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Sponsor: Representative Alley, R of Beals

LR: 2270

Title: An Act To Help the Lobster Industry Respond to New Federal Rules and Regulations

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Marine Resources to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources on the most cost-effective actions for those involved in the lobster industry who are negatively affected by new federal rules and regulations to adopt and on the amount of funding to appropriate to help them take those actions.

Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2289	President Jackson, T
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2313	Representative Stover, H
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2463	Representative Faulkingham, B

Sponsor: Representative Andrews, J of Paris

LR: 2282

Title: An Act To Protect Financial Privacy by Prohibiting the Surveillance of Financial Transactions

Comment: This bill would require a person, state agency or federal agency to obtain a subpoena, summons, warrant or court order to surveille any financial transaction by a resident that is less than $10,000.

LR: 2283

Title: An Act To Stimulate Economic Recovery for Hourly Workers Paid Overtime at Time and a Half for Tax Year 2022

Comment: This bill would, for the 2022 tax year, require overtime hours worked at 1 1/2 times the hourly rate to be taxed at the normal state income tax rate for the normal hourly wage.

LR: 2371

Title: An Act To Improve Pathways to Certain Professional Licenses By Removing the Good Moral Character Requirement

Comment: This bill would remove a requirement that applicants for certain professional licenses provide evidence of having good moral character.

Sponsor: Representative Arford, P of Brunswick

LR: 2348

Title: An Act To Address the Urgent Need for Primary Care Providers in Maine By Licensing Medical School Graduates as Assistant Physicians

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Sponsor: Representative Arford, P of Brunswick

Comment: This bill would provide for the licensing and regulation of medical school graduates as assistant physicians to address the urgent need for primary care services statewide. The licensing program would be modeled on Missouri law and would authorize the licensing of a new category of health care provider for providing primary care services. The bill would define assistant physicians as health care providers who have graduated from an accredited medical or osteopathic medical college and completed certain steps of the medical licensing examination but have not completed a 3-year postgraduate residency program and so do not qualify for licensure as medical or osteopathic doctors.

Sponsor: Representative Babbidge, C of Kennebunk

LR: 2417

Title: An Act To Establish the Commission on the Future of Maine's Intertidal Lands

Comment: This bill would establish the Commission on the Future of Maine's Intertidal Lands to investigate common practices regarding intertidal lands, to investigate the past and current legal status of intertidal lands, to investigate past and current recreational and commercial uses, to listen to citizens with various perspectives, to determine the appropriate relationship between citizens and intertidal lands going forward and to make recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters during the 131st Legislature.

Sponsor: Senator Bailey, D of York

LR: 2367

Title: An Act To Promote Affordable Housing by Allowing the Adoption of Subdivision Standards Established by the Maine State Housing Authority

Comment: This bill would allow municipalities to adopt less stringent subdivision requirements for new units proposed as long as the new units meet the criteria for affordable housing set by the Maine State Housing Authority.

LR: 2396

Title: An Act To Provide Insurance Coverage for a Beneficiary on a Transfer on Death Deed

Comment: This bill would require insurance companies to provide that a designated beneficiary on a transfer on death deed under the Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act can be added to a homeowner's policy insuring the property as an additional insured and that there is a 30-day cancellation period following the grantor's death to allow the beneficiary to obtain the beneficiary's own policy.

Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot

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LR: 2224

Title: An Act To Amend the Crime of Endangering the Welfare of a Child

Comment: This bill would increase the class of crime of endangering the welfare of a child if a person's reckless violation of the duty of care or protection of a child results in the death or serious injury of that child.

LR: 2280

Title: An Act To Establish the Office of the Inspector General of Maine Child Protection

Comment: This bill would establish the Office of the Inspector General of Maine Child Protection. The office would be an independent state agency and would be responsible for investigating allegations of misconduct or illegal activity by public and private entities involved with or responsible for the care of children.

LR: 2281

Title: Resolve, To Direct the University of Maine System To Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Public Allopathic Medical School in Penobscot County

Comment: This resolve would require the University of Maine System to study the feasibility of establishing a public allopathic medical school in Penobscot County.

LR: 2285

Title: An Act To Improve the Child and Family Court Process

Comment: This bill would increase the number of family law magistrates from 8 to 24 over a 2 -year period and increase related staffing, authorize family law magistrates to decide all interim family issues regardless of whether both parents consent and authorize family law magistrates to conduct and declare all pretrial and interim matters, except the final prehearing conference, in child protection cases under the Maine Revised Statutes, Titles 19-A and 22. It would also increase child protection, mental health and domestic violence training requirements for all family law magistrates and require the training to be held annually.

LR: 2286

Title: An Act To Ensure All Maine Children Have a Healthy Start by Providing Health Care Coverage

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Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot

Comment: This bill would provide, starting January 1, 2024, single-payer health care coverage paid by the State to all children between birth and 19 years of age who have resided, or whose parents or guardians have resided, in the State for at least the preceding 6 months. The health care coverage provided would be identical to that provided by MaineCare. The bill would establish a separate office called Healthy Start Maine to administer the coverage and a commission to provide oversight. The commission would have independent authority to submit legislation and would provide regular progress reports to the Legislature.

LR: 2291

Title: An Act To Strengthen Maine's Child Protection Laws

Comment: This bill would add to the definitions of "serious harm" and "jeopardy" in the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act reference to one or more adults in the home who have been previously convicted of any crime of violence, including but not limited to Class D domestic violence assault, without documented proof of successful completion of a state-certified batterers' intervention program. It would similarly amend the laws regarding protection orders and guardianship of minors to provide guidance to the court in ordering protection orders and appointing guardians.

LR: 2430

Title: An Act To Reduce the Sales Tax on Automobiles

Comment: This bill would exempt from the sales tax the first $7,500 of value of any motor vehicle purchased in the State after July 1, 2022.

LR: 2431

Title: An Act To Address Staffing Shortages in Critical Public Safety Jobs through Economic Incentives

Comment: This bill would authorize $5,000,000 for a state fund to provide public service student loan forgiveness programs for local and county police officers, firefighters, paramedics, dispatchers and public health workers, to be administered in a manner similar to the Finance Authority of Maine's program for teachers. It would authorize an additional $5,000,000 to provide no-interest home mortgages targeted solely to the same group of public servants, which would remain no-interest loans as long as recipients continued in their public service employment.

LR: 2432

Title: An Act To Combat Unwanted Telephone Solicitations

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Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot

Comment: This bill would require, beginning January 1, 2023, all telephones sold by commercial cellular telephone companies in the State at the time of sale to have their associated telephone numbers enrolled in the National Do Not Call Registry. It would allow a purchaser of such a telephone to opt out of that enrollment after signing a written statement taking that option. It would require the Department of the Attorney General to enforce the law and it would set as a minimum penalty a $250 fine per violation of the law.

LR: 2433

Title: An Act To Expand the Scope of the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program

Comment: This bill would make participants in the municipal firefighter and county and municipal law enforcement officer retirement program eligible for the State's group health plan.

LR: 2459

Title: An Act To Establish a Minimum Wage for All Health Care Workers Including All Support Staff

Comment: This bill would provide that all persons employed by and who work in a health care facility, hospital, nursing home, long-term care facility, residential care program, rehabilitation residential setting or other similar setting must be paid a minimum hourly wage of $15 per hour commencing January 1, 2023. This includes, but is not limited to, housekeepers, laundry workers and dietary workers and all support staff.

LR: 2469

Title: An Act Regarding Syringe Exchange Programs

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a syringe exchange program.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2384 Representative McDonald, G

LR: 2470

Title: Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Corrections To Develop Alternative Responses to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Emergency Calls

Comment: This resolve would direct the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Corrections to establish a response team composed of professionals who are not members of law enforcement agencies to respond to mental health and substance use disorder emergency calls.

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Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot

LR: 2471

Title: An Act To Assist Communities in Dealing with Homelessness by Providing State Funding

Comment: This bill would direct that all costs incurred by a municipality related to homelessness that are not currently funded through an existing grant appropriation be funded at 100% by the State upon request and documentation by the municipality for each year it seeks funding.

Potential JR 217: LD 1695 Representative Morales, V

Sponsor: Senator Bennett, R of Oxford

LR: 2173

Title: An Act Regarding the Application of Antimicrobial Agents by School Facilities Staff

Comment: This bill would continue to exempt applications of general use antimicrobial agents in schools from certification and licensing requirements.

LR: 2215

Title: An Act To Provide for a Religious Exemption from All Vaccine Mandates

Comment: This bill would allow a person to refuse to get vaccinated for religious reasons.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2374 Representative Perkins, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2499 Representative Greenwood, R

Potential JR 217: LD 833 Representative Kinney, M

Sponsor: Representative Berry, S of Bowdoinham

LR: 2122

Title: An Act To Prohibit a Regulated Utility from Disconnecting Service to a Designated Public Safety Facility without 60 Days' Advance Notice

Comment: This bill would prohibit a regulated utility from disconnecting a designated public safety facility without 60 days' advance notice in writing, as well as the written permission of both the Department of Public Safety and the Public Utilities Commission.

LR: 2124

Title: An Act To Require the Public Utilities Commission To Specify the Percentage Increase or Decrease in the Delivery Portion of an Electricity Customer's Bill in All Communications Relating to Delivery Rate Adjustments

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Sponsor: Representative Berry, S of Bowdoinham

Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to specify the percentage increase or decrease in the delivery portion of an electricity customer's bill in all communications relating to delivery rate adjustments.

LR: 2492

Title: An Act To Support Employees of the Riverview Psychiatric Center and Riverview Psychiatric Center Outpatient Services

Comment: This bill would require an immediate wage increase for all employees of the Riverview Psychiatric Center and Riverview Psychiatric Center Outpatient Services of $3.00 per hour.

LR: 2493

Title: An Act To Improve Intensive Behavioral Health and Public Safety Case Management Services by Providing a Pay Increase to Intensive Case Managers

Comment: This bill would provide a pay increase for all intensive case managers who work for the State, commensurate with the recent increases given to child protective services case managers and supervisors.

Sponsor: Representative Bickford, B of Auburn

LR: 2378

Title: An Act To Create Affordable Agriculture Homesteads

Comment: This bill would promote agricultural and residential development by prohibiting a municipality from establishing an income requirement as a condition for residential construction; from establishing minimum land requirements for agricultural zones that exceed twice the minimum land per lot requirements in the most restrictive residential zones; and from establishing conditions for any residence in an agricultural zone more restrictive than those of the state agriculture land use tax reimbursement program.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2299 Speaker Fecteau, R

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2339 Senator Hickman, C

Sponsor: Senator Black, R of Franklin

LR: 2220

Title: An Act To Allow Plantations To Vote on Adult Use Marijuana Facilities and Stores and Medical Marijuana Facilities and Stores

Comment: This bill would allow plantations to vote to opt out on adult use marijuana facilities and stores and medical marijuana facilities and stores.

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Sponsor: Senator Black, R of Franklin

LR: 2400

Title: An Act To Create the Logging Contractor Relations Program

Comment: This bill would create the logging contractor relations program.

LR: 2480

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Environmental Protection To Assess the Ecological Effects of Glyphosate-containing Herbicide Formulations and Other Herbicide Formulations Sprayed for Forest Management

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Environmental Protection to assess the ecological effects of glyphosate-containing herbicide formulations and other herbicide formulations sprayed for forest management.

Sponsor: Representative Blume, L of York

LR: 2327

Title: An Act To Encourage Climate Change Education in Maine Public Schools

Comment: This bill would provide funding for professional development for educators on climate science in accordance with Next Generation Science Standards and to support the preparation of courses on interdisciplinary climate change education. It would also provide funding for districts and schools to partner with community organizations to deliver place-based climate education programming.

Sponsor: Senator Breen, C of Cumberland

LR: 2144

Title: An Act To Require Screening for Cytomegalovirus in Certain Newborn Infants

Comment: This bill would require testing for cytomegalovirus of newborn infants who do not pass a newborn hearing test. It would also require information on the risks of cytomegalovirus to be provided to pregnant women.

LR: 2146

Title: An Act To Exempt Specialty License Plates Already in the Process of Being Created from the Moratorium on the Approval of Any New Motor Vehicle Registration Plates

Comment: This bill would exempt from the 2-year moratorium on the approval of any new motor vehicle registration plates that took effect on July 14, 2021 pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 108 those specialty license plates that were already in the process of being created when the moratorium took effect.

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Sponsor: Senator Breen, C of Cumberland

LR: 2163

Title: An Act To Promote Workforce Development in Maine

Comment: This bill would enact measures to promote workforce development in the State.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 919 Representative Collamore, A

LR: 2247

Title: An Act To Improve the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Low-cost Spaying and Neutering Program

Comment: The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has a program that distributes vouchers to qualifying pet owners to spay and neuter their pets. This bill would explore avenues to making the program more efficient and increasing the number of vouchers distributed.

LR: 2510

Title: An Act To Protect School Officials from Harassment and Abuse

Comment: This bill would protect school administrators from harassment and abuse.

