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131st LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



**Bill Requests Received before Cloture
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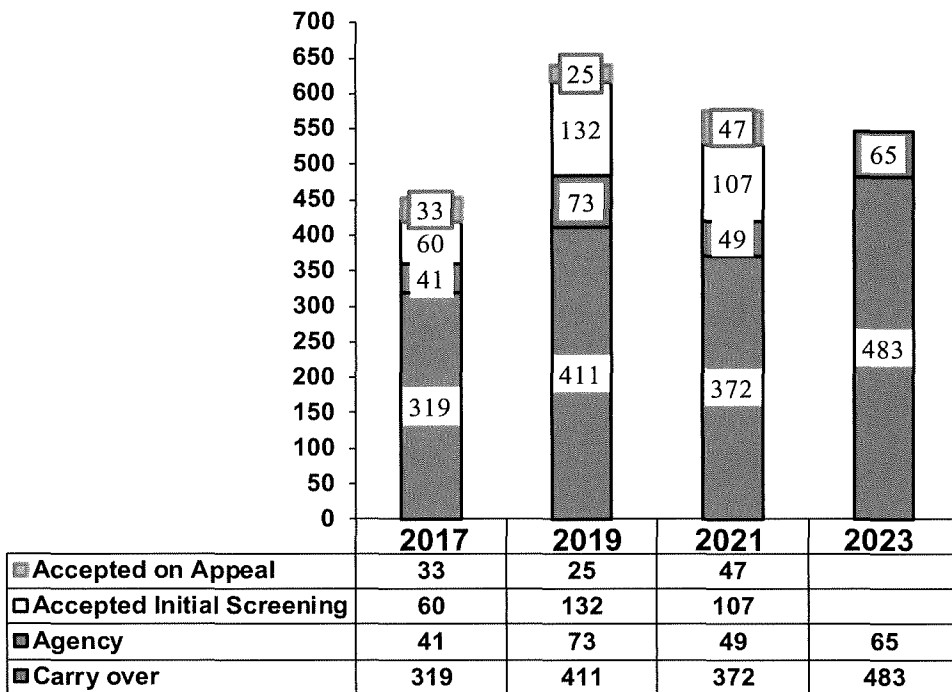
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PART 1

INTRODUCTION

This volume contains the bill requests submitted by Legislators before cloture on September 29, 2023 that are proposed for introduction in the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature. The requests are listed in Part 2 and are arranged by subject matter. Each request is indicated by a title, followed by a short summary of the bill request and, where applicable, cross-references to other requests that appear to be related. We have also identified requests that may require a ruling under Joint Rule 217 with cross references to the relevant LDs from last session.

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



Total Number of Bills Before Screening	360	484	421	548
Number of Legislator Requests Subject to Review	269	397	329	284
Total Number of Bills After Screening	453	641	575	548 + ?

Six years ago, in 2017, out of a total of 269 precloture legislator requests to review, 63 were admitted at the initial screening, 30 at the appeal screening and 3 later during the session for a total of 96 precloture legislator bills accepted.

Four years ago, in 2019, out of a total of 397 precloture legislator requests to review, 132 were admitted at the initial screening, 21 at the appeal screening and 4 later during the session for a total of 157 precloture legislator bills accepted.

Two years ago, in 2021, out of a total of 329 precloture legislator requests to review, 107 were admitted at the initial screening and 47 at the appeal screening for a total of 154 precloture legislator bills accepted.

This year a total of 65 department and independent agency bills were filed, as compared to 49 in 2021, 73 in 2019 and 41 in 2017.

Additionally, the workload of the Legislature includes 483 carryovers for the upcoming session, as compared to 372 in 2021, 411 in 2019 and 319 in 2017.

Included as separate parts in this volume are:

- Part 2. The list of bills, sorted by subject matter, that were submitted by Legislators prior to cloture for consideration in the Second Regular Session;
- Part 3. A list of bills that are being carried over into the Second Regular Session;
- Part 4. The list of bills, sorted alphabetically by sponsor, that were submitted by Legislators prior to cloture for consideration in the Second Regular Session;
- Part 5. A list of agency bills submitted by cloture arranged by subject matter; and
- Part 6. A list of approved studies.

Constitution of Maine
Article IV
Part Third
Legislative Power.

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

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JOINT RULES

Joint Rule 217. Measures Rejected at a Prior Session.

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

PART 2

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Bill Requests For Screening

Sorted By Subject

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DEPT

POWERS

LR: 2781 Sponsor: Representative Paul, R of Winterport

Title: An Act to Protect the Cultural Resources and Historical Heritage of Sears Island in Searsport

Comment: This bill would grant a conservation easement to Maine Coast Heritage Trust for the entirety of Sears Island that is not privately owned.

LR: 2960 Sponsor: Senator Ingwersen, H of York

Title: An Act to Address Food Insecurity by Helping Maine Residents Access Locally Produced Food

Comment: This bill would establish ongoing funding for the Fund To Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 568 Senator Pouliot, M

ANIMALS

COMPANION

LR: 2935 Sponsor: Representative Sheehan, E of Biddeford

Title: An Act to Establish the Animal Law Enforcement Response Team

Comment: This bill would establish the Animal Law Enforcement Response Team to provide a coalition of trained professionals to assist with and enhance the enforcement of the State's animal laws, either by consultation or physical response. Team members would include police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors and animal control professionals.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1121 Senator Harrington, M

ANIMALS

KENNELS

LR: 2814 Sponsor: Senator Bailey, D of York

Title: An Act to Strengthen Oversight of Municipal Kennels by Changing the Licensing Body of Municipal Kennel Licenses from the Municipality to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Comment: This bill would change the licensing body of municipal kennel licenses from the municipality that the kennel is in to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, which oversees all other kennel licenses. The bill would set forth the requirements for license approval by the department along with a fee structure determined by the number of animals kept. The bill would also give animal welfare agents the authority to inspect municipal kennels and revoke licenses under specific circumstances.

Potential JR 217: LD 157 Representative Perkins, C

ANIMALS

PETS

LR: 2724 Sponsor: Representative Doudera, V of Camden

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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

ANIMALS

PETS

Title: An Act to Address the Rise in Rabies Rates by Appointing Certified Rabies Vaccine Administrators

Comment: This bill would create volunteer certified rabies vaccine administrators who would address the problem of rising rabies rates in Maine.

FOOD

REGULATIONS

LR: 2943 Sponsor: Speaker Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act to Strengthen Maine's Agriculture, Food System and Forest Products Infrastructure Investment

Comment: This bill would strengthen Maine's agriculture, food system and forest products infrastructure investment by making changes and providing funding for grants to the Maine Agriculture, Food System and Forest Products Infrastructure Investment Advisory Board.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 650 Senator Hickman, C

FORESTRY

PRACTICES

LR: 2951 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Protect Natural Forestry Habitat by Preventing Clear-cutting on Certain Public Lands in Allagash

Comment: This bill would protect natural forestry habitat by preventing clear-cutting on certain public lands in Allagash.

MILK

COMMISSION

LR: 2837 Sponsor: Representative Hall, R of Wilton

Title: An Act Regarding the Maine Milk Commission's Fees and Pricing

Comment: This bill would allow the Maine Milk Commission to adjust its licensing and per hundredweight fees through rulemaking. It would also remove the requirement that the commission publish a schedule of applicable prices in newspapers.

MILK

PRICES

LR: 2853 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Increase Milk Tier Reimbursements for Organic Dairy Farmers

Comment: This bill would increase milk tier reimbursements for organic dairy farmers.

PARKS AND LANDS BUREAU

AUTHORITY TO CONVEY CERTAIN LANDS

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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

PARKS AND LANDS BUREAU

AUTHORITY TO CONVEY CERTAIN LANDS

LR: 2651 Sponsor: Representative Matlack, A of St. George

Title: Resolve, Requiring the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Modify the Deed That Conveyed Montpelier, the General Henry Knox Museum in Thomaston, to the Friends of Montpelier

Comment: This resolve would require the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to modify the deed that conveyed Montpelier, the General Henry Knox Museum in Thomaston, to the Friends of Montpelier. The modification would remove the historic easement.

PESTICIDES

APPLICATION PROCESS

LR: 2930 Sponsor: Senator Bennett, R of Oxford

Title: An Act to Improve Maine's Pesticide Use Disclosure Laws

Comment: This bill would require a landowner to notify the landowner's neighbors if the landowner is using pesticides on the landowner's property.

Potential JR 217: LD 1770 Representative Osher, L

PUBLIC LANDS

STATE PARKS

LR: 2721 Sponsor: Representative Light Lookner, G of Portland

Title: Resolve, to Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Assess the Feasibility of Making Fort Gorges a State Park

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to assess the feasibility of establishing a state park with jurisdiction over Fort Gorges in Casco Bay.

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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

BOND ISSUES

MILITARY

LR: 2635 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Infrastructure Improvements at the Loring Development Authority and the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority

Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue providing \$20,000,000 to be made available to both the Loring Development Authority and the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CRIMES

ASSAULT

LR: 2621 Sponsor: Speaker Talbot Ross, R of Portland
Title: An Act to Establish a Civil Rights Unit Within the Office of the Attorney General to Provide Public Education on Issues Regarding Hate and Bias
Comment: This bill would establish a civil rights unit within the Office of the Attorney General to provide public education on issues regarding hate and bias.

LR: 2838 Sponsor: Representative Malon, II, M of Biddeford
Title: An Act to Require Information on Domestic Terrorism to Be Included in the Department of Public Safety's Annual Report and Add Minimum Training Standards on Domestic Terrorism and Hate Crimes to the Standards Established by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for Law Enforcement Agencies
Comment: This bill would require information on domestic terrorism to be included in the Department of Public Safety's annual report and add minimum training standards on domestic terrorism and hate crimes to the standards established by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for law enforcement agencies.

Potential JR 217: LD 963 Representative Malon, II, M

CRIMES

DRUG OFFENSES

LR: 2907 Sponsor: Representative Hasenfus, T of Readfield
Title: An Act to Exclude Certain Operating Under the Influence Crimes from the Immunity Provisions That Are Triggered When Law Enforcement Is Called for a Suspected Overdose
Comment: This bill would add criminal operating under the influence and operating a watercraft, snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle under the influence to the list of crimes that do not qualify for immunity from arrest, prosecution and revocation and termination proceedings when assistance has been requested for a suspected drug-related overdose.

Potential JR 217: LD 714 Representative Campbell, D

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

EVIDENCE

LR: 2786 Sponsor: Representative Geiger, V of Rockland
Title: An Act to Implement Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Testing Reform
Comment: This bill would implement changes to the requirements for the testing and tracking of backlogged and new sexual assault forensic examination kits.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

FORFEITURES

LR: 2831 Sponsor: Senator Carney, A of Cumberland
Title: An Act to Ensure the Safe Disposition of Forfeited Firearms

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CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

FORFEITURES

Comment: This bill would amend the laws related to the disposition of forfeited firearms. Current law requires that forfeited firearms used in a murder or homicide be destroyed. This bill would extend that requirement to all forfeited firearms.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

BOARD

LR: 2840 Sponsor: Senator Harrington, M of York

Title: An Act to Fill All Vacant Seats on the Emergency Medical Services' Board

Comment: This bill would require that all vacancies on the Emergency Medical Services' Board be filled in order to provide representation on the board to residents in all regions of the State.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

SYSTEM

LR: 2835 Sponsor: Representative Fay, J of Raymond

Title: An Act to Protect Access to Emergency Treatment for Injured Law Enforcement Dogs

Comment: This bill would allow emergency medical personnel to provide emergency medical services to law enforcement dogs in accordance with canine clinical protocols adopted by the Medical Direction and Practices Board.

LR: 2876 Sponsor: Representative Roeder, A of Bangor

Title: An Act to Offset the Cost to Public Agencies and to Municipalities for Training New Emergency Medical Services Personnel

Comment: This bill would establish a program to allow public emergency medical services agencies and municipal governments to apply for grants to provide reimbursement for training required for new emergency medical services personnel.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1409 Representative Fay, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2729 Representative Campbell, D

Potential JR 217: LD 1859 Representative Libby, L

Potential JR 217: LD 326 Senator Tipping, M

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PERSONNEL

LR: 2729 Sponsor: Representative Campbell, D of Orrington

Title: An Act Regarding the Equitable Reimbursement of Training Costs for Newly Trained Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians Who Change Governmental Employers

Comment: This bill would require the equitable reimbursement of training costs for newly trained firefighters and emergency medical technicians who change governmental employers, in the same way reimbursement is required for police officers.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1409 Representative Fay, J

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

PERSONNEL

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2876 Representative Roeder, A

Potential JR 217: LD 1859 Representative Libby, L

Potential JR 217: LD 326 Senator Tipping, M

LR: 2878 Sponsor: Senator Moore, M of Washington

Title: An Act to Provide Funding for Dispatchers at the Washington County Regional Communications Center

Comment: This bill would provide ongoing General Fund appropriations for the Washington County Regional Communications Center to hire 4 new dispatchers.

FIRE SAFETY

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

LR: 2868 Sponsor: Representative Roeder, A of Bangor

Title: An Act to Support Adequate Staffing in Fire Departments Through Grants

Comment: This bill would increase firefighter recruitment and retention rates by establishing a system of hiring grants and recruitment and retention grants.

JUVENILE OFFENDERS

DETENTION

LR: 2670 Sponsor: Representative Milliken, N of Blue Hill

Title: An Act to Provide Tablet Devices for Juveniles at the Long Creek Youth Development Center

Comment: This bill would provide a tablet device for each juvenile in the custody of the Department of Corrections at the Long Creek Youth Development Center.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

PERSONNEL

LR: 2906 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: Resolve, to Require the Establishment of a Stakeholder Group to Examine and Improve the Recruitment, Retention and Wellness of Law Enforcement Professionals

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Public Safety to convene a stakeholder group composed of law enforcement officials, educators and administrators, employees of private security firms and mental health professionals to examine and propose long-term solutions to improve the recruitment, retention and wellness of law enforcement professionals.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

SHERIFFS PATROL

LR: 2883 Sponsor: Senator Moore, M of Washington

Title: An Act to Provide Funding for Positions in the Washington County Sheriff's Office

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LAW ENFORCEMENT

SHERIFFS PATROL

Comment: This bill would provide ongoing funding to hire 2 additional sheriffs in the Washington County Sheriff's Office to provide coverage no longer being provided by the Maine State Police.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 630 Representative Graham, A

LAW ENFORCEMENT

STATE POLICE

LR: 2773 Sponsor: Senator Timberlake, J of Androscoggin

Title: An Act to Reinstate State Police Rural Patrol Services

Comment: This bill would direct the State Police to reinstate rural patrol services in all counties in which rural patrol services were eliminated.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 630 Representative Graham, A

OPERATING UNDER INFLUENCE

PENALTIES

LR: 2939 Sponsor: Representative O'Connell, K of Brewer

Title: Resolve, to Review Fatalities Occurring While an Operator Was Under the Influence and Subsequent Prosecution of Those Occurrences

Comment: This resolve would create a commission to review fatalities occurring while an operator was under the influence and subsequent prosecution of those occurrences. The commission would also create a set of best use practices as a guide.

OPERATING UNDER INFLUENCE

VICTIMS

LR: 2920 Sponsor: Representative Stover, H of Boothbay

Title: An Act to Create a Victim Advocate for Victims and Survivors of Operating Under the Influence Crashes

Comment: This bill would create a position for a victim advocate for victims and survivors of operating under the influence injuries and deaths. The victim advocate would provide immediate crisis intervention and support, court accompaniment and guidance regarding a victim's or survivor's legal, financial, mental health and medical needs. The position would collaborate with other victim services positions to provide consultation and support to victims and survivors as needed.

PRISONERS

OTHER

LR: 2905 Sponsor: Representative Salisbury, S of Westbrook

Title: An Act Regarding the Authority to Transport Prisoners Confined in Jail and the Use of Physical Force with Respect to Prisoners and Persons Who Have Been Arrested

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PRISONERS

OTHER

Comment: This bill would add transport officers and corrections officers to the laws governing the transport of prisoners to and from court and the provision of safe and secure custody of prisoners during court proceedings. It would also provide standards for the use of physical force by officers with respect to prisoners and persons who have been arrested.

PUBLIC SAFETY

BUILDING CODES

LR: 2857 Sponsor: Representative Shaw, K of Auburn

Title: An Act to Exempt Buildings Used to Cultivate Crops from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code

Comment: This bill would exempt buildings used to cultivate crops from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.

VICTIMS OF CRIME

DEDICATED FUND

LR: 2908 Sponsor: Senator Carney, A of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Provide Funding for Essential Services for Victims of Crimes

Comment: This bill would provide funding for essential services for victims of crimes across the State.

WEAPONS

SALES

LR: 2801 Sponsor: Representative Doudera, V of Camden

Title: An Act Relating to Preventing Suicide by Permitting the Voluntary Waiver of Firearms Rights

Comment: This bill would allow people to place themselves on a list preventing them from purchasing firearms, potentially preventing a substantial number of suicides.

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

MARITIME ACADEMY

LR: 2800 Sponsor: Senator Grohoski, N of Hancock

Title: An Act to Equalize Funding for the Maine Maritime Academy

Comment: This bill would create funding parity among public higher education systems in this State by increasing the state share of operational funding to the Maine Maritime Academy, bringing it into alignment with public higher education systems in the State and with other states' maritime academies.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

LR: 2947 Sponsor: Representative Collamore, A of Pittsfield

Title: An Act to Allow Equitable Access to College Tuition Funds by Reallocating Funds from the Free Community College Program to the Maine State Grant Program

Comment: This bill would combine the free community college program and the Maine State Grant Program to enable students to attend community colleges or the University of Maine System. The bill would also allow students to attend part-time.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 512 Senator Tipping, M

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

CHARTER SCHOOLS

LR: 2918 Sponsor: Representative Bagshaw, B of Windham

Title: An Act to Remove the Enrollment Cap on Maine's Virtual Charter Schools

Comment: This bill would remove the enrollment cap on virtual charter schools.

Potential JR 217: LD 1741 Representative Bagshaw, B

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

MAGNET SCHOOLS

LR: 2751 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Provide Funding Through the School Funding Formula to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics

Comment: This bill would make the Maine School of Science and Mathematics eligible for funding under the school funding formula.

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

SCHOOL CHOICE

LR: 2901 Sponsor: Representative Walker, M of Naples

Title: An Act to Provide Statewide Equity in Public Education

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Comment: This bill would allow a student to attend any public school in the State as long as the superintendent of the school administrative unit in which the school is located approves and the student's family provides transportation for the student to and from school activities.

Potential JR 217: LD 1798 Senator Libby, J

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS

LR: 2799 Sponsor: Representative Paul, R of Winterport

Title: An Act to Require the Return of School Budget Surplus Funds to Their Respective Municipalities

Comment: This bill would require a regional school unit to return budget surplus amounts to the municipalities in the regional school unit in the proportion that they pay in and allow the funds to be used at the municipalities' discretion. It also would require annual mandatory audits of regional school units that have continual budget surpluses.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

BUILDINGS

LR: 2683 Sponsor: Senator Bennett, R of Oxford

Title: An Act Regarding Temperature Standards for School Buildings

Comment: This bill would require school boards to set temperature standards for school buildings and publish those standards.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

CONSTRUCTION

LR: 2710 Sponsor: Senator Vitelli, E of Sagadahoc

Title: An Act to Help Public Schools Affected by Disasters to Apply for State Construction Funding and to Establish an Emergency School Construction Fund

Comment: This bill would change how emergency school construction projects are evaluated for approval and create an emergency school construction fund.

SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

FUND ACCOUNTS

LR: 2610 Sponsor: Senator Pouliot, M of Kennebec

Title: An Act Regarding the Carrying Forward of School Administrative Unit Fund Balances

Comment: This bill would allow a school administrative unit to carry forward a fund balance only if the school administrative unit's budget does not raise municipal taxes.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

TRAINING

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SCHOOL PERSONNEL

TRAINING

LR: 2827 Sponsor: Representative Kuhn, A of Falmouth
Title: An Act to Provide Education and Training to School Personnel to Recognize and Treat Seizures
Comment: This bill would require school personnel to be prepared to recognize and respond to students experiencing seizures at school.

SCHOOL POLICIES

CURRICULUM

LR: 2616 Sponsor: Representative Underwood, J of Presque Isle
Title: An Act to Require Elementary School Students to Learn Cursive Writing
Comment: This bill would require elementary school students to learn cursive writing.

LR: 2631 Sponsor: Senator Farrin, B of Somerset
Title: An Act to Require Fentanyl Use Prevention Education and Drug Poisoning Awareness in Grades 6 to 12
Comment: This bill would require up to 10 hours of education in a school year for grades 6 to 12 regarding fentanyl use prevention education and drug poisoning awareness. The bill would also establish a drug poisoning awareness week.

Potential JR 217: LD 1315 Senator Pouliot, M

SCHOOL POLICIES

SECURITY

LR: 2735 Sponsor: Senator Stewart, T of Aroostook
Title: An Act to Align Background Checks Between the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Education to accept a background check performed by the Department of Health and Human Services for purposes of meeting the Department of Education's background check requirements.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMAS

LR: 2861 Sponsor: Senator Ingwersen, H of York
Title: An Act to Lower the Minimum Age Requirement for the Maine High School Equivalency Diploma
Comment: This bill would lower the minimum age requirement for the Maine high school equivalency diploma from 17 years of age to 16 years of age.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

FUNDING

LR: 2889 Sponsor: Representative Gattine, D of Westbrook

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

SPECIAL EDUCATION

FUNDING

Title: An Act to Fund the Delivery of Educational Services to Children with Special Needs as Required by State and Federal Law in Special Purpose Private Schools

Comment: This bill would require the State Controller to transfer \$15,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Education, Child Development Services program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to fund the delivery of educational services to children with special needs.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

PLANNING

LR: 2791 Sponsor: Representative Millett, R of Cape Elizabeth

Title: An Act to Establish a Pilot Program to Increase Postsecondary Educational Opportunities for Students with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder

Comment: This bill would establish a pilot program in the Department of Education to increase postsecondary educational opportunities for students with intellectual or developmental disabilities or autism spectrum disorder.

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

AIR QUALITY

EMISSIONS

LR: 2826 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook
Title: An Act to Protect Maine's Supply Chain and Consumers by Requiring Major Substantive Rulemaking for Certain Emissions Standards
Comment: This bill would require major substantive rulemaking prior to Maine adopting the California Advanced Clean Trucks Regulation.

CONTAINERS - RETURNABLE

BOTTLES

LR: 2839 Sponsor: Representative Hepler, A of Woolwich
Title: An Act Regarding Responsibility for Actions Intended to Increase the Use of Reusable and Refillable Beverage Containers
Comment: This bill would move responsibility for certain activities intended to increase the use of reusable and refillable beverage containers from the Department of Environmental Protection to the commingling cooperative established in Public Law 2023, chapter 482.
Potential JR 217: LD 1909 Representative Hepler, A

CONTAINERS - RETURNABLE

FOOD CONTAINERS

LR: 2867 Sponsor: Senator Grohoski, N of Hancock
Title: An Act to Allow the Reuse of Food Containers by More than One Customer
Comment: This bill would allow a vendor that provides food items to a customer in a container to accept that container back and reuse it for other customers, after following the proper sanitation process for the container's material.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPT

POWERS

LR: 2715 Sponsor: Representative Dunphy, L of Embden
Title: An Act to Authorize the Department of Environmental Protection to Issue Stop-work Orders
Comment: This bill would authorize the Department of Environmental Protection to issue a stop-work order when an activity is performed in violation of state law, rules or a license and the activity is creating a substantial adverse effect on a protected natural resource.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPT

PROCEDURES

LR: 2686 Sponsor: Representative Soboleski, M of Phillips
Title: An Act Regarding the Disposal of Wind Turbine Blades
Comment: This bill would provide for the disposal of wind turbine blades from wind power facilities whose construction begins on or after January 1, 2025. It also includes provisions regarding the permitting entity, transfer of ownership and financial assurance.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPT PROCEDURES

LAND USE

SHORELAND ZONING

- LR: 2898 Sponsor: Senator Nangle, T of Cumberland
Title: An Act to Establish the Municipal Shoreline Protection Legal Fund
Comment: This bill would establish the Municipal Shoreline Protection Legal Fund to assist municipalities in covering legal fees incurred in the pursuit of shoreland zoning violations.
- LR: 2899 Sponsor: Senator Nangle, T of Cumberland
Title: An Act Regarding Municipal Shoreland Zoning Enforcement
Comment: This bill would clarify the authority of municipalities in shoreland zoning enforcement.

SOLID WASTES

MANAGEMENT

- LR: 2798 Sponsor: Representative Dill, J of Old Town
Title: Resolve, to Investigate and Address Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Services Issues
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services and the Department of Environmental Protection to immediately investigate and make recommendations to the Legislature to address several critical issues and developments in solid waste management systems that have converged to create a crisis for approximately 159 central and northern Maine municipalities and for sewer and utility districts and departments all across the State.

SURFACE WATER

RIVERS

- LR: 2634 Sponsor: Representative Craven, M of Lewiston
Title: An Act to Reclassify a Section of the Androscoggin River to Class B
Comment: This bill would reclassify from Class C to Class B the lower section of the Androscoggin River from Gulf Island Dam to a line formed by the extension of the Bath-Brunswick boundary across Merrymeeting Bay in a northwesterly direction.

WATER QUALITY

NONPOINT DISCHARGES

- LR: 2849 Sponsor: Representative Bell, A of Yarmouth
Title: An Act to Strengthen Storm Water Infrastructure
Comment: This bill would establish the Storm Water Infrastructure Repair and Replacement Fund in the Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of issuing grants to municipalities to repair or replace storm water infrastructure. It would provide funding for grants and one Environmental Engineer position.

