Certification for Employees Performing Blasting and Coating on Public Works Projects for Water Treatment Plants, Water Tanks and Bridges

**Sponsor: Senator Keim, L of Oxford**

LR: 2761

Title: An Act To Broaden Eligibility for Disabled Veteran License Plates

**Sponsor: Representative Kornfield, V of Bangor**

LR: 2724

Title: An Act To Establish a Process for the Consideration and Implementation of Changes to School Curricula

**Sponsor: Representative Larsen-Daughtry, M of Brunswick**

LR: 3057

Title: An Act To Provide for Leave from Work for Victims of Domestic Violence or Stalking

**Sponsor: Senator Libby, N of Androscoggin**

LR: 2624

Title: An Act To Prohibit Insurance Carriers from Retroactively Reducing Payment on Clean Claims Submitted by Pharmacies

LR: 2698

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Recounts in Municipal Elections

LR: 2803

Title: An Act To Provide Student Debt Forgiveness To Support Attraction and Retention of First Responders, Home Health Care Providers and Public School Teachers

LR: 2804

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On 10/23/2019**  
**Sorted By Sponsor**

**Sponsor: Senator Libby, N of Androscoggin**

Title: An Act To Require the Installation of Solar Panels on or Adjacent to State-owned Buildings

LR: 2821

Title: An Act To Make Clarifying Corrections to Recently Enacted Laws Governing the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program

LR: 2862

Title: An Act To Increase High School Graduation Rates for Students Experiencing Homelessness or in Foster Care

LR: 2934

Title: An Act To Rename the University of Southern Maine the University of Maine at Portland and To Codify the Establishment of Lewiston-Auburn College

**Sponsor: Representative Madigan, C of Waterville**

LR: 2986

Title: An Act To Assist Persons with Disabilities Who Are Subject to Pill Count Rules with Receiving Refills

**Sponsor: Representative Martin, D of Sinclair**

LR: 3075

Title: An Act To Improve Response to Sudden Cardiac Arrest by Requiring Training in the Delivery of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Methods by Telecommunications Technology

**Sponsor: Representative Martin, J of Eagle Lake**

LR: 2799

Title: An Act To Preserve the Value of Abandoned Properties by Allowing Entry by Mortgagees

**Sponsor: Representative Mastraccio, A of Sanford**

LR: 2928

Title: Resolve, To Support Individuals with Acute Mental Health Needs

**Sponsor: Representative Matlack, A of St. George**

LR: 3052

Title: An Act To Protect Maine Propane Consumers

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On 10/23/2019**  
**Sorted By Sponsor**

**Sponsor: Representative McCrea, D of Fort Fairfield**

LR: 2673

Title: An Act To Protect Teachers from Punitive Transfers

LR: 2674

Title: An Act To Protect Teachers from Certification Changes

**Sponsor: Representative McCreight, J of Harpswell**

LR: 2633

Title: An Act To Include Student Absences for Mental Health or Behavioral Health Needs as Excusable Absences

LR: 3033

Title: An Act To Provide Access to Health Care

**Sponsor: Representative McDonald, G of Stonington**

LR: 2950

Title: Resolve, To Reduce the Operational Costs of Ferries in the State

**Sponsor: Representative Meyer, M of Eliot**

LR: 2651

Title: An Act Regarding the Financing of Elder Care Facilities

LR: 2895

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Targeted Case Management To Reflect Inflation

**Sponsor: Senator Millett, R of Cumberland**

LR: 2623

Title: An Act To Eliminate Waiting Lists for Home-based and Community-based Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities, Autism, Other Related Conditions and Brain Injury

LR: 2747

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Fabrication of a Deceptive Video with the Intent To Influence the Outcome of an Election

LR: 2765

Title: An Act To Enact Restrictions on Electronic Smoking Devices

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On 10/23/2019**  
**Sorted By Sponsor**

**Sponsor: Senator Millett, R of Cumberland**

LR: 3054

Title: An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Textbooks

**Sponsor: Senator Miramant, D of Knox**

LR: 2648

Title: An Act To Improve the Disability Retirement Program of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

**Sponsor: Representative Moonen, M of Portland**

LR: 2741

Title: An Act Regarding Driver's License Suspensions for Nondriving Violations

LR: 3087

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Parking for Vehicles with Disability Placards and Plates

LR: 3088

Title: An Act To Increase the Minimum Amount of Insurance Coverage Required for Medical Payments for Vehicle Liability Insurance