Sponsor: Representative Brennan, M of Portland

LR: 2120

Title: An Act Regarding Compensation for College Athletes in the University of Maine System

Comment: This bill would require the University of Maine System to set up a system to provide compensation for student athletes for the use of their names, images or likenesses.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2165 Senator Luchini, L

LR: 2130

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Develop Protocols and Plans for Ensuring That All Relevant Services Are Included in an Individualized Education Program

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Education to establish protocols for all school districts to ensure that all appropriate services are included in individualized education programs. It would also require the department to conduct random audits of individualized education programs to check for compliance.

LR: 2131

Title: An Act Regarding MaineCare Funding for Maine Schools

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Sponsor: Representative Brennan, M of Portland

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Education to develop a comprehensive system to support school districts in seeking reimbursement for Mainecare-eligible services.

LR: 2152

Title: An Act Regarding College Tuition Waivers for Disadvantaged Students

Comment: This bill would double the existing number of tuition waivers for students in the child welfare system.

Sponsor: Senator Brenner, S of Cumberland

LR: 2187

Title: Resolve, To Require the Public Utilities Commission To Conduct a Study of Rate Design for Customers Whose Administrative Customer Charges Exceed Their Overall Utility Bill

Comment: This resolve would require the Public Utilities Commission to conduct a study of rate design for customers whose administrative customer charges exceed their overall utility bill.

LR: 2252

Title: An Act To Allow Exceptions to the Height Limitations under the Shoreland Zoning Laws

Comment: This bill would allow exceptions to the height limitations under the shoreland zoning laws for developments located in the flood plain in order to qualify for federal flood insurance and to protect residential assets.

LR: 2268

Title: An Act To Provide Tax Benefits to Persons Constructing Accessory Dwelling Units on Residential-zoned Property

Comment: This bill would offer a tax break or exemption to a person constructing an accessory dwelling unit on residential-zoned property for the period in which the unit is used to house a family of low to middle income, as determined using the area's median income.

LR: 2329

Title: An Act To Address Burnout among Nurses and improve Patient Care

Comment: This bill would help to reduce burnout among nurses and improve patient care.

LR: 2330

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Sponsor: Senator Brenner, S of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Adjust the Personal Property Tax Exemption for Farm Machinery

Comment: This bill would increase the amount of the exemption from personal property taxation for farm machinery from $10,000 to $45,000.

LR: 2331

Title: An Act To Enable Participation in the Physical Therapy Compact

Comment: This bill would amend the laws regulating physical therapy to enable participation in a physical therapy compact.

LR: 2412

Title: An Act To Establish the Position of Deputy Secretary of State for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Department of the Secretary of State

Comment: This bill would establish the position of Deputy Secretary of State for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Department of the Secretary of State.

Sponsor: Representative Bryant, M of Windham

LR: 2177

Title: An Act Regarding Abandoned Motor Vehicle Fines and Disposal

Comment: This bill would amend the laws regulating the abandonment of motor vehicles to permit the penalty of loss of the privilege of vehicle registration.

LR: 2304

Title: An Act To Increase the Limit for Storage Fees for Abandoned Vehicles

Comment: This bill would increase the limit for storage fees for abandoned vehicles from an amount not to exceed $900 for a 30-day period to $1,500.

Sponsor: Representative Caiazzo, C of Scarborough

LR: 2360

Title: An Act To Amend the Testing Requirements for Adult Use Marijuana

Comment: This bill would require adult use marijuana and adult use marijuana products to be tested only once prior to being made available for retail sale instead of at every step of the product lifecycle.

Sponsor: Representative Cardone, B of Bangor

LR: 2248

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Sponsor: Representative Cardone, B of Bangor

Title: An Act To Limit Parking Reserved for Persons with Disabilities to Vehicles Transporting Persons with Disabilities

Comment: This bill would limit parking reserved for persons with disabilities to vehicles transporting persons with disabilites.

Sponsor: Senator Carney, A of Cumberland

LR: 2402

Title: An Act To Maintain Consistency among Maine's Nondiscrimination Statutes

Comment: Maine's statutes include numerous nondiscrimination provisions outside of the Maine Human Rights Act. The language in these provisions predates or has not been amended to maintain consistency with the language and protected classes established by the Maine Human Rights Act. This bill would update Maine's nondiscrimination statutes to make them consistent with the Maine Human Rights Act.

Sponsor: Senator Chipman, B of Cumberland

LR: 2263

Title: An Act To Improve the Property Tax System

Comment: This bill would reform and make more efficient the State's property tax system.

Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin

LR: 2277

Title: An Act To Enhance Access to, Education Regarding and Patient and Community Safety in Maine's Medical Use of Marijuana Program

Comment: This bill would require that a batch number be added to labels for products in the State's medical use of marijuana program. It would address patient access inconsistencies, clarify the certification of minor patients, bringing statute in line with current process and procedure, and require a medical provider who certifies a minor patient to provide the parent or guardian with the means to contact the provider. It would clarify the definition of "medical provider" and ensure access to telemedicine procedures for all patients. It would require the release of monthly sales data from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services and allow citizen access to this data.

LR: 2278

Title: An Act To Support Improvements in Child Protective Services

Comment: This bill would support improvements in child protective services.

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Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin

LR: 2279

Title: An Act To Improve the So-called Leveraging Investments so Families Can Thrive Report Produced by the Department of Health and Human Services

Comment: This bill would improve the Department of Health and Human Services' report required pursuant to Public Law 2019, chapter 485.

LR: 2284

Title: An Act To Promote Nonprofit Organizations That Support the Training and Safety of Service and Working Dogs through a Sales Tax Exemption

Comment: This bill would exempt sales to nonprofit organizations that support the training and safety of service and working dogs from sales tax.

LR: 2335

Title: An Act To Establish the 340B Drug Pricing Nondiscrimination Act

Comment: This bill would protect the 340B Drug Pricing Program within the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, which has provided financial help to hospitals serving vulnerable communities to manage rising prescription drug costs.

LR: 2355

Title: An Act To Improve the Quality and Affordability of Primary Health Care by Stabilizing Funding

Comment: This bill would stabilize state funding of federally qualified health centers for the next fiscal year, require a rebasing of each facility and allow for future adjustments for changes in scope, for various reasons. It would authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to partner with the federally qualified health centers to develop alternative payment models.

Sponsor: Representative Cloutier, K of Lewiston

LR: 2261

Title: An Act To Restore Funding to the State's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program

Comment: This bill would restore funding to the State's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program at the level provided in fiscal year 2020-21.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1423 Representative McCreight, J

Sponsor: Representative Collings, B of Portland

LR: 2434

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Sponsor: Representative Collings, B of Portland

Title: An Act To Protect Communities from Water Extraction That Is Detrimental to Aquifers

Comment: This bill would establish a state mechanism to protect communities that have entered into an agreement with a company to extract water if there is significant risk to the sustainability of an aquifer. It would also create a reporting system for the State and communities to monitor the health of aquifers.

LR: 2457

Title: An Act To Review State Lands or Waterways That Have Sacred, Traditional or Other Significance to the Wabanaki Tribes

Comment: This bill would establish a state review process for state lands or waterways that have sacred, traditional or other major significance to the Wabanaki Tribes that would include a recommendation to the Legislature of any state-owned lands that may be transferred to the Wabanaki Tribes or any other related recommendation.

LR: 2458

Title: An Act To Add a Tribal Member to the Baxter State Park Authority

Comment: This bill would add a tribal member selected by the federally recognized Indian tribes in Maine to the Baxter State Park Authority.

LR: 2483

Title: An Act To Increase the Tax on Mining Operations to 10 Percent

Comment: This bill would increase the tax on mining operations to 10%.

LR: 2500

Title: An Act To Place a 3 Percent Income Tax Surcharge on Incomes over $1,000,000

Comment: This bill would require an income tax surcharge of 3% on incomes over $1,000,000.

Potential JR 217:	LD 570	Representative Berry, S
Potential JR 217:	LD 1677	Speaker Fecteau, R
Potential JR 217:	LD 498	Representative Sylvester, M

LR: 2509

Title: An Act Regarding Tribal Gaming

Comment: This bill would authorize the Legislature to negotiate directly and exclusively with the federally recognized Indian nations, tribes or bands in the State regarding the right to conduct tribal gaming.

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Sponsor: Representative Collings, B of Portland

LR: 2516

Title: Resolve, To Study Discrimination in Section 8 Rental Housing

Comment: This resolve would study discrimination in so-called Section 8 rental housing.

Sponsor: Representative Copeland, L of Saco

LR: 2464

Title: Resolve, To Create a Task Force To Study the Water Quality of Saco Bay and To Determine Pollution Sources

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Environmental Protection to establish a task force to study the water quality of Saco Bay, identify sources of pollution in the bay and develop recommendations to remove or lessen those sources with the overall goal of improving water quality and increasing access to recreational and economic activity in the bay.

LR: 2465

Title: An Act To Protect Access to Workers' Compensation Benefits

Comment: This bill would clarify requirements regarding notification by doctors to employers of the discussion of illness or injury with a patient under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992.

Sponsor: Representative Corey, P of Windham

LR: 2388

Title: An Act To Ensure the Integrity of County and Regional Dispatchers through the Use of Polygraph Examinations

Comment: This bill would exempt county and regional dispatchers from the provision of law prohibiting employers from requiring employees or applicants for employment to submit to polygraph examinations.

Sponsor: Representative Costain, D of Plymouth

LR: 2324

Title: An Act To Require the Immediate Transfer of Individuals in County Jails to State Mental Health Facilities upon Completion of Judicial Review of Involuntary Hospitalization Proceedings

Comment: This bill would require the immediate transfer of individuals in county jails to state mental health facilities upon completion of judicial review of involuntary hospitalization proceedings.

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Sponsor: Representative Crafts, L of Newcastle

LR: 2467

Title: An Act Regarding the Regulation of Electrical Work and Equipment on Boats

Comment: The Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 17, governing electricians, provides that the provisions of the chapter do not apply to electrical work or equipment on ships. This bill would provide that the chapter also does not apply to boats.

Sponsor: Representative Craven, M of Lewiston

LR: 2141

Title: An Act To Safeguard the Privacy of Individuals Applying for Guardianship in Probate Court

Comment: This bill would provide that information regarding individuals who apply for guardianship in Probate Court is not public information.

LR: 2142

Title: An Act To Provide Funding for Guardians Ad Litem

Comment: This bill would provide funding for guardians ad litem to represent the best interests of children in each county.

LR: 2249

Title: An Act To Provide Personal Mailboxes to All Tenants of Multiple-dwelling Houses

Comment: This bill would require a house with more than one dwelling to be equipped with a mailbox for each tenant.

LR: 2429

Title: An Act To Make a Proposed MaineCare Benefits Manual Rule Pertaining to Global Home and Community-based Services Waiver Programs and Person-centered Planning and Settings a Major Substantive Rule

Comment: This bill would make a proposed MaineCare Benefits Manual rule pertaining to global home and community-based services waiver programs and person-centered planning and settings a major substantive rule.

Sponsor: Representative Crockett, E of Portland

LR: 2265

Title: An Act To Allow Wine Retailers with 2 or More Licensed Facilities To Freely Transfer Wine between Approved Facilities

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Sponsor: Representative Crockett, E of Portland

Comment: This bill would allow a wine retailer to transfer wine between multiple locations that are approved to make wine transfers by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations. It would establish that wine transfers between locations may be suspended by the bureau for cause or a rule violation. It would prohibit wine retailers making transfers pursuant to this bill from acting as wholesale wine distributors.

Sponsor: Representative Cuddy, S of Winterport

LR: 2473

Title: An Act To Ensure Maine Citizens Benefit from Renewable Energy Generation Projects by Establishing Job Quality and Hiring Standards

Comment: This bill would attach job quality and hiring equity standards to renewable energy generation projects in the State that are over 2 megawatts in size.

Potential JR 217: LD 1231 Representative Cuddy, S

Sponsor: Senator Curry, C of Waldo

LR: 2119

Title: An Act To Reform Maine's Child Welfare System, Strengthen Oversight and Protect Vulnerable Children

Comment: This bill would make changes to the ombudsman program for child welfare services provided by the Department of Health and Human Services, including making the program into an independent nonprofit organization, requiring the program to oversee the development and implementation of child welfare practice and policy, making the ombudsman an appointee of the Governor subject to review and confirmation by the Legislature, setting the term and powers of the ombudsman and requiring certain communications between the department and the ombudsman.

LR: 2143

Title: An Act To Clarify and Update the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program

Comment: This bill would make changes to the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program. It would clarify program goals, adjust reporting requirements, update data collection and improve the program evaluation process.

LR: 2441

Title: An Act To Clarify the Boundary between Waldo County and Knox County in Penobscot Bay

Comment: This bill would clarify the boundary between Waldo County and Knox County in Penobscot Bay.

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Sponsor: Senator Curry, C of Waldo

LR: 2456

Title: An Act To Build More Sustainable Rural Ambulance Services

Comment: This bill would facilitate the creation of up to 12 pilot projects in the 6 emergency medical services regions in the State. It would direct the Emergency Medical Services' Board to work with emergency medical services regional councils, municipalities and outside stakeholders to implement an informed community self-determination plan that engages citizens in rural communities using expert support to evaluate their emergency medical services ambulance service capacity and, based on the assessment, propose recommendations and specific options so they can make more effective use of resources to increase levels of care.