Potential JR 217: LD 1570 Representative Ankeles, D

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

RENEWABLE RESOURCES

LR: 2866 Sponsor: Representative Zeigler, S of Montville
Title: An Act to Align Maine Law Regarding Energy Portfolios with Those of the New England Independent System Operator
Comment: This bill would align Maine's law regarding energy portfolios with the New England independent system operator for the purpose of meeting Maine Climate Council goals.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

SOLAR ENERGY

LR: 2787 Sponsor: Representative Geiger, V of Rockland
Title: An Act to Establish Solar-ready New Construction Requirements
Comment: This bill would require that new buildings be constructed in a manner that will facilitate the future installation of a solar energy system.

Potential JR 217: LD 1232 Representative Skold, C

LR: 2865 Sponsor: Senator Grohoski, N of Hancock
Title: An Act to Ensure That Community Solar Subscriptions Benefit Low-income Customers
Comment: This bill would require that when a community solar subscriber cancels a subscription, the subscription must be filled by a customer in the Maine State Housing Authority's low-income assistance program.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

WIND ENERGY

LR: 2873 Sponsor: Representative Strout, T of Harrington
Title: Resolve, to Protect Maine's Right to Energy Independence by Requiring the State to Bid on Lobster Management Area 1
Comment: This resolve would require the State to bid on Lobster Management Area 1 in the Gulf of Maine, a major fishing area for Maine residents that is being auctioned by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to allow companies to install offshore wind turbines.

ELECTRIC UTILITIES

RATES

LR: 2755 Sponsor: Representative Runte, Jr., W of York
Title: An Act to Enhance Electric Utility Performance-based Ratemaking
Comment: This bill would add new performance criteria to provisions of law regarding electric utility performance-based ratemaking. It would establish financial consequences for utilities based on the utilities' performance.

Potential JR 217: LD 542 Representative Runte, Jr., W

LR: 2780 Sponsor: Representative Foster, S of Dexter

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ELECTRIC UTILITIES

RATES

Title: An Act to Continue Arrearage Management Program Availability for Low-income Residential Electricity Customers

Comment: This bill would indefinitely continue transmission and distribution utilities' arrearage management programs for low-income residential customers. Current law governing the programs includes a repeal date of September 30, 2024.

LR: 2863 Sponsor: Senator Grohoski, N of Hancock

Title: An Act Regarding Fair Service for All Electricity Supply Customers

Comment: This bill would ensure that competitive electricity provider customers are notified of the standard offer price and have the right to switch to standard offer service without a penalty. The bill would also address rapid switching between providers by customers.

LR: 2864 Sponsor: Representative Arford, P of Brunswick

Title: An Act to Enhance Transparency and Informed Decision Making for Subscribers of Maine Community Solar Farms

Comment: This bill would specify the type and format of information that must be provided to residential electricity consumers who participate in, are solicited to participate in or seek information about a net energy billing arrangement for a shared distributed generation resource.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 417 Senator Vitelli, E

ELECTRIC UTILITIES

TRANSMISSION LINES

LR: 2609 Sponsor: Senator Curry, C of Waldo

Title: An Act to Protect Property Owners by Preventing the Use of Eminent Domain to Build Transmission Lines Under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program

Comment: This bill would prohibit the use of eminent domain to take land needed for the high-impact transmission line under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program as approved by the Legislature in Resolve 2023, chapter 66.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2637 Representative Cyrway, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2719 Representative Cyrway, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2743 Representative Smith, K

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2783 Representative Foster, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2844 President Jackson, T

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2914 Senator Keim, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2915 Senator Keim, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

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ELECTRIC UTILITIES

TRANSMISSION LINES

LR: 2637 Sponsor: Representative Cyrway, S of Albion

Title: An Act Relating to Eminent Domain for Land for Electric Transmission Lines

Comment: This bill would alter eminent domain requirements for land to be used for certain high-impact electric transmission lines.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2609 Senator Curry, C

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2719 Representative Cyrway, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2743 Representative Smith, K

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2783 Representative Foster, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2844 President Jackson, T

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2914 Senator Keim, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2915 Senator Keim, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2719 Sponsor: Representative Cyrway, S of Albion

Title: An Act to Consider Alternative Transmission Technology for the Aroostook Renewable Gateway That Improves Socioeconomic Benefit Without Sacrificing Climate Change Initiatives

Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to contract with an independent engineering firm to perform a feasibility study on buried high-voltage direct current transmission methods for the Aroostook Renewable Gateway project.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2609 Senator Curry, C

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2637 Representative Cyrway, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2743 Representative Smith, K

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2783 Representative Foster, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2844 President Jackson, T

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2914 Senator Keim, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2915 Senator Keim, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2743 Sponsor: Representative Smith, K of Palermo

Title: Resolve, Requiring a Transparent Public Hearing Regarding the Finalized Route of the Northern Maine Transmission Infrastructure

Comment: This resolve would require the finalized route of the northern Maine transmission infrastructure to receive a public hearing and legislative vote in order to be constructed.

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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2783 Sponsor: Representative Foster, S of Dexter

Title: Resolve, to Reconsider Legislative Approval of the Transmission Project Selected by the Public Utilities Commission Pursuant to the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program

Comment: This resolve would require the Legislature to reconsider approval of the transmission project selected by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2609 Senator Curry, C
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2637 Representative Cyrway, S
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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2844 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Require Feasibility Studies for Energy Transmission Projects

Comment: This bill would require feasibility studies for proposed energy transmission projects to fully examine potential and alternative pathways for those projects.

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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2914 Sponsor: Senator Keim, L of Oxford

Title: Resolve, to Require Legislative Approval of Increased Costs to Ratepayers of the Transmission Project Approved Under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program

Comment: This resolve would require approval by the Legislature of any increased costs to ratepayers, as determined by the Public Utilities Commission, of the 1,200-megawatt capacity, 345-kilovolt transmission line and associated facilities approved under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program by the Legislature in Resolve 2023, chapter 66.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2609 Senator Curry, C
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2637 Representative Cyrway, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2719 Representative Cyrway, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2743 Representative Smith, K
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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2915 Senator Keim, L
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2915 Sponsor: Senator Keim, L of Oxford

Title: An Act to Prohibit the Use of Eminent Domain to Take Land Needed for Any Project Approved Under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program

Comment: This bill would prohibit the use of eminent domain to take land needed for any project approved under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program.

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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2953 Sponsor: Senator LaFountain, D of Kennebec

Title: An Act to Protect Maine Landowners by Requiring the Examination of Alternative Pathways for Energy Transmission Lines

Comment: This bill would require a study to fully examine potential pathways and alternative paths for proposed energy transmission line projects.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2609 Senator Curry, C
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2637 Representative Cyrway, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2719 Representative Cyrway, S
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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2915 Senator Keim, L
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S

ENERGY

PLANNING

LR: 2924 Sponsor: Representative Foster, S of Dexter

Title: An Act Regarding Energy Infrastructure Development

Comment: This bill would improve the process of approving energy infrastructure corridors.

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ENERGY

PLANNING

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2609 Senator Curry, C
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2637 Representative Cyrway, S
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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

ENERGY CONSERVATION

HEAT PUMPS

LR: 2855 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook
Title: An Act to Expand the Availability of Heat Pump Rebates in Certain Areas of the State
Comment: This bill would remove some of the restrictions on rebates for the installation of heat pumps for specific areas of the State based on relative temperatures.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE

POWERS

LR: 2677 Sponsor: Senator Lawrence, M of York
Title: An Act to Clarify the Duties of the Public Advocate in Developing and Advocating for Legislation
Comment: This bill would restrict the ability of the Public Advocate to collaborate with certain sources, including taking funds from those sources, when developing legislation and advocating before the Legislature.

LR: 2897 Sponsor: Representative Geiger, V of Rockland
Title: An Act to Enhance Regulatory Decision Making Regarding Energy
Comment: This bill would enhance the duties and functions of the Office of the Public Advocate by requiring consideration of the greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirements and climate action plan in its work representing the public.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS

LR: 2649 Sponsor: Representative Zeigler, S of Montville
Title: An Act to Increase the Number of Commissioners on the Public Utilities Commission
Comment: This bill would increase the number of commissioners on the Public Utilities Commission to 5 over a 10-year period.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

INTERNET DEVICES

LR: 2675 Sponsor: Representative Reckitt, L of South Portland
Title: An Act to Establish Protections to Prevent Children from Accessing Pornography
Comment: This bill would establish protections to prevent children from accessing pornography, including filter and age-verification requirements and enforcement mechanisms for so-called smartphones and tablet devices at the user level.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TELEPHONES

LR: 2740 Sponsor: Representative Campbell, D of Orrington
Title: An Act to Prohibit the Use of Caller Identification Spoofing
Comment: This bill would prohibit a person from deliberately falsifying the information transmitted to a caller identification display to disguise that person's identity.

UTILITIES

PROVIDERS

LR: 2654 Sponsor: Senator Beebe-Center, A of Knox
Title: An Act to Repeal the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank Act
Comment: This bill would repeal the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank Act.
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2834 Representative Riseman, W

LR: 2834 Sponsor: Representative Riseman, W of Harrison
Title: An Act to Repeal the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank Act
Comment: This bill would repeal the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank Act.
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2654 Senator Beebe-Center, A

WATER DISTRICTS

CHARTER CHANGES

LR: 2896 Sponsor: Senator Reny, C of Lincoln
Title: An Act to Amend the Charter of the Wiscasset Water District
Comment: This bill would amend the charter of the Wiscasset Water District to expand the district's service territory to include the Town of Edgecomb and to allow the district to provide sewer service to the towns of Edgecomb and Wiscasset and to existing customers in the Town of Woolwich.

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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

CREDIT CARDS

LR: 2796 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook
Title: An Act to Protect Patients from Predatory Medical Credit Card Providers
Comment: This bill would prohibit health care providers from offering medical credit cards to patients in any health care setting or opening a medical credit card account on a patient's behalf; prohibit deferred interest on medical credit cards; prohibit medical credit card providers from placing a charge on an account or issuing funds before a medical procedure is completed or before a medical product is delivered; and ensure that medical credit cards are subject to consumer medical debt protections.

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

DEBT COLLECTION

LR: 2795 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook
Title: An Act to Require Hospitals to Engage in Fair Practices When Selling Medical Debt
Comment: This bill would require that any hospital seeking to sell medical debt to a debt collector at a reduced price must first offer to sell the debt at the reduced price to the patient who owes the debt.

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

LOANS

LR: 2948 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook
Title: An Act to Provide Relief to Federal Employees Affected by the Federal Shutdown
Comment: This bill would establish the Federal Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program to provide easier access to no-interest loans for certain federal employees in Maine affected by a shutdown of the Federal Government by guaranteeing up to 10% of the loans eligible credit unions and financial institutions make to affected employees. The bill would provide affected employees eligibility for up to 3 loans, each equal to their monthly after-tax pay, up to \$4,000, less unemployment benefits. The bill would prohibit interest on the loans during the shutdown and for 270 days after the shutdown ends.

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

PAYROLL PROCESSORS

LR: 2850 Sponsor: Senator Timberlake, J of Androscoggin
Title: An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Payroll Processors
Comment: This bill would remove the authority of the Superintendent of Consumer Credit Protection and the Superintendent of Financial Institutions in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to require licensing of payroll processors through the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry.

HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL

DENTAL

LR: 2881 Sponsor: Representative Morris, J of Turner

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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL

DENTAL

Title: An Act to Join the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact

Comment: This bill would require Maine to join the dentist and dental hygienist interstate compact.

LR: 2965 Sponsor: Senator Vitelli, E of Sagadahoc

Title: An Act to Improve Maine Residents' Oral Health by Strengthening the Dental Hygienist Workforce

Comment: This bill would improve Maine residents' oral health by strengthening the dental hygienist workforce.

HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

LR: 2722 Sponsor: Representative Cloutier, K of Lewiston

Title: An Act to Add the State of Maine to the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact

Comment: This bill would enact the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact, an interstate licensure compact for physician assistants, to provide a streamlined process via a compact privilege for physician assistants to practice in other compact member states without the need to obtain multiple state licenses.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2880 Representative Morris, J

LR: 2880 Sponsor: Representative Morris, J of Turner

Title: An Act to Join the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact

Comment: This bill would require Maine to join the interstate licensure compact for physician assistants.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2722 Representative Cloutier, K

HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL

PHYSICIANS

LR: 2646 Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot

Title: An Act Authorizing Granting Limited Provisional Licenses to Medical School Graduates

Comment: This bill would allow limited provisional licenses to be granted to medical school graduates.

HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL

SOCIAL WORKERS

LR: 2874 Sponsor: Representative Crafts, L of Newcastle

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

Comment: This bill would allow licensed social workers from approved states to practice in Maine under an interstate compact.

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INSURANCE

HEALTH INSURANCE

LR: 2612 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Improve Access to Over-the-counter Contraceptives

Comment: This bill would, in order to keep health insurance coverage of contraceptives consistent, require health insurance carriers to cover over-the-counter hormonal birth control.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2756 Representative Arford, P

LR: 2756 Sponsor: Representative Arford, P of Brunswick

Title: An Act to Expand Access to Federally Approved Over-the-counter Contraceptives

Comment: This bill would make it clear that state-regulated individual and group health insurance policies must provide coverage for any contraceptive drug, device or product approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for over-the-counter sale without a prescription in the same manner as current law requires for all prescribed contraceptive drugs, devices and products. The bill would require health insurers to provide coverage at the point of sale or through a reimbursement mechanism when point of sale coverage is not available. The bill would require carriers to include an explanation of the coverage provided for any FDA-approved contraceptive drug, device or product purchased over the counter without a prescription in each member's certificate of coverage.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2612 President Jackson, T

LR: 2771 Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot

Title: An Act to Create an Affordable Public Health Insurance Option

Comment: This bill would create an affordable public health insurance option that would require a multiyear phase-in.

Potential JR 217: LD 1856 Representative Arford, P

INSURANCE

MOTOR VEHICLE

LR: 2872 Sponsor: Representative Perry, A of Calais

Title: An Act to Exempt Certain Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Policies from Covering Towing and Storage Charges for Certain Vehicles

Comment: This bill would exempt insurance policies issued prior to July 1, 2024 from the requirement that motor vehicle liability policies provide coverage in an amount up to \$500 per accident for the reasonable towing and storage charges incurred as a result of an accident involving the insured vehicle if the vehicle is towed at the request of a law enforcement officer.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2884 Representative Morris, J

LR: 2884 Sponsor: Representative Morris, J of Turner

Title: An Act to Eliminate the Requirement for Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Policies to Provide Coverage for Towing and Storing Certain Motor Vehicles

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INSURANCE

MOTOR VEHICLE

Comment: This bill would repeal the law requiring motor vehicle liability insurance policies to provide coverage for towing and storing motor vehicles involved in accidents that are towed at the request of a law enforcement officer.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2872 Representative Perry, A

INSURANCE

PROPERTY

LR: 2676 Sponsor: Representative Milliken, N of Blue Hill

Title: An Act to Mitigate Some of the Risk Involved in Long-term House Rentals

Comment: This bill would provide up to \$100,000 in insurance for damages to a home or rental property by a person who rents out the property on a long-term basis.

LR: 2836 Sponsor: Representative Perry, A of Calais

Title: An Act to Prohibit Property and Casualty Insurance Companies Licensed in This State from Denying Policyholders in This State Insurance on Their Residences in This State Because of a Loss Sustained to a 2nd Home Located in Another State

Comment: This bill would prohibit property and casualty insurance companies licensed in this State from denying policyholders in this State insurance on their residences in this State because of a loss sustained to a 2nd home located in another state.

INSURANCE

RATES AND PREMIUMS

LR: 2794 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Protect Residents of the State from Unfair Use of Credit Scores in Insurance Pricing

Comment: This bill would prohibit the use of credit scores in determining insurance rates and premiums.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

AFFORDABILITY

LR: 2797 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Improve Access to Affordable Medication in Underserved Areas

Comment: This bill would direct the Office of Affordable Health Care to establish a grant program to provide support for federally qualified health centers to develop or expand their capacity to provide access for patients in underserved areas to affordably priced drugs by increasing the health centers' ability to deliver pharmacy services to those patients.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

FORMULARIES

LR: 2790 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

FORMULARIES

Title: An Act to Improve Patient Access and Savings from Generic and Biosimilar Prescription Drugs

Comment: This bill would require a pharmacy benefits manager to more rapidly provide coverage for new generic and biosimilar drugs.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

REGULATION

LR: 2904 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Ensure Access to Non-opioid Medication for Pain Relief

Comment: This bill would prevent insurers from establishing more restrictive or prohibitive coverage criteria for federal Food and Drug Administration-approved, non-opioid, non-narcotic drugs to treat and manage acute pain in comparison to opioid and narcotic drugs.

LR: 2961 Sponsor: Representative Perry, J of Bangor

Title: An Act Concerning Health Care Cost Fairness Relating to Pharmacy Benefits Managers

Comment: This bill would provide that a pharmacy benefits manager may not derive income from pharmacy benefits manager services provided to a carrier or health plan in this State except for income derived from a pharmacy benefits management fee. It would set standards for pharmacy benefits management fees and provide that a pharmacy benefits manager, carrier or health plan may not engage in, facilitate or enter into a contract with another person involving spread pricing in this State.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CHILD CARE

LR: 2825 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Ensure Sustainable Reimbursement for Child Care Providers and to Support the Expansion of Child Care Services

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse child care providers for subsidies based on enrollment rather than attendance. This bill would also create a short-term emergency fund or grant program for struggling child care providers that can be used for services, business expenses and financial planning expenses by child care workers and that can also be used to support the expansion of services to infants and toddlers.

Potential JR 217: LD 1726 President Jackson, T

Potential JR 217: LD 573 Representative Craven, M

LR: 2854 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Make Background Checks Efficient and Consistent for All Child Care Workers

Comment: This bill would streamline the criminal background check process in the Department of Health and Human Services for child care workers.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

COORDINATION OF SERVICES

LR: 2674 Sponsor: Representative Mathieson, K of Kittery

Title: An Act to Create an Independent Child Advocate Ombudsman Service

Comment: This bill would establish an independent child advocate ombudsman service to provide complaint resolution, unbiased investigation, mediation and other alternative dispute resolution methods and referral services.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1788 Senator Baldacci, J

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 500 Senator Keim, L

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

FOSTER CARE

LR: 2870 Sponsor: Representative Roeder, A of Bangor

Title: An Act to Increase Oversight by the Department of Health and Human Services over Benefits Owed to Foster Children

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to determine a foster child's eligibility for federal benefits and to apply for those benefits on behalf of that child.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CHILD)

LR: 2913 Sponsor: Senator Keim, L of Oxford

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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CHILD)

Title: Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Alleviate the Crisis in the Offices of Regional Child Protective Services

Comment: This resolve would establish a pilot project to allow the Department of Health and Human Services to employ, on a part-time basis, case aides in child protective services who are paid at a higher rate of compensation and are not in positions covered by a union. The case aides would be used in those areas most in need as determined by the department.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

SOCIAL SERVICES

LR: 2911 Sponsor: Representative Graham, A of North Yarmouth

Title: An Act to Strengthen Maine's Child Welfare System

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services, through an external strategic consultant, to undertake a process to support child welfare reform. The process would include all agency leadership and staff in gathering information, analyzing system problems and identifying opportunities for change.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1788 Senator Baldacci, J

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 779 Senator Timberlake, J

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 878 Senator Keim, L

Potential JR 217: LD 915 Representative Shagoury, D

Potential JR 217: LD 151 Senator Stewart, T

Potential JR 217: LD 715 Senator Nangle, T

DISEASES

AIDS

LR: 2789 Sponsor: Representative Perry, A of Calais

Title: An Act to Protect Health Care Workers from HIV

Comment: This bill would modify the law governing the process for testing health care workers for the presence of HIV.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2630 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Strengthen Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Standards by Establishing a Family Advocacy Program for Military Families

Comment: This bill would establish a military family advocacy program within the Department of Health and Human Services to share reports of child abuse or neglect involving military families with military authorities.

LR: 2632 Sponsor: Representative Craven, M of Lewiston

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ADMINISTRATION

Title: An Act to Create an Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Coordinator Position Within the Department of Health and Human Services

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a full-time, permanent Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Coordinator position to lead coordination on efforts to address Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia across state agencies and branches of State Government.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2633 Representative Craven, M

LR: 2633 Sponsor: Representative Craven, M of Lewiston

Title: An Act to Establish a Dementia Advisory Council Within the Department of Health and Human Services and to Require a State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Other Types of Dementia

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish and maintain an advisory council to examine the needs of individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia, the services available in the State for those individuals and the ability of health care providers and facilities to meet those individuals' current and future needs. This bill would also require the department to develop a state plan to address Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2632 Representative Craven, M

LR: 2927 Sponsor: Senator Bennett, R of Oxford

Title: An Act to Ensure Compliance by the Department of Health and Human Services with Federal Rules and Regulations

Comment: This bill would specify that any program in the State receiving federal financial assistance may not have any policies, rules or regulations that violate any federal law or act, Maine law or the United States Constitution.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

PROCEDURES

LR: 2625 Sponsor: Senator Libby, J of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Require the Reporting of Alpha-gal Syndrome

Comment: This bill would add alpha-gal syndrome, a potentially life-threatening red meat allergy caused by a tick bite, to the list of conditions that must be reported to the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

HOSPICE FACILITIES

LR: 2782 Sponsor: Representative Cloutier, K of Lewiston

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Cease Implementation of Electronic Visit Verification for Hospice Providers Unless Mandated by the Federal Government

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HOSPICE FACILITIES

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Health and Human Services to cease implementation of electronic visit verification for hospice providers unless mandated by the Federal Government.

HEALTH CARE RECORDS

COPIES

LR: 2753 Sponsor: Representative Craven, M of Lewiston

Title: An Act Regarding the Cost of Copies of Medical Records

Comment: This bill would change the fees that a hospital or its vendor may charge for providing copies of medical records.

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

DELIVERY

LR: 2928 Sponsor: Senator Beebe-Center, A of Knox

Title: An Act to Provide That Persons with Traumatic and Acquired Brain Injuries Are Subject to the Same Eligibility Standards for Certain Medical Programs

Comment: This bill would provide that persons with traumatic and acquired brain injuries are subject to the same eligibility standards for certain medical programs.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 539 Representative Hepler, A

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

LONG-TERM CARE

LR: 2820 Sponsor: Senator Daughtry, M of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Strengthen Long-term Care for the People of Maine by Ensuring Adequate Nursing Personnel

Comment: This bill would allow the Department of Health and Human Services to evaluate temporary nursing services agency rates and adopt rules to ensure that long-term care facilities have adequate nursing personnel.

Potential JR 217: LD 451 Senator Baldacci, J

HOMELESS PERSONS

EMERGENCY SHELTER

LR: 2714 Sponsor: Representative Mastraccio, A of Sanford

Title: An Act to Support Shelters for the Unhoused

Comment: This bill would increase the shelter operating subsidy for the unhoused in the General Fund from \$2.5 million to \$12.5 million.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 599 Representative Brennan, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2767 Representative Madigan, C

LR: 2767 Sponsor: Representative Madigan, C of Waterville

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HOMELESS PERSONS

EMERGENCY SHELTER

Title: An Act to Improve Funding for Homeless Shelters

Comment: This bill would improve funding for homeless shelters.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 599 Representative Brennan, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2714 Representative Mastraccio, A

LR: 2879 Sponsor: Representative Light Lookner, G of Portland

Title: An Act to Establish Sanctioned Areas for Emergency Encampments in Certain Municipalities

Comment: This bill would direct certain municipalities with encampments exceeding 20 individuals experiencing homelessness to identify areas where nighttime camping is permitted. The areas must be accessible by foot to necessary services and transportation. The appropriate state departments would be required to cooperate in identifying these areas.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2940 Representative Rana, A

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2967 Representative Rana, A

LR: 2932 Sponsor: Representative Light Lookner, G of Portland

Title: An Act to Prohibit Certain Municipalities from Enforcing Moratoria on Emergency Shelters

Comment: This bill would prohibit municipalities with populations exceeding 30,000 from enacting moratoria on the establishment of emergency homeless shelters.

LR: 2940 Sponsor: Representative Rana, A of Bangor

Title: An Act to Prohibit Clearing of Unhoused Encampments Without Providing Proper Housing Options

Comment: This bill would prohibit the removing of individuals and the clearing of unhoused encampments unless the individuals are provided with alternative housing options such as Section 8 housing.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2879 Representative Light Lookner, G

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2967 Representative Rana, A

LR: 2967 Sponsor: Representative Rana, A of Bangor

Title: An Act to Prohibit Clearing Encampments of Unhoused Individuals

Comment: This bill would prohibit the removal of individuals and clearing of belongings from encampments of individuals who are unhoused.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2879 Representative Light Lookner, G

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2940 Representative Rana, A

MEDICAID

DENTAL CARE

LR: 2730 Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot

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MEDICAID

DENTAL CARE

Title: An Act to Provide Dental Managed Care

Comment: This bill would require the implementation of a statewide Medicaid prepaid dental health program for children and adults with a choice of at least 2 licensed dental managed care providers.

Potential JR 217: LD 1334 Representative Millett, S

MEDICAID

MAINECARE

LR: 2611 Sponsor: Speaker Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act to Restore Access to the MaineCare Program for Certain Residents

Comment: This bill would provide MaineCare coverage for noncitizen residents of Maine who are parents or caretaker relatives with qualifying low incomes and who are ineligible for MaineCare coverage due to their immigration status. This bill would provide a \$15,000,000 annual appropriation for this purpose.

Potential JR 217: LD 199 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

LR: 2671 Sponsor: Representative Milliken, N of Blue Hill

Title: An Act to Provide MaineCare Coverage to All Residents of County Jails and Their Dependents

Comment: This bill would require that all residents of county jails receive MaineCare coverage, and that the residents' dependents do not lose access to MaineCare coverage when their parents or guardians are detained in or sentenced to the jails.