**Sponsor: Representative Morales, V of South Portland**

LR: 2942

Title: An Act To Promote Retail Bulk Purchasing

LR: 2948

Title: An Act Regarding School Discipline for Maine's Youngest Students

**Sponsor: Representative Nadeau, C of Winslow**

LR: 2797

Title: An Act To Require Forest Rangers To Be Trained at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy

**Sponsor: Representative O'Neil, M of Saco**

LR: 2926

Title: An Act To Ensure High-quality Long-term Care for Maine Veterans

**Sponsor: Representative Perry, A of Calais**

LR: 2929

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On 10/23/2019**  
**Sorted By Sponsor**

**Sponsor: Representative Perry, A of Calais**

Title: An Act To Reduce Barriers to Health Care for Low-income Homeowners

**Sponsor: Representative Pickett, R of Dixfield**

LR: 2822

Title: An Act To Amend the Canton Water District Charter

**Sponsor: Representative Pluecker, B of Warren**

LR: 2960

Title: An Act To Reform Correctional Officer Compensation in Maine

**Sponsor: Representative Reckitt, L of South Portland**

LR: 2834

Title: An Act Regarding the Use of Propane and Natural Gas Detectors

**Sponsor: Representative Riley, T of Jay**

LR: 3078

Title: An Act To Allow Parents of Minors Who Qualify for In-home Personal Care To Be Employed as Caregivers for Those Minors

**Sponsor: Representative Rykerson, D of Kittery**

LR: 2796

Title: An Act To Amend the Kittery Water District Charter

**Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, H of Cumberland**

LR: 2768

Title: An Act To Increase Access to and Reduce the Cost of Epinephrine Autoinjectors

LR: 2772

Title: An Act Regarding Taxes on Energy Projects

LR: 2886

Title: An Act To Clarify the Law Relating to Corporate Income Tax Nexus and the Shipment of Spirits into the State

LR: 2891

Title: An Act To Control Health Care Spending

LR: 2910

Title: An Act To Facilitate Dental Treatment for Children

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On 10/23/2019**  
**Sorted By Sponsor**

**Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, L of Cumberland**

LR: 3063

Title: An Act To Authorize the Automatic Continuation of Absentee Voter Status until the Termination of That Status

**Sponsor: Representative Stover, H of Boothbay**

LR: 2990

Title: An Act Regarding the Process for Obtaining Prior Authorization for Health Insurance Purposes for Medicaid Recipients

**Sponsor: Representative Sylvester, M of Portland**

LR: 3100

Title: An Act To Protect Communications between Bargaining Agents and Union Members

LR: 3101

Title: An Act Regarding the Definition of "Public Employee"

**Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland**

LR: 2605

Title: An Act To Protect the Confidentiality of Juvenile History Record Information

LR: 2671

Title: An Act To Restore to the Penobscot Nation and Passamaquoddy Tribe the Authority To Exercise Jurisdiction under the Federal Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010

LR: 2989

Title: An Act To Ensure Access to Reproductive Health Care in Maine Jails, County Correctional Facilities and State Correctional and Detention Facilities

**Sponsor: Representative Tepler, D of Topsham**

LR: 2782

Title: An Act To Expand Eligibility for Home Accessibility Adaptation Benefits under the MaineCare Program

**Sponsor: Representative Terry, M of Gorham**

LR: 2977

Title: An Act To Support Employment Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life

**Sponsor: Representative Tipping, R of Orono**

**129th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Requests Accepted By The Legislative Council On 10/23/2019**  
**Sorted By Sponsor**

**Sponsor: Representative Tipping, R of Orono**

LR: 2606

Title: An Act Regarding Immunizations for Students

LR: 3056

Title: An Act Relating to Property Tax Assessments Based on Comparable Sales and Market Segments

**Sponsor: Representative Tuell, W of East Machias**

LR: 2819

Title: An Act To Establish First Responders Day as a State Holiday on September 11

**Sponsor: Senator Vitelli, E of Sagadahoc**

LR: 2924

Title: An Act To Authorize Separate Alternative Compliance Payment Rates for Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard

LR: 2925

Title: An Act To Incentivize the Purchase of Electric Public School Buses

LR: 3095

Title: Resolve, To Exempt Truck Drivers Transporting Live Lobsters from Certain Hours-of-service Restrictions

**Sponsor: Representative White, B of Waterville**

LR: 3053

Title: An Act Regarding the Naming of Bridges and Designating Bridge 5818 as the Specialist Wade A. Slack Memorial Bridge

**Sponsor: Senator Woodsome, D of York**

LR: 2685

Title: An Act To Help Retain School Bus Drivers

LR: 3067

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Drug Paraphernalia That Encourage Drug Use by Young People

**Total number of bills screened: 134**