Sponsor: Senator Cyrway, S of Kennebec

LR: 2184

Title: An Act Regarding Funding for Educational Programs for Drug Treatment Facilities

Comment: This bill would change the funding for educational programs for drug treatment facilities to match past funding models.

Sponsor: Senator Daughtry, M of Cumberland

LR: 2258

Title: An Act To Allow Customers To Opt Out of Paper Delivery Tickets

Comment: This bill would allow customers to opt out of paper delivery tickets and receive e-mail tickets instead.

LR: 2262

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Storm Water Management for Mountain Bike Trails

Comment: This bill would clarify the law on storm water management for mountain bike trails and provide that the trails must be managed and constructed in accordance with best practices for the environment and recreational use.

LR: 2297

Title: An Act To Establish a Drinking Water Quality Council in the State

Comment: This bill would establish a drinking water quality council in the State based on model legislation.

LR: 2347

Title: An Act To Establish the Maine Spaceport Corporation

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Sponsor: Senator Daughtry, M of Cumberland

Comment: This bill would establish the Maine Spaceport Corporation.

LR: 2375

Title: An Act To Expand Nursing Education Programs

Comment: This bill would provide ongoing funds of $2,500,000 to the Maine Community College System to expand nursing education programs.

LR: 2454

Title: An Act To Allow the Use of Speed Traps with Cameras To Promote Public Safety

Comment: This bill would repeal a law that prohibits the use of photographic enforcement and red light cameras for speeding prevention.

Sponsor: Senator Davis, Sr., P of Piscataquis

LR: 2164

Title: An Act Regarding the Retirement of Law Enforcement Officers

Comment: This bill would allow law enforcement officers to retire after 25 years, including law enforcement officers who work for the State, a county or a municipality.

LR: 2169

Title: An Act Regarding Illegal School Entry

Comment: This bill would make illegal entry into a school a Class C crime and illegal entry into a school combined with committing bodily harm a Class B crime.

LR: 2175

Title: An Act To Amend the Statewide Fire Code

Comment: This bill would change the requirements of the state fire code relative to population numbers.

LR: 2176

Title: An Act To Prevent the Theft of Catalytic Converters

Comment: This bill would enact measures to prevent the theft of catalytic converters.

LR: 2231

Title: Resolve, To Name Bridges in the Town of Milo for Veterans Who Died during the Vietnam War

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Sponsor: Senator Davis, Sr., P of Piscataquis

Comment: This resolve would name 3 bridges in the Town of Milo for veterans who died in the Vietnam War, Henry "Butch" Heal, James Ellison and Wayne Sangillo.

Sponsor: Senator Deschambault, S of York

LR: 2303

Title: An Act To Prohibit Invasion of Privacy on Property by Surveillance Cameras

Comment: This bill would prohibit the invasion of privacy on property by surveillance cameras. It would provide to persons who claim they are being harassed by unwanted surveillance on neighboring properties legal recourse to stop the harassment.

LR: 2361

Title: An Act To Establish the Safe Homes Program

Comment: This bill would establish a program for the safe storage of prescription drugs, firearms and dangerous weapons. The bill would support educational programs providing information on safe homes and safe storage. The bill would designate September as Safe Homes Month in order to spread awareness of the importance of safety in the home. The bill would establish the Safe Homes Grant Program to provide grant funding for persons and entities, including nonprofits and community organizations. The bill would establish the Safe Homes Program Fund.

Sponsor: Senator Diamond, B of Cumberland

LR: 2133

Title: An Act To Strengthen the Office of the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman by Providing for Increased Staffing

Comment: This bill would add additional staff members to the office of the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman.

LR: 2134

Title: An Act To Prioritize the Prosecution of Child Deaths

Comment: This bill would expedite, as appropriate, the prosecution of child deaths in light of the backlog of court cases caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

LR: 2228

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Use of License Plate Coverings That Obstruct a Clear View of the Plate

Comment: This bill would prohibit any films, coverings, frames or other obstructions that make it difficult or impossible to read a license plate and to discern which state issued the license plate.

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Sponsor: Senator Diamond, B of Cumberland

LR: 2232

Title: An Act To Establish Ongoing Monitoring of Maine's Child Protective Services

Comment: This bill would enhance reporting requirements of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services to the Legislature's government oversight committee and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

LR: 2288

Title: An Act To Address Retention at the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory and the Department of Public Safety Computer Crimes Unit

Comment: This bill would address Department of Public Safety employee retention concerns by moving employees of the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory and computer crimes unit within the department who currently have split retirements due to legislative changes associated with Public Law 2021, chapter 474. The bill would fulfill the original intention of Legislative Document 1101, which became chapter 474, and help retain these skilled employees. The bill would provide one-time funding to the department to fund the unfunded actuarial liability costs of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2154 Senator Pouliot, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2287 President Jackson, T

Sponsor: Senator Dill, J of Penobscot

LR: 2159

Title: An Act To Provide Funding for the Purchase of Maine Public Employees Retirement System Service Credit at a Subsidized Cost by Certain Persons Who Served in the Armed Forces of the United States

Comment: This bill would provide funding to allow certain persons who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States to purchase Maine Public Employees Retirement System service credit at a subsidized cost.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 956 Senator Lawrence, M

LR: 2179

Title: An Act To Allow Deferment of a Moose Permit When More than One Is Granted to the Same Household

Comment: This bill would allow moose permit winners from the same household to defer a permit up to 2 years.

LR: 2180

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Sponsor: Senator Dill, J of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Expand the Acreage Available for Agricultural Use by the Department of Corrections

Comment: This bill would allow the Department of Corrections the use of the entire field in which the department now grows produce for the Mountain View Correctional Facility.

LR: 2181

Title: An Act To Allow the Department of Corrections To Dig a Well in the Bud Leavitt Wildlife Management Area

Comment: This bill would allow the Department of Corrections to dig a well in the Bud Leavitt Wildlife Management Area on or near the area where the department grows crops for use at the Mountain View Correctional Facility.

LR: 2182

Title: An Act To Restrict the Sale of Used Catalytic Converters

Comment: This bill would restrict the sale of used catalytic converters.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 796 Senator Timberlake, J

LR: 2253

Title: An Act To Allow for Expungement of Certain Criminal Records and To Expunge Criminal and Civil Records Related to Marijuana Activities Legalized by the Voters of Maine

Comment: This bill would authorize the expungement of records of convictions of certain crimes upon request and after review and a vote from a review board, including records related to eligible marijuana convictions and violations information, and the expungement of all records that relate to criminal convictions and civil violations for conduct that is authorized under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-B, chapter 3. The bill would not authorize the expungement of the records of convictions of violent crimes and domestic violence, sexual abuse or abuse of a minor.

Potential JR 217: LD 216 Representative Fecteau, J

LR: 2260

Title: An Act To Change the Requirements for the Sales of Used Catalytic Converters

Comment: This bill would change the record-keeping requirements for the sales of used catalytic converters.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 796 Senator Timberlake, J

LR: 2474

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Sponsor: Senator Dill, J of Penobscot

Title: An Act Providing for Nondiscrimination in Access to Anatomical Donation and Organ Transplantation

Comment: This bill would prohibit health care providers, hospitals and other entities from discriminating against potential organ, eye or tissue transplant recipients based solely on the physical or mental disability of the potential recipient.

Sponsor: Representative Dillingham, K of Oxford

LR: 2301

Title: An Act To Authorize Certain Off-premises Sales of Adult Use Marijuana

Comment: This bill would authorize an adult use marijuana store to sell marijuana products off the store's premises at an agricultural fair or festival. It would direct the office of marijuana policy within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to develop rules to implement this policy. It would allow a licensee and a licensee's employees to transport adult use marijuana and adult use marijuana products between the marijuana store and the temporary off-premises retail location. It would require a municipal officer from the municipality where the agricultural fair or festival is to occur to approve the application for sale of marijuana at the fair or festival. It would require an individual license to be obtained by an adult use marijuana store for each location at which the marijuana store wishes to engage in off-premises sales.

LR: 2438

Title: An Act To Clarify the Laws Related to the Use of Medical Marijuana and Workers' Compensation

Comment: This bill would clarify the ability of an individual involved in a workers' compensation settlement, agreement or payout to use medical marijuana during the period the individual is incapacitated and unable to work.

LR: 2439

Title: An Act To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Clarify and Amend the Rules Related to Micropigmentation Practitioners

Comment: This bill would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to reevaluate training and board certification requirements for engaging in micropigmentation in the State.

Sponsor: Representative Dodge, J of Belfast

LR: 2395

Title: Resolve, To Protect Funding for the State Employee Health Care Program

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Sponsor: Representative Dodge, J of Belfast

Comment: Current law provides that funds set aside to provide funding to cover the unfunded liability associated with the retiree health care program must be held in an irrevocable trust, but there is no evidence that such a trust has been established. This resolve would instruct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to create such an irrevocable trust and report back to the committee of jurisdiction by January 1, 2023 with a report on the creation of the trust.

Sponsor: Representative Dunphy, M of Old Town

LR: 2332

Title: An Act To Allow Unorganized Territory School Staff To Receive Annualized Pay

Comment: This bill would allow all unorganized territory school staff to have the option to receive annualized pay.

Sponsor: Representative Evangelos, J of Friendship

LR: 2254

Title: An Act To Amend the Composition and Powers of the Deadly Force Review Panel

Comment: This bill would add additional representatives of civil liberties groups to the Deadly Force Review Panel and would authorize the panel to reverse a finding that the use of deadly force was justified.

LR: 2255

Title: An Act To Repeal the Law Regarding the County Jail Reimbursement Fee

Comment: This bill would repeal the law authorizing a court to assess a county jail reimbursement fee.

Sponsor: Representative Evans, R of Dover-Foxcroft

LR: 2271

Title: An Act To Encourage Job Growth in the Forestry Sector through Tax Incentives

Comment: This bill would provide tax incentives to businesses that process raw timber and that increase the number of their employees.

LR: 2451

Title: An Act To Improve Health Care Affordability and Increase Options for Comprehensive Coverage for Families and Small Businesses in Maine

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Sponsor: Representative Evans, R of Dover-Foxcroft

Comment: This bill would require the Office of Affordable Health Care to conduct an analysis and provide a report to the Legislature on the effects of policies aimed at improving health care affordability and coverage, including effects on premium and cost-sharing affordability in individual and small group coverage and on enrollment in comprehensive health coverage.

Sponsor: Senator Farrin, B of Somerset

LR: 2127

Title: An Act Regarding the Authorization of Services Performed by Emergency Medical Services Personnel

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing the licensing of emergency medical services personnel to clarify the conditions under which an emergency medical services person may render medical services in a hospital or health care facility.

LR: 2149

Title: An Act To Prevent State Government from Influencing Health Care Decisions

Comment: This bill would prohibit State Government from mandating vaccinations and would remove any existing vaccine mandates.

Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2147	Senator Keim, L
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2148	Senator Timberlake, J
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2150	Senator Pouliot, M
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2162	Senator Guerin, S
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2170	Senator Sanborn, H

Sponsor: Representative Faulkingham, B of Winter Harbor

LR: 2422

Title: An Act To Retain and Expand Job Opportunities in the Health Care Industry

Comment: This bill would mitigate the loss of health care employees due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

LR: 2463

Title: An Act To Create a Legal Defense Fund for the Maine Lobster Industry

Comment: This bill would create a legal defense fund for the Maine lobster industry, with funding provided through Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative funds and trap tag fees.

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Sponsor: Representative Faulkingham, B of Winter Harbor

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2270 Representative Alley, R

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2289 President Jackson, T

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2313 Representative Stover, H

Sponsor: Representative Fay, J of Raymond

LR: 2210

Title: An Act To Continue Supporting Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families

Comment: This bill would provide funding to the Maine State Housing Authority's arsenic abatement program for the treatment of contaminated private drinking water wells.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1570 Representative Gramlich, L

LR: 2453

Title: An Act To Increase Maine's Veterinary Workforce and Keep Maine Farms Healthy through a Scholarship Program

Comment: This bill would create a program similar to the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program in order to increase the veterinary workforce in the State.

Sponsor: Speaker Fecteau, R of Biddeford

LR: 2299

Title: An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions

Comment: This bill would implement the recommendations developed by the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions established by Resolve 2021, chapter 59.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2339 Senator Hickman, C

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2378 Representative Bickford, B

LR: 2356

Title: An Act To Promote Labor Education

Comment: This bill would expand lifelong labor education programming available to the State's workforce through the University of Maine System. It would increase support for the University of Maine's Bureau of Labor Education to implement programming, educational forums and research for workers in the State and explore the development of a community-facing labor education center.

LR: 2468

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Sponsor: Speaker Fecteau, R of Biddeford

Title: An Act To Require Cultural Competency Training in State-licensed Assisted Living Facilities, Nursing Homes, Rehabilitation Facilities and Independent Living Facilities

Comment: This bill would require cultural competency training in state-licensed assisted living facilities, nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities and independent living facilities.