Potential JR 217: LD 1204 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

LR: 2673 Sponsor: Representative Mathieson, K of Kittery

Title: An Act Regarding Continuance of MaineCare Coverage for up to 12 Months for Juveniles Detained in the Long Creek Youth Development Center

Comment: This bill would allow continuance of MaineCare coverage for juveniles detained in the Long Creek Youth Development Center for up to 12 months to ameliorate difficulties caused by disruptions to care and treatment.

LR: 2738 Sponsor: Representative Madigan, C of Waterville

Title: An Act to Equalize MaineCare Members' Health Care Rights Regarding Transportation

Comment: This bill would require MaineCare contracts with providers of transportation to include provisions allowing another adult to accompany a patient to a MaineCare-reimbursable appointment.

LR: 2847 Sponsor: Representative Dhalac, D of South Portland

Title: An Act to Improve Equity in Health Care Access by Reimbursing Community Health Workers Through MaineCare

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MEDICAID

MAINECARE

Comment: This bill would improve equity in health care access by reimbursing community health workers through the MaineCare program.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 619 Representative Madigan, C

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 825 Representative Lemelin, M

Potential JR 217: LD 389 Representative Madigan, C

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

CHILDREN

LR: 2711 Sponsor: Representative Graham, A of North Yarmouth

Title: An Act to Create and Support a Youth Crisis Receiving Center

Comment: This bill would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to create a crisis receiving center for youth experiencing behavioral crises.

LR: 2941 Sponsor: Representative Gramlich, L of Old Orchard Beach

Title: An Act to Support Clinicians in Adverse Childhood Experience and Resiliency Assessments

Comment: This bill would require licensed clinical social workers engaging in children, youth and family systems clinical therapeutic interventive work to attend a one-time training on adverse childhood experience assessments and strength-based resiliency assessments.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1360 Representative Gramlich, L

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

DELIVERY

LR: 2845 Sponsor: Senator Bennett, R of Oxford

Title: An Act to Ensure the Financial Stability of Behavioral Health Service and Housing Providers

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to pay administrative expenses and interest charged on lines of credit or loans accessed by behavioral health service providers and housing assistance providers when a delay in department contracts or payments necessitates the provider accessing the line of credit or loan.

LR: 2860 Sponsor: Senator Brenner, S of Cumberland

Title: Resolve, to Ensure Timely Access to Medication Management Across the State

Comment: This resolve would prohibit the Department of Health and Human Services from implementing any negative rate changes for any provider or category of providers of medication management for behavioral health services until the department convenes a stakeholder group of medication management providers, consumers, family members, physicians and advocates to determine current use and problem areas. The department would be required to present data to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services documenting current use of medication management services, wait lists and predictions for unmet needs over the next 5 years.

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

DELIVERY

LR: 2916 Sponsor: Senator LaFountain, D of Kennebec
Title: An Act to Establish a Mobile Geropsychiatric Team Pilot Project
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a pilot project in 3 counties under which a multidisciplinary team composed of licensed practitioners with geriatric expertise would perform comprehensive assessments of medications and care plans of individuals referred for assessment.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

PLANNING

LR: 2910 Sponsor: Senator Rotundo, M of Androscoggin
Title: An Act to Protect and Enhance Access to Behavioral Health Services in Androscoggin County and Nearby Communities
Comment: This bill would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to provide emergency funding to cover losses from behavioral health services provided by St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Lewiston to ensure that those services can be continued and expanded to meet urgent needs in Androscoggin County and nearby communities while avoiding curtailment of other critically important health care services in the region. The bill would appropriate \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 for that purpose. The bill would provide that funds must be disbursed within 30 days of its effective date.

SMOKING

TOBACCO PRODUCTS

LR: 2754 Sponsor: Representative Kuhn, A of Falmouth
Title: An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products Through Vending Machines
Comment: This bill would repeal the law allowing the sale of tobacco products through vending machines.

LR: 2917 Sponsor: Representative Moonen, M of Portland
Title: An Act to Prohibit Tobacco Sales near Schools
Comment: This bill would prohibit the State from issuing a retail tobacco license to a retailer operating within 1,000 feet of a school.

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

TREATMENT

LR: 2656 Sponsor: Representative Fredericks, A of Sanford
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to Reestablish a One-to-one Syringe Exchange Requirement

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SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

TREATMENT

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to amend its rules governing syringe services to require a one-to-one syringe exchange of one used syringe for each new syringe provided to a consumer.

LR: 2687 Sponsor: Representative Simmons, A of Waldoboro

Title: An Act to Require Drug Testing of Clients of Drug Treatment Facilities

Comment: This bill would require drug testing of clients of drug treatment facilities, including inpatient facilities and sober living facilities.

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INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS

BUSINESS PRACTICES

TICKETS

LR: 2746 Sponsor: Senator Daughtry, M of Cumberland
Title: An Act to Protect Consumers by Requiring Vendors to Disclose All Fees Related to Purchasing a Concert Ticket
Comment: This bill, which is based on Connecticut legislation, would protect consumers by requiring vendors to disclose all fees related to purchasing a concert ticket.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

LR: 2636 Sponsor: Senator Stewart, T of Aroostook
Title: An Act to Establish the Maine-Irish Trade Commission and Improve Collaboration with the Country of Ireland
Comment: This bill would establish the Maine-Irish Trade Commission and improve collaboration with Ireland.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING

LR: 2716 Sponsor: Representative Ankeles, D of Brunswick
Title: An Act Regarding the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station and the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment Financing Fund
Comment: This bill would amend the laws regarding the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment Financing Fund and the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority, including those laws regarding remote workers, program duration, job caps, roads and tax allocations.

LR: 2858 Sponsor: Senator Curry, C of Waldo
Title: An Act to Provide Additional Funds to Increase the Impact of the Maine Development Foundation
Comment: This bill would provide additional funding of \$250,000 per year to the Maine Development Foundation to become part of current services in fiscal year 2026 and subsequent fiscal years. The bill would also change term limits for foundation directors from 5 years to 8 years and permit and encourage state agencies and the University of Maine System to actively collaborate with the foundation consistent with the foundation's statutory mission.

LR: 2931 Sponsor: Representative Kuhn, A of Falmouth
Title: Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Artificial Intelligence
Comment: This resolve would establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Artificial Intelligence to examine the impact of artificial intelligence on government, education and the private sector. The commission would be required to submit a report to the Legislature.

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INDUSTRIES

PLUMBING

LR: 2919 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook
Title: Resolve, to Provide Additional Options for Plumbing Inspections in the Unorganized Territory
Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Health and Human Services to implement rulemaking to allow for the inspection of outhouses, gray water filler beds, septic systems and other plumbing-related systems by a master plumber or soil engineer using photography or other verification. This resolve would also require rulemaking to allow any licensed plumbing inspector, master plumber or consulting engineer to complete inspections.

INDUSTRIES

STORAGE FACILITIES

LR: 2818 Sponsor: Representative Perry, A of Calais
Title: An Act to Update the Maine Self-service Storage Act
Comment: This bill would update the Maine Self-service Storage Act by clarifying the disposition of property upon termination or nonrenewal of a rental agreement; permitting electronic delivery of notices; permitting an online platform to be the location of the sale of personal property; and requiring watercraft and trailers to be treated in the same way as motor vehicles under the Act.

LICENSING

ARCHITECTS

LR: 2744 Sponsor: Representative Doudera, V of Camden
Title: An Act to Require Continuing Education for Maine Architects
Comment: This bill would require continuing education for Maine architects to maintain licensure.

LICENSING

ELECTRICIANS

LR: 2949 Sponsor: Representative Collamore, A of Pittsfield
Title: An Act to Utilize Career and Technical Education Centers in the Development of the Electrician Workforce
Comment: This bill would allow the use of career and technical education center course work for credits in electrician licensure.

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

FISH

PROTECTION

LR: 2623 Sponsor: Representative Boyer, Jr., D of Poland
Title: An Act to Designate the Landlocked Atlantic Salmon as a State Heritage Fish
Comment: This bill would designate the landlocked Atlantic salmon as a state heritage fish.

HUNTING

BEAR

LR: 2816 Sponsor: Senator Black, R of Franklin
Title: An Act Regarding the Issuance of Permits to Hunt Bear Using Bait on State Land
Comment: This bill would allow a person to pay the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands for a permit to hunt bear using bait on state land in December rather than having to wait until the following June.

HUNTING

MOOSE

LR: 2672 Sponsor: Representative Landry, S of Farmington
Title: An Act to Provide Hunting Opportunities for Maine Youth Experiencing Critical Illnesses
Comment: This bill would increase the number of moose permits issued to certain nonprofit organizations from 2 to 5 and would require that 3 of those 5 permits be issued to organizations based in the State that benefit children who are residents of the State.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2647 Sponsor: Senator Lawrence, M of York
Title: An Act to Allow the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Reimburse Volunteers of the So-called Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs Program for Gas Expenses
Comment: This bill would add a provision to allow reimbursement for the cost of gasoline used by volunteers during the course of volunteering for the so-called Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs program. The reimbursement would come from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE DEPT

POWERS

LR: 2933 Sponsor: Representative Hasenfus, T of Readfield
Title: An Act to Enhance Protections for and Better Address Invasive Aquatic Plant Infestations in Maine Lakes
Comment: This bill would provide an additional \$2,000,000 to address the most serious aquatic plant infestations in the State and require the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to review and recommend more stringent boat inspections protocols on infested lakes and review surface use restrictions and notification of those restrictions to the public.

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Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1342 Representative Riseman, W

Potential JR 217: LD 1534 Representative Hasenfus, T

WILDLIFE

WOUNDED AND DECEASED

LR: 2619 Sponsor: Senator Black, R of Franklin

Title: An Act to Allow the Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles to Locate Wounded or Deceased Wildlife

Comment: This bill would allow the use of unmanned aerial vehicles, also known as drones, to locate wounded or deceased wildlife.

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JUDICIARY

ABUSE

PROTECTION ACTIONS

LR: 2957 Sponsor: Senator Rafferty, J of York

Title: An Act to Protect Victims of Domestic Abuse and Violence

Comment: This bill would amend the law governing protection from abuse orders to give the court the authority to issue an order requiring a person to remain a specified distance from another person.

ACTIONS

WRONGFUL DEATH

LR: 2620 Sponsor: Senator Pouliot, M of Kennebec

Title: An Act to Change the Statute of Limitations for a Wrongful Death Action

Comment: This bill would change the statute of limitations for a wrongful death action to 3 years after the harm is discovered.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CHILD DEATH

LR: 2615 Sponsor: Representative Smith, K of Palermo

Title: An Act to Restrict the Sale or Transfer of Fetal Remains

Comment: This bill would prohibit, until October 15, 2027, a person from selling or transferring fetal remains to any for-profit or nonprofit entity, except for the purpose of burial or cremation. A violation would be a Class C crime.

Potential JR 217: LD 1869 Senator Stewart, T

COURTS

OTHER

LR: 2958 Sponsor: Senator Chipman, B of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Address Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder and Homelessness

Comment: This bill would establish a Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment Court in the State. The court would connect persons struggling with untreated mental illness or substance use challenges with a care plan, which may include clinically prescribed individualized interventions with supportive services, medication and a housing plan, and would include participation by an attorney from the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services and a supporter to help persons make self-directed care decisions.

CRIMES

STALKING

LR: 2832 Sponsor: Senator Carney, A of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Support Maine's Public Safety Response to Domestic Violence and Stalking

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CRIMES

STALKING

Comment: This bill would amend the laws of this State to account for the new standard set out in the case of *Counterman v. Colorado*, 600 U.S. 66 (2023). It would amend relevant sections of the Maine Criminal Code and the protection from abuse laws to provide that when a violation of the abuse laws or the crime of terrorizing, stalking or harassment by telephone relies on the content of the actor's speech, the actor must have consciously disregarded the risk that the actor's speech would place a reasonable person in fear of bodily injury.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

APPOINTED COUNSEL

LR: 2708 Sponsor: Senator Carney, A of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Protect the Confidentiality of Attorney-Client E-mail Communications for Residents of Jails and Correctional Facilities

Comment: This bill would extend the confidentiality protections, and consequences for violating that confidentiality, established in Public Law 2023, chapter 394 for attorney-client telephone calls to attorney-client e-mail communications.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

LIMITATION OF ACTIONS

LR: 2810 Sponsor: Representative Faulkingham, B of Winter Harbor

Title: An Act to Remove the Statute of Limitations for Sexual Assault, Child Molestation and Felony Sex Crimes

Comment: This bill would remove the statute of limitations for sexual assault, child molestation and felony sex crimes.

Potential JR 217: LD 1790 Senator Baldacci, J

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

DIVORCE

LR: 2964 Sponsor: Representative Collamore, A of Pittsfield

Title: An Act to Ensure Closure in Divorce Proceedings in Certain Cases

Comment: This bill would expedite the divorce process in certain cases in which there is a custody dispute. For individuals facing long-running court battles over child custody, this bill would provide a process to allow the divorce to happen more quickly.

HUMAN RIGHTS

PRIVACY

LR: 2925 Sponsor: Representative Sayre, D of Kennebunk

Title: An Act to Permit Maine Citizens to Prohibit Data Brokers from Holding or Selling Their Personal Data

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HUMAN RIGHTS

PRIVACY

Comment: This bill would require the Attorney General to establish an accessible deletion mechanism that allows a consumer to request that every data broker delete any personal information that is related to that consumer held by that data broker or an associated service provider or contractor.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1973 Senator Keim, L

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1977 Representative O'Neil, M

JUVENILE OFFENDERS

DETENTION

LR: 2747 Sponsor: Representative Cray, D of Palmyra

Title: An Act Regarding the Detention of Juveniles

Comment: This bill would amend the laws regarding juvenile detention.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2817 Senator Black, R

Potential JR 217: LD 148 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2817 Sponsor: Senator Black, R of Franklin

Title: An Act to Allow Detention of Juveniles for Certain Acts

Comment: This bill would return authority to juvenile community corrections officers to detain juveniles for certain offenses.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2747 Representative Cray, D

Potential JR 217: LD 148 Senator LaFountain, D

JUVENILE OFFENDERS

EVALUATION

LR: 2936 Sponsor: Representative Gramlich, L of Old Orchard Beach

Title: An Act to Enhance the Effectiveness of Juvenile Diversion Programs

Comment: This bill would clarify the procedure for obtaining a needs assessment through juvenile diversion prior to proceeding with a delinquency petition by making available to juveniles who encounter law enforcement the Juvenile Justice Needs Assessment. The assessment would help ensure that each juvenile who is facing arrest or court involvement is provided with the most appropriate services at the appropriate time.

JUVENILE OFFENDERS

JURISDICTION

LR: 2648 Sponsor: Senator Stewart, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act Establishing Concurrent Jurisdiction in Juvenile Matters with the United States Department of Defense

Comment: This bill would establish concurrent jurisdiction in juvenile matters with the United States Department of Defense.

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NATIVE AMERICANS

RELATIONS WITH STATE

LR: 2774 Sponsor: Representative Andrews, J of Paris

Title: An Act to Provide Certainty in Interpretation of the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act for Maine Tribes

Comment: This bill would give Maine tribes certainty through changing administrations regarding interpretation of provisions within the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act regarding federal benefits that affect or preempt state law. It would require decisions regarding the Act made by the Governor or the Attorney General to be made in writing and submitted to the appropriate joint standing committee of the legislature for review.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2809 Representative Faulkingham, B

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2959 Senator Carney, A

Potential JR 217: LD 2004 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

LR: 2792 Sponsor: Representative Poirier, J of Skowhegan

Title: An Act to Provide State Recognition for the Kineo Tribe of Malecites

Comment: This bill would recognize as a Native American tribe the Kineo Tribe of Malecites for the purpose of applying for federal and private grants. This bill would not grant to the tribe any rights or claims to land nor any rights to conduct gambling.

Potential JR 217: LD 336 Representative Poirier, J

LR: 2809 Sponsor: Representative Faulkingham, B of Winter Harbor

Title: An Act to Amend the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act to Allow Maine Tribes to Benefit from Federal Laws

Comment: This bill would amend the state law implementing the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 to allow Maine tribes to benefit from federal laws.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2774 Representative Andrews, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2959 Senator Carney, A

Potential JR 217: LD 2004 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

LR: 2959 Sponsor: Senator Carney, A of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Advance Equality for Wabanaki Nations

Comment: This bill would ensure that federally recognized Wabanaki tribes have access to federal beneficial laws on an equal basis with all other federally recognized tribes in other states.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2774 Representative Andrews, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2809 Representative Faulkingham, B

Potential JR 217: LD 2004 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

REAL ESTATE

EMINENT DOMAIN

LR: 2731 Sponsor: Representative Hymes, B of Waldo

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JUDICIARY

REAL ESTATE

EMINENT DOMAIN

Title: An Act to Ensure Just Compensation When Eminent Domain Is Declared

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing eminent domain to ensure property owners are justly compensated.

REAL ESTATE

LANDLORD AND TENANT

LR: 2641 Sponsor: Senator Chipman, B of Cumberland

Title: An Act Regarding the Fees Charged for Keeping Pets

Comment: This bill would limit pet fees charged to tenants to no more than 1.5% of the total monthly rent or \$35, whichever is greater; limit additional pet security deposits to no more than \$300; and require that all pet security deposits be refundable.

Potential JR 217: LD 1193 Senator Chipman, B

LR: 2650 Sponsor: Representative Light Lookner, G of Portland

Title: An Act to Prevent Homelessness During Repairs for Breach of the Covenant of Habitability

Comment: This bill would require landlords to provide alternative housing and prohibit the eviction of tenants during repairs when landlords are found to have breached the covenant of habitability.

REAL ESTATE

MORTGAGES

LR: 2717 Sponsor: Representative Ankeles, D of Brunswick

Title: An Act to Protect Distressed Mortgage Holders from Fraud

Comment: This bill would require mortgage servicers to send a 2nd demand letter to distressed mortgage holders 6 months after the first demand letter is sent and would amend the required contents of the letter to include information regarding frauds perpetrated upon mortgage holders.

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LABOR AND HOUSING

COMPENSATION

MINIMUM WAGE

LR: 2644 Sponsor: Representative Drinkwater, G of Milford

Title: An Act to Pay Agricultural Workers the State Minimum Wage

Comment: This bill would require the state minimum wage to be paid to agricultural workers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2891 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

Potential JR 217: LD 398 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

LR: 2784 Sponsor: Representative Geiger, V of Rockland

Title: An Act to Change the Minimum Wage to a Living Wage

Comment: This bill would increase the minimum wage to an amount determined using the Living Wage Calculator developed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and subsequently indexed to the Consumer Price Index.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1376 Representative Collings, B

LR: 2891 Sponsor: Speaker Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act to Include Farm Workers in the Laws Establishing Minimum Wage Rates and Overtime Restrictions

Comment: This bill would provide that agricultural employees and seasonal farm employees are covered by the laws that place limits on mandatory overtime and the laws that set a minimum wage and overtime rate.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2644 Representative Drinkwater, G

Potential JR 217: LD 398 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

LR: 2892 Sponsor: Representative Landry, S of Farmington

Title: An Act to Exclude Seasonal Volunteer Ski Patrollers and Seasonal Volunteer Ski Ambassadors and Hosts at Ski Areas from the Minimum Wage Laws

Comment: This bill would exclude seasonal volunteer ski patrollers and seasonal volunteer ski ambassadors and hosts at ski areas from the minimum wage laws.

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

LEAVE

LR: 2769 Sponsor: Representative Lemelin, M of Chelsea

Title: An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Earned Paid Leave

Comment: This bill would amend the earned paid leave law to allow an employee to carry over earned paid leave from one year to the next. As that leave is used, the employee would have an opportunity to increase earned paid leave back up to 40 hours.

LR: 2813 Sponsor: Representative Faulkingham, B of Winter Harbor

Title: An Act to Encourage Business Growth and Improve Employment Benefits by Implementing a Voluntary Paid Medical Leave Program

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EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

LEAVE

Comment: This bill would implement a voluntary paid medical leave program.

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

MINORS

LR: 2645 Sponsor: Representative Light Lookner, G of Portland

Title: An Act to Update Child Labor Laws to Allow Individuals Who Appeared in Monetized Online Videos as Minors to Seek Deletion of Content and to Require Trust Accounts to Be Established for Such Minors

Comment: This bill would allow an individual who was a minor engaged in the work of video blogging to request the permanent deletion of any video segment including the likeness, name or photograph of the individual from any online platform that provided compensation to the individual's parent in exchange for that video content. It would provide that a video blogger who features a minor in a specified amount of the video blogger's content shared on an online platform must set aside a specified amount of gross earnings on the video content in a trust account to be preserved for the benefit of the minor upon the minor's reaching the age of majority. It would provide for the requirements of the trust account and define terms.

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

WORK ENVIRONMENT

LR: 2617 Sponsor: Speaker Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act to Enact a Farm Worker Bill of Rights

Comment: This bill would establish certain rights for farm workers.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 525 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 321 Senator Tipping, M

Potential JR 217: LD 398 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

LR: 2946 Sponsor: Speaker Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act to Create the Commission of Inquiry on Labor and Land Justice

Comment: This bill would create the Commission of Inquiry on Labor and Land Justice to study extractive labor performed by African Americans, Native Americans, migrant farmers and low-income Maine residents and land practices related to extractive labor.

HOUSING

ASSISTANCE

LR: 2921 Sponsor: Senator Chipman, B of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Address Maine's Affordable Housing Crisis

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ASSISTANCE

Comment: This bill would provide \$50,000,000 in one-time funds for fiscal year 2024-25 to create more units of affordable housing in the State to be administered by the Maine State Housing Authority. This bill would also require 500 additional rental assistance vouchers to be issued by the Maine State Housing Authority. This bill would also allow more smaller units of housing to be built by not allowing the minimum size requirement for housing units to be higher than the state minimum.

LR: 2938 Sponsor: Representative Golek, C of Harpswell

Title: An Act to Improve the Housing Voucher System

Comment: This bill would require the Maine State Housing Authority to collect the data necessary to request a waiver of the fair market rents set by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development so that the Maine State Housing Authority or a local housing authority may enter into contracts with landlords at the highest rent allowed.

LR: 2962 Sponsor: Senator Tipping, M of Penobscot

Title: An Act to Assist First-time Home Buyers by Increasing Assistance Available from the Maine State Housing Authority

Comment: This bill would require the income and purchase price thresholds for the Maine State Housing Authority's first-time home buyer program to be linked to inflation and would increase the assistance amount to \$7,000.

LR: 2966 Sponsor: Senator Nangle, T of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Remove Barriers to Heating Assistance for Low-income and Moderate-income Maine Residents

Comment: This bill would increase the income eligibility threshold for heating assistance to a maximum of \$55,000 as well as ensure timely payments to Maine businesses and residents in the heating assistance program.

HOUSING

REGULATION

LR: 2803 Sponsor: Senator Pouliot, M of Kennebec

Title: An Act to Increase Housing Options in Maine

Comment: This bill would require licensure for off-site home installation.

HOUSING

STATE FUNDED

LR: 2752 Sponsor: Senator Daughtry, M of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Create Workforce Housing to Promote Economic Development in Maine

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Comment: This bill would create a loan fund administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development to create workforce housing for Maine employers who are having difficulty recruiting and retaining employees due to the lack of housing that is affordable to certain wage earners. The fund would provide 0% financing to community banks that underwrite the funds on behalf of the program.

LABOR RELATIONS

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

LR: 2869 Sponsor: Representative Roeder, A of Bangor

Title: An Act to Strengthen Firefighters' Collective Bargaining Rights

Comment: This bill would increase firefighter recruitment and retention rates by strengthening firefighters' collective bargaining rights.

LR: 2912 Sponsor: Senator Tipping, M of Penobscot

Title: An Act to Improve Maine's Labor Laws by Changing the Laws Governing Collective Bargaining Elections for Certain Public Employees

Comment: Current law allows municipal employees in a collective bargaining unit to have an election to be represented by a certain labor organization as their collective bargaining agent if, after examining the demonstration of majority support, the Maine Labor Relations Board finds majority support for the organization to be in question. For judicial, state and higher education public employees and employers, current law allows the public employer to request an election from the Maine Labor Relations Board in order to determine whether the organization indeed represents a majority of the members in the collective bargaining unit. This bill would extend the current law applying to municipal employees and employers to judicial, state and higher education public employees and employers.

LABOR RELATIONS

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

LR: 2956 Sponsor: Senator Carney, A of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Enhance Employer and Employee Harmony on Certain State-assisted Projects

Comment: This bill would require a party that enters into a contract supported in whole or in part by aid granted by the State or a municipality for constructing, altering, repairing, furnishing or equipping a building, a public works project or an energy project to enter into an employer-employee harmony agreement under which the employer agrees to be neutral during a union organizing campaign and other union activities.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING

STANDARDS

LR: 2823 Sponsor: Representative Malon, II, M of Biddeford

Title: An Act to Ensure That Manufactured Housing May Be Built on Lots Where Single-family Dwellings Are Allowed

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MANUFACTURED HOUSING STANDARDS

Comment: This bill would allow manufactured housing to be built on lots where single-family dwellings are allowed.

STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FIREFIGHTERS

LR: 2851 Sponsor: Senator Grohoski, N of Hancock

Title: An Act to Improve Retention of State Employees Who Are Firefighters

Comment: This bill would remove the age requirement in the retirement plan for full-time state employees who work as firefighters. The current retirement plan requires 25 years of service and states that an employee must be a minimum of 55 years of age in order to be eligible.

STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM JUDICIAL RETIREMENT

LR: 2937 Sponsor: Representative Greenwood, R of Wales

Title: An Act to Create Equity Between Certain Members of the Judicial Branch and the Executive Branch Regarding Maine State Retirement

Comment: This bill would authorize deputy judicial marshals in the judicial branch to join a retirement plan that is substantially similar to the 1998 Special Plan for certain executive branch employees.

STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM MEMBERSHIP

LR: 2871 Sponsor: Representative Crafts, L of Newcastle

Title: An Act to Create the Central Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services Authority

Comment: This bill would create the Central Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services Authority for the purpose of allowing emergency medical services workers in central Lincoln County to participate in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 882 Representative Salisbury, S

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MARINE RESOURCES

COMMERCIAL FISHING

LICENSES

LR: 2785 Sponsor: Senator Moore, M of Washington
Title: An Act to Authorize Medical Waivers for Menhaden Fishing Licenses
Comment: This bill would add menhaden fishing licenses to the current law authorizing the Commissioner of Marine Resources to issue certain commercial fishing licenses on appeal if a substantial illness or medical condition prevented the applicant from meeting certain eligibility requirements.

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LEGISLATURE COMMITTEES

LR: 2739 Sponsor: Representative Madigan, C of Waterville
Title: An Act to Require Health Care and Substance Use Disorder Legislation to Be Supported by Relevant Data and Analysis
Comment: This bill would require a legislative joint standing committee to request the Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention or other relevant state agency or public health organization to provide relevant testimony, data and analysis for every bill regarding health matters, including substance use disorder matters.

LEGISLATURE PROCEDURES

LR: 2955 Sponsor: Representative Greenwood, R of Wales
Title: An Act to Establish the Process for the Selection of Delegates for a Convention Called Under Article V of the United States Constitution
Comment: This bill would clarify the process for selecting delegates for a convention proposing amendments to the United States Constitution and clarify restrictions on delegate actions.

LEGISLATURE STUDIES

LR: 2737 Sponsor: Representative Madigan, C of Waterville
Title: An Act to Require Compensation for Persons with Lived Experience Participating in Legislative and State Studies and Commissions
Comment: This bill would require compensation, including compensation for travel, time spent and child care, for those persons with lived experience participating in legislative and state studies and commissions.

MUNICIPALITIES ORDINANCES

LR: 2942 Sponsor: Representative Rana, A of Bangor
Title: An Act to Standardize Municipal Public Health Policies
Comment: This bill would require municipal standards and protocols that relate to public health to be standardized in accordance with state policy and the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention qualifications. The bill would prevent municipalities from creating ordinances and regulations that contradict the best practice recommendations of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

MUNICIPALITIES PERSONNEL

LR: 2828 Sponsor: Representative Walker, M of Naples

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PERSONNEL

Title: An Act to Assist Municipalities to Maintain Safe Public Ways

Comment: This bill would allow municipal public works departments to employ drivers who hold Class C licenses to operate certain municipal vehicles under certain conditions if those drivers successfully complete training equivalent to emergency vehicle operation training.

MUNICIPALITIES

SERVICES

LR: 2655 Sponsor: Senator Beebe-Center, A of Knox

Title: An Act to Eliminate Certain Reporting Requirements for Special Districts

Comment: This bill would eliminate the requirement for special districts, including districts established for the purposes of providing water, sewer, electric, educational, health, transportation, solid waste management, parking or recreation services or any other public purpose, to file an annual report of their total outstanding debt.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2843 Representative Riseman, W

LR: 2843 Sponsor: Representative Riseman, W of Harrison

Title: An Act to Repeal Reporting Requirements for Special Districts Regarding Outstanding Debt

Comment: This bill would repeal the annual reporting requirements for special districts regarding the outstanding debt of the special districts.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2655 Senator Beebe-Center, A

MUNICIPALITIES

TAX EXPENDITURES

LR: 2640 Sponsor: Representative Hepler, A of Woolwich

Title: An Act to Repeal the Law Relating to Payments from the Town of Georgetown for MacMahan Island

Comment: This bill would repeal the law requiring the Town of Georgetown to expend 20% of the taxes collected from MacMahan Island residents for municipal purposes for the benefit of those residents.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2887 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Improve Public Sector Workers' Rights

Comment: This bill would improve public sector workers' rights.

LR: 2890 Sponsor: Representative Gattine, D of Westbrook

Title: An Act to Address Chronic Understaffing of State Positions

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Comment: This bill would propose measures to address understaffing of state positions through job vacancy reports, work with bargaining agents, improvements to the hiring process, changes in compensation and outside evaluation of recruitment and retention issues.

STATE GOVERNMENT

AGENCY REGULATION

LR: 2642 Sponsor: Senator Timberlake, J of Androscoggin

Title: An Act to Eliminate State Agency Review of Program Evaluation Reports Prior to Release of Reports to the Government Oversight Committee

Comment: This bill would eliminate the requirement that the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability provide a draft of a program evaluation report to the evaluated state agency prior to releasing the report to the Government Oversight Committee.

LR: 2643 Sponsor: Senator Timberlake, J of Androscoggin

Title: An Act to Repeal the Law Requiring Initiation of Agency Routine Technical Rule-making Proceedings upon Receipt of a Petition of 150 Voters

Comment: This bill would repeal the law requiring a state agency to initiate routine technical rule-making proceedings upon receipt of a petition submitted by 150 or more registered voters.

STATE GOVERNMENT

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

LR: 2793 Sponsor: Representative Andrews, J of Paris

Title: An Act to Require Constitutional Officers to Complete Sexual Harassment Training

Comment: This bill would require constitutional officers to attend and complete a course of education and training regarding sexual harassment.

STATE GOVERNMENT

LAND CONVEYANCES

LR: 2742 Sponsor: Representative Davis, Jr., K of East Machias

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Conduct an Environmental Assessment of Certain Real Property in Machiasport

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to conduct an environmental assessment of a 9.5-acre parcel in Machiasport and report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

STATE GOVERNMENT

PURCHASES

LR: 2882 Sponsor: Senator Grohoski, N of Hancock

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PURCHASES

- Title: An Act to Ensure Determinations Made by the State Are Free from Unethical, Unsafe or Illegal Interference by Artificial Intelligence
- Comment: This bill would prohibit the State and any agency of the State from funding or using software employing any advanced systems of artificial intelligence such as Chat Generative Pre-trained Transformer, or ChatGPT, in a decision-making process unless the software conforms to ethical, legal and safety standards that ensure that the software can provide explicable, transparent decision-making that guarantees that the State controls the behavior of the software in ways that enable the State to fully comply with its legal requirements and guarantees all citizens affected by the software accessible and affordable ways to understand, review and appeal decisions made by the system. The bill would also require the State to establish and fund an ongoing commission to investigate ways in which it may, in collaboration with governments of other states, municipalities and countries and other organizations, promote access to ethical, safe and affordable forms of advanced artificial intelligence, for itself and its citizens, to allow them to effectively fulfill their governmental and civic obligations; guarantee their rights under the law; and advance their economic, cultural and ecological well-being while evading the threat of advanced artificial intelligence systems.

STATE GOVERNMENT

STATE COMMEMORATIONS

- LR: 2669 Sponsor: Representative Sachs, M of Freeport
- Title: Resolve, to Add Legislators to the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission
- Comment: This resolve would add Legislators to the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission, which was established to develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America.
- Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2745 Speaker Talbot Ross, R
- LR: 2685 Sponsor: Representative Soboleski, M of Phillips
- Title: An Act to Move Patriot's Day to Election Day
- Comment: This bill would move Patriot's Day to election day.
- LR: 2727 Sponsor: Senator Daughtry, M of Cumberland
- Title: Resolve, to Initiate the Procedures to Request the United States Congress's Joint Committee on the Library to Replace 2 Statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection
- Comment: This resolve would direct the replacement of the statues of Governor William King and Hannibal Hamlin with statues of Joshua Chamberlain and Cornelia "Fly Rod" Crosby in the National Statuary Hall Collection.
- LR: 2745 Sponsor: Speaker Talbot Ross, R of Portland
- Title: Resolve, to Increase Participation in the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission

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STATE COMMEMORATIONS

Comment: This resolve would increase the membership of the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission by 10 members and provide all members compensation equal to the legislative per diem rate.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2669 Representative Sachs, M

STATE GOVERNMENT

STATE WORKPLACES

LR: 2733 Sponsor: Representative Montell, K of Gardiner

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to Improve the Health of Persons Working in or Visiting the State House by Increasing the Building's Air Exchange Rate to 20 Percent

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to improve the health of persons working in or visiting the State House by increasing the building's air exchange rate to 20%.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2734 Representative Montell, K

LR: 2734 Sponsor: Representative Montell, K of Gardiner

Title: Resolve, to Protect Legislators, Legislative Workers and the Public from Exposure to Harmful Substances

Comment: This resolve would require an inventory of the State House, the State House-Cross Office Building tunnel and legislative spaces in the Cross Office Building documenting mold, including black mold, as well as asbestos, lead and radon, similar to the inventory currently required for state-owned buildings.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2733 Representative Montell, K

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INCOME TAX

CREDITS

LR: 2728 Sponsor: Representative Jackson, C of Oxford
Title: An Act to Amend the Student Loan Repayment Tax Credit
Comment: This bill would enable eligible borrowers of student loans who are paying back eligible loans to redeem up to \$25,000 in student loan tax credit, with a \$2,500 annual limit, to encourage those borrowers to live and work in the State.

LR: 2772 Sponsor: Senator Rotundo, M of Androscoggin
Title: An Act to Accelerate the Production of Housing and Strengthen the Maine Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit
Comment: This bill would increase the maximum tax credit allowed for certified historic property rehabilitation projects. It would also allow nonprofits that claim the historic preservation tax credit or the affordable housing tax credit to file their refund claims on a calendar year basis.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1810 Representative Terry, M

LR: 2856 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook
Title: An Act to Provide Investment Incentives to Keep the Portland Sea Dogs in the State
Comment: This bill would provide financial incentives to keep the Portland Sea Dogs in Maine, such as a tax credit for capital investment upgrades to the facilities used by the team.

LR: 2902 Sponsor: Representative Terry, M of Gorham
Title: An Act to Enhance the State Child Tax Credit by Establishing the Working Families Child Tax Credit Fund
Comment: This bill would establish the Working Families Child Tax Credit Fund to provide funding to increase the child tax credit. The fund would be funded from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

INCOME TAX

EXEMPTIONS

LR: 2736 Sponsor: Senator Vitelli, E of Sagadahoc
Title: An Act to Support Child Care Workers by Exempting Child Care Worker Subsidies from State Income Tax
Comment: This bill would reduce the federal adjusted gross income of child care workers by an amount equal to the monthly wage supplement for purposes of calculating state income tax. It would not affect a child care worker's income level for purposes of federal taxes or benefits programs.

LR: 2750 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook
Title: An Act to Align Maine Tax Exemption Standards for Religious Organizations with Federal Standards

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Comment: This bill would align the standards in Maine law regarding tax exemptions for religious organizations with federal standards.

INCOME TAX

PRE-TAX ACCOUNTS

LR: 2909 Sponsor: Senator Chipman, B of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Establish an Employer Commuter Benefits Law

Comment: This bill would require employers in the State with 20 or more employees to proactively offer their employees the ability to use pretax earnings for qualified commuter transportation expenses.

INCOME TAX

RATE

LR: 2811 Sponsor: Representative Faulkingham, B of Winter Harbor

Title: An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Income Tax

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing the income tax.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1231 Representative Carmichael, M

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 499 Senator Chipman, B

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 457 Senator Chipman, B

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 803 Representative Perry, J

Potential JR 217: LD 843 Representative Osher, L

Potential JR 217: LD 971 Representative Carmichael, M

Potential JR 217: LD 1671 Representative Ducharme, J

Potential JR 217: LD 1651 Representative Arata, A

Potential JR 217: LD 1638 Senator Brakey, E

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

EXCISE TAX

LR: 2622 Sponsor: Senator Libby, J of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Eliminate the Excise Tax on Certain Recreational Vehicles

Comment: This bill would eliminate the excise tax on recreational vehicles that are hauled.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2950 Representative Faulkingham, B

Potential JR 217: LD 1524 Representative Sampson, H

LR: 2713 Sponsor: Senator LaFountain, D of Kennebec

Title: An Act to Assist Disabled Veterans in Applying for Excise Tax Exemptions

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Comment: This bill would streamline the process between the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and municipalities to allow disabled veterans who receive one or more excise tax exemptions to receive the exemptions without being required to have a disabled veteran registration plate.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2821 Senator Keim, L

LR: 2788 Sponsor: Representative Hepler, A of Woolwich

Title: An Act Regarding Excise Taxes on Antique Automobiles

Comment: This bill would limit the amount of excise tax required to be paid on antique automobiles.

LR: 2821 Sponsor: Senator Keim, L of Oxford

Title: An Act to Allow Disabled Veterans to Receive an Excise Tax Exemption Regardless of Whether They Have Disabled Veterans Registration Plates

Comment: This bill would allow disabled veterans without disabled veterans registration plates to receive the same excise tax exemption as those with disabled veteran registration plates.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2713 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2852 Sponsor: Representative Lemelin, M of Chelsea

Title: An Act to Exempt Motor Vehicles of Active Duty Service Members Stationed Out-of-state from Excise Tax

Comment: Current law provides an exemption from the excise tax imposed on motor vehicles owned by a person on active duty serving in the United States Armed Forces who is stationed in the State. This bill would extend that exemption to a person on active duty who is stationed outside of the State or deployed for military service for more than 180 days annually.

LR: 2950 Sponsor: Representative Faulkingham, B of Winter Harbor

Title: An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Excise Tax on Camper Trailers

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing the excise tax on camper trailers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2622 Senator Libby, J

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

LOGGING AND MEALS TAXES

LR: 2725 Sponsor: Representative Lanigan, L of Sanford

Title: An Act to Eliminate the Lodging Tax for Maine Seniors

Comment: This bill would exempt Maine residents 65 years of age and older from the imposition of a lodging tax by hoteliers.

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MOTOR FUEL TAX

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LR: 2770 Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot

Title: An Act to Refund Gasoline Taxes Paid by Nonprofit Transportation Providers

Comment: This bill would provide that taxes on gasoline paid by nonprofit organizations that have contracts with federal, state, county or local governments to provide transportation are refundable to the nonprofit organization.

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

SERVICE PROVIDER TAX

LR: 2726 Sponsor: Representative Lanigan, L of Sanford

Title: An Act to Eliminate the Taxation on Certain Senior Housing

Comment: This bill would include an exemption from the service provider tax for residential care facilities and private nonmedical institutions for the provision of housing services to individuals 65 years of age and older.

PROPERTY TAX

ABATEMENTS

LR: 2694 Sponsor: Senator Timberlake, J of Androscoggin

Title: An Act Regarding the Poverty Abatement Timeline

Comment: This bill would align the deadline for filing an application for poverty abatement, which may be filed up to 3 years from the date of commitment, with the timeline of the foreclosure process, in which liens automatically foreclose 18 months from the date of filing.

PROPERTY TAX

COLLECTION

LR: 2709 Sponsor: Representative Bridgeo, W of Augusta

Title: An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Create Lakefront Protection Improvement Districts

Comment: This bill would allow municipalities to create lakefront protection improvement districts and impose a property tax surcharge.

PROPERTY TAX

EXEMPTIONS

LR: 2653 Sponsor: Senator Reny, C of Lincoln

Title: An Act to Clarify the Property Tax Exemption for Air Pollution Control Facilities

Comment: This bill would specifically exclude from eligibility for a property tax exemption those facilities that store spent nuclear fuel and nuclear waste.

PROPERTY TAX

FAIRNESS CREDIT

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FAIRNESS CREDIT

LR: 2768 Sponsor: Representative Bridgeo, W of Augusta

Title: An Act Regarding Certain Disabled Veterans and the Property Tax Fairness Credit

Comment: This bill would classify a disabled veteran who has been determined to be individually unemployable by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as 100% permanently and totally disabled for purposes of the property tax fairness credit.

LR: 2963 Sponsor: Senator Tipping, M of Penobscot

Title: An Act to Assist Residents of the State Who Have High Rents

Comment: This bill would expand the current property tax fairness credit program to increase the amount of relief available to residents who rent.

PROPERTY TAX

FARM AND OPEN SPACE TAX

LR: 2848 Sponsor: Representative Terry, M of Gorham

Title: An Act to Amend the Recapture Penalty Imposed Under the Farm and Open Space Tax Law

Comment: This bill would make changes to the recapture penalty imposed when land is withdrawn from classification under the farm and open space tax law program.

PROPERTY TAX

RELIEF

LR: 2779 Sponsor: Senator Black, R of Franklin

Title: An Act to Reestablish the Property Tax Stabilization Program for Senior Citizens

Comment: This bill would reestablish the property tax stabilization program for senior citizens discontinued by Public Law 2023, chapter 412 and update its eligibility requirements.

LR: 2842 Sponsor: Representative Russell, R of Verona Island

Title: An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief

Comment: This bill would amend the property tax fairness credit to provide increased property tax relief.

LR: 2900 Sponsor: Representative Russell, R of Verona Island

Title: An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Municipal Property Tax Deferral Programs

Comment: This bill would eliminate the requirement that interest be paid by seniors to the State on tax deferred under municipal property tax deferral programs.

LR: 2922 Sponsor: Representative Perry, J of Bangor

Title: An Act to Decrease Property Taxes Through the Property Tax Deferral Program and Homestead Exemption Reimbursement to Municipalities

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PROPERTY TAX

RELIEF

Comment: This bill would remove income and asset restrictions in the property tax deferral program and increase homestead exemption reimbursement to municipalities.

PROPERTY TAX PROCEDURES

MUNICIPALITIES

LR: 2718 Sponsor: Representative Ankeles, D of Brunswick

Title: An Act Regarding the Property Value Reassessment Process

Comment: This bill would address property tax value reassessment, including reassessments of mobile homes and working waterfronts as well as the data used in the reassessments.

LR: 2833 Sponsor: Representative Malon, II, M of Biddeford

Title: An Act to Allow Municipalities to Use Land Value Taxation

Comment: This bill would allow municipalities, as an alternative to the usual model of property taxation, to use land value taxation, which is a levy based on the value of the land itself, not buildings or improvements. This would be an option for municipalities, not a requirement. The bill would provide an exemption for land currently protected under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law, farm and open space tax laws and working waterfront land tax laws.

LR: 2929 Sponsor: Senator Pierce, T of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Support Municipalities by Repealing the Law Limiting the Municipal Property Tax Levy

Comment: This bill would repeal the law limiting the municipal property tax levy.

SALES AND USE TAX

EXEMPT ITEMS

LR: 2846 Sponsor: Senator Brakey, E of Androscoggin

Title: An Act to Address Inflation by Eliminating the Sales Tax on Gold and Silver Coinage and Bullion, Establishing Home Energy Savings Accounts, Increasing the Personal Needs Allowance for Seniors in Residential Care and Nursing Facilities and Requesting an Audit of the Federal Reserve

Comment: This bill would address the problem of inflation by eliminating the state sales tax on gold and silver coinage and bullion; increasing the personal needs allowance for seniors in residential care and nursing facilities and providing an inflation adjustment for that allowance; establishing home energy savings accounts that allow account holders to save up to \$5,000 annually per household, with that amount to be increased annually by the inflation rate and exempt from the state income tax, for the purpose of paying for home electricity, heating and weatherization expenses; and directing the constitutional officers, on behalf of the Legislature, to send a letter to the Maine congressional delegation requesting their support for a full audit of the Federal Reserve Bank.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1873 Senator Brakey, E

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 587 Senator Brakey, E

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Potential JR 217: LD 1051 Senator Brakey, E

Potential JR 217: LD 1147 Senator Brakey, E

SALES AND USE TAX

EXEMPT PURCHASERS

LR: 2859 Sponsor: Representative White, B of Waterville

Title: An Act to Provide a Sales Tax Exemption to Incorporated Nonprofit Member Organizations to Promote Career and Technical Education

Comment: This bill would provide a sales tax exemption to incorporated nonprofit member organizations if the primary purpose of the organization is to assist a statewide organization of career and technical education administrators to promote career and technical education through the exchange of information among career and technical education administrators.

LR: 2926 Sponsor: Senator Guerin, S of Penobscot

Title: An Act to Allow Nonprofit Organizations with Multiple Purposes to Receive Maine Tax Benefits

Comment: This bill would allow nonprofit organizations with multiple purposes to receive Maine tax benefits similar to those received by single-purpose nonprofit organizations.

SALES AND USE TAX

ITEMS TAXED

LR: 2945 Sponsor: Speaker Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act to Remove the Exemption from Sales and Use Tax for Automobiles Purchased for Use as Rentals

Comment: This bill would remove the exemption from sales and use tax for automobiles, and parts or accessories related to those automobiles, purchased or used by persons engaged in the business of renting automobiles.

Potential JR 217: LD 1946 Representative Moonen, M

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BUSES

SCHOOL BUSES

LR: 2822 Sponsor: Senator Stewart, T of Aroostook
Title: An Act to Require Flame-retardant Seats on School Buses Manufactured After 2024
Comment: This bill would require all school buses manufactured after 2024 to be equipped with flame-retardant seats.

MOTOR VEHICLES

ALTERNATIVE

LR: 2885 Sponsor: Representative Morris, J of Turner
Title: An Act to Enhance Legislative Oversight of Rules Regulating Electric Vehicles
Comment: This bill would designate rules regarding electric vehicles as major substantive rules.

MOTOR VEHICLES

NUMBER PLATES

LR: 2934 Sponsor: Senator Chipman, B of Cumberland
Title: An Act to Allow the Secretary of State to Issue General Issuance License Plates
Comment: This bill would allow the Secretary of State to issue general issuance license plates every 10 years. The general issuance license plates would be a plain background color with a different color for the numbers and letters. The colors would be chosen by the Secretary of State.

LR: 2952 Sponsor: Representative Greenwood, R of Wales
Title: An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Issue a Gadsden Flag License Plate
Comment: This bill would authorize the Secretary of State to issue a Gadsden flag license plate as a specialty plate.

LR: 2954 Sponsor: Representative Carlow, N of Buxton
Title: An Act Authorizing the Secretary of State to Issue Commemorative License Plates in Honor of America's Semiquincentennial
Comment: This bill would authorize the Secretary of State to issue commemorative license plates in honor of America's semiquincentennial.

ROADS

BRIDGES

LR: 2614 Sponsor: Representative Strout, T of Harrington
Title: Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Roque Bluffs
Comment: This resolve would rename the Englishman River Bridge on Johnson Cove Road in the Town of Roque Bluffs Hope's Bridge.

LR: 2824 Sponsor: Representative Malon, II, M of Biddeford

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ROADS

BRIDGES

Title: Resolve, to Rename the Bridge Connecting Main Street in Biddeford to Main Street in Saco the General Wallace H. Nutting Memorial Bridge

Comment: This resolve would rename the bridge connecting Main Street in Biddeford to Main Street in Saco the General Wallace H. Nutting Memorial Bridge.

ROADS

NAMING

LR: 2639 Sponsor: Representative Hepler, A of Woolwich

Title: Resolve, Designating Route 127 in Arrowsic as the Private Merwin A. Delano Memorial Highway

Comment: This bill would designate Route 127 in Arrowsic as the Private Merwin A. Delano Memorial Highway.

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

AGENCY STORES

LR: 2638 Sponsor: Senator Daughtry, M of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Update the Number of Agency Liquor Stores Allowed in a Municipality

Comment: This bill would allow 7 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 10,000 but less than 20,001. It would also allow the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to issue one additional agency liquor store license beyond those otherwise authorized in a municipality with a population of less than 15,000.

CANNABIS

ADULT USE AND MEDICAL CANNABIS

LR: 2628 Sponsor: Representative Boyer, Jr., D of Poland

Title: An Act to Remove the Universal Symbol Requirement for Edible Cannabis Products

Comment: This bill would remove the requirement for edible cannabis products to be marked with a universal symbol.

LR: 2812 Sponsor: Representative Faulkingham, B of Winter Harbor

Title: An Act to Prohibit Noncitizen Participation in the Cannabis Industry

Comment: This bill would prohibit noncitizen participation in the cannabis industry.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2862 Representative Andrews, J

LR: 2862 Sponsor: Representative Andrews, J of Paris

Title: An Act to Combat Racketeering by Foreign Organizations in Maine Cannabis Markets

Comment: This bill would establish laws based on the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act to investigate and prosecute foreign organizations acting in a pattern of racketeering to cultivate, traffic and sell illegal cannabis.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2812 Representative Faulkingham, B

CANNABIS

ADULT USE CANNABIS

LR: 2903 Sponsor: Representative Soboleski, M of Phillips

Title: An Act to Provide Investigative Authority to the Maine State Police, Sheriffs and Local Police Regarding Maine's Recreational Cannabis Laws and Ordinances to Ensure Proper Enforcement

Comment: This bill would provide investigative authority to the Maine State Police, sheriffs and local police regarding Maine's recreational cannabis laws and ordinances to ensure proper enforcement.

ELECTIONS

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

LR: 2875 Sponsor: Representative Cloutier, K of Lewiston

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ELECTIONS

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Title: An Act to Provide Greater Parity in Campaign Financing by Including Child Care as an Allowable Expense

Comment: This bill would provide greater parity between traditionally funded political campaigns and publicly financed political campaigns by allowing child care as an allowable expense under the Maine Clean Election Act.

GAMBLING

OFF-TRACK BETTING

LR: 2841 Sponsor: Representative Collings, B of Portland

Title: An Act to Clarify the Eligibility of an Off-track Betting Facility to Receive Funding When the Facility Is Sold or Relocates

Comment: This bill would clarify the eligibility of an off-track betting facility to receive funding from the Fund to Stabilize Off-track Betting Facilities when the facility is sold or moves to a different location.