Sponsor: Representative Geiger, V of Rockland

LR: 2340

Title: An Act To Make State Education Subsidies More Equitable

Comment: This bill would amend the current education funding formula to include median income for each municipality, with its weight in the formula being made equal to the land valuation weight.

LR: 2354

Title: An Act To Create a Livable Wage across Maine

Comment: This bill would increase the minimum wage to $16 an hour and tie it to the Consumer Price Index.

Potential JR 217: LD 1279 Representative Collings, B

LR: 2410

Title: An Act To Transition to Publicly Funded Early Childhood Education

Comment: This bill would provide for a study on transitioning to publicly funded, enriched early childhood education in the State.

LR: 2411

Title: An Act To Address Overdue Maintenance at Owls Head State Park

Comment: This bill would appropriate $50,000 to Owls Head State Park in order to fix the park road and parking lot and park amenities.

Sponsor: Representative Gere, T of Kennebunkport

LR: 2390

Title: An Act To Amend the Maine Jobs, Trade and Democracy Act

Comment: This bill would update the membership and staffing of the Citizen Trade Policy Commission.

LR: 2481

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Sponsor: Representative Gere, T of Kennebunkport

Title: An Act To Improve the Educational Climate and Safety in Maine Schools by Reducing Bias and Harassment

Comment: This bill would direct the Maine Human Rights Commission to develop programming and outreach to educate students, families and school staff about their rights and responsibilities regarding bias and harassment in schools and offer support and mediation services to help resolve issues stemming from bias and harassment.

Sponsor: Representative Gramlich, L of Old Orchard Beach

LR: 2504

Title: An Act To Protect the Public from Exposure to Toxic Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances from Fish Consumption

Comment: This bill would require that the Department of Health and Human Services issue fish consumption advisories based on identified high levels of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in fish tissue and expand existing efforts providing educational material relating to mercury and other toxics in fish to also include information on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances to both recreational and sustenance fishers.

LR: 2505

Title: An Act To Strengthen Child Sexual Abuse Laws and the Sex Offender Registry Protocol

Comment: This bill would expand restrictions for individuals registered on the state sex offender registry due to sexual abuse of a minor to include the requirement that a forensic psychosocial risk assessment be completed before a registrant may petition the court for parental rights or visitation of a minor of whom the registrant is the genetic parent.

LR: 2506

Title: An Act To Implement Best Practices Regarding Children's Behavioral and Mental Health Care

Comment: This bill would require a thorough examination of the State's behavioral health and mental health care services for children, including but not limited to the implementation of best practices regarding individualized care. It would require implementation of recommendations from both the 2017 and 2020 Center for Children's Law and Policy reports, with an emphasis on ensuring that all children who need behavioral health and mental health care services have individualized plans for treatment in least-restrictive environments, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Corrections and others.

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Sponsor: Representative Gramlich, L of Old Orchard Beach

LR: 2507

Title: An Act To Ensure Low-income Families and Children with Special Needs Can Access Aftercare School Programs

Comment: This bill would require that all children who are eligible for home community services receive aftercare school programming that meets their individual needs. It would require programs providing services to children diagnosed with disabilities to offer the same opportunities and programs that are available for other children. It would enable families that receive MaineCare vouchers for after-school day care programs to use the vouchers for other aftercare recreation programs whether or not they are affiliated with school districts.

Sponsor: Representative Greenwood, R of Wales

LR: 2488

Title: An Act To Protect Maine Citizens from Discrimination by Including Vaccination Status as a Protected Class

Comment: This bill would make protected class status under the freedom from discrimination laws include vaccination status.

LR: 2495

Title: An Act To Protect Maine Families by Removing Department of Health and Human Services Administrative Appeal Hearings from Department Oversight

Comment: This bill would require Department of Health and Human Services administrative appeal hearings to be subject to independent review rather than department oversight.

LR: 2499

Title: An Act To Restore Religious and Philosophical Exemptions from Vaccination Requirements

Comment: This bill would restore religious and philosophical exemptions from vaccination requirements.

Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2215	Senator Bennett, R
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2374	Representative Perkins, M
Potential JR 217:	LD 833	Representative Kinney, M

LR: 2515

Title: An Act To Protect Students in Maine Public Schools from Mandatory Masking

Comment: This bill would prohibit Maine public schools from establishing masking requirements.

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Sponsor: Representative Grohoski, N of Ellsworth

LR: 2377

Title: An Act To Improve Safety for Personnel Providing Public Services along Roads

Comment: This bill would increase the fine for failing to yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle. It would also amend the law requiring motorists to move over when approaching emergency vehicles stopped on the shoulder of the road to make violations of that law the Class E crime of driving to endanger.

LR: 2391

Title: An Act To Define "Discrete Electric Generating Facility"

Comment: This bill would define "discrete electric generating facility" for the purposes of net energy billing.

LR: 2489

Title: An Act To Strengthen Maine's Clean Energy Economy through the Use of Community Choice Aggregation Entities

Comment: This bill would authorize municipalities to create community choice aggregation entities such as are available to the citizens of other states, including California, New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Illinois and Ohio, which allow communities the opportunity to mitigate climate change through their energy supply choices in deregulated states, such as Maine.

Sponsor: Senator Guerin, S of Penobscot

LR: 2162

Title: An Act To Allow Health Care Workers To Direct Their Own Health Care Choices

Comment: This bill would repeal the COVID-19 vaccine mandate for health care and emergency services workers.

Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2147	Senator Keim, L
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2148	Senator Timberlake, J
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2149	Senator Farrin, B
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2150	Senator Pouliot, M
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2170	Senator Sanborn, H

Sponsor: Representative Harnett, T of Gardiner

LR: 2256

Title: An Act To Ensure Constitutionally Adequate Contact with Counsel

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Sponsor: Representative Harnett, T of Gardiner

Comment: This bill would protect the attorney-client privilege and the right to adequate counsel by prohibiting the monitoring of communications between inmates of correctional facilities and legal counsel.

LR: 2382

Title: An Act To Amend the Remote Meeting Law in Maine's Freedom of Access Act

Comment: This bill would amend the law on remote participation in public meetings in Maine's Freedom of Access Act to remove the requirement that a remote meeting policy adopted by a public body must include an expectation that members of the body be physically present. It also would permit a public body to limit public attendance solely to remote methods in certain circumstances. It also changes the public bodies to which the remote meeting provisions apply.

LR: 2414

Title: An Act Clarifying the Right to Legal Representation for Individuals Subject to Guardianship

Comment: This bill would clarify that individuals subject to guardianship retain the right to engage counsel of their choosing without interference from others.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 480 Representative Cardone, B

Sponsor: Representative Hasenfus, T of Readfield

LR: 2466

Title: Resolve, Directing the Interagency Task Force on Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species To Recommend Ways To Reduce the Threat of Further Infestations

Comment: This resolve would direct the Interagency Task Force on Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species to meet for the purpose of reviewing current practices and to make recommendations to the Legislature on how to reduce the threat of further infestations. It would direct the task force to consider how to expedite and improve the process for newly developed herbicide treatments on infected lakes and how to expedite and improve surface use restrictions on infested lakes, as well as assess the feasibility of requiring inspections of boats put into or taken out of at-risk or infested lakes. It would direct the task force to meet as soon as possible and report to the Legislature no later than March 31, 2022 and authorize the committee of jurisdiction to report out a bill.

Sponsor: Representative Hepler, A of Woolwich

LR: 2316

Title: An Act To Provide Funding to Municipalities Severely Infested with Browntail Moths

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Sponsor: Representative Hepler, A of Woolwich

Comment: This bill would provide funding for municipalities affected by browntail moth infestations to obtain resources needed to combat browntail moths, including for the purchase or rental of pole saws, the rental of aerial work platforms, the hiring of licensed pesticide applicators and the hiring of arborists.

Sponsor: Senator Hickman, C of Kennebec

LR: 2121

Title: Resolve, Authorizing the Maine National Guard To Sell Certain Property in Hallowell

Comment: This resolve would authorize the Maine National Guard to sell a 2-acre parcel off of Granite Hill Road in Hallowell.

LR: 2123

Title: An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement To Include Staff of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner

Comment: This bill would allow staff of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner within the Department of the Attorney General to elect to participate in the 1998 Special Plan of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. Under that plan, a person may retire at 55 years of age with 10 years of creditable service or may retire before 55 years of age with 25 years of creditable service and at a reduced benefit.

LR: 2339

Title: An Act To Help Alleviate Maine's Housing Shortage through Changes to Zoning Laws

Comment: This bill would advance equity in zoning laws by affirmatively furthering fair housing, promoting housing choice and economic diversity in housing, addressing disparities in housing, preventing towns from discriminating on the basis of income source or level and preventing unreasonable fee charges. It would legalize accessory apartments, limit parking requirements, require training for planning and zoning commissioners and create a study commission.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2299 Speaker Fecteau, R

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2378 Representative Bickford, B

LR: 2440

Title: An Act To Strengthen the Maine Civil Rights Act

Comment: This bill would establish the Maine Juneteenth Act in order to establish a state cause of action for enforcing rights of the citizens of Maine, regardless of race or color, with a preponderance of evidence standard in response to the United States Supreme Court decision Comcast Corp. v. National Association of African American-Owned Media (2020).

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Sponsor: Senator Hickman, C of Kennebec

LR: 2511

Title: An Act To Streamline and Restructure the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations

Comment: This bill would streamline and restructure the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations.

Sponsor: Representative Hutchins, S of Penobscot

LR: 2337

Title: An Act To Ensure Free Expression on Campuses of the University of Maine System by Promoting Campus Clubs

Comment: This bill would promote the diversity of clubs on campuses of the University of Maine System. It would also require the universities to allot each recognized club the same space for meetings.

LR: 2338

Title: An Act To Ensure the Participation of Parents and Taxpayers at Local School Board Meetings

Comment: This bill would promote open school board meetings so that participants cannot be unrealistically limited or shut out of speaking at local meetings. It would also limit executive sessions to 15 minutes so as to not intentionally tire the participants.

LR: 2342

Title: An Act To Protect Voter Integrity and Voter Authority over Absentee Ballots

Comment: This bill would provide that in-person voting with proof of identity has precedence over other forms of voting and that an in-person voter may reclaim that person's mail-in or absentee ballot to inspect it and make changes up until the close of the polls on election day.

LR: 2343

Title: An Act To Ensure Protection of the Ocean Bottom within Maine's 3-mile Boundary

Comment: This bill would require a 2/3 vote of the Legislature for any changes to the laws governing submerged and intertidal lands owned by the State specifically concerning the ocean bottom within the 3-mile state boundary.

Sponsor: Representative Hymanson, P of York

LR: 2171

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Sponsor: Representative Hymanson, P of York

Title: An Act To Establish a Commission To Study the Health Effects of 5G Cellular Towers

Comment: This bill would establish a commission to examine the health effects of living in close proximity to 5G cellular towers.

LR: 2172

Title: An Act To Allow Certain Nonresidents Access to Department of Health and Human Services Waiting Lists for Services

Comment: This bill would allow a resident of another state to be placed on a Department of Health and Human Services waiting list for services in Maine if that person meets all other legal requirements for service and that person's legal guardian has been a resident of Maine for at least one year.

LR: 2482

Title: Resolve, To Ensure the Continuation of Services to Maine Children and Families through the Alternative Response Program

Comment: This resolve would continue the contract for the alternative response program, which the Department of Health and Human Services contracts for in order to serve children at risk for neglect and abuse who do not meet the criteria for Office of Child and Family Services involvement but are still at risk. The contract is due to end in the middle of 2022.

Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

LR: 2160

Title: An Act To Establish a Disaster Relief Fund for Potato Farmers Adversely Affected by Drought Conditions

Comment: This bill would establish a disaster relief fund of $5,000,000 for potato farmers adversely affected by drought conditions based on a loss of yield.

LR: 2161

Title: An Act To Amend the Charter of the St. Francis Water District

Comment: This bill would amend the charter of the St. Francis Water District.

LR: 2167

Title: An Act To Clarify the Role of the Legislature in Sustaining Good-paying Jobs in the Forest Products Industry and To Promote Healthy Rivers

Comment: This bill would clarify the role of the Legislature in sustaining good-paying jobs in the forest products industry and would promote healthy rivers.

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Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

LR: 2275

Title: An Act To Amend the Caribou Utilities District Charter To Include Broadband Services

Comment: This bill would amend the Caribou Utilities District charter to include broadband services.

LR: 2287

Title: An Act To Fix Split Retirement Benefits for Certain State Employees

Comment: This bill would provide one-time funding for moving state employees with time in the 1998 Special Plan and who also have a normal retirement with the Maine Public Employees Retirement System into just the 1998 Special Plan. The bill would be limited to those employees who began working for the State before January 1, 2020 and who are in 2 plans due to changes made by the Legislature. The one-time funding would be calculated by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System and cover the costs associated with the pension system's unfunded actuarial liability. The bill would cover members in several bargaining units, including but not limited to the Maine Service Employees Association, the Maine State Law Enforcement Association, the Fraternal Order of Police and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2154 Senator Pouliot, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2288 Senator Diamond, B

LR: 2289

Title: An Act To Create the Office of Federal Liaison for Maine's Heritage Lobster Industry

Comment: This bill would create an office within the Department of Marine Resources to assist the lobstering industry and community in adapting to changes in federal regulations, permitting and bureaucracy.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2270 Representative Alley, R

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2313 Representative Stover, H

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2463 Representative Faulkingham, B

LR: 2290

Title: An Act To Address Inequality in Retirement for Department of Corrections Supervisors

Comment: This bill would provide one-time funding to include under the service retirement benefit changes made by Public Law 2021, chapter 401 those Department of Corrections supervisors in the 1998 Special Plan who were employed prior to January 1, 2000 but were left out of the changes made by chapter 401.

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Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

LR: 2298

Title: An Act To Ensure Access to Prescription Contraceptives

Comment: This bill would require all health care plans to cover all contraceptive prescription medications approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration with no copay, coinsurance or deductible.

LR: 2326

Title: An Act To Clarify the Laws Related to Online Raffle Tickets To Reflect the True Intent of Those Laws

Comment: This bill would make technical changes to a law passed in the First Special Session of the 130th Legislature regarding online raffle tickets.

LR: 2359

Title: An Act To Expand Access to Justice in Rural Maine through Legal Education

Comment: This bill would create a pre-law legal education program and center at the University of Maine at Fort Kent.

LR: 2398

Title: An Act To Ensure Equitable Geographical Access to Long-term Care Caseworkers in the Department of Health and Human Services

Comment: This bill would require that long-term care workers be equitably distributed across geographical areas. It would require, at minimum, that a caseworker be available for over-the-phone or face-to-face meetings to provide services in every county in the State.

LR: 2416

Title: An Act To Support Health Care Workers by Providing Hazard Reimbursements and Hazard Pay

Comment: This bill would provide hazard reimbursements and hazard pay to health care workers.

LR: 2425

Title: Resolve, To Assist Long-term Care Facilities

Comment: This resolve would support ongoing assistance to long-term care facilities during their response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Sponsor: Senator Keim, L of Oxford

LR: 2147

Title: An Act To Protect Autonomy in Medical Care

Comment: This bill would establish provisions regarding autonomy in medical care.

Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2148	Senator Timberlake, J
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2149	Senator Farrin, B
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2150	Senator Pouliot, M
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2162	Senator Guerin, S
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2170	Senator Sanborn, H

Sponsor: Representative Kryzak, T of Acton

LR: 2436

Title: An Act To Amend the State's Tax Laws

Comment: This bill would amend the State's tax laws.

Closely Related Carryover Req:	LD 276	Representative Berry, S
Closely Related Carryover Req:	LD 392	Representative Terry, M
Closely Related Carryover Req:	LD 484	Senator Chipman, B

Sponsor: Representative Landry, S of Farmington

LR: 2225

Title: An Act To Promote the Accessibility and Transparency of Maine's School Boards

Comment: This bill would require school boards to meet at least once per month and require each meeting to allot 10% of its time for public comment.

Sponsor: Senator Lawrence, M of York

LR: 2305

Title: An Act To Repeal and Replace the Charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District

Comment: This bill would repeal and replace the Ogunquit Sewer District charter to update the charter and conform it to the Standard Sewer District Enabling Act and to make it reflect current and more efficient and effective practices.

LR: 2427

Title: An Act To Update Maine's Felony Drug Possession Law

Comment: This bill would change the amount of a drug that constitutes felony drug possession.

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Sponsor: Senator Lawrence, M of York

Potential JR 217: LD 216 Representative Fecteau, J

Sponsor: Representative Libby, L of Auburn

LR: 2419

Title: An Act Regarding Guaranteed Educational Access Resources for Students

Comment: This bill would amend the laws regarding the designation of a student who is unable to find a school administrative unit willing to enroll the student and the laws regarding virtual public charter school enrollment and grade levels served by a public charter school in order to enhance educational access during a state of emergency.

LR: 2428

Title: An Act To Clarify Medical Exemption Allowances under State Law

Comment: This bill would prohibit schools or employers from adding restrictions to medical exemptions for immunizations.

LR: 2449

Title: An Act To Ensure Services for Seniors during a State of Emergency by Waiving the Certificate of Need Requirement for Nursing and Long-term Care Facilities

Comment: This bill would waive the certificate of need requirement for nursing and long-term care facilities during a state of emergency declared by the Governor or the Department of Health and Human Services.

Sponsor: Representative Lookner, G of Portland

LR: 2251

Title: An Act To Prevent the Use of Prone Restraints on Youths Held in Department of Corrections Facilities

Comment: This bill would prevent the use of prone restraints on youths held in Department of Corrections facilities.

LR: 2475

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Use of Choke Holds and Prone Restraints by Public Employees

Comment: This bill would prohibit the use of choke holds and prone restraints by public employees.

Sponsor: Senator Luchini, L of Hancock

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Sponsor: Senator Luchini, L of Hancock

LR: 2132

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Alcohol Sold for Off-premises Consumption

Comment: This bill would make permanent the authorization of take-out sales of liquor by restaurants and other qualified on-premises entities. It would also make permanent the authorization for distilleries to use spirits not manufactured by the distillery to mix into cocktails sold for on-premises or off-premises consumption.

LR: 2165

Title: An Act Regarding the Payment of College Athletes

Comment: This bill would implement a policy allowing college athletes to profit from using their names, images and likenesses, prevent colleges and universities, athletic conferences and sports governing bodies from prohibiting such a practice and allow college athletes to obtain representation on such matters.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2120 Representative Brennan, M

LR: 2226

Title: An Act To Create a Framework for Maine's Spirits Contract

Comment: This bill would set broad parameters around the State's next spirits contract and its bidding terms, as well as industry members affected by the contract, such as agency retailers and distilleries based in the State.

LR: 2307

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Provide Notice of Nursing Home Closures

Comment: This bill would require, within 2 business days of receipt of notice from a nursing facility of that facility's closure, the Department of Health and Human Services to provide notice of the pending closure to all hospitals that are located in the same county and, if in an adjacent county, within 25 miles of the closing nursing facility.

LR: 2373

Title: An Act Regarding Contributions to Candidates and Political Action Committees

Comment: This bill would allow a corporation, membership organization or labor or other organization to contribute the paid staff time of its employees and independent contractors to a separate segregated fund. The bill would also allow a ballot question committee to make contributions to a candidate or leadership political action committee up to the applicable limits as long as the funds for the contributions are not derived from a business entity.

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Sponsor: Representative Madigan, C of Waterville

LR: 2317

Title: An Act Regarding Access to Telehealth Behavioral Health Services during Public Health Emergencies

Comment: This bill would waive, during a public health emergency, mental health and substance use treatment licensing rules that require documentation of written informed consent from a client.

LR: 2318

Title: An Act To Establish Limits on the Number of Hours Worked By and Workloads of Child Protective Services Workers

Comment: This bill would set maximum limits on the number of hours child protective services workers may work and drive. It also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a maximum recommended workload for child protective services workers.

LR: 2319

Title: An Act To Establish a Board To Oversee County Officials

Comment: This bill would establish a board that has authority to take complaints regarding and impose sanctions on county officials.

LR: 2320

Title: An Act To Exempt Sanitizing Products from Sales Tax and Other State Fees

Comment: This bill would exempt the sales of hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes and other sanitizing products from sales tax and other state fees.

LR: 2383

Title: An Act To Protect MaineCare Recipients from Prior Authorization and Step Therapy for Medications Addressing Serious Mental Illness

Comment: This bill would prohibit prior authorization requirements and step therapy protocols under the MaineCare program for drugs used to assess or treat a recipient's serious mental illness.

LR: 2490

Title: An Act To Protect Children in Shared Custody

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Sponsor: Representative Madigan, C of Waterville

Comment: This bill would provide that a parent may not take a minor child who is in a shared custody or visitation arrangement into an area designated as dangerous, such as a place experiencing what is defined as a public health emergency, civil unrest or war. It would allow a parent whose child has been so taken to file an emergency motion to modify or refuse to release the child.

LR: 2491

Title: An Act To Improve Services for Persons Who Are Experiencing Homelessness

Comment: This bill would remove the time limit for the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness services. It would authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to make rules for reauthorization of these services after one year of service.

Sponsor: Representative Martin, J of Eagle Lake

LR: 2385

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Education Service Centers

Comment: This bill would amend the law relating to withdrawal of a school administrative unit from an education service center.

LR: 2418

Title: An Act To Provide Clarity and Assistance to Rural Maine Providers in the Implementation of the Medicaid Home and Community-based Services Waiver Rule

Comment: The bill would require providers serving adults with developmental disabilities and autism to comply with new rules for the Medicaid home and community-based services waiver spending plans for enhanced federal medical assistance percentages using funds provided under the American Rescue Plan Act, as many rural providers are finding the updates and the assistance from the Department of Health and Human Services inconsistent.

LR: 2497

Title: An Act Regarding Green Crab Fishing

Comment: This bill would amend the laws regarding green crab fishing.

Sponsor: Representative Mason, R of Lisbon

LR: 2276

Title: An Act To Require Law Enforcement Agencies To Retain Serial Numbers of Stolen Firearms

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Sponsor: Representative Mason, R of Lisbon

Comment: This bill would require a law enforcement agency to make a permanent record of the serial number of a stolen firearm if the victim provides the number to the agency.

Sponsor: Representative Mathieson, K of Kittery

LR: 2156

Title: An Act Regarding Special Education Funding for So-called Minimum Receiver Districts

Comment: This bill would equalize state funding support for special education to 55% for so-called minimum receiver districts, which were detrimentally affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and did not benefit from the recent increase in state education funding to 55%.

Sponsor: Representative Matlack, A of St. George

LR: 2501

Title: An Act To Provide Municipal Shellfish Conservation Programs Greater Flexibility in Protecting Restricted Shellfish Growing Areas

Comment: This bill would authorize municipalities and regional shellfish management organizations with state-authorized shellfish management plans to have more control over when and to what extent a shellfish growing area may be harvested. The bill would provide that shellfish growing areas designated Conditionally Restricted must require permission from authorized municipal or regional shellfish management organizations before harvesting can begin and that the shellfish management organization may restrict the area that may be harvested and the extent of the harvesting.

Sponsor: Senator Maxmin, C of Lincoln

LR: 2357

Title: An Act To Modernize Funding Payments from Schools with State-tuitioned Students to Career and Technical Education Programs

Comment: Under current law, a school that receives tuitioned students who are enrolled in regular school day career and technical educational programs at career and technical education centers, satellites or regions may charge only a tuition rate of up to 2/3 of the maximum tuition rate, which has no correlation to the actual cost of educating a student at a career and technical education center, satellite or region. This bill would require the calculation of the per-pupil cost to the State of funding the career and technical education system through essential programs and services and require schools with tuitioned students to pay that per-pupil cost when sending a student to a career and technical education center, satellite or region.

Potential JR 217: LD 414 Representative O'Neil, M

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Sponsor: Senator Maxmin, C of Lincoln

LR: 2460

Title: An Act To Ensure Legislative Review of Rules for Maine's Medical Marijuana Programs

Comment: This bill would provide that major substantive rules provisionally adopted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Marijuana Policy and submitted for legislative review may not be finally adopted by the department unless legislation authorizing final adoption of those rules is enacted into law.

LR: 2476

Title: An Act To Strengthen Maine's Good Samaritan Laws

Comment: This bill would strengthen the State's Good Samaritan laws by exempting from criminal liability everyone in the location of a call reporting a drug-related medical emergency and exempting all nonviolent offenses from criminal liability for everyone at the scene of a drug overdose. It would also add pre-pretrial and bail violation exemptions and add a mitigating factor and affirmative defense at trial for all other criminal charges.

Sponsor: Representative McCrea, D of Fort Fairfield

LR: 2230

Title: An Act To Clarify the Retroactive Granting of Sick Leave Days to Public School Employees Affected by COVID-19

Comment: This bill would amend the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 13605 to specify that sick leave used by a public school employee due to COVID-19 at any time after January 1, 2021 must be restored to that employee, up to a maximum of 15 days.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2397 Representative White, B

LR: 2435

Title: An Act To Provide Quality Child Care in Northern Maine

Comment: This bill would appropriate money for the construction and operation of a quality child care facility in northern Maine.

Sponsor: Representative McCreight, J of Harpswell

LR: 2233

Title: An Act To Have Maine Join the Interstate Counseling Compact To Address Inequities in Access to Clinical Counseling Services and Increase Maine's Provider Workforce

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Sponsor: Representative McCreight, J of Harpswell

Comment: This bill would have the State join the interstate Counseling Compact to help the State provide the highest quality of clinical counseling more expeditiously, protect consumers and provide flexibility for veterans' spouses and others who want to practice in the State so that they may join the local clinical counseling workforce, all while preserving the State's regulatory authority.