LOBBYISTS

PROCEDURES

LR: 2877 Sponsor: Senator Hickman, C of Kennebec

Title: An Act to Increase Transparency in State Government by Expanding the Definition of "Lobbying" to Include Influencing the Procurement of Goods and Services and to Include Supporting or Opposing the Adoption of a Rule of a Department or Agency of the State

Comment: This bill would expand the definition of "lobbying" to include influencing the procurement of goods and services and supporting or opposing the adoption of a rule of a department or state agency.

MILITARY FORCES

TRAINING

LR: 2618 Sponsor: Representative Osher, L of Orono

Title: An Act to Prohibit Paramilitary Training Camps

Comment: This bill would prohibit unauthorized military training.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2624 Representative Light Lookner, G

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2626 Senator Baldacci, J

LR: 2624 Sponsor: Representative Light Lookner, G of Portland

Title: An Act to Ban Paramilitary Training Camps

Comment: This bill would prohibit paramilitary training camps.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2618 Representative Osher, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2626 Senator Baldacci, J

LR: 2626 Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot

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MILITARY FORCES

TRAINING

Title: An Act to Prohibit Paramilitary Training by Unauthorized Persons

Comment: This bill would prohibit training by unauthorized persons in the use, application or making of a firearm, explosive or incendiary device that is done in furtherance of civil disorder.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2618 Representative Osher, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2624 Representative Light Lookner, G

VETERANS

SERVICES

LR: 2944 Sponsor: Speaker Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act Regarding Quality of Care for Maine's Veterans

Comment: This bill would amend the law regarding the quality of care for veterans in Maine.

VETERANS

VETERANS HOMES

LR: 2613 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Strengthen Maine Veterans' Homes with Increased and Ongoing Funding

Comment: This bill would increase funding for Maine Veterans' Homes by providing a sustainable, ongoing source of funding and long-term strategies for ensuring all 6 Maine Veterans' Homes stay open, consistent with the Legislature's statutory mandate to keep the homes in Augusta, Bangor, Caribou, Machias, Scarborough and South Paris in continuous operation. The bill would also provide that, in the event of excess funding created by any long-term funding source, additional money may be transferred to the Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 613.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2741 Senator Farrin, B

LR: 2741 Sponsor: Senator Farrin, B of Somerset

Title: An Act to Provide Funding For Maine Veterans' Homes to Support Ongoing Operations

Comment: This bill would provide funding for Maine Veterans' Homes to support ongoing operations.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2613 President Jackson, T

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Bills Carried in Committee		
579	ACF	An Act to Support Farmland Conservation and Transition Planning for Farmers
1989	ACF	Resolve, to Modify the Deed for a Parcel of Property in the Town of Carrabassett Valley to Allow for Workforce Housing
1916	ACF	An Act to Classify Meat and Poultry Products Inspections as Essential Services
1823	ACF	An Act to Respect and Protect the Right to Food
1996	ACF	An Act to Regulate Synthetic Hemp-derived Cannabinoids
650	ACF	An Act to Improve Maine Agriculture and Food Systems
25	ACF	An Act to Provide Indigenous Peoples Free Access to State Parks
1511	ACF	An Act to Update the Laws Governing the University of Maine System's Board of Agriculture and to Rename the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station
1985	ACF	An Act to Authorize Removal of Requirements of Forest Certification Systems from the State's Forest Management Plans
1274	ACF	An Act to Increase Land Access for Historically Disadvantaged Populations
294	ACF	An Act to Include a Tribal Member in the Baxter State Park Authority
1349	ACF	An Act to Review State Lands and Waterways That Have Sacred, Traditional or Other Significance to the Wabanaki People
1886	ACF	Resolve, to Construct a New District Headquarters Building for the Bureau of Forestry in Fort Kent
460	AFA	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Improve Student Success and Workforce Readiness Within the University of Maine System
236	AFA	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Support the Economic Development of the Fishing Industry and the Portland Harbor Dredging Project
416	AFA	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Research and Development and Commercialization
1733	AFA	An Act to Require the Revenue Forecasting Committee to Prepare Economic Impact Statements for Certain Legislation
1982	AFA	An Act Regarding Appropriations and Allocations to Support the State of Maine
1957	AFA	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Invest in Maine's Railroad Infrastructure
1457	AFA	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for a Jail in Caribou
1163	AFA	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Capital Improvements for Arts and Cultural Facilities
646	AFA	An Act to Provide Appropriations and Allocations for the Operations of State Government
1185	AFA	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund
212	AFA	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Upgrade Municipal Culverts at Stream Crossings
1156	AFA	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Promote the Design, Development and Maintenance of Trails for Outdoor Recreation and Active Transportation
367	AFA	An Act to Authorize General Fund Bond Issues to Improve Highways, Bridges and Nonhighway Modes of Transportation
1871	AFA	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Invest in a Green Energy Materials Building at the University of Maine
1074	AFA	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund New Affordable Housing for Low-income Households
450	AFA	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Upgrade and Replace Emergency Alert System Infrastructure of Maine Public

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427	AFA	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Invest in Research, Development and Commercialization in Maine's Marine Technology and Aquaculture Sector
1480	AFA	An Act to Protect Union Wharf and Sustain Maine's Maritime Industries
423	AFA	An Act Making Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government
749	AFA	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Provide a New Dormitory Facility at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics
503	AFA	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund the Maine Community College System
912	AFA	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Restore Historic Community Buildings
1920	AFA	An Act to Authorize a Supplemental Benefit Relief Payment
179	CJPS	An Act to Provide Support for Restorative Justice Practices in Maine
1359	CJPS	An Act to Provide an Opportunity for Resentencing for Individuals Who Were Sentenced for Crimes Committed as Juveniles
913	CJPS	An Act to Support First Responders
1978	CJPS	An Act to Enact the Reentry Success and Earned Time Act
1789	CJPS	An Act to Remove All Marijuana-related Provisions from the Maine Criminal Code and Expunge All Convictions Involving Marijuana
1779	CJPS	An Act to Develop a Continuum of Care for Youth Involved in the Justice System and to Develop Alternatives for Juveniles Incarcerated in Long Creek Youth Development Center
1515	CJPS	An Act to Fund Delivery of Emergency Medical Services
1903	CJPS	Resolve, to Create an Advisory Council to Oversee the Review and Revision of the Maine Criminal Code and Other Statutes Establishing Criminal Offenses
1561	CJPS	An Act to Restore Firearm Rights and Hunting Privileges to Persons Previously Convicted of Certain Nonviolent Felony Crimes
630	CJPS	An Act to Ensure Rural Law Enforcement Services in Maine
288	CJPS	An Act Concerning Housing and Support Services for At-risk Youth and Youth Who Have Committed Juvenile Crimes
911	CJPS	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Law Enforcement Interactions and Tools for Determining Residency During Conflict Resolution
1633	CJPS	An Act to Establish a Community-based Reentry Program in All Department of Corrections Facilities
1514	CJPS	An Act to Provide Safe, Short-term Housing to Individuals Recently Released from Correctional Facilities
931	CJPS	An Act to Expand the State's Workforce by Supporting the Transition from Incarceration to Employment
1742	CJPS	An Act to Enhance the Use of Critical Incident Stress Management Teams and to Require Peer Team Support
808	EDU	An Act to Amend Laws Affecting Tuition at State-approved Schools
2001	EDU	An Act to Establish the African American Studies Advisory Council and Require Funding for African American Studies
1773	EDU	An Act to Increase the State's Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers
254	EDU	An Act to Update the Sex Education and Consent Curriculum
345	EDU	An Act Regarding Educational Policies and Programs
1217	EDU	Resolve, to Create a Pilot Program for Alternative Teacher Certification

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2002	EDU	An Act to Provide Incentives to Schools That Contract for Certain Social Work and Family Therapy Services
19	EDU	An Act to Authorize the National Institute of Funeral Service to Grant Associate Degrees
1402	EDU	An Act to Provide an Additional Allocation in the School Funding Formula to Cover Tax-exempt Property or a Large Economically Disadvantaged Student Population
1284	EDU	An Act to Require Personal Finance to be Taught as a Separate Course to Obtain a High School Diploma
1642	EDU	An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools
1421	EDU	An Act to Provide Funds to the Maine Indian Education School District
1660	ENR	An Act to Provide That Advanced Recycling Facilities Are Subject to Solid Waste Regulation and That Advanced Recycling Does Not Constitute Recycling
1537	ENR	An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Prevention of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution and to Provide Additional Funding
306	ENR	An Act Related to Water
1908	ENR	An Act to Enact the Safe Cosmetics Act
1418	ENR	An Act Concerning Single-use Disposable Water Bottles and Water Refill Stations
295	ENR	An Act Regarding Plastic Pollution
1960	ENR	An Act to Support Farming in Maine by Extending the Deadline for Manufacturers of Products Containing Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Report on Those Products
1009	ENR	An Act Regarding the Reduction and Recycling of Food Waste
865	ENR	An Act to Clarify the Roles and Responsibilities of the Board of Environmental Protection by Adjusting the Requirements for Certain Hearings and for Certain Agencies by Adjusting the Requirements for Cost-Benefit Analysis
1471	ENR	An Act to Amend Provisions of the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act
277	ENR	An Act Regarding Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances
1963	EUT	An Act Regarding the Future of Renewable Energy Transmission in Northern Maine
589	EUT	An Act to Ensure That the Maine Electric Grid Provides Additional Benefits to Maine Ratepayers
1111	EUT	An Act Concerning Contracts and Agreement for Large-scale Water Extraction
1962	EUT	An Act to Limit Utility Shut-offs
1775	EUT	An Act to Establish a Clean Hydrogen Pilot Program
1465	EUT	An Act to Amend the Calculation of Tariff Rates and Billing Credits Under Net Energy Billing
683	EUT	An Act to Reduce Electricity Rates
1889	EUT	An Act to Provide Authorization to Aroostook County to Use the Statewide Radio and Network System
122	EUT	An Act to Authorize the Efficiency Maine Trust to Establish a Program to Support the Uptake of Medium-duty and Heavy-duty Zero-emission Vehicles by Maine Businesses and to Establish a Medium-duty and Heavy-duty Zero-emission Vehicle-to-grid Pilot Project
297	EUT	An Act to Reduce Electric Rate Increases Due to Renewable Energy Credits
412	EUT	An Act to Fully Engage the Efficiency Maine Trust in Mitigating Climate Change by Creating Electrification Programs
2016	EUT	An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Distributed Generation Stakeholder Group
1830	EUT	An Act to Advance Maine's Clean Energy Goals

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1967	EUT	An Act to Support Municipal Franchise Agreements
417	EUT	An Act to Facilitate Net Energy Billing
1606	EUT	An Act to Finance Clean Energy and Infrastructure in Maine
240	EUT	An Act to Increase Public Access to Utilities
699	EUT	An Act to Reduce Future Energy Costs
1932	EUT	An Act to Require Broadband Internet Access Service Providers to Prorate Customer Bills
1956	HCIFS	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Optometrists
1205	HCIFS	An Act Regarding the Scope of Practice of Certified Professional Midwives and Certified Midwives
663	HCIFS	An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome
1533	HCIFS	An Act to Provide for Consistent Billing Practices by Health Care Providers
1832	HCIFS	An Act to Require Reimbursement of Fees for Treatment Rendered by Public and Private Ambulance Services
1577	HCIFS	An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Biomarker Testing
796	HCIFS	An Act Concerning Prior Authorizations for Health Care Provider Services
1407	HCIFS	An Act to Amend the Maine Insurance Code Regarding Payments by Health Insurance Carriers to Providers
1990	HCIFS	An Act to Improve the Licensing Procedure for Certain Social Workers by Removing the Examination Requirement
1165	HCIFS	An Act to Enhance Cost Savings to Consumers of Prescription Drugs
307	HCIFS	An Act to Lower the State's Health Care Costs
1494	HCIFS	An Act to Help Address the Worker Shortage in Behavioral Health Care Services by Allowing Provisional Licensure and Providing for Reimbursement for Out-of-state Licensees
227	HCIFS	An Act Regarding Health Care in the State
1793	HCIFS	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Contract for Discounted Insulin Manufactured and Distributed by Civica Rx
132	HCIFS	An Act to Require Health Insurance Carriers to Provide Coverage for Blood Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances
1921	HCIFS	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding State-chartered Credit Unions
1829	HCIFS	An Act to Reduce Prescription Drug Costs by Requiring Reference-based Pricing
1498	HCIFS	An Act to Create an Advocacy and Complaint Process for Health Care Providers Within the Bureau of Insurance
444	HCIFS	An Act to Designate First Responders and Other Public Safety Professionals as a Special Risk Population for the Purposes of Improving Insurance Coverage for the Effects of Trauma
1740	HCIFS	An Act to Support an Insured Patient's Access to Affordable Health Care with Timely Access to Health Care Prices
75	HHS	An Act to Establish Maximum Contaminant Levels Under the State's Drinking Water Rules to Prohibit Certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances
1114	HHS	An Act to Eliminate the Annual Medical Eligibility Determinations of Need for Families of Children with Disabilities
1575	HHS	An Act to Promote Quality and Innovation in Nursing and Residential Care Facilities
50	HHS	An Act to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect by Developing a System to Ensure Child and Family Well-being
825	HHS	An Act Relating to Transportation Services for MaineCare Members with Multiple Disabilities

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500	HHS	An Act to Improve the Office of the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman
878	HHS	An Act to Improve Child Welfare
744	HHS	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Perform Rate Studies and Rate Determinations for Providers of Certain Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder
838	HHS	An Act to Identify the State's Unidentified Human Remains
821	HHS	Resolve, to Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services
1955	HHS	An Act to Require Hospitals and Hospital-affiliated Providers to Provide Financial Assistance for Medical Care
1675	HHS	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the General Assistance Program Regarding Eligibility, Housing Assistance and State Reimbursement and to Establish a Working Group
1788	HHS	An Act to Establish the Office of the Inspector General of Child Protection
1732	HHS	An Act to Expand the General Assistance Program
251	HHS	Resolve, to Classify Employee Health Insurance as a Fixed Cost for MaineCare Reimbursement in Nursing Facilities
353	HHS	An Act Concerning Substance Use Disorder, Treatment, Recovery, Prevention and Education
906	HHS	An Act to Ensure Physicians Receive Full Diagnostic Test Data Concerning Tick-borne Diseases
1224	HHS	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Seek Federal Approval for Reimbursement of Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services
625	HHS	An Act to Set Aside Funds from Federal Block Grants for Certain Communities
1995	HHS	An Act to Bolster Maine's Workforce and Economy by Increasing Assistance for Parents Pursuing Education and Employment and by Indexing Unemployment Benefits to the Unemployment Rate
857	HHS	An Act to Improve Family Team Meetings in Child Welfare Cases to Ensure Better Outcomes for Children by Providing Adequate Funding
779	HHS	An Act to Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services
1923	HHS	An Act to Provide for Licensing of and Tax Collection from Remote Retail Sellers of Pipe Tobacco and Premium Cigars
328	HHS	An Act to Improve Mental Health in Maine
2009	HHS	An Act to Prevent Abandonment of Children and Adults with Disabilities in Hospitals
1751	HHS	An Act to Maximize Federal Funding in Support of Emergency Medical Services
1426	HHS	An Act to Secure Housing for the Most Vulnerable Maine Residents by Amending the Laws Governing Municipal General Assistance
1827	HHS	An Act to Prevent Closures and Ensure Sustainability of Nursing Facilities, Private Nonmedical Institutions and Residential Care Facilities by Removing So-called Budget Neutrality
619	HHS	An Act to Ensure Coordination of Care for MaineCare Members
299	HHS	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Health and Human Services
1877	HHS	An Act to Reduce the Number of Children Living in Deep Poverty by Adjusting Assistance for Low-income Families
435	HHS	Resolve, to Ensure the Provision of Medically Necessary Behavioral Health Care Services for Children in Their Homes and Communities
1975	HHS	An Act to Implement a Statewide Public Health Response to Substance Use and Amend the Laws Governing Scheduled Drugs
387	HOU	An Act to Promote Affordable Housing by Providing a Tax Exemption for Housing Choice Vouchers

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1752	HOU	Resolve, to Prepare Preapproved Building Types
772	HOU	An Act to Establish a Process to Vest Rights for Land Use Permit Applicants
602	HOU	An Act to Provide Regional Support to Deliver State and Federal Programs to Cities and Towns in the State
1721	HOU	An Act to Create Transitional Housing Communities for Homeless Populations in the State
1867	HOU	An Act to Establish the Community Housing and Rural Development Authority
1257	HOU	An Act to Increase Housing Capacity and Protect the Municipal Tax Base and Working Lands
1976	HOU	An Act to Update the Growth Management Program Laws
887	HOU	An Act to Amend the Regulation of Mobile Home Parks
1294	HOU	An Act to Implement Certain Recommendations of the Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Land Use Regulations and Short-term Rentals
1505	HOU	An Act to Amend the Maine Cooperative Affordable Housing Ownership Act
721	HOU	An Act to Preserve Historic Buildings and Promote Affordable Housing
1864	HOU	An Act to Increase Maine's Housing Supply by Prohibiting Certain Zoning Requirements in Areas Where Public Sewer and Water Infrastructure Are Available and in Designated Growth Areas
1673	HOU	An Act to Encourage Affordable Housing and Mixed-use Development by Establishing a Thriving Corridors Program
337	HOU	An Act to Amend the Regulations of Manufactured Housing to Increase Affordable Housing
1940	HOU	An Act to Promote Consistent Policies within Growth Management Programs in Order to Increase Food Security and Economic Resiliency in Local Communities
1710	HOU	An Act to Establish the Maine Rental Assistance and Guarantee Program and Amend the Laws Regarding Tenants and the Municipal General Assistance Program
1134	HOU	An Act to Improve Housing Affordability by Amending the Definition of "Subdivision" Under the Site Location of Development Laws
1672	HOU	An Act to Establish an Affordable Housing Permitting Process
1787	HOU	Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Convene a Stakeholder Group Tasked with a Comprehensive Overhaul and Modernization of the State Subdivision Statutes
314	HOU	An Act to Establish the Permanent Commission on the Status of Housing in Maine
853	HOU	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to Housing
1998	IDEA	An Act to Transfer the Arch Hangar at the Former Loring Air Force Base to the Loring Air Museum
1815	IDEA	An Act to Protect Maine's Consumers by Establishing an Abuse of Dominance Right of Action and Requiring Notification of Mergers
1806	IDEA	An Act to Require Online Used Car Dealers to Be Licensed
262	IDEA	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Workforce
284	IDEA	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute
1555	IDEA	An Act to Amend the Pine Tree Development Zone Program
1927	IDEA	An Act to Create the Rural Prosperity Council
1994	IDEA	An Act to Provide for Increased Academic Research by Allowing the Gathering of Data or Statistics by Telephone

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1487	IDEA	An Act to Ensure That Residents of the State Have the Right to Repair Their Own Electronic Devices
1911	IDEA	An Act Concerning Automotive Right to Repair
1281	IDEA	An Act to Protect Economic Competitiveness in Maine by Extending the End Date for Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits
1997	IDEA	An Act to Implement Critical Reforms to the Department of Environmental Protection Outlined in the State COVID-19 Reopening Plan
1929	IDEA	An Act to Protect Consumers by Licensing Home Building Contractors
1677	IDEA	An Act Regarding Automotive Right to Repair
1981	IDEA	An Act to Extend and Expand the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund
1716	IDEA	An Act to Establish a Repairability Index for Consumer Electronic Products
377	IDEA	An Act to Relieve Student Debt
977	IFW	Resolve, to Study the Gasoline Tax Allocations for Nonhighway Recreational Vehicles and Make Recommendations for Changes
1919	IFW	An Act to Designate a State Wildlife Sanctuary at Blue Hill Falls
629	IFW	An Act to Improve, Protect and Defend the Individual Civil Right to Bear Arms Through Exemption of Firearms and Ammunition from Taxation
1342	IFW	An Act to Increase Funding for the Prevention and Control of Invasive Aquatic Species
614	IFW	An Act to Provide a Free Antlerless Deer Permit to Certain Landowners Who Allow the Public to Hunt on Their Property
1049	IFW	An Act to Protect Maine's Inland Fisheries from Invasive Fish
163	IFW	An Act to Increase Communication Between the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Lifetime License Holders by Requiring Free License Renewals Under Certain Circumstances
795	IFW	An Act to Clarify Requirements for Moose Hunting Permittees
1865	JUD	An Act Establishing the Maine Sentencing Guidelines Commission
20	JUD	An Act to Further Protect Survivors of Economic Abuse
780	JUD	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Protect Personal Reproductive Autonomy
1835	JUD	An Act to Require the State to Notify Indian Tribes and Indian Nations When New Laws Are Enacted That Need to Be Certified
870	JUD	An Act to Strengthen Freedom of Speech Protections by Extending Laws Against Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation
1490	JUD	An Act to Reduce Rental Housing Costs by Eliminating Additional Fees at or Prior to the Commencement of Tenancy
1596	JUD	An Act to Facilitate the Creation of an Aroostook County Drug Treatment Court
653	JUD	An Act to Support Constitutionally Required Public Defense by Creating the Maine Office of Public Defense Services
1763	JUD	An Act Regarding Trustee Duties to Beneficiaries
91	JUD	An Act to Adopt the National 2022 Amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code
2007	JUD	An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations
1705	JUD	An Act to Give Consumers Control over Sensitive Personal Data by Requiring Consumer Consent Prior to Collection of Data
1576	JUD	An Act to Update the Laws Governing Electronic Device Information as Evidence
1056	JUD	An Act Restricting State Assistance in Federal Collection of Personal Electronic Data and Metadata
1834	JUD	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish an Officer on Tribal Relations
747	JUD	An Act to Require the Probate Court to Report Name Changes to the State Bureau of Identification

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1902	JUD	An Act to Protect Personal Health Data
1771	JUD	An Act Regarding Speedy Trials
1550	JUD	An Act to Authorize the Expungement of Records of Nonviolent Crimes
1937	JUD	An Act to Remove the Confidentiality of the Transportation of Hazardous Materials by Railroad Companies
1696	JUD	An Act to Create a Civil Cause of Action for Persons Suffering Damages Arising from the Sale of Abnormally Dangerous Firearms
1904	JUD	An Act to Enact the Maine Fair Chance Housing Act
1735	JUD	An Act to Safeguard Gender-affirming Health Care
1973	JUD	An Act to Enact the Maine Consumer Privacy Act
748	JUD	An Act to Strengthen the Due Process Rights of Persons in Law Enforcement Custody
1977	JUD	An Act to Create the Data Privacy and Protection Act
738	LBHS	An Act to Establish a Paid Family and Medical Leave System
1152	LBHS	An Act to Make Long-term Disability Insurance Coverage Available to Public Employees
1794	LBHS	An Act to Enhance the Predictability of Mandated Overtime for Pulp or Paper Manufacturing Facility Employees
550	LBHS	An Act to Increase Correctional Officer Salary and Benefits
1424	LBHS	An Act to Remove the Age Requirement for Correctional Staff Retirement Under the 1998 Special Plan
322	LBHS	An Act to Improve the Unemployment Insurance System
324	LBHS	An Act to Prevent the Wrongful Firing of Maine Workers
1496	LBHS	An Act to Prohibit Noncompete Clauses
372	LBHS	An Act to Increase Enforcement and Accountability for Wage and Hour Violations
373	LBHS	An Act to Improve Labor Conditions for Maine Workers
1896	LBHS	An Act to Index Workers' Compensation Benefits to the Rate of Inflation
525	LBHS	An Act to Protect Farm Workers by Allowing Them to Organize for the Purposes of Collective Bargaining
1464	LBHS	An Act to Remove the Waiting Period for Benefits Under Maine's Unemployment Insurance System
926	LBHS	An Act to Improve Maine Public Employees Retirement System Representation
513	LBHS	An Act Regarding Overtime Protections for Certain Maine Workers
1483	LBHS	An Act to Protect the Rights of Agricultural Workers
321	LBHS	An Act to Create a Bill of Rights for Temporary Workers
710	MAR	An Act to Fund the Lobster Legal Defense Fund
370	MAR	An Act to Protect Marine Resources in Maine
2003	MAR	An Act to Protect Access to Maine's Intertidal Zone
1145	MAR	An Act to Create the Southern Maine Coastal Waters Commission
1915	MAR	Resolve, to Establish a Grant Program to Issue Shellfish Licenses to Qualified Disabled Veterans
1667	SLG	An Act Regarding Recommendations for Changing Place Names in the State
983	SLG	An Act to Exempt Maine from Daylight Saving Time
1233	SLG	An Act Regarding the Maine State Cemetery Preservation Commission
380	SLG	An Act Regarding Monhegan Plantation
909	SLG	An Act to Amend the Laws Regulating the Operation of the Legislature