LR: 2386

Title: An Act To Ensure Safe Entry and Access for People Seeking Health Care

Comment: This bill would prohibit barriers to health care that create unreasonably difficult or hazardous conditions hindering access to health care and perpetuating disparities among those seeking health care.

Sponsor: Representative McDonald, G of Stonington

LR: 2158

Title: An Act To Extend the Legal Hours for Harvesting Lobster

Comment: This bill would change the legal start time for the lobster fishery to 4:00 a.m. in the month of September.

LR: 2334

Title: An Act To Investigate Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Discharge into Maine's Waterways

Comment: This bill would require permitted wastewater treatment facilities and other dischargers as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection to test their discharge to waterways for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. It would require the results to be shared with the department and made publicly available. It would require the department to recommend options to the Legislature for policies to reduce these discharges.

LR: 2384

Title: An Act To Promote Community Health and Safety by Supporting Overdose Prevention Services

Comment: This bill would allow syringe programs certified by the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to operate on a needs-based model. It would eliminate the one-for-one syringe exchange distribution policy. It would provide that any syringe program certified by the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention may distribute syringe apparatuses based on the stated need of a registered participant.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2469 Senator Baldacci, J

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Sponsor: Representative Meyer, M of Eliot

LR: 2341

Title: An Act To Develop Maine's Workforce and Improve Economic Security for Maine's Families

Comment: This bill would alleviate poverty and bolster the State's workforce by extending the existing 60-month lifetime limit on receipt of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program benefits for those recipients who are enrolled or wish to enroll in a high school equivalency test or English as a second language program, are working at least 35 hours per week but continue to be at or below the federal poverty level and wish to enroll in the Parents as Scholars Program within the Department of Health and Human Services.

Sponsor: Representative Millett, R of Cape Elizabeth

LR: 2145

Title: An Act To Strengthen the Governance of Maine's Community College and University Systems

Comment: This bill would add 3 nonvoting members to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System and 3 nonvoting members to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System.

Potential JR 217: LD 1253 Representative Millett, R

LR: 2155

Title: Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Labor To Analyze the Prevalence of Maine Citizens Suffering from Long-term Symptoms Related to Acute COVID-19 Infection

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Labor to analyze the prevalence of Maine citizens suffering from long-term symptoms related to acute COVID-19 infection and the impact that has on their ability to participate in the State's workforce, access and obtain medical care, access and obtain benefits from state or federal disability programs and qualify for unemployment and other services and programs necessary to maintain their basic quality of life. It would require the analysis to include a survey of Maine citizens experiencing long-term symptoms related to acute COVID-19 infection.

LR: 2245

Title: An Act To Establish Green Building Standards for Maine

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Sponsor: Representative Millett, R of Cape Elizabeth

Comment: This bill would require any new housing construction project receiving state financial assistance to meet or exceed requirements for certification as a passive house as determined by a national passive house institute or an international passive house association, a 3rd-party green building certification program or living building standards pertaining to site, water, energy, health and happiness, materials equity and beauty standards established by an international institute.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1656 Representative Millett, R

LR: 2323

Title: An Act To Ensure Health Insurance Coverage for Certain Adults with Disabilities

Comment: This bill would require health insurers to cover adult children with disabilities who are unable to sustain themselves through employment through their parents' health insurance coverage without an age limit.

LR: 2403

Title: An Act To Amend the Enforcement Provisions of the Law Governing Earned Paid Leave

Comment: This bill would provide that disputes regarding earned paid leave involving an employee covered by a collective bargaining agreement are subject to the dispute resolution process in the collective bargaining agreement.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1338 Representative Millett, R

Sponsor: Senator Miramant, D of Knox

LR: 2188

Title: An Act To Enact the Maine Workplace Transparency Act To Regulate Employment Arbitration Agreements

Comment: This bill would regulate employment arbitration agreements by specifying the venue and prohibiting agreements that require the employee to waive the right to assert certain claims or prohibit the employee from participating in a class or collective action against the employer. The bill would allow employees to criticize their employer, protest wages and working conditions and share information in support of such protests. The bill would also allow an employee to use an electronic device during working hours for certain purposes, such as documenting an unfair labor practice.

Potential JR 217: LD 1519 Senator Miramant, D

LR: 2219

Title: An Act To Amend the Traffic Safety Laws To Prevent Risky Pedestrian Road Activity

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Sponsor: Senator Miramant, D of Knox

Comment: This bill would amend the traffic safety laws to provide that there is no exception to the prohibition against stopping or disrupting traffic to solicit donations or to sell merchandise or tickets to drivers in public ways.

Sponsor: Senator Moore, M of Washington

LR: 2217

Title: An Act To Establish Statewide Residency Restrictions for Sex Offenders

Comment: This bill would establish statewide residency restrictions for sex offenders similar to residency restrictions municipalities may impose through adoption of ordinances.

LR: 2512

Title: An Act To Address Maine's Suicide and Opioid Crises through the Construction of Affordable Recovery Facilities in Underserved Areas of the State

Comment: This bill would direct new federal money to construct affordable recovery facilities in underserved areas in order to better address the State's suicide and opioid crises.

Sponsor: Representative Morales, V of South Portland

LR: 2314

Title: An Act To Reduce Homelessness by Improving the General Assistance Program for Recipients and Landlords

Comment: This bill would increase the maximum level of general assistance to the sum of 110% of the fair market rent as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Thrifty Food Plan as established by the United States Department of Agriculture. It would eliminate provisions of law that are no longer in effect. It would increase the period of eligibility for general assistance for persons receiving housing assistance to 12 months while keeping in place all other program requirements for those individuals. It would also increase the time to appeal a decision regarding general assistance from 5 days to 30 days and the time to appeal a failure to act from 10 days to 60 days.

Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2471	Senator Baldacci, J
Potential JR 217:	LD 1695	Representative Morales, V

LR: 2333

Title: An Act To Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services by Limiting Cost Sharing by Insurers

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Sponsor: Representative Morales, V of South Portland

Comment: This bill would prohibit cost sharing by health insurers on behavioral health services, including but not limited to mental health care and substance use disorder treatment. Under the bill, cost sharing would include copayments, coinsurance, deductibles or any other forms of financial obligation of an enrollee other than a premium or share of a premium.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2244 Representative Tepler, D

Potential JR 217: LD 1531 Representative Arford, P

Sponsor: Representative Moriarty, S of Cumberland

LR: 2189

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Criminal Use of Laser Pointers

Comment: This bill would add to the laws governing the criminal use of a laser pointer the act of pointing a laser pointer at an aircraft.

LR: 2368

Title: An Act To Amend the Credit for Educational Opportunity

Comment: This bill would allow a tax credit for a graduate student loan when the student obtains a graduate degree at a college or university out of state in a program that is not offered by a Maine college or university.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 798 Senator Pouliot, M

Sponsor: Representative Morris, J of Turner

LR: 2325

Title: An Act To Regulate Litigation Financing

Comment: This bill would require a person engaging in a litigation financing transaction to register with the State and would regulate litigation financers.

LR: 2415

Title: An Act To Promote Diversity in Financial Product Offerings by Changing the Minimum Nonforfeiture Amount for Deferred Annuities to 0.15%

Comment: This bill would change the current minimum nonforfeiture amount for deferred annuities to 0.15%, which is consistent with the amendment to a model act of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners adopted in November 2020, in order to promote diversity in offerings of financial products for residents of the State by ensuring the continued viability of deferred annuities products.

LR: 2472

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Sponsor: Representative Morris, J of Turner

Title: An Act Regarding Free Access to Accident Reports

Comment: This bill would clarify that accident reports are public records and must be provided to the parties involved free of charge upon request.

Sponsor: Representative O'Connell, K of Brewer

LR: 2136

Title: Resolve, To Require the Maine Board of Pharmacy To Review Work Practices and Treatment of Pharmacists

Comment: This resolve would require the Maine Board of Pharmacy to review the work practices and treatment of pharmacists and report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services.

Sponsor: Representative O'Neil, M of Saco

LR: 2446

Title: An Act To Provide Textbook Cost Assistance for High School Students Enrolled in Early College Courses

Comment: This bill would create a fund to assist public high school students enrolled in college courses through an early college program with purchasing textbooks.

LR: 2477

Title: An Act To Protect the Privacy of Maine Residents

Comment: This bill would protect Maine residents' sensitive and personally identifying information.

Potential JR 217:	LD 1714	Senator Keim, L
Potential JR 217:	LD 1720	Representative O'Neil, M
Potential JR 217:	LD 1655	Representative O'Neil, M

LR: 2478

Title: An Act To Create a Task Force To Study and Catalog the Use of Artificial Intelligence in State Government

Comment: This bill would create a task force to study and catalog the use of artificial intelligence in State Government. It would work to foster transparency in government and allow for discussions about protections that may be needed.

LR: 2487

Title: An Act Regarding Board of Environmental Protection Review of Projects of Statewide Significance

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Sponsor: Representative O'Neil, M of Saco

Comment: This bill would amend the laws regarding the Board of Environmental Protection's review of projects of statewide significance.

Sponsor: Representative Perkins, M of Oakland

LR: 2374

Title: An Act To Establish Certain Exemptions to Required Immunizations

Comment: This bill would establish additional exemptions to required immunizations, including for vaccines that are not fully approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration; for religious reasons, without certification by clergy; for a vaccine that requires a person to sign a waiver of liability before getting vaccinated; or for a person who does not understand the exemptions.

Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2215	Senator Bennett, R
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2499	Representative Greenwood, R
Potential JR 217:	LD 833	Representative Kinney, M

Sponsor: Representative Perry, A of Calais

LR: 2358

Title: An Act To Define "Substance-exposed Infant"

Comment: This bill would define "substance-exposed infant" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 4011-B to clarify the reporting requirement of health care providers.

Sponsor: Representative Perry, J of Bangor

LR: 2135

Title: An Act To Require That Information Regarding the Distance between the Pupils of a Patient's Eyes Be Included Free of Charge on All Eye Prescriptions

Comment: This bill would require ophthalmologists and optometrists to provide free of charge with a patient's prescription information regarding the distance between the pupils of the patient's eyes.

LR: 2392

Title: An Act To Allow for a Standard Deviation in Potency for the Manufacturing of Adult Use Edible Marijuana Products

Comment: This bill would enact provisions to allow for a standard deviation in potency for the manufacturing of adult use edible marijuana products.

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Sponsor: Representative Perry, J of Bangor

Title: An Act To Modernize Maine's Rental Vehicle Industry and Equalize the Tax Rate Imposed on Rental Vehicles

Comment: This bill would make the 10% sales tax imposed on certain short-term vehicle rentals applicable to any type of rented vehicle and establish a central rental fleet vehicle registration and excise tax payment system.

LR: 2479

Title: An Act To Modernize Maine's Adult Use Marijuana Laws

Comment: This bill would allow certain marijuana store licensees and cultivation facility licensees to deliver adult use marijuana throughout the State, including to municipalities that have not adopted an ordinance authorizing the operation of a marijuana establishment.

Sponsor: Representative Pierce, T of Falmouth

LR: 2259

Title: An Act To Prevent COVID-19 Transmission in Maine Schools

Comment: This bill would require children entering school who are eligible for the vaccine to be immunized against COVID-19.

LR: 2401

Title: An Act To Protect Election Integrity by Regulating Possesion of Ballots

Comment: This bill would specify that the municipal clerk must retain possession, custody and control over the sealed containers of ballots for statewide elections unless the law expressly authorizes them to be transferred and secured by another entity. The bill would also require those entitled to obtain original ballots for inspection to keep those ballots in their sole custody in a secure location, with any inspection subject to oversight by an appropriate official. This bill would specify that the municipal clerk may not transfer possession, custody or control of a voting machine or voting device to any person except as authorized by the Secretary of State.

Sponsor: Representative Pluecker, B of Warren

LR: 2221

Title: Resolve, To Protect Maine's Egg Producers

Comment: This bill would direct the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to create and implement rules that would designate eggs sold in this State misbranded and subject to all the penalties of misbranding if they are labeled in a way that indicates that they were produced in this State but were laid in another state.

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Sponsor: Representative Pluecker, B of Warren

LR: 2227

Title: Resolve, To Prohibit the Contamination of Clean Soils with So-called Forever Chemicals

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Environmental Protection to annually test sludge and sludge-derived compost for all perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances and prohibit the department from authorizing the use of sludge and sludge-derived compost containing levels of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances that exceed concentrations set in the department's solid waste management rules.

LR: 2370

Title: An Act To Standardize Department of Corrections Reporting to the Legislature

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Corrections to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over prisons within 24 hours of certain significant occurrences in prisons and require the department to report to the committee certain comparative statistics for discipline in prisons.

LR: 2376

Title: Resolve, To Study Driver's License Suspensions

Comment: This resolve would require the Secretary of State to convene a stakeholder group to explore options for eliminating aggregated reinstatement fees for suspended driver's licenses.

Sponsor: Representative Poirier, J of Skowhegan

LR: 2404

Title: An Act To Expand Working Hours for Minors

Comment: This bill would expand the time frame within which minors are allowed to work. For those under 16 years of age, it would expand permitted working hours to from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the school year and 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. during vacations and would allow 5 hours per day on school days, 20 hours per week during the school week and 40 hours per week during vacation with a maximum of 8 hours per day. For those who are 16 and 17 years of age, it would expand working hours to 11 p.m. on a day before a school day and 32 hours per week during the school week.

Sponsor: Senator Pouliot, M of Kennebec

LR: 2137

Title: An Act To Allow Bars with an Occupancy of 30 or Fewer Persons To Have Only One Bathroom

Sponsor: Senator Pouliot, M of Kennebec

Comment: This bill would allow bars that have an occupancy of 30 or fewer persons to have only one bathroom.

LR: 2138

Title: An Act To Allow Organizations Other Than Schools To Have Yellow Buses with Red Flashing Lights and Stop Signs

Comment: This bill would allow organizations other than schools to have yellow buses with red flashing lights and stop signs.

LR: 2139

Title: An Act To Allow a Person To Appeal a Suspension of Driving Privileges That Is Based on a Doctor's Report to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles

Comment: This bill would allow a person to appeal a suspension of driving privileges that is based on a doctor's report to the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

LR: 2150

Title: An Act To Prohibit Mandatory Vaccinations

Comment: This bill would prohibit mandatory vaccinations and provide that immunology testing for antigens takes place and is considered sufficient to determine whether a person is immune to COVID-19.

Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2147	Senator Keim, L
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Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2170	Senator Sanborn, H

LR: 2154

Title: An Act Regarding the Expansion of the 1998 Special Retirement Plan to Civilian Employees of the Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory and Computer Crimes Unit

Comment: This bill would make application of the 1998 special retirement plan retroactive to the beginning of state service for those civilian employees of the Department of Public Safety, Maine State Police Crime Laboratory or computer crimes unit employed at the time of the expansion of the 1998 special retirement plan to those employees pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 474.

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Sponsor: Senator Pouliot, M of Kennebec

Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2287	President Jackson, T
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2288	Senator Diamond, B

LR: 2214

Title: An Act Regarding the Novel Engineering Journeyman Training Program

Comment: This bill would recognize the Novel Engineering journeyman training program as meeting a requirement for work in the field.

LR: 2229

Title: Resolve, To Address Maine's Direct Access Worker Shortage

Comment: This resolve would address the State's direct access worker shortage.

Sponsor: Senator Rafferty, J of York

LR: 2309

Title: An Act To Increase Student Learning Potential through the Use of High-impact Tutoring

Comment: This bill would require the use of so-called high-impact tutoring to improve education outcomes, including by increasing learning by 3 to 15 months across grade levels.

LR: 2336

Title: An Act To Protect Consumers' Privacy by Giving Them Greater Control of Their Data

Comment: This bill would give consumers greater control over the collecting and use of data, including the right to know if a company is collecting personal data; the right to access that data; the right to opt out of having data collected; the right to demand that stored data be deleted or corrected; and the right to nondiscrimination.

Potential JR 217:	LD 1714	Senator Keim, L
Potential JR 217:	LD 1720	Representative O'Neil, M
Potential JR 217:	LD 1655	Representative O'Neil, M

LR: 2426

Title: An Act To Establish the State of Maine Infrastructure Bank

Comment: This bill would create a lending agency, the State of Maine Infrastructure Bank, to support infrastructure projects while sustaining itself by recouping funding from the economic benefits the projects create.

Sponsor: Representative Rielly, M of Westbrook

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LR: 2234

Title: An Act To Amend the Authorizing Statutes of the Maine Commission for Community Service To Incorporate the Maine Climate Corps and Address Climate Challenges

Comment: This bill would amend the authorizing statutes of the Maine Commission for Community Service to incorporate a climate corps authorized to address climate challenges.

LR: 2235

Title: An Act To Require Emergency Contact and Crisis Hotline Numbers To Be Included on Student Identification Cards

Comment: This bill would require every public school and university student in the State to have emergency contact numbers and crisis hotline telephone numbers, including for mental health, suicide prevention, substance use and sexual assault, on the back of their student identification cards. New cards meeting this requirement would be required to be issued on the effective date of the bill. Schools and campuses would be allowed to choose hotlines based on the needs of their communities and on their existing resources.

Sponsor: Representative Roberts, T of South Berwick

LR: 2420

Title: An Act To Increase Access to Driver's Licenses for Adults

Comment: This bill would allow a holder of a learner's permit who is 18 years of age or older and under 21 years of age to apply for a driver's license road test after 3 months of holding that permit, instead of 6 months as in current law.

LR: 2423

Title: An Act To Increase Access to Driver Education

Comment: This bill would create a fund to subsidize driver education courses based on income and would encourage schools to contract with private driving schools to provide driver education courses.

LR: 2448

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Conduct a Sunrise Review of General Contractors

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to conduct a sunrise review of general contractors, to study the effect of the building code on general contractors, and to identify funding sources for licensing fees.

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Sponsor: Representative Roberts, T of South Berwick

LR: 2455

Title: An Act To Provide Consistency in the Laws Regarding Domestic Partnership

Comment: This bill would provide consistency in the laws regarding domestic partnership by changing the definition of "domestic partner."

Sponsor: Representative Roeder, A of Bangor

LR: 2272

Title: An Act To Remove Discriminatory Restrictions Regarding Real Property

Comment: This bill would allow an owner of record of real property that is subject to an instrument conveying or contracting to convey fee title to the property that contains a so-called racial compact provision or a provision that is considered unconstitutional to file a petition to remove the provision from the title to the property. The petition would be required to be filed in the Superior Court in the county in which the property is located, and the court would be prohibited from charging a filing fee to the petitioner for this filing.

LR: 2273

Title: An Act To Allow Pharmacists To Dispense an Emergency Supply of Chronic Maintenance Drugs

Comment: This bill would allow pharmacists to dispense an emergency supply of a chronic maintenance drug, such as insulin, an inhaler for asthma, an epinephrine autoinjector, blood pressure medication, a blood thinner, mental health medication or HIV maintenance medication, to a patient without a prescription if the pharmacist is unable to obtain authorization to refill the prescription from a health care provider and the pharmacist has a record of the prescription in the name of the patient and the amount of the most recent prescription or the standard quantity or unit of use package dispensed of the drug. This bill would exclude opioids and controlled substances. Insurance companies would be required to cover this emergency supply.

Sponsor: Representative Rudnicki, S of Fairfield

LR: 2486

Title: An Act To Ensure In-state Tuition for Postsecondary Students Who Are Maine Residents for the Purpose of Voting

Comment: This bill would provide that a student registered to vote in the State is eligible for in-state tuition at any campus of the University of Maine System as long as the student can produce proof of vehicle registration and a state-issued driver's license or identification card.

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Sponsor: Representative Sachs, M of Freeport

LR: 2185

Title: An Act To Require the Use of Mufflers on Airboats

Comment: This bill would require the use of mufflers on airboats.

Potential JR 217: LD 89 Representative Sachs, M

Sponsor: Representative Salisbury, S of Westbrook

LR: 2485

Title: An Act Concerning School Security Alarms

Comment: This bill would equip primary and secondary schools with panic alarms or emergency mechanisms.

Sponsor: Representative Sampson, H of Alfred

LR: 2407

Title: An Act To Promote Government Accountability for Maine's COVID-19 Recovery

Comment: This bill would provide for the consideration and examination of legislative findings regarding nursing home deaths, COVID-19 death counts, polymerase chain reaction tests and asymptomatic spread along with corresponding legislative actions directly associated with policies and practices implemented to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic from March 2019 to the present.

LR: 2409

Title: Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study Methods To Mitigate the Impacts of the Opioid Epidemic on Rural Communities

Comment: This resolve would establish the Task Force To Study Methods To Mitigate the Impacts of the Opioid Epidemic on Rural Communities.

LR: 2413

Title: An Act To End the Public Health Emergency

Comment: This bill would end the public health emergency declared by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services on July 1, 2021.

Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, H of Cumberland

LR: 2170

Title: An Act Regarding Point-of-dispensing Sites for Immunizations against COVID-19

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Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, H of Cumberland

Comment: Public Law 2021, chapter 28, Part D, section 1 governs the permitted delegation of COVID-19 vaccine administration at point-of-dispensing vaccine sites for immunizations against COVID-19, but the law was effective only during the state of emergency declared by the Governor as of March 15, 2020 and the renewals of that declaration. This bill would expand the applicability of that law so that it applies beyond a declared state of emergency.

Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2147	Senator Keim, L
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2148	Senator Timberlake, J
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2149	Senator Farrin, B
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2150	Senator Pouliot, M
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2162	Senator Guerin, S

LR: 2363

Title: An Act To Require Health Insurance Carriers and Pharmacy Benefits Managers To Appropriately Account for Cost-sharing Amounts Paid on Behalf of Insureds

Comment: This bill would require health insurance carriers and their pharmacy benefits managers to include cost-sharing amounts paid on behalf of an insured when calculating the insured's contribution to any out-of-pocket maximum, deductible or copayment when a drug does not have a generic equivalent or was obtained through prior authorization, step therapy or an exceptions process.

LR: 2364

Title: Resolve, To Identify and Report Prescription Drugs with Unsupported Price Increases

Comment: This resolve would direct the Maine Health Data Organization to compile and publicize information regarding prescription drugs, both patented and generic, that have excessive unsupported price increases in the prior year. It would combine last session's reports of the chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services regarding Legislative Document 675 and Legislative Document 1117.

LR: 2484

Title: An Act To Clarify the Exemption from Income Tax and Pass-through Entity Withholding Tax Liability for Certain Out-of-state Suppliers of Spirits Purchased by the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations

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Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, H of Cumberland

Comment: This bill would clarify that certain out-of-state spirits manufacturers and suppliers that sell spirits to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations may not be liable for income tax or pass-through entity withholding tax liability based on their compliance with requirements imposed by the bureau in relation to fulfillment of orders and requests of the bureau, including with respect to shipment, storage and sale of spirits.

Sponsor: Representative Sheehan, E of Biddeford

LR: 2461

Title: An Act To Support Restaurants in the State through Service Charge Revenues

Comment: This bill would specify that restaurant owners may collect service fees, which must be distributed to the employees in the form of compensation, including, for example, as wages, health insurance or retirement plan contributions. It would specify that restaurant owners must make it clear that the service fees are not gratuities.

LR: 2462

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Name Changes

Comment: This bill would eliminate the requirement that name change announcements be published.

Sponsor: Representative Stetkis, J of Canaan

LR: 2442

Title: An Act To Establish Education Curriculum Transparency

Comment: This bill would require public schools to list on a publicly accessible website the learning materials and activities that were used for student instruction during the most recently completed school year and any procedures governing administrator review of those learning materials and activities.

Sponsor: Senator Stewart, T of Aroostook

LR: 2125

Title: An Act To Exempt Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers from Display Area Size Requirements

Comment: This bill would exempt motor vehicle dealers that sell fewer than 50 vehicles each year from the requirement that such dealers maintain an established place of business with a display area of at least 5,000 square feet.

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Sponsor: Senator Stewart, T of Aroostook

LR: 2129

Title: An Act Regarding Persons Whose Parental Rights Have Been Terminated

Comment: This bill would eliminate the ability of parents who have lost parental rights to sue the persons who were caring for the child at the time the parents' rights were terminated.

LR: 2269

Title: An Act To Guarantee Grandparents the Right to Visitation with Their Grandchildren

Comment: This bill would guarantee grandparents the right to visitation with their grandchildren.

Sponsor: Representative Stover, H of Boothbay

LR: 2292

Title: An Act To Clarify the Application of the Maine Human Rights Act to Persons Actively Using Illegal Drugs in Recovery Residences or Sober Living Facilities

Comment: This bill would allow the eviction from a recovery residence or sober living facility of a person who is actively using an illegal substance while a resident of that residence or facility.

LR: 2294

Title: An Act To Amend the Charter of the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District

Comment: This bill would set the terms of the trustees of the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District at 3 years.

LR: 2313

Title: An Act To Address the Economic Impact of Federal Closures on Maine's Lobster Industry

Comment: This bill would create a state grant program to help offset losses to individuals and businesses that are affected by the federal moratorium on lobstering and fishing in federal waters beginning October 1, 2021.

Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2270	Representative Alley, R
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2289	President Jackson, T
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2463	Representative Faulkingham, B

LR: 2399

Title: An Act To Improve the Maine Child Welfare Services Ombudsman Program by Providing Additional Resources

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Sponsor: Representative Stover, H of Boothbay

Comment: This bill would provide additional resources to the office of the child welfare services ombudsman to enhance the capacity of that office to improve child welfare practices through both the review of individual cases and the provision of information on the rights and responsibilities of families, service providers and other participants in the child welfare system.

Sponsor: Representative Supica, L of Bangor

LR: 2447

Title: An Act To Remove a Significant Administrative Burden from Maine Marijuana Businesses That Use the State's Marijuana Tracking System

Comment: This bill would remove a significant administrative burden from the State's marijuana businesses that use the State's marijuana tracking system without affecting the State's ability to monitor and track marijuana and marijuana products. It would allow cultivated marijuana to be tracked by canopy, or a certain area of marijuana plants, and allow multiple marijuana products or items to be included in a single package and tracked by one tracking system tag.