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2011	SLG	An Act Regarding the State Auditor's Reporting Requirements on State Agencies' Financial Activities
1432	SLG	An Act to Amend the Law Governing Racial Impact Statements
360	SLG	An Act to Amend the Androscoggin County Charter
877	SLG	An Act to Prohibit State Contracts with Companies Owned or Operated by the Government of the People's Republic of China
471	SLG	An Act to Make Necessary Changes to State Law
1983	SLG	An Act to Establish the Maine Buy American and Build Maine Act
1948	SLG	An Act to Amend the State's Data Governance Program Regarding Proprietary Data
1409	SLG	An Act to Require Reimbursement When a Municipality Hires First Responders Whose Training Costs Were Incurred by Another Municipality
910	SLG	An Act to Amend the Laws of Maine
371	SLG	An Act to Address Certain Local Zoning Ordinances
1725	SLG	An Act to Strengthen Legislative Oversight of Government Agencies and Programs by Providing the Government Oversight Committee Access to Confidential Records
1538	TAX	An Act to Provide Tax Benefits to Persons Constructing Accessory Dwelling Units
1893	TAX	An Act to Allow a Municipality to Impose a Fee on Short-term Rentals for the Benefit of That Municipality
1075	TAX	An Act to Promote Economic Growth Through Increased Film Incentives
1774	TAX	An Act Exempting Certain Emergency Distributions and Emergency Savings Accounts from Taxation
1231	TAX	An Act to Bring Fairness in Income Taxes to Maine Families by Adjusting the Tax Brackets
1685	TAX	An Act to Increase Acreage Eligibility and Change Requirements for Filing Plans Under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law
1405	TAX	An Act to Change How Adult Use Cannabis Excise Tax Is Calculated
2000	TAX	An Act to Change the Taxation of Rental Tangible Personal Property to Make It Consistent with the Predominant Method in Other States' Rental Industry Laws for Sales and Use Tax
643	TAX	An Act to Promote Research and Development in the State by Increasing the Research Expense Tax Credit
1810	TAX	An Act to Expand the Maine Historic Rehabilitation Credit and Establish a Weatherization Tax Credit
1298	TAX	An Act to Allow a Local Option Sales Tax on Short-term Lodging to Fund Affordable Housing
1891	TAX	An Act to Support Maine Businesses Through a Child Care Tax Credit and a Pass-through Entity Tax
916	TAX	An Act to Establish a Windfall Profits Tax on Electric Utilities to Assist with Residential Heating Costs
1184	TAX	An Act to Exempt Certain Prescribed Home Medical Supplies from Sales Tax
1345	TAX	An Act to Permit Municipalities to Establish by Ordinance a Program for Partial Deferral of Property Taxes for Seniors
1974	TAX	An Act to Reauthorize Maine's New Markets Tax Credit Program
1900	TAX	An Act to Establish a Tax Credit for Employers Who Employ Persons Recovering from Substance Use Disorder
1961	TAX	An Act to Support Potato Processing in Maine
2006	TAX	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Adjustments for Sudden and Severe Disruption of Municipal Valuation
191	TAX	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Business Equipment Tax Benefits
1010	TAX	An Act to Provide Tax Relief for Working Families
1804	TAX	An Act to Provide Transparency and Accountability for Corporate Tax Expenditures
1335	TAX	An Act to Amend the Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens Law

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1873	TAX	An Act to Provide Heating Relief with Tax-free Home Energy Savings Accounts
1648	TAX	An Act to Make Changes to the Farm and Open Space Tax Law
1454	TAX	An Act Regarding the Distribution of Revenue from the Real Estate Transfer Tax
499	TAX	An Act to Change Maine's Tax Laws
803	TAX	An Act Regarding Taxation
1737	TAX	An Act to Provide up to \$5,000 in Property Tax Relief to Veterans
457	TAX	An Act to Amend Maine's Tax Laws
633	TAX	An Act to Dedicate Revenue from Alcohol Tax to Alcohol Use Disorder Treatment
1027	TAX	An Act to Prohibit Local Sales Taxes
1222	TAX	An Act to Expand Child Care Services Through an Employer-supported Tax Credit
1153	TAX	An Act to Allow Municipalities to Tax Personal Solar Energy Equipment Under 5 Megawatts
1337	TAX	An Act to Require a Corporation That Files a Tax Return in the State to File a Tax Disclosure Statement
996	TAX	An Act to Allow a Municipality to Establish a Local Option Sales Tax
1999	TAX	An Act to Ensure the Equitable Treatment of Military Retirement Plan Income
2005	TAX	An Act to Eliminate the Aircraft Excise Tax
1750	TRA	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Complete a Service Plan and Determine the Scope of Work for Restoration of Rail Use of the Berlin Subdivision Rail Corridor from Downtown Portland to Auburn
1455	TRA	An Act to Establish the Weighing Point Preclearance Program
235	TRA	An Act to Promote Economic Development in the Fishing Industry by Funding a Dredging Project in Portland Harbor
932	TRA	An Act Requiring Climate Impact Notes on Proposed Transportation Legislation and Agency Rules
1210	TRA	An Act to Establish a Maine Highway Capital Fund to Provide Consistent Funding for the Construction and Repair of Maine's Roads and Bridges
369	TRA	An Act to Allow Repurposed Military Vehicles to Be Registered and Operated on Maine Roads
527	TRA	An Act to Allow Municipalities to Create Bicycle and Pedestrian Zones with Reduced Speed Limits
401	TRA	An Act to Improve Transportation in Maine
402	TRA	An Act to Change Maine's Transportation Laws
63	TRA	An Act to Clarify That Certain Imported Motor Vehicles Are Not Off-road Vehicles
860	TRA	An Act to Identify the Railroad Lines from Portland to Bangor as a Major Corridor and to Fund a Feasibility Study
1138	TRA	An Act to Improve Work and Family Mobility by Altering and Removing Certain Requirements for Driver's Licenses and Nondriver Identification Cards
875	TRA	An Act to Allow Mini-trucks to Be Operated on Roads in the State
1640	TRA	An Act to Require Industry Training and Certification for Persons Undertaking Corrosion Prevention and Mitigation for Bridges
248	VLA	An Act to Amend the State's Liquor Laws
1819	VLA	An Act to Create the Maine Medical Cannabis Advisory Commission and the Medical Cannabis Alternative Health Board
1530	VLA	An Act to Support Patients by Permitting On-site Consumption of Medical Cannabis and Medical Cannabis Products
1966	VLA	An Act to Allow Candidates for County Office to Participate in the Maine Clean Election Act

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1517	VLA	An Act to Create Equity in the State's Cannabis Industry
1914	VLA	An Act to Enact the Maine Psilocybin Health Access Act
332	VLA	An Act to Amend the State's Election Laws
40	VLA	An Act to Amend the Cannabis Laws
833	VLA	An Act to Prohibit Persons Who Donate to a Governor's Transition Committee and Inaugural Committee from Registering as Lobbyists
246	VLA	An Act to Amend the Campaign Finance Laws
1991	VLA	An Act Regarding Gubernatorial Primary Elections
1590	VLA	An Act to Require Disclosure of Campaign Funding Sources
1944	VLA	An Act Regarding Tribal Gaming
192	VLA	An Act Concerning the Future of Clean Election Funding
1959	VLA	An Act Regarding Open Primary Elections and Ranked-choice Voting
1757	VLA	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Reporting and Tracking of Adult Use Cannabis
48	VLA	An Act to Clarify Provisions of the Cannabis Legalization Act Regarding Labels, Packaging and Testing
1578	VLA	An Act to Adopt an Interstate Compact to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote
1695	VLA	An Act to Provide for the Direct Shipment of Spirits to Consumers
1777	VLA	An Act to Create Economic Opportunity for Wabanaki Nations Through Internet Gaming
1952	VLA	An Act to Allow On-site Cannabis Consumption
1992	VLA	An Act to Legalize Historical Horse Racing and Electronic Beano to Allow Maine Gaming Licensees and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes to Compete with Other Gaming States
2014	VLA	An Act Regarding Spirits Price Regulation
SP0705	VLA	JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING SEPARATE APPLICATIONS TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES CALLING CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS TO CONSIDER REPRESENTATIONAL INTEGRITY AND PROPOSE AMENDMENTS ESTABLISHING TERM LIMITS FOR CONGRESS AND ADDRESSING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Other Bills Carried Over

Bills Carried on the House or Senate Floor

928	ENR	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to a Clean and Healthy Environment
948	EDU	An Act to Create a Liaison Position Between the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services on Early
974	EDU	An Act to Establish Minimum Pay for Educational Technicians and Other School Support Staff
1086	CJPS	An Act to Define the Term "Solitary Confinement" for the Laws Governing a Jail or Correctional Facility
1215	HHS	An Act to End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products
1360	HHS	An Act Requiring Training Regarding and Screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences
1549	EUT	An Act to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Seek Informational Bids Regarding Small Modular Nuclear Reactors in the State
1639	LBHS	An Act to Address Unsafe Staffing of Nurses and Improve Patient Care

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142	EDU	An Act to Fund Climate-related Service Work
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143	EDU	An Act to Support Rural Service Programming and Promote Volunteerism
1573	TAX	An Act to Provide Financial Relief for Certain Volunteers Receiving Certain Education Benefits in Recognition of Their Volunteer Service
794	SLG	An Act to Expand the Membership of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women
1527	EDU	An Act to Promote the Community School Program
1510	EDU	Resolve, to Provide Grants to Promote Innovative Learning Strategies
1162	ACF	An Act to Increase Support for the Community Forestry Fund
1161	HHS	An Act to Fund Free Health Clinics
225	HHS	An Act Regarding Reimbursement to Hospitals for Patients Awaiting Placement in Nursing Facilities
659	HHS	An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism
154	EDU	An Act Regarding Special Education Funding for So-called Minimum Receiver School Administration Units
1064	EDU	An Act to Increase the Minimum Teacher Salary
1096	LBHS	An Act to Provide a Cost-of-living Increase to State Retirees
70	LBHS	An Act to Raise the Cap on Retirement Benefits for State Employees and Teachers to Which a Cost-of-living Adjustment Is Made
287	TAX	An Act to Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Diapers
185	LBHS	An Act to Reduce the Benefit Penalty Imposed on Teachers Who Retire After 35 Years of Service
280	EDU	An Act to Make Maine Schools Safer and Healthier by Increasing the Maximum Debt Service Limit
111	LBHS	An Act Requiring the State to Pay a Share of a Retired State Employee's or Retired Teacher's Premium for Medicare Part B Under Medicare Advantage
1285	ACF	An Act to Extend Funding for the Land for Maine's Future Program
56	ACF	An Act to Provide Free Admission to State Parks and Historic Sites for the Immediate Family Members of Veterans and Active Military Personnel
113	JUD	An Act to Provide Funding for Children's Guardians Ad Litem
1520	EDU	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services to Study Placing Child Care Facilities in Schools
610	LBHS	An Act to Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan to Include Employees Who Work for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner
208	HHS	An Act to Require MaineCare Assessments for Children
93	IDEA	An Act to Ensure Access for All Caregivers to Diaper Changing Stations in State Buildings Open to the Public
591	LBHS	An Act to Require the State to Pay Medicare Premiums for Certain Retired State Employees
186	JUD	An Act to Provide Funding for Prosecutor Positions
1664	HHS	An Act to Increase Reimbursement Under the General Assistance Program
536	HHS	An Act to Provide Natural Organic Reduction Facilities for Maine Residents for the Conversion of Human Remains to Soil
1412	JUD	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Establishing That All Maine Residents Have Equal Rights Under the Law
695	TAX	An Act to Exempt Nonprofit Land Trusts from Sales Tax
223	HHS	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend MaineCare Rules Regarding Pharmacy Services

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348	EDU	An Act to Make Menstrual Products Available in Certain Schools
1478	HHS	An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services
273	EDU	An Act to Provide Funds to the Malaga 1912 Scholarship Fund
1760	LBHS	An Act to Include Certain Crisis Outreach and Crisis Services Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement
1761	LBHS	An Act to Include Certain Mental Health Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement
568	ACF	An Act to Provide Funding for the Fund to Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives
1935	LBHS	An Act to Promote Workforce Development by Establishing a Workforce Development Program
1422	HOU	An Act to End Homelessness and Assist Students Who Are Homeless by Establishing a Rental Subsidy Program
1028	EDU	An Act to Expand the Higher Education Tuition Waiver for Persons Who Have Resided in Foster Care
1718	IDEA	An Act to Encourage Participation in Maine's Essential Support Workforce Through Access to Higher Education
816	HHS	An Act to Provide Integrated Behavioral Health Services to Sexual Violence Survivors
1442	SLG	An Act to Expand Health Insurance Options to Child Care Providers
226	HOU	An Act to Address Maine's Affordable Housing Crisis
580	JUD	An Act to Improve Family Court Procedure
993	ACF	An Act to Facilitate Stakeholder Input Regarding Forest Policy in Maine
210	TAX	An Act to Expand the List of Persons Exempt from the Real Estate Transfer Tax
1769	EDU	An Act Concerning Students Who Experience Educational Disruption Due to Temporary or Permanent Changes Where They Live
1128	EDU	An Act to Address Student Hunger and Nutrition Through Expanded Access to Free Milk in Schools
904	HHS	An Act Supporting the Rural Health Care Workforce in Maine
473	HHS	Resolve, to Expand the Eligibility for and Increase the Number of Hours of Applied Behavior Analysis Services Authorized by the MaineCare Program
938	HHS	An Act to Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds
666	IDEA	An Act to Support Community-based Volunteer Organizations
1450	TRA	An Act to Fund the Recommendations of the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council
787	IDEA	An Act to Create the New Maine Resident Service Coordination Program in the Department of Economic and Community Development
1384	TAX	An Act to Promote Fairness in the Taxation of Adult Use Cannabis
335	EDU	An Act to Improve Educator Certification Response Times
472	HHS	An Act to Support Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects
265	VLA	An Act to Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine
1720	TAX	An Act to Phase Out the Insurance Premium Tax on Annuities
1684	HHS	An Act to Invest in the Health and Wellness of Older Maine Residents by Expanding Coordinated Community Programming
1817	ACF	An Act to Support Outdoor Education by Establishing the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program
426	LBHS	An Act to Amend the Eligibility Criteria for Creditable Service in the Armed Forces of the United States Under the State Retirement System and to Require Specific Reporting
1621	ENR	An Act Regarding Environmental Justice

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936	LBHS	An Act to Require Employers to Disclose Pay Ranges and Maintain Records of Employees' Pay History
1712	HHS	An Act Regarding Driver's Licenses for Individuals in Foster Care
1107	LBHS	Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Improve Access to Credit for Low-income Individuals
577	SLG	An Act to Increase Availability and Security of Election Information on Government Websites
1493	TAX	An Act to Increase Affordable Housing by Expanding Tax Increment Financing
1006	HHS	An Act to Ensure Access to Safe Drinking Water from Household Wells in Rural Areas by Expanding Testing
1942	EDU	An Act to Ensure Equity in Career and Technical Education Staffing Support Ratios Across Varied Regions of the State
829	EDU	An Act to Improve Behavioral Health Support for Students in Public Schools
1529	VLA	An Act to Reform the State's Adult Use Cannabis Seed-to-sale Tracking System to Allow for Canopy Tagging
1139	EDU	An Act to Improve Ferry Service Reliability by Providing Scholarships at the Maine Maritime Academy
1263	EDU	An Act to Require Certain School Identification Cards to Include the Telephone Number of a Suicide and Crisis Hotline
540	HHS	An Act to Establish Peer Respite Centers for Adults with Mental Health Challenges in Maine
997	HHS	Resolve, to Reduce Workforce Barriers for Mental Health Professionals in Maine
1837	HHS	An Act to Increase Oral Health Services
949	LBHS	An Act to Protect Workers from Employer Surveillance
827	LBHS	An Act to Allow Employees to Request Flexible Work Schedules
566	HHS	An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services
1488	HHS	An Act to Expand Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Private Drinking Water Wells
1333	EDU	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Report on School Internet and Student Data Collection Best Practices
505	HHS	An Act to Update Reimbursement Rates for Transportation of Deceased Persons by Funeral Homes
1021	ACF	An Act to Support Research, Education and Outreach Efforts at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory
988	ACF	Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Conduct an Accessibility Study of All Maine State Parks and Historic Sites and to Develop a Plan to Remove Access Barriers
539	HHS	An Act to Provide Substance Use Disorder Counseling for MaineCare Members with an Acquired Brain Injury
1234	CJPS	An Act to Provide Reimbursement for the Health Care Expenses of All Retired Law Enforcement, Corrections and Search and Rescue Dogs
447	EDU	An Act to Support Higher Education in Maine by Providing Funds to Maine's Community Colleges
907	HHS	An Act to Meet the Needs of Individuals with Severe Behavioral Health Diagnoses
871	EDU	An Act to Provide Support for the Maine Discovery Museum's Informal Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education Programs Throughout the State
1863	CJPS	An Act to Facilitate the Provision of Medically Appropriate Levels of Care for Clients of Correctional Facilities
445	HHS	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Apply for a Waiver from the Federal Government for the Medicaid Limitation on Payment to a Facility with More Than 16 Inpatient Beds for Psychiatric Treatment
1375	VLA	An Act to Provide Funding for a Chapel at the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Augusta
1755	TAX	An Act to Exempt Certain Youth Development Nonprofit Organizations from Sales Tax and the Service Provider Tax
220	ACF	An Act to Support Maine's Farmers in the Development of Sustainable Irrigation

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599	HHS	An Act to Provide Support Services for a Transitional Housing Program for Homeless Persons
1100	SLG	Resolve, to Modify Security Screenings in the State House and Implement Security Screenings in the Burton M. Cross Building
1682	ACF	An Act to Create the Maine Experiential Education Program
1236	HHS	Resolve, to Increase the Provision of Children's Behavioral Health Services in Rural Areas to Provide Support for Families of Children Receiving Services
1714	TAX	An Act to Create a Sustainable Funding Source for Recovery Community Centers Using a Percentage of the Adult Use Cannabis Tax Revenue
1492	CJPS	An Act to Increase the Transparency and Accountability of the Maine Information and Analysis Center
1666	HHS	An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Updating the State Supplement and Removing Marriage Disincentives
632	IDEA	An Act to Amend the Social Work Education Loan Repayment Program
1258	TAX	An Act to Increase the Personal Property Tax Exemption for Farm Machinery
1540	HOU	Resolve, to Establish an Eviction Prevention Pilot Program
1276	TAX	An Act to Create and Sustain Jobs and Affordable Housing Through the Development of Cooperatives and Employee-owned Businesses
669	EDU	An Act to Create the Public Art Fund
840	HHS	An Act to Support Individuals with Personality Disorder or Disorders Associated with Primary Emotional Dysregulation by Requiring Reimbursement Under the MaineCare Program
1303	TAX	An Act to Exempt Utility Vehicles Purchased for Qualified Commercial Fishing or Commercial Farming from State Sales Tax
1178	HHS	Resolve, to Reduce Barriers to Recovery from Addiction by Expanding Eligibility for Targeted Case Management Services
1691	VLA	An Act to Provide Parity in State Energy Rate Relief Payments and Tax Exemptions for Maine Cannabis Businesses
1475	TAX	An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Promote Biomanufacturing and Biotechnology Development
1797	IDEA	An Act to Expand Maine's Health Care Workforce by Expanding Educational Opportunities
1190	LBHS	An Act to Require Minimum Pay for Reporting to Work
361	HHS	Resolve, to Review MaineCare Reimbursement for Electronic Consultation Services
1558	HHS	An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies and Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies
504	VLA	An Act Regarding Licensing Fees for Small Slot Machine Distributors
587	HHS	Resolve, to Increase Residential Care and Nursing Facility Residents' Personal Needs Allowances Under the MaineCare Program
1441	ACF	An Act to Enhance State Oversight of Water Use and Water Resources
1177	TRA	An Act to Assess an Impact Fee on Megayachts
1506	HCIFS	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Study the Scarcity of Licensed Clinical Behavioral Health Professionals Across the State
1376	LBHS	An Act to Increase the State Minimum Wage to \$15 per Hour
1535	JUD	An Act to Advance Justice in Sentencing by Amending the Laws Governing the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute

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512	EDU	An Act to Promote Student Enrollment and Degree Completion in the University of Maine System by Providing Tuition Waivers to Eligible Students
1668	SLG	An Act to Provide Staffing for Ongoing Study Commissions During Legislative Sessions and to Support the Work of the Legislature
741	LBHS	An Act to Prohibit Certain Training Repayment Agreements by Employers
355	VLA	An Act to Eliminate the Cannabis Advisory Commission
999	LBHS	An Act to Support Family Caregivers by Expanding Family Medical Leave
1227	ACF	An Act to Balance Renewable Energy Development with Natural and Working Lands Conservation
1792	HHS	Resolve, to Establish the Rural Health Services Task Force
791	ACF	An Act to Support the Maintenance, Preservation and Promotion of Historic Sites
1305	HHS	Resolve, to Design and Implement a Community-based Model of Care for Adolescent Mental Health
1491	EDU	An Act to Establish a Teacher Shortage Coordinator
1857	HHS	Resolve, to Establish a Public Safety Health and Wellness Grant Pilot Program
1301	CJPS	An Act to Examine the Need for Intensive Case Managers and Improve Consistency Among County Jails Regarding Prisoner Attendance at Funerals, Furloughs, Visitation, Education and Discretionary Accounts
1858	HHS	An Act to Ensure Access to Newly Born Male Infant Circumcision by Requiring MaineCare Coverage
1584	HHS	An Act to Provide Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to Restore Benefits Reduced by the Federal Government
1958	TAX	An Act to Revise the Tax Laws Regarding the Mi'kmaq Nation
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1304	HCIFS	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Barriers to Achieving Behavioral Health Integration and Parity

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Sponsor: Representative Andrews, J of Paris

LR: 2774

Title: An Act to Provide Certainty in Interpretation of the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act for Maine Tribes

Comment: This bill would give Maine tribes certainty through changing administrations regarding interpretation of provisions within the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act regarding federal benefits that affect or preempt state law. It would require decisions regarding the Act made by the Governor or the Attorney General to be made in writing and submitted to the appropriate joint standing committee of the legislature for review.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2809 Representative Faulkingham, B

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2959 Senator Carney, A

Potential JR 217: LD 2004 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

LR: 2793

Title: An Act to Require Constitutional Officers to Complete Sexual Harassment Training

Comment: This bill would require constitutional officers to attend and complete a course of education and training regarding sexual harassment.

LR: 2862

Title: An Act to Combat Racketeering by Foreign Organizations in Maine Cannabis Markets

Comment: This bill would establish laws based on the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act to investigate and prosecute foreign organizations acting in a pattern of racketeering to cultivate, traffic and sell illegal cannabis.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2812 Representative Faulkingham, B

Sponsor: Representative Ankeles, D of Brunswick

LR: 2716

Title: An Act Regarding the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station and the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment Financing Fund

Comment: This bill would amend the laws regarding the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment Financing Fund and the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority, including those laws regarding remote workers, program duration, job caps, roads and tax allocations.

LR: 2717

Title: An Act to Protect Distressed Mortgage Holders from Fraud

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Sponsor: Representative Ankeles, D of Brunswick

Comment: This bill would require mortgage servicers to send a 2nd demand letter to distressed mortgage holders 6 months after the first demand letter is sent and would amend the required contents of the letter to include information regarding frauds perpetrated upon mortgage holders.

LR: 2718

Title: An Act Regarding the Property Value Reassessment Process

Comment: This bill would address property tax value reassessment, including reassessments of mobile homes and working waterfronts as well as the data used in the reassessments.

Sponsor: Representative Arford, P of Brunswick

LR: 2756

Title: An Act to Expand Access to Federally Approved Over-the-counter Contraceptives

Comment: This bill would make it clear that state-regulated individual and group health insurance policies must provide coverage for any contraceptive drug, device or product approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for over-the-counter sale without a prescription in the same manner as current law requires for all prescribed contraceptive drugs, devices and products. The bill would require health insurers to provide coverage at the point of sale or through a reimbursement mechanism when point of sale coverage is not available. The bill would require carriers to include an explanation of the coverage provided for any FDA-approved contraceptive drug, device or product purchased over the counter without a prescription in each member's certificate of coverage.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2612 President Jackson, T

LR: 2864

Title: An Act to Enhance Transparency and Informed Decision Making for Subscribers of Maine Community Solar Farms

Comment: This bill would specify the type and format of information that must be provided to residential electricity consumers who participate in, are solicited to participate in or seek information about a net energy billing arrangement for a shared distributed generation resource.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 417 Senator Vitelli, E

Sponsor: Representative Bagshaw, B of Windham

LR: 2918

Title: An Act to Remove the Enrollment Cap on Maine's Virtual Charter Schools

Comment: This bill would remove the enrollment cap on virtual charter schools.

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Sponsor: Representative Bagshaw, B of Windham

Potential JR 217: LD 1741 Representative Bagshaw, B

Sponsor: Senator Bailey, D of York

LR: 2814

Title: An Act to Strengthen Oversight of Municipal Kennels by Changing the Licensing Body of Municipal Kennel Licenses from the Municipality to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Comment: This bill would change the licensing body of municipal kennel licenses from the municipality that the kennel is in to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, which oversees all other kennel licenses. The bill would set forth the requirements for license approval by the department along with a fee structure determined by the number of animals kept. The bill would also give animal welfare agents the authority to inspect municipal kennels and revoke licenses under specific circumstances.

Potential JR 217: LD 157 Representative Perkins, C

Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot

LR: 2626

Title: An Act to Prohibit Paramilitary Training by Unauthorized Persons

Comment: This bill would prohibit training by unauthorized persons in the use, application or making of a firearm, explosive or incendiary device that is done in furtherance of civil disorder.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2618 Representative Osher, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2624 Representative Light Lookner, G

LR: 2646

Title: An Act Authorizing Granting Limited Provisional Licenses to Medical School Graduates

Comment: This bill would allow limited provisional licenses to be granted to medical school graduates.

LR: 2730

Title: An Act to Provide Dental Managed Care

Comment: This bill would require the implementation of a statewide Medicaid prepaid dental health program for children and adults with a choice of at least 2 licensed dental managed care providers.

Potential JR 217: LD 1334 Representative Millett, S

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Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot

LR: 2770

Title: An Act to Refund Gasoline Taxes Paid by Nonprofit Transportation Providers

Comment: This bill would provide that taxes on gasoline paid by nonprofit organizations that have contracts with federal, state, county or local governments to provide transportation are refundable to the nonprofit organization.

LR: 2771

Title: An Act to Create an Affordable Public Health Insurance Option

Comment: This bill would create an affordable public health insurance option that would require a multiyear phase-in.

Potential JR 217: LD 1856 Representative Arford, P

Sponsor: Senator Beebe-Center, A of Knox

LR: 2654

Title: An Act to Repeal the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank Act

Comment: This bill would repeal the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank Act.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2834 Representative Riseman, W

LR: 2655

Title: An Act to Eliminate Certain Reporting Requirements for Special Districts

Comment: This bill would eliminate the requirement for special districts, including districts established for the purposes of providing water, sewer, electric, educational, health, transportation, solid waste management, parking or recreation services or any other public purpose, to file an annual report of their total outstanding debt.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2843 Representative Riseman, W

LR: 2928

Title: An Act to Provide That Persons with Traumatic and Acquired Brain Injuries Are Subject to the Same Eligibility Standards for Certain Medical Programs

Comment: This bill would provide that persons with traumatic and acquired brain injuries are subject to the same eligibility standards for certain medical programs.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 539 Representative Hepler, A

Sponsor: Representative Bell, A of Yarmouth

LR: 2849

Title: An Act to Strengthen Storm Water Infrastructure

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Sponsor: Representative Bell, A of Yarmouth

Comment: This bill would establish the Storm Water Infrastructure Repair and Replacement Fund in the Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of issuing grants to municipalities to repair or replace storm water infrastructure. It would provide funding for grants and one Environmental Engineer position.

Potential JR 217: LD 1570 Representative Ankeles, D

Sponsor: Senator Bennett, R of Oxford

LR: 2683

Title: An Act Regarding Temperature Standards for School Buildings

Comment: This bill would require school boards to set temperature standards for school buildings and publish those standards.

LR: 2845

Title: An Act to Ensure the Financial Stability of Behavioral Health Service and Housing Providers

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to pay administrative expenses and interest charged on lines of credit or loans accessed by behavioral health service providers and housing assistance providers when a delay in department contracts or payments necessitates the provider accessing the line of credit or loan.

LR: 2927

Title: An Act to Ensure Compliance by the Department of Health and Human Services with Federal Rules and Regulations

Comment: This bill would specify that any program in the State receiving federal financial assistance may not have any policies, rules or regulations that violate any federal law or act, Maine law or the United States Constitution.

LR: 2930

Title: An Act to Improve Maine's Pesticide Use Disclosure Laws

Comment: This bill would require a landowner to notify the landowner's neighbors if the landowner is using pesticides on the landowner's property.

Potential JR 217: LD 1770 Representative Osher, L

Sponsor: Senator Black, R of Franklin

LR: 2619

Title: An Act to Allow the Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles to Locate Wounded or Deceased Wildlife

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Sponsor: Senator Black, R of Franklin

Comment: This bill would allow the use of unmanned aerial vehicles, also known as drones, to locate wounded or deceased wildlife.

LR: 2779

Title: An Act to Reestablish the Property Tax Stabilization Program for Senior Citizens

Comment: This bill would reestablish the property tax stabilization program for senior citizens discontinued by Public Law 2023, chapter 412 and update its eligibility requirements.

LR: 2816

Title: An Act Regarding the Issuance of Permits to Hunt Bear Using Bait on State Land

Comment: This bill would allow a person to pay the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands for a permit to hunt bear using bait on state land in December rather than having to wait until the following June.

LR: 2817

Title: An Act to Allow Detention of Juveniles for Certain Acts

Comment: This bill would return authority to juvenile community corrections officers to detain juveniles for certain offenses.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2747 Representative Cray, D

Potential JR 217: LD 148 Senator LaFountain, D

Sponsor: Representative Boyer, Jr., D of Poland

LR: 2623

Title: An Act to Designate the Landlocked Atlantic Salmon as a State Heritage Fish

Comment: This bill would designate the landlocked Atlantic salmon as a state heritage fish.

LR: 2628

Title: An Act to Remove the Universal Symbol Requirement for Edible Cannabis Products

Comment: This bill would remove the requirement for edible cannabis products to be marked with a universal symbol.

Sponsor: Senator Brakey, E of Androscoggin

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Sponsor: Senator Brakey, E of Androscoggin

Title: An Act to Address Inflation by Eliminating the Sales Tax on Gold and Silver Coinage and Bullion, Establishing Home Energy Savings Accounts, Increasing the Personal Needs Allowance for Seniors in Residential Care and Nursing Facilities and Requesting an Audit of the Federal Reserve

Comment: This bill would address the problem of inflation by eliminating the state sales tax on gold and silver coinage and bullion; increasing the personal needs allowance for seniors in residential care and nursing facilities and providing an inflation adjustment for that allowance; establishing home energy savings accounts that allow account holders to save up to \$5,000 annually per household, with that amount to be increased annually by the inflation rate and exempt from the state income tax, for the purpose of paying for home electricity, heating and weatherization expenses; and directing the constitutional officers, on behalf of the Legislature, to send a letter to the Maine congressional delegation requesting their support for a full audit of the Federal Reserve Bank.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1873 Senator Brakey, E

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 587 Senator Brakey, E

Potential JR 217: LD 1051 Senator Brakey, E

Potential JR 217: LD 1147 Senator Brakey, E

Sponsor: Senator Brenner, S of Cumberland

LR: 2860

Title: Resolve, to Ensure Timely Access to Medication Management Across the State

Comment: This resolve would prohibit the Department of Health and Human Services from implementing any negative rate changes for any provider or category of providers of medication management for behavioral health services until the department convenes a stakeholder group of medication management providers, consumers, family members, physicians and advocates to determine current use and problem areas. The department would be required to present data to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services documenting current use of medication management services, wait lists and predictions for unmet needs over the next 5 years.

Sponsor: Representative Bridgeo, W of Augusta

LR: 2709

Title: An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Create Lakefront Protection Improvement Districts

Comment: This bill would allow municipalities to create lakefront protection improvement districts and impose a property tax surcharge.

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Sponsor: Representative Bridgeo, W of Augusta

Title: An Act Regarding Certain Disabled Veterans and the Property Tax Fairness Credit
Comment: This bill would classify a disabled veteran who has been determined to be individually unemployable by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as 100% permanently and totally disabled for purposes of the property tax fairness credit.

Sponsor: Representative Campbell, D of Orrington

LR: 2729

Title: An Act Regarding the Equitable Reimbursement of Training Costs for Newly Trained Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians Who Change Governmental Employers

Comment: This bill would require the equitable reimbursement of training costs for newly trained firefighters and emergency medical technicians who change governmental employers, in the same way reimbursement is required for police officers.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1409 Representative Fay, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2876 Representative Roeder, A

Potential JR 217: LD 1859 Representative Libby, L

Potential JR 217: LD 326 Senator Tipping, M

LR: 2740

Title: An Act to Prohibit the Use of Caller Identification Spoofing

Comment: This bill would prohibit a person from deliberately falsifying the information transmitted to a caller identification display to disguise that person's identity.

Sponsor: Representative Carlow, N of Buxton

LR: 2954

Title: An Act Authorizing the Secretary of State to Issue Commemorative License Plates in Honor of America's Semiquincentennial

Comment: This bill would authorize the Secretary of State to issue commemorative license plates in honor of America's semiquincentennial.

Sponsor: Senator Carney, A of Cumberland

LR: 2708

Title: An Act to Protect the Confidentiality of Attorney-Client E-mail Communications for Residents of Jails and Correctional Facilities

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Sponsor: Senator Carney, A of Cumberland

Comment: This bill would extend the confidentiality protections, and consequences for violating that confidentiality, established in Public Law 2023, chapter 394 for attorney-client telephone calls to attorney-client e-mail communications.

LR: 2831

Title: An Act to Ensure the Safe Disposition of Forfeited Firearms

Comment: This bill would amend the laws related to the disposition of forfeited firearms. Current law requires that forfeited firearms used in a murder or homicide be destroyed. This bill would extend that requirement to all forfeited firearms.

LR: 2832

Title: An Act to Support Maine's Public Safety Response to Domestic Violence and Stalking

Comment: This bill would amend the laws of this State to account for the new standard set out in the case of *Counterman v. Colorado*, 600 U.S. 66 (2023). It would amend relevant sections of the Maine Criminal Code and the protection from abuse laws to provide that when a violation of the abuse laws or the crime of terrorizing, stalking or harassment by telephone relies on the content of the actor's speech, the actor must have consciously disregarded the risk that the actor's speech would place a reasonable person in fear of bodily injury.

LR: 2908

Title: An Act to Provide Funding for Essential Services for Victims of Crimes

Comment: This bill would provide funding for essential services for victims of crimes across the State.

LR: 2956

Title: An Act to Enhance Employer and Employee Harmony on Certain State-assisted Projects

Comment: This bill would require a party that enters into a contract supported in whole or in part by aid granted by the State or a municipality for constructing, altering, repairing, furnishing or equipping a building, a public works project or an energy project to enter into an employer-employee harmony agreement under which the employer agrees to be neutral during a union organizing campaign and other union activities.

LR: 2959

Title: An Act to Advance Equality for Wabanaki Nations

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Sponsor: Senator Carney, A of Cumberland

Comment: This bill would ensure that federally recognized Wabanaki tribes have access to federal beneficial laws on an equal basis with all other federally recognized tribes in other states.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2774 Representative Andrews, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2809 Representative Faulkingham, B

Potential JR 217: LD 2004 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

Sponsor: Senator Chipman, B of Cumberland

LR: 2641

Title: An Act Regarding the Fees Charged for Keeping Pets

Comment: This bill would limit pet fees charged to tenants to no more than 1.5% of the total monthly rent or \$35, whichever is greater; limit additional pet security deposits to no more than \$300; and require that all pet security deposits be refundable.

Potential JR 217: LD 1193 Senator Chipman, B

LR: 2909

Title: An Act to Establish an Employer Commuter Benefits Law

Comment: This bill would require employers in the State with 20 or more employees to proactively offer their employees the ability to use pretax earnings for qualified commuter transportation expenses.

LR: 2921

Title: An Act to Address Maine's Affordable Housing Crisis

Comment: This bill would provide \$50,000,000 in one-time funds for fiscal year 2024-25 to create more units of affordable housing in the State to be administered by the Maine State Housing Authority. This bill would also require 500 additional rental assistance vouchers to be issued by the Maine State Housing Authority. This bill would also allow more smaller units of housing to be built by not allowing the minimum size requirement for housing units to be higher than the state minimum.

LR: 2934

Title: An Act to Allow the Secretary of State to Issue General Issuance License Plates

Comment: This bill would allow the Secretary of State to issue general issuance license plates every 10 years. The general issuance license plates would be a plain background color with a different color for the numbers and letters. The colors would be chosen by the Secretary of State.

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Sponsor: Senator Chipman, B of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Address Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder and Homelessness

Comment: This bill would establish a Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment Court in the State. The court would connect persons struggling with untreated mental illness or substance use challenges with a care plan, which may include clinically prescribed individualized interventions with supportive services, medication and a housing plan, and would include participation by an attorney from the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services and a supporter to help persons make self-directed care decisions.

Sponsor: Representative Cloutier, K of Lewiston

LR: 2722

Title: An Act to Add the State of Maine to the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact

Comment: This bill would enact the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact, an interstate licensure compact for physician assistants, to provide a streamlined process via a compact privilege for physician assistants to practice in other compact member states without the need to obtain multiple state licenses.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2880 Representative Morris, J

LR: 2782

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Cease Implementation of Electronic Visit Verification for Hospice Providers Unless Mandated by the Federal Government

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Health and Human Services to cease implementation of electronic visit verification for hospice providers unless mandated by the Federal Government.

LR: 2875

Title: An Act to Provide Greater Parity in Campaign Financing by Including Child Care as an Allowable Expense

Comment: This bill would provide greater parity between traditionally funded political campaigns and publicly financed political campaigns by allowing child care as an allowable expense under the Maine Clean Election Act.

Sponsor: Representative Collamore, A of Pittsfield

LR: 2947

Title: An Act to Allow Equitable Access to College Tuition Funds by Reallocating Funds from the Free Community College Program to the Maine State Grant Program

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Sponsor: Representative Collamore, A of Pittsfield

Comment: This bill would combine the free community college program and the Maine State Grant Program to enable students to attend community colleges or the University of Maine System. The bill would also allow students to attend part-time.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 512 Senator Tipping, M

LR: 2949

Title: An Act to Utilize Career and Technical Education Centers in the Development of the Electrician Workforce

Comment: This bill would allow the use of career and technical education center course work for credits in electrician licensure.

LR: 2964

Title: An Act to Ensure Closure in Divorce Proceedings in Certain Cases

Comment: This bill would expedite the divorce process in certain cases in which there is a custody dispute. For individuals facing long-running court battles over child custody, this bill would provide a process to allow the divorce to happen more quickly.

Sponsor: Representative Collings, B of Portland

LR: 2841

Title: An Act to Clarify the Eligibility of an Off-track Betting Facility to Receive Funding When the Facility Is Sold or Relocates

Comment: This bill would clarify the eligibility of an off-track betting facility to receive funding from the Fund to Stabilize Off-track Betting Facilities when the facility is sold or moves to a different location.

Sponsor: Representative Crafts, L of Newcastle

LR: 2871

Title: An Act to Create the Central Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services Authority

Comment: This bill would create the Central Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services Authority for the purpose of allowing emergency medical services workers in central Lincoln County to participate in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 882 Representative Salisbury, S

LR: 2874

Title: An Act to Enact 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 Crafts, L of Newcastle

Comment: This bill would allow licensed social workers from approved states to practice in Maine under an interstate compact.

Sponsor: Representative Craven, M of Lewiston

LR: 2632

Title: An Act to Create an Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Coordinator Position Within the Department of Health and Human Services

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a full-time, permanent Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Coordinator position to lead coordination on efforts to address Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia across state agencies and branches of State Government.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2633 Representative Craven, M

LR: 2633

Title: An Act to Establish a Dementia Advisory Council Within the Department of Health and Human Services and to Require a State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Other Types of Dementia

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish and maintain an advisory council to examine the needs of individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia, the services available in the State for those individuals and the ability of health care providers and facilities to meet those individuals' current and future needs. This bill would also require the department to develop a state plan to address Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2632 Representative Craven, M

LR: 2634

Title: An Act to Reclassify a Section of the Androscoggin River to Class B

Comment: This bill would reclassify from Class C to Class B the lower section of the Androscoggin River from Gulf Island Dam to a line formed by the extension of the Bath-Brunswick boundary across Merrymeeting Bay in a northwesterly direction.

LR: 2753

Title: An Act Regarding the Cost of Copies of Medical Records

Comment: This bill would change the fees that a hospital or its vendor may charge for providing copies of medical records.

Sponsor: Representative Cray, D of Palmyra

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Sponsor: Representative Cray, D of Palmyra

LR: 2747

Title: An Act Regarding the Detention of Juveniles

Comment: This bill would amend the laws regarding juvenile detention.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2817 Senator Black, R

Potential JR 217: LD 148 Senator LaFountain, D

Sponsor: Senator Curry, C of Waldo

LR: 2609

Title: An Act to Protect Property Owners by Preventing the Use of Eminent Domain to Build Transmission Lines Under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program

Comment: This bill would prohibit the use of eminent domain to take land needed for the high-impact transmission line under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program as approved by the Legislature in Resolve 2023, chapter 66.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2637 Representative Cyrway, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2719 Representative Cyrway, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2743 Representative Smith, K

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2783 Representative Foster, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2844 President Jackson, T

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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2915 Senator Keim, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2858

Title: An Act to Provide Additional Funds to Increase the Impact of the Maine Development Foundation

Comment: This bill would provide additional funding of \$250,000 per year to the Maine Development Foundation to become part of current services in fiscal year 2026 and subsequent fiscal years. The bill would also change term limits for foundation directors from 5 years to 8 years and permit and encourage state agencies and the University of Maine System to actively collaborate with the foundation consistent with the foundation's statutory mission.

Sponsor: Representative Cyrway, S of Albion

LR: 2637

Title: An Act Relating to Eminent Domain for Land for Electric Transmission Lines

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Sponsor: Representative Cyrway, S of Albion

Comment: This bill would alter eminent domain requirements for land to be used for certain high-impact electric transmission lines.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2609 Senator Curry, C
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2719 Representative Cyrway, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2743 Representative Smith, K
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2783 Representative Foster, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2844 President Jackson, T
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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2915 Senator Keim, L
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2719

Title: An Act to Consider Alternative Transmission Technology for the Aroostook Renewable Gateway That Improves Socioeconomic Benefit Without Sacrificing Climate Change Initiatives

Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to contract with an independent engineering firm to perform a feasibility study on buried high-voltage direct current transmission methods for the Aroostook Renewable Gateway project.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2609 Senator Curry, C
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2637 Representative Cyrway, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2743 Representative Smith, K
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2783 Representative Foster, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2844 President Jackson, T
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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2915 Senator Keim, L
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

Sponsor: Senator Daughtry, M of Cumberland

LR: 2638

Title: An Act to Update the Number of Agency Liquor Stores Allowed in a Municipality

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Sponsor: Senator Daughtry, M of Cumberland

Comment: This bill would allow 7 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 10,000 but less than 20,001. It would also allow the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to issue one additional agency liquor store license beyond those otherwise authorized in a municipality with a population of less than 15,000.

LR: 2727

Title: Resolve, to Initiate the Procedures to Request the United States Congress's Joint Committee on the Library to Replace 2 Statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection

Comment: This resolve would direct the replacement of the statues of Governor William King and Hannibal Hamlin with statues of Joshua Chamberlain and Cornelia "Fly Rod" Crosby in the National Statuary Hall Collection.

LR: 2746

Title: An Act to Protect Consumers by Requiring Vendors to Disclose All Fees Related to Purchasing a Concert Ticket

Comment: This bill, which is based on Connecticut legislation, would protect consumers by requiring vendors to disclose all fees related to purchasing a concert ticket.

LR: 2752

Title: An Act to Create Workforce Housing to Promote Economic Development in Maine

Comment: This bill would create a loan fund administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development to create workforce housing for Maine employers who are having difficulty recruiting and retaining employees due to the lack of housing that is affordable to certain wage earners. The fund would provide 0% financing to community banks that underwrite the funds on behalf of the program.

LR: 2820

Title: An Act to Strengthen Long-term Care for the People of Maine by Ensuring Adequate Nursing Personnel

Comment: This bill would allow the Department of Health and Human Services to evaluate temporary nursing services agency rates and adopt rules to ensure that long-term care facilities have adequate nursing personnel.

Potential JR 217: LD 451 Senator Baldacci, J

Sponsor: Representative Davis, Jr., K of East Machias

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Sponsor: Representative Davis, Jr., K of East Machias

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Conduct an Environmental Assessment of Certain Real Property in Machiasport

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to conduct an environmental assessment of a 9.5-acre parcel in Machiasport and report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Sponsor: Representative Dhalac, D of South Portland

LR: 2847

Title: An Act to Improve Equity in Health Care Access by Reimbursing Community Health Workers Through MaineCare

Comment: This bill would improve equity in health care access by reimbursing community health workers through the MaineCare program.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 619 Representative Madigan, C

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 825 Representative Lemelin, M

Potential JR 217: LD 389 Representative Madigan, C

Sponsor: Representative Dill, J of Old Town

LR: 2798

Title: Resolve, to Investigate and Address Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Services Issues

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services and the Department of Environmental Protection to immediately investigate and make recommendations to the Legislature to address several critical issues and developments in solid waste management systems that have converged to create a crisis for approximately 159 central and northern Maine municipalities and for sewer and utility districts and departments all across the State.

Sponsor: Representative Doudera, V of Camden

LR: 2724

Title: An Act to Address the Rise in Rabies Rates by Appointing Certified Rabies Vaccine Administrators

Comment: This bill would create volunteer certified rabies vaccine administrators who would address the problem of rising rabies rates in Maine.

LR: 2744

Title: An Act to Require Continuing Education for Maine Architects

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Sponsor: Representative Doudera, V of Camden

Comment: This bill would require continuing education for Maine architects to maintain licensure.

LR: 2801

Title: An Act Relating to Preventing Suicide by Permitting the Voluntary Waiver of Firearms Rights

Comment: This bill would allow people to place themselves on a list preventing them from purchasing firearms, potentially preventing a substantial number of suicides.

Sponsor: Representative Drinkwater, G of Milford

LR: 2644

Title: An Act to Pay Agricultural Workers the State Minimum Wage

Comment: This bill would require the state minimum wage to be paid to agricultural workers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2891 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

Potential JR 217: LD 398 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

Sponsor: Representative Dunphy, L of Embden

LR: 2715

Title: An Act to Authorize the Department of Environmental Protection to Issue Stop-work Orders

Comment: This bill would authorize the Department of Environmental Protection to issue a stop-work order when an activity is performed in violation of state law, rules or a license and the activity is creating a substantial adverse effect on a protected natural resource.

Sponsor: Senator Farrin, B of Somerset

LR: 2631

Title: An Act to Require Fentanyl Use Prevention Education and Drug Poisoning Awareness in Grades 6 to 12

Comment: This bill would require up to 10 hours of education in a school year for grades 6 to 12 regarding fentanyl use prevention education and drug poisoning awareness. The bill would also establish a drug poisoning awareness week.

Potential JR 217: LD 1315 Senator Pouliot, M

LR: 2741

Title: An Act to Provide Funding For Maine Veterans' Homes to Support Ongoing Operations

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Sponsor: Senator Farrin, B of Somerset

Comment: This bill would provide funding for Maine Veterans' Homes to support ongoing operations.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2613 President Jackson, T

Sponsor: Representative Faulkingham, B of Winter Harbor

LR: 2809

Title: An Act to Amend the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act to Allow Maine Tribes to Benefit from Federal Laws

Comment: This bill would amend the state law implementing the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 to allow Maine tribes to benefit from federal laws.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2774 Representative Andrews, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2959 Senator Carney, A

Potential JR 217: LD 2004 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

LR: 2810

Title: An Act to Remove the Statute of Limitations for Sexual Assault, Child Molestation and Felony Sex Crimes

Comment: This bill would remove the statute of limitations for sexual assault, child molestation and felony sex crimes.

Potential JR 217: LD 1790 Senator Baldacci, J

LR: 2811

Title: An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Income Tax

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing the income tax.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1231 Representative Carmichael, M

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 499 Senator Chipman, B

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 457 Senator Chipman, B

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 803 Representative Perry, J

Potential JR 217: LD 843 Representative Osher, L

Potential JR 217: LD 971 Representative Carmichael, M

Potential JR 217: LD 1671 Representative Ducharme, J

Potential JR 217: LD 1651 Representative Arata, A

Potential JR 217: LD 1638 Senator Brakey, E

LR: 2812

Title: An Act to Prohibit Noncitizen Participation in the Cannabis Industry

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Sponsor: Representative Faulkingham, B of Winter Harbor

Comment: This bill would prohibit noncitizen participation in the cannabis industry.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2862 Representative Andrews, J

LR: 2813

Title: An Act to Encourage Business Growth and Improve Employment Benefits by Implementing a Voluntary Paid Medical Leave Program

Comment: This bill would implement a voluntary paid medical leave program.

LR: 2950

Title: An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Excise Tax on Camper Trailers

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing the excise tax on camper trailers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2622 Senator Libby, J

Sponsor: Representative Fay, J of Raymond

LR: 2835

Title: An Act to Protect Access to Emergency Treatment for Injured Law Enforcement Dogs

Comment: This bill would allow emergency medical personnel to provide emergency medical services to law enforcement dogs in accordance with canine clinical protocols adopted by the Medical Direction and Practices Board.

Sponsor: Representative Foster, S of Dexter

LR: 2780

Title: An Act to Continue Arrearage Management Program Availability for Low-income Residential Electricity Customers

Comment: This bill would indefinitely continue transmission and distribution utilities' arrearage management programs for low-income residential customers. Current law governing the programs includes a repeal date of September 30, 2024.

LR: 2783

Title: Resolve, to Reconsider Legislative Approval of the Transmission Project Selected by the Public Utilities Commission Pursuant to the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program

Comment: This resolve would require the Legislature to reconsider approval of the transmission project selected by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program.

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Sponsor: Representative Foster, S of Dexter

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2609 Senator Curry, C
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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2924

Title: An Act Regarding Energy Infrastructure Development

Comment: This bill would improve the process of approving energy infrastructure corridors.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2609 Senator Curry, C
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2637 Representative Cyrway, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2719 Representative Cyrway, S
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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

Sponsor: Representative Fredericks, A of Sanford

LR: 2656

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to Reestablish a One-to-one Syringe Exchange Requirement

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to amend its rules governing syringe services to require a one-to-one syringe exchange of one used syringe for each new syringe provided to a consumer.

Sponsor: Representative Gattine, D of Westbrook

LR: 2889

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Sponsor: Representative Gattine, D of Westbrook

Title: An Act to Fund the Delivery of Educational Services to Children with Special Needs as Required by State and Federal Law in Special Purpose Private Schools

Comment: This bill would require the State Controller to transfer \$15,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Education, Child Development Services program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to fund the delivery of educational services to children with special needs.

LR: 2890

Title: An Act to Address Chronic Understaffing of State Positions

Comment: This bill would propose measures to address understaffing of state positions through job vacancy reports, work with bargaining agents, improvements to the hiring process, changes in compensation and outside evaluation of recruitment and retention issues.

Sponsor: Representative Geiger, V of Rockland

LR: 2784

Title: An Act to Change the Minimum Wage to a Living Wage

Comment: This bill would increase the minimum wage to an amount determined using the Living Wage Calculator developed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and subsequently indexed to the Consumer Price Index.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1376 Representative Collings, B

LR: 2786

Title: An Act to Implement Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Testing Reform

Comment: This bill would implement changes to the requirements for the testing and tracking of backlogged and new sexual assault forensic examination kits.

LR: 2787

Title: An Act to Establish Solar-ready New Construction Requirements

Comment: This bill would require that new buildings be constructed in a manner that will facilitate the future installation of a solar energy system.

Potential JR 217: LD 1232 Representative Skold, C

LR: 2897

Title: An Act to Enhance Regulatory Decision Making Regarding Energy

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Sponsor: Representative Geiger, V of Rockland

Comment: This bill would enhance the duties and functions of the Office of the Public Advocate by requiring consideration of the greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirements and climate action plan in its work representing the public.

Sponsor: Representative Golek, C of Harpswell

LR: 2938

Title: An Act to Improve the Housing Voucher System

Comment: This bill would require the Maine State Housing Authority to collect the data necessary to request a waiver of the fair market rents set by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development so that the Maine State Housing Authority or a local housing authority may enter into contracts with landlords at the highest rent allowed.

Sponsor: Representative Graham, A of North Yarmouth

LR: 2711

Title: An Act to Create and Support a Youth Crisis Receiving Center

Comment: This bill would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to create a crisis receiving center for youth experiencing behavioral crises.

LR: 2911

Title: An Act to Strengthen Maine's Child Welfare System

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services, through an external strategic consultant, to undertake a process to support child welfare reform. The process would include all agency leadership and staff in gathering information, analyzing system problems and identifying opportunities for change.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1788 Senator Baldacci, J

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 779 Senator Timberlake, J

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 878 Senator Keim, L

Potential JR 217: LD 915 Representative Shagoury, D

Potential JR 217: LD 151 Senator Stewart, T

Potential JR 217: LD 715 Senator Nangle, T

Sponsor: Representative Gramlich, L of Old Orchard Beach

LR: 2936

Title: An Act to Enhance the Effectiveness of Juvenile Diversion Programs

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Sponsor: Representative Gramlich, L of Old Orchard Beach

Comment: This bill would clarify the procedure for obtaining a needs assessment through juvenile diversion prior to proceeding with a delinquency petition by making available to juveniles who encounter law enforcement the Juvenile Justice Needs Assessment. The assessment would help ensure that each juvenile who is facing arrest or court involvement is provided with the most appropriate services at the appropriate time.

LR: 2941

Title: An Act to Support Clinicians in Adverse Childhood Experience and Resiliency Assessments

Comment: This bill would require licensed clinical social workers engaging in children, youth and family systems clinical therapeutic interventive work to attend a one-time training on adverse childhood experience assessments and strength-based resiliency assessments.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1360 Representative Gramlich, L

Sponsor: Representative Greenwood, R of Wales

LR: 2937

Title: An Act to Create Equity Between Certain Members of the Judicial Branch and the Executive Branch Regarding Maine State Retirement

Comment: This bill would authorize deputy judicial marshals in the judicial branch to join a retirement plan that is substantially similar to the 1998 Special Plan for certain executive branch employees.

LR: 2952

Title: An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Issue a Gadsden Flag License Plate

Comment: This bill would authorize the Secretary of State to issue a Gadsden flag license plate as a specialty plate.

LR: 2955

Title: An Act to Establish the Process for the Selection of Delegates for a Convention Called Under Article V of the United States Constitution

Comment: This bill would clarify the process for selecting delegates for a convention proposing amendments to the United States Constitution and clarify restrictions on delegate actions.

Sponsor: Senator Grohoski, N of Hancock

LR: 2800

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Sponsor: Senator Grohoski, N of Hancock

Title: An Act to Equalize Funding for the Maine Maritime Academy

Comment: This bill would create funding parity among public higher education systems in this State by increasing the state share of operational funding to the Maine Maritime Academy, bringing it into alignment with public higher education systems in the State and with other states' maritime academies.

LR: 2851

Title: An Act to Improve Retention of State Employees Who Are Firefighters

Comment: This bill would remove the age requirement in the retirement plan for full-time state employees who work as firefighters. The current retirement plan requires 25 years of service and states that an employee must be a minimum of 55 years of age in order to be eligible.

LR: 2863

Title: An Act Regarding Fair Service for All Electricity Supply Customers

Comment: This bill would ensure that competitive electricity provider customers are notified of the standard offer price and have the right to switch to standard offer service without a penalty. The bill would also address rapid switching between providers by customers.

LR: 2865

Title: An Act to Ensure That Community Solar Subscriptions Benefit Low-income Customers

Comment: This bill would require that when a community solar subscriber cancels a subscription, the subscription must be filled by a customer in the Maine State Housing Authority's low-income assistance program.

LR: 2867

Title: An Act to Allow the Reuse of Food Containers by More than One Customer

Comment: This bill would allow a vendor that provides food items to a customer in a container to accept that container back and reuse it for other customers, after following the proper sanitation process for the container's material.

LR: 2882

Title: An Act to Ensure Determinations Made by the State Are Free from Unethical, Unsafe or Illegal Interference by Artificial Intelligence

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Sponsor: Senator Grohoski, N of Hancock

Comment: This bill would prohibit the State and any agency of the State from funding or using software employing any advanced systems of artificial intelligence such as Chat Generative Pre-trained Transformer, or ChatGPT, in a decision-making process unless the software conforms to ethical, legal and safety standards that ensure that the software can provide explicable, transparent decision-making that guarantees that the State controls the behavior of the software in ways that enable the State to fully comply with its legal requirements and guarantees all citizens affected by the software accessible and affordable ways to understand, review and appeal decisions made by the system. The bill would also require the State to establish and fund an ongoing commission to investigate ways in which it may, in collaboration with governments of other states, municipalities and countries and other organizations, promote access to ethical, safe and affordable forms of advanced artificial intelligence, for itself and its citizens, to allow them to effectively fulfill their governmental and civic obligations; guarantee their rights under the law; and advance their economic, cultural and ecological well-being while evading the threat of advanced artificial intelligence systems.

Sponsor: Senator Guerin, S of Penobscot

LR: 2926

Title: An Act to Allow Nonprofit Organizations with Multiple Purposes to Receive Maine Tax Benefits

Comment: This bill would allow nonprofit organizations with multiple purposes to receive Maine tax benefits similar to those received by single-purpose nonprofit organizations.

Sponsor: Representative Hall, R of Wilton

LR: 2837

Title: An Act Regarding the Maine Milk Commission's Fees and Pricing

Comment: This bill would allow the Maine Milk Commission to adjust its licensing and per hundredweight fees through rulemaking. It would also remove the requirement that the commission publish a schedule of applicable prices in newspapers.

Sponsor: Senator Harrington, M of York

LR: 2840

Title: An Act to Fill All Vacant Seats on the Emergency Medical Services' Board

Comment: This bill would require that all vacancies on the Emergency Medical Services' Board be filled in order to provide representation on the board to residents in all regions of the State.

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Sponsor: Representative Hasenfus, T of Readfield

LR: 2907

Title: An Act to Exclude Certain Operating Under the Influence Crimes from the Immunity Provisions That Are Triggered When Law Enforcement Is Called for a Suspected Overdose

Comment: This bill would add criminal operating under the influence and operating a watercraft, snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle under the influence to the list of crimes that do not qualify for immunity from arrest, prosecution and revocation and termination proceedings when assistance has been requested for a suspected drug-related overdose.

Potential JR 217: LD 714 Representative Campbell, D

LR: 2933

Title: An Act to Enhance Protections for and Better Address Invasive Aquatic Plant Infestations in Maine Lakes

Comment: This bill would provide an additional \$2,000,000 to address the most serious aquatic plant infestations in the State and require the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to review and recommend more stringent boat inspections protocols on infested lakes and review surface use restrictions and notification of those restrictions to the public.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1342 Representative Riseman, W

Potential JR 217: LD 1534 Representative Hasenfus, T

Sponsor: Representative Hepler, A of Woolwich

LR: 2639

Title: Resolve, Designating Route 127 in Arrowsic as the Private Merwin A. Delano Memorial Highway

Comment: This bill would designate Route 127 in Arrowsic as the Private Merwin A. Delano Memorial Highway.

LR: 2640

Title: An Act to Repeal the Law Relating to Payments from the Town of Georgetown for MacMahan Island

Comment: This bill would repeal the law requiring the Town of Georgetown to expend 20% of the taxes collected from MacMahan Island residents for municipal purposes for the benefit of those residents.

LR: 2788

Title: An Act Regarding Excise Taxes on Antique Automobiles

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Sponsor: Representative Hepler, A of Woolwich

Comment: This bill would limit the amount of excise tax required to be paid on antique automobiles.

LR: 2839

Title: An Act Regarding Responsibility for Actions Intended to Increase the Use of Reusable and Refillable Beverage Containers

Comment: This bill would move responsibility for certain activities intended to increase the use of reusable and refillable beverage containers from the Department of Environmental Protection to the commingling cooperative established in Public Law 2023, chapter 482.

Potential JR 217: LD 1909 Representative Hepler, A

Sponsor: Senator Hickman, C of Kennebec

LR: 2877

Title: An Act to Increase Transparency in State Government by Expanding the Definition of "Lobbying" to Include Influencing the Procurement of Goods and Services and to Include Supporting or Opposing the Adoption of a Rule of a Department or Agency of the State

Comment: This bill would expand the definition of "lobbying" to include influencing the procurement of goods and services and supporting or opposing the adoption of a rule of a department or state agency.

Sponsor: Representative Hymes, B of Waldo

LR: 2731

Title: An Act to Ensure Just Compensation When Eminent Domain Is Declared

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing eminent domain to ensure property owners are justly compensated.

Sponsor: Senator Ingwersen, H of York

LR: 2861

Title: An Act to Lower the Minimum Age Requirement for the Maine High School Equivalency Diploma

Comment: This bill would lower the minimum age requirement for the Maine high school equivalency diploma from 17 years of age to 16 years of age.

LR: 2960

Title: An Act to Address Food Insecurity by Helping Maine Residents Access Locally Produced Food

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Sponsor: Senator Ingwersen, H of York

Comment: This bill would establish ongoing funding for the Fund To Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 568 Senator Pouliot, M

Sponsor: Representative Jackson, C of Oxford

LR: 2728

Title: An Act to Amend the Student Loan Repayment Tax Credit

Comment: This bill would enable eligible borrowers of student loans who are paying back eligible loans to redeem up to \$25,000 in student loan tax credit, with a \$2,500 annual limit, to encourage those borrowers to live and work in the State.

Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

LR: 2612

Title: An Act to Improve Access to Over-the-counter Contraceptives

Comment: This bill would, in order to keep health insurance coverage of contraceptives consistent, require health insurance carriers to cover over-the-counter hormonal birth control.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2756 Representative Arford, P

LR: 2613

Title: An Act to Strengthen Maine Veterans' Homes with Increased and Ongoing Funding

Comment: This bill would increase funding for Maine Veterans' Homes by providing a sustainable, ongoing source of funding and long-term strategies for ensuring all 6 Maine Veterans' Homes stay open, consistent with the Legislature's statutory mandate to keep the homes in Augusta, Bangor, Caribou, Machias, Scarborough and South Paris in continuous operation. The bill would also provide that, in the event of excess funding created by any long-term funding source, additional money may be transferred to the Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 613.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2741 Senator Farrin, B

LR: 2630

Title: An Act to Strengthen Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Standards by Establishing a Family Advocacy Program for Military Families

Comment: This bill would establish a military family advocacy program within the Department of Health and Human Services to share reports of child abuse or neglect involving military families with military authorities.

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Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

LR: 2635

Title: An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Infrastructure Improvements at the Loring Development Authority and the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority

Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue providing \$20,000,000 to be made available to both the Loring Development Authority and the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

LR: 2750

Title: An Act to Align Maine Tax Exemption Standards for Religious Organizations with Federal Standards

Comment: This bill would align the standards in Maine law regarding tax exemptions for religious organizations with federal standards.

LR: 2751

Title: An Act to Provide Funding Through the School Funding Formula to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics

Comment: This bill would make the Maine School of Science and Mathematics eligible for funding under the school funding formula.

LR: 2790

Title: An Act to Improve Patient Access and Savings from Generic and Biosimilar Prescription Drugs

Comment: This bill would require a pharmacy benefits manager to more rapidly provide coverage for new generic and biosimilar drugs.

LR: 2794

Title: An Act to Protect Residents of the State from Unfair Use of Credit Scores in Insurance Pricing

Comment: This bill would prohibit the use of credit scores in determining insurance rates and premiums.

LR: 2795

Title: An Act to Require Hospitals to Engage in Fair Practices When Selling Medical Debt

Comment: This bill would require that any hospital seeking to sell medical debt to a debt collector at a reduced price must first offer to sell the debt at the reduced price to the patient who owes the debt.

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Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

LR: 2796

Title: An Act to Protect Patients from Predatory Medical Credit Card Providers

Comment: This bill would prohibit health care providers from offering medical credit cards to patients in any health care setting or opening a medical credit card account on a patient's behalf; prohibit deferred interest on medical credit cards; prohibit medical credit card providers from placing a charge on an account or issuing funds before a medical procedure is completed or before a medical product is delivered; and ensure that medical credit cards are subject to consumer medical debt protections.

LR: 2797

Title: An Act to Improve Access to Affordable Medication in Underserved Areas

Comment: This bill would direct the Office of Affordable Health Care to establish a grant program to provide support for federally qualified health centers to develop or expand their capacity to provide access for patients in underserved areas to affordably priced drugs by increasing the health centers' ability to deliver pharmacy services to those patients.

LR: 2825

Title: An Act to Ensure Sustainable Reimbursement for Child Care Providers and to Support the Expansion of Child Care Services

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse child care providers for subsidies based on enrollment rather than attendance. This bill would also create a short-term emergency fund or grant program for struggling child care providers that can be used for services, business expenses and financial planning expenses by child care workers and that can also be used to support the expansion of services to infants and toddlers.

Potential JR 217: LD 1726 President Jackson, T

Potential JR 217: LD 573 Representative Craven, M

LR: 2826

Title: An Act to Protect Maine's Supply Chain and Consumers by Requiring Major Substantive Rulemaking for Certain Emissions Standards

Comment: This bill would require major substantive rulemaking prior to Maine adopting the California Advanced Clean Trucks Regulation.

LR: 2844

Title: An Act to Require Feasibility Studies for Energy Transmission Projects

Comment: This bill would require feasibility studies for proposed energy transmission projects to fully examine potential and alternative pathways for those projects.

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Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2853

Title: An Act to Increase Milk Tier Reimbursements for Organic Dairy Farmers
Comment: This bill would increase milk tier reimbursements for organic dairy farmers.

LR: 2854

Title: An Act to Make Background Checks Efficient and Consistent for All Child Care Workers
Comment: This bill would streamline the criminal background check process in the Department of Health and Human Services for child care workers.

LR: 2855

Title: An Act to Expand the Availability of Heat Pump Rebates in Certain Areas of the State
Comment: This bill would remove some of the restrictions on rebates for the installation of heat pumps for specific areas of the State based on relative temperatures.

LR: 2856

Title: An Act to Provide Investment Incentives to Keep the Portland Sea Dogs in the State
Comment: This bill would provide financial incentives to keep the Portland Sea Dogs in Maine, such as a tax credit for capital investment upgrades to the facilities used by the team.

LR: 2887

Title: An Act to Improve Public Sector Workers' Rights
Comment: This bill would improve public sector workers' rights.

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Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

LR: 2904

Title: An Act to Ensure Access to Non-opioid Medication for Pain Relief

Comment: This bill would prevent insurers from establishing more restrictive or prohibitive coverage criteria for federal Food and Drug Administration-approved, non-opioid, non-narcotic drugs to treat and manage acute pain in comparison to opioid and narcotic drugs.

LR: 2906

Title: Resolve, to Require the Establishment of a Stakeholder Group to Examine and Improve the Recruitment, Retention and Wellness of Law Enforcement Professionals

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Public Safety to convene a stakeholder group composed of law enforcement officials, educators and administrators, employees of private security firms and mental health professionals to examine and propose long-term solutions to improve the recruitment, retention and wellness of law enforcement professionals.

LR: 2919

Title: Resolve, to Provide Additional Options for Plumbing Inspections in the Unorganized Territory

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Health and Human Services to implement rulemaking to allow for the inspection of outhouses, gray water filler beds, septic systems and other plumbing-related systems by a master plumber or soil engineer using photography or other verification. This resolve would also require rulemaking to allow any licensed plumbing inspector, master plumber or consulting engineer to complete inspections.

LR: 2948

Title: An Act to Provide Relief to Federal Employees Affected by the Federal Shutdown

Comment: This bill would establish the Federal Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program to provide easier access to no-interest loans for certain federal employees in Maine affected by a shutdown of the Federal Government by guaranteeing up to 10% of the loans eligible credit unions and financial institutions make to affected employees. The bill would provide affected employees eligibility for up to 3 loans, each equal to their monthly after-tax pay, up to \$4,000, less unemployment benefits. The bill would prohibit interest on the loans during the shutdown and for 270 days after the shutdown ends.

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Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Protect Natural Forestry Habitat by Preventing Clear-cutting on Certain Public Lands in Allagash

Comment: This bill would protect natural forestry habitat by preventing clear-cutting on certain public lands in Allagash.

Sponsor: Senator Keim, L of Oxford

LR: 2821

Title: An Act to Allow Disabled Veterans to Receive an Excise Tax Exemption Regardless of Whether They Have Disabled Veterans Registration Plates

Comment: This bill would allow disabled veterans without disabled veterans registration plates to receive the same excise tax exemption as those with disabled veteran registration plates.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2713 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2913

Title: Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Alleviate the Crisis in the Offices of Regional Child Protective Services

Comment: This resolve would establish a pilot project to allow the Department of Health and Human Services to employ, on a part-time basis, case aides in child protective services who are paid at a higher rate of compensation and are not in positions covered by a union. The case aides would be used in those areas most in need as determined by the department.

LR: 2914

Title: Resolve, to Require Legislative Approval of Increased Costs to Ratepayers of the Transmission Project Approved Under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program

Comment: This resolve would require approval by the Legislature of any increased costs to ratepayers, as determined by the Public Utilities Commission, of the 1,200-megawatt capacity, 345-kilovolt transmission line and associated facilities approved under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program by the Legislature in Resolve 2023, chapter 66.

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Sponsor: Senator Keim, L of Oxford

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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2915

Title: An Act to Prohibit the Use of Eminent Domain to Take Land Needed for Any Project Approved Under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program

Comment: This bill would prohibit the use of eminent domain to take land needed for any project approved under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2609 Senator Curry, C
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2637 Representative Cyrway, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2719 Representative Cyrway, S
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Sponsor: Representative Kuhn, A of Falmouth

LR: 2754

Title: An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products Through Vending Machines

Comment: This bill would repeal the law allowing the sale of tobacco products through vending machines.

LR: 2827

Title: An Act to Provide Education and Training to School Personnel to Recognize and Treat Seizures

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Sponsor: Representative Kuhn, A of Falmouth

Comment: This bill would require school personnel to be prepared to recognize and respond to students experiencing seizures at school.

LR: 2931

Title: Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Artificial Intelligence

Comment: This resolve would establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Artificial Intelligence to examine the impact of artificial intelligence on government, education and the private sector. The commission would be required to submit a report to the Legislature.

Sponsor: Senator LaFountain, D of Kennebec

LR: 2713

Title: An Act to Assist Disabled Veterans in Applying for Excise Tax Exemptions

Comment: This bill would streamline the process between the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and municipalities to allow disabled veterans who receive one or more excise tax exemptions to receive the exemptions without being required to have a disabled veteran registration plate.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2821 Senator Keim, L

LR: 2916

Title: An Act to Establish a Mobile Geropsychiatric Team Pilot Project

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a pilot project in 3 counties under which a multidisciplinary team composed of licensed practitioners with geriatric expertise would perform comprehensive assessments of medications and care plans of individuals referred for assessment.

LR: 2953

Title: An Act to Protect Maine Landowners by Requiring the Examination of Alternative Pathways for Energy Transmission Lines

Comment: This bill would require a study to fully examine potential pathways and alternative paths for proposed energy transmission line projects.

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Sponsor: Senator LaFountain, D of Kennebec

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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S

Sponsor: Representative Landry, S of Farmington

LR: 2672

Title: An Act to Provide Hunting Opportunities for Maine Youth Experiencing Critical Illnesses

Comment: This bill would increase the number of moose permits issued to certain nonprofit organizations from 2 to 5 and would require that 3 of those 5 permits be issued to organizations based in the State that benefit children who are residents of the State.

LR: 2892

Title: An Act to Exclude Seasonal Volunteer Ski Patrollers and Seasonal Volunteer Ski Ambassadors and Hosts at Ski Areas from the Minimum Wage Laws

Comment: This bill would exclude seasonal volunteer ski patrollers and seasonal volunteer ski ambassadors and hosts at ski areas from the minimum wage laws.

Sponsor: Representative Lanigan, L of Sanford

LR: 2725

Title: An Act to Eliminate the Lodging Tax for Maine Seniors

Comment: This bill would exempt Maine residents 65 years of age and older from the imposition of a lodging tax by hoteliers.

LR: 2726

Title: An Act to Eliminate the Taxation on Certain Senior Housing

Comment: This bill would include an exemption from the service provider tax for residential care facilities and private nonmedical institutions for the provision of housing services to individuals 65 years of age and older.

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Sponsor: Senator Lawrence, M of York

LR: 2647

Title: An Act to Allow the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Reimburse Volunteers of the So-called Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs Program for Gas Expenses

Comment: This bill would add a provision to allow reimbursement for the cost of gasoline used by volunteers during the course of volunteering for the so-called Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs program. The reimbursement would come from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

LR: 2677

Title: An Act to Clarify the Duties of the Public Advocate in Developing and Advocating for Legislation

Comment: This bill would restrict the ability of the Public Advocate to collaborate with certain sources, including taking funds from those sources, when developing legislation and advocating before the Legislature.

Sponsor: Representative Lemelin, M of Chelsea

LR: 2769

Title: An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Earned Paid Leave

Comment: This bill would amend the earned paid leave law to allow an employee to carry over earned paid leave from one year to the next. As that leave is used, the employee would have an opportunity to increase earned paid leave back up to 40 hours.

LR: 2852

Title: An Act to Exempt Motor Vehicles of Active Duty Service Members Stationed Out-of-state from Excise Tax

Comment: Current law provides an exemption from the excise tax imposed on motor vehicles owned by a person on active duty serving in the United States Armed Forces who is stationed in the State. This bill would extend that exemption to a person on active duty who is stationed outside of the State or deployed for military service for more than 180 days annually.

Sponsor: Senator Libby, J of Cumberland

LR: 2622

Title: An Act to Eliminate the Excise Tax on Certain Recreational Vehicles

Comment: This bill would eliminate the excise tax on recreational vehicles that are hauled.

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Sponsor: Senator Libby, J of Cumberland

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2950 Representative Faulkingham, B

Potential JR 217: LD 1524 Representative Sampson, H

LR: 2625

Title: An Act to Require the Reporting of Alpha-gal Syndrome

Comment: This bill would add alpha-gal syndrome, a potentially life-threatening red meat allergy caused by a tick bite, to the list of conditions that must be reported to the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Sponsor: Representative Light Lookner, G of Portland

LR: 2624

Title: An Act to Ban Paramilitary Training Camps

Comment: This bill would prohibit paramilitary training camps.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2618 Representative Osher, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2626 Senator Baldacci, J

LR: 2645

Title: An Act to Update Child Labor Laws to Allow Individuals Who Appeared in Monetized Online Videos as Minors to Seek Deletion of Content and to Require Trust Accounts to Be Established for Such Minors

Comment: This bill would allow an individual who was a minor engaged in the work of video blogging to request the permanent deletion of any video segment including the likeness, name or photograph of the individual from any online platform that provided compensation to the individual's parent in exchange for that video content. It would provide that a video blogger who features a minor in a specified amount of the video blogger's content shared on an online platform must set aside a specified amount of gross earnings on the video content in a trust account to be preserved for the benefit of the minor upon the minor's reaching the age of majority. It would provide for the requirements of the trust account and define terms.

LR: 2650

Title: An Act to Prevent Homelessness During Repairs for Breach of the Covenant of Habitability

Comment: This bill would require landlords to provide alternative housing and prohibit the eviction of tenants during repairs when landlords are found to have breached the covenant of habitability.

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Sponsor: Representative Light Lookner, G of Portland

LR: 2721

Title: Resolve, to Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Assess the Feasibility of Making Fort Gorges a State Park

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to assess the feasibility of establishing a state park with jurisdiction over Fort Gorges in Casco Bay.

LR: 2879

Title: An Act to Establish Sanctioned Areas for Emergency Encampments in Certain Municipalities

Comment: This bill would direct certain municipalities with encampments exceeding 20 individuals experiencing homelessness to identify areas where nighttime camping is permitted. The areas must be accessible by foot to necessary services and transportation. The appropriate state departments would be required to cooperate in identifying these areas.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2940 Representative Rana, A

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2967 Representative Rana, A

LR: 2932

Title: An Act to Prohibit Certain Municipalities from Enforcing Moratoria on Emergency Shelters

Comment: This bill would prohibit municipalities with populations exceeding 30,000 from enacting moratoria on the establishment of emergency homeless shelters.

Sponsor: Representative Madigan, C of Waterville

LR: 2737

Title: An Act to Require Compensation for Persons with Lived Experience Participating in Legislative and State Studies and Commissions

Comment: This bill would require compensation, including compensation for travel, time spent and child care, for those persons with lived experience participating in legislative and state studies and commissions.

LR: 2738

Title: An Act to Equalize MaineCare Members' Health Care Rights Regarding Transportation

Comment: This bill would require MaineCare contracts with providers of transportation to include provisions allowing another adult to accompany a patient to a MaineCare-reimbursable appointment.

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Sponsor: Representative Madigan, C of Waterville

LR: 2739

Title: An Act to Require Health Care and Substance Use Disorder Legislation to Be Supported by Relevant Data and Analysis

Comment: This bill would require a legislative joint standing committee to request the Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention or other relevant state agency or public health organization to provide relevant testimony, data and analysis for every bill regarding health matters, including substance use disorder matters.

LR: 2767

Title: An Act to Improve Funding for Homeless Shelters

Comment: This bill would improve funding for homeless shelters.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 599 Representative Brennan, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2714 Representative Mastraccio, A

Sponsor: Representative Malon