Sponsor: Representative Sylvester, M of Portland

LR: 2372

Title: An Act To Establish a Worker and Employer Bill of Rights

Comment: This bill would establish a worker and employer bill of rights that would establish farm workers as employees; increase the state minimum wages for food workers; and provide grant support to small business food employees.

LR: 2421

Title: An Act To Support Law Enforcement Officers, Corrections Officers, E-9-1-1 Dispatchers, Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder

Comment: This bill would repeal the law repealing the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 201, subsection 3-A, paragraph B, which provides that law enforcement officers, firefighters, corrections officers, E-9-1-1 dispatchers and emergency medical services persons diagnosed as having post-traumatic stress disorder resulting from extraordinary and unusual work stress must be paid compensation and furnished medical and other services by an employer that has assented to be subject to the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992.

LR: 2445

Title: An Act To Strengthen Water Districts and Keep Maine's Water Clean

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Sponsor: Representative Sylvester, M of Portland

Comment: This bill would authorize a municipal water district to send directly to citizens for approval referenda that involve the lease, sale or substantial change to normal operations of the water district; would provide $100,000 to aid water districts to digitize all of their present and historical records; and would allow the State to exercise emergency powers to protect the access to or cleanliness, potability or supply of all drinking water including rivers, lakes, aquifers and groundwater with an executive order from the Governor or a 2/3 vote of the Legislature.

LR: 2452

Title: Resolve, To Study the Legislature as a Workforce and Suggest Improvements To Ensure a Citizens' Legislature

Comment: This resolve would create a study group consisting of current and former Legislators to study how the working conditions of the Legislature could be improved.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1073 Senator Stewart, T

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 408 Representative Dunphy, M

Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland

LR: 2140

Title: An Act To Establish the Provision of Emergency Medical Services as an Essential Service

Comment: This bill would establish the provision of emergency medical service as an essential service.

LR: 2352

Title: An Act To Expand Access to Mental Health and Crisis Care

Comment: This bill would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to respond to the current need to divert individuals who are suffering from acute mental health crises and languishing in the county jail system awaiting trial or in hospital emergency departments.

LR: 2353

Title: An Act Regarding Disciplinary and Grievance Policy Procedures and Outcomes in State Correctional Facilities

Comment: This bill would create an independent mechanism to routinely review discipline and grievance policies within the Department of Corrections and their implementation with a focus on analyzing, documenting and reporting disproportionate outcomes as well as to provide recommendations to ensure fair, just and transparent application of these policies.

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Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland

LR: 2498

Title: Resolve, Directing the Maine Human Rights Commission To Extend Its Pilot Program To Investigate and Report on Incidents of Harassment Due to Housing Status, Lack of Employment and Other Issues

Comment: This resolve would extend the 2-year pilot program to receive, review and investigate incidents and complaints of harassment due to a person's housing status and other reports of interference with a person's access to public accommodations.

LR: 2502

Title: An Act To Facilitate Data Collection in Order To Eliminate Profiling in Maine

Comment: This bill would bring diverse stakeholders together, including all levels of law enforcement, to address any barriers including funding local costs of infrastructure, training, software and hardware and any other related challenges for racial profiling data collection by law enforcement in order to implement Public Law 2021, chapter 460.

LR: 2503

Title: An Act To Increase Opportunities in the Cannabis Industry by Removing Restrictions Related to Certain Convictions for Drug Offenses

Comment: This bill would specify that disqualifying drug offenses for licensure to work in the adult use and medical marijuana industries do not include an offense for which the sentence, including any term of probation, incarceration or supervised release, was completed 10 or more years earlier or an offense that consisted of conduct that would have been permitted under current law.

LR: 2508

Title: Resolve, To Continue the Work of the Criminal Records Review Committee

Comment: This resolve would require the Criminal Records Review Committee to report to the Legislature during the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature, at which time the committee could recommend any necessary legislation.

Sponsor: Representative Tepler, D of Topsham

LR: 2244

Title: An Act To Improve Children's Mental Health by Requiring Insurance Coverage for COVID-19-related Mental Health Treatment

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Sponsor: Representative Tepler, D of Topsham

Comment: This bill would require insurance carriers regulated by the State to cover all federally designated evidence-based mental health treatment for children in response to the mental health crisis among children caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2333 Representative Morales, V

Sponsor: Representative Theriault, T of China

LR: 2443

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Length of Service Award Program

Comment: This bill would provide 2 additional members from the emergency medical services community to the Maine Length of Service Award Program Board of Trustees. This bill would also provide guidelines for calculating service credit under the program for firefighters and emergency medical services personnel.

LR: 2444

Title: An Act To Attract and Retain Firefighters Using the Maine Length of Service Award Program

Comment: This bill would provide funding to the Maine Length of Service Award Program to provide length of service awards to eligible volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel.

Sponsor: Senator Timberlake, J of Androscoggin

LR: 2148

Title: An Act To Preserve the Freedom and Rights of the People of the State of Maine Regarding Vaccinations

Comment: This bill would give the people of the State of Maine the right to make their own health care choices regarding vaccinations.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2147 Senator Keim, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2149 Senator Farrin, B

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2150 Senator Pouliot, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2162 Senator Guerin, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2170 Senator Sanborn, H

LR: 2151

Title: Resolve, To Allow Ronald Caron To Sue the State

Comment: This resolve would allow Ronald Caron to sue the Department of Transporation.

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Sponsor: Senator Timberlake, J of Androscoggin

LR: 2394

Title: An Act To Prevent the Prohibition of the Use of Refrigerants

Comment: This bill would specify that the use of refrigerants may not be prohibited if the refrigerants are listed as acceptable under the federal Clean Air Act and the equipment is listed and installed in accordance with the conditions of use imposed by that act.

LR: 2496

Title: An Act To Give Back Excess Revenue to the People of the State of Maine

Comment: This bill would require any excess monthly revenue received by the State to be split, with 50% going to the cascade and 50% going into a separate account and would require that once this account reaches $150,000,000 the funds be returned to Maine taxpayers.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 327 Representative Hanley, J

Sponsor: Representative Tuell, W of East Machias

LR: 2246

Title: An Act Requiring Local Approval of the Machias Causeway Replacement Project

Comment: This bill would stipulate that, prior to the Department of Transportation's moving forward with a plan to alter the Machias causeway, a majority of the voters in the Town of Machias and a majority of the voters in the Town of Marshfield must approve the project in ballot referenda in each municipality to occur not later than a date designated for the primary election in June 2022.

LR: 2405

Title: An Act To Promote Maine Seafood

Comment: This bill would establish the last Saturday in September of each calendar year as "Maine Seafood Saturday." It would direct the Department of Marine Resources to work with the State's commercial fishing industry to establish a marketing program modeled after "Maine Maple Sunday" and "Wild Blueberry Weekend" that would introduce the general public to various commercial fisheries and the businesses that make up the industry. It would authorize the Department of Marine Resources to accept grants, gifts and other financial resources to develop and launch Maine Seafood Saturday.

LR: 2406

Title: An Act To Incrementally Change the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Penalty for Early Retirement for Members Working as Educators in the System from 1983 to 1993

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Sponsor: Representative Tuell, W of East Machias

Comment: This bill would change the penalty for early retirement from 6% per year to 2.25% per year for educators who began work between 1983 and 1993, who began working with the lower percentage but were shifted to the higher percentage in 1993.

Closely Related Carryover Req:	LD 111	Representative Tuell, W
Closely Related Carryover Req:	LD 548	Representative Doore, D
Potential JR 217:	LD 567	Representative Hanley, J

LR: 2408

Title: An Act To Address the School Bus Driver Shortage

Comment: This bill would grant school boards the authority to designate school employees with valid driver's licenses in good standing to drive school buses up to 12 days per year.

Sponsor: Senator Vitelli, E of Sagadahoc

LR: 2166

Title: An Act To Establish the Lobster Roll as the Maine State Sandwich

Comment: This bill would establish the lobster roll as the Maine state sandwich.

LR: 2293

Title: An Act To Support Municipal Broadband Infrastructure through Incentives and Competition

Comment: This bill would incentivize municipal broadband to lower costs for broadband and provide competition in the broadband market.

LR: 2295

Title: An Act To Review Utility Rates

Comment: This bill would create a commission or study group to review utility rate billing and how to address any disproportionate impact utility rate billing has on low-income or fixed-income consumers.

LR: 2296

Title: An Act To Clarify the Definition and Functions of Long-term Care Pharmacies

Comment: This bill would make changes to the laws regarding long-term care pharmacies, including ensuring that they are represented on the Maine Board of Pharmacy.

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Sponsor: Senator Vitelli, E of Sagadahoc

Title: An Act To Promote Road Safety for Bicyclists and Pedestrians

Comment: This bill would create a bicyclist and pedestrian office within the Department of Transportation and would require the department to assess the needs and safety of bicyclists and pedestrians from a cost-effective perspective when making road upgrades.

LR: 2302

Title: An Act To Facilitate Net Energy Generation Billing

Comment: This bill would ensure a positive and seamless customer experience for net energy billing customers by directing electric utilities to provide specific utility data to project sponsors within certain time frames or risk penalties for noncompliance. It would lessen utilities' control over customer data by giving customers complete ownership and control over their utility data to empower them to take full control of their utility energy spending.

LR: 2381

Title: An Act To Improve Access to Transcripts and Diplomas

Comment: This bill would prohibit colleges and universities from withholding transcripts for nonpayment of account balances.

Sponsor: Representative Wadsworth, N of Hiram

LR: 2494

Title: An Act To Exclude Capital Purchases from the Forestry Excise Tax Calculation

Comment: This bill would exclude capital purchases from the forestry excise tax calculation.

Sponsor: Representative Warren, C of Hallowell

LR: 2183

Title: An Act Regarding the Maine Information and Analysis Center

Comment: This bill would prohibit the Maine Information and Analysis Center within the Department of Public Safety from conducting surveillance, gathering data or information, disseminating any intelligence reports, including those from other agencies, or conducting any other research without a determination that there is probable cause to suspect criminal activity.

LR: 2366

Title: An Act To Reduce the Percentage of Light Transmittance Required for Motor Vehicle Windows

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Sponsor: Representative Warren, C of Hallowell

Comment: This bill would reduce the required level of light transmittance of material on a side or rear window of a motor vehicle from at least 35% to at least 15% and allow windshields to have a minimum light transmittance of 35%.

Sponsor: Representative White, B of Waterville

LR: 2346

Title: An Act To Make Interfering with an Election Official a Class C Crime

Comment: This bill would make it a Class C crime to intentionally interfere by force, or with violence or intimidation or by any physical act, with any public official performing or purporting to perform official functions relating to any federal, state or municipal election.

LR: 2397

Title: An Act To Clarify COVID-19 Sick Leave Reimbursement for School Employees

Comment: This bill would clarify the recently enacted law, Public Law 2021, chapter 378, regarding the ability of public school employees to use sick time for COVID-19.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2230 Representative McCrea, D

Sponsor: Representative Williams, L of Bar Harbor

LR: 2424

Title: An Act To Update and Clarify the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act and Provide for Greater Transparency

Comment: This bill would make changes to the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act to make the law clearer and more specific, reduce the need for interpretation in rulemaking and protect against administrative overreach. It would require public access to sales data related to the State's medical marijuana program transactions, which will provide important information about the size and impact of the industry.

Sponsor: Senator Woodsome, D of York

LR: 2168

Title: An Act Regarding Credit Checks

Comment: This bill would require a person to be notified in the event a so-called hard pull is performed on the person's credit.

LR: 2267

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Electronic Scanning of Driver's Licenses by Certain Retail Establishments

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Sponsor: Senator Woodsome, D of York

Comment: This bill would prohibit, unless otherwise authorized, a retail establishment from scanning, recording, retaining or electronically storing personal information obtained from a driver's license. Certain exceptions would apply, such as for a pawnbroker.

Sponsor: Representative Zager, S of Portland

LR: 2437

Title: Resolve, To Establish the Advisory Panel To Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State

Comment: This resolve would establish the Advisory Panel To Better Understand and Make Recommendations regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State to determine the legislative, administrative or other steps that the State should take to capitalize on the potential and avoid the hazards of genome-editing technology.

Potential JR 217: LD 1601 Representative Zager, S

Sponsor: Representative Zeigler, S of Montville

LR: 2174

Title: An Act Regarding Public Utility Investments

Comment: This bill would require that a public utility make investments that ensure the reliability and maintenance of that public utility.

LR: 2322

Title: An Act To Address Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution from State-owned Waste Facilities

Comment: This bill would require the treatment of leachate from active, state-owned waste disposal facilities to reduce the concentration of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances to the extent feasible with available technology prior to its shipment to a wastewater treatment facility. It would require the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules to establish the technology requirements, ensuring the implementation of the requirements within 3 years, and for the monitoring of the efficacy of the installed system.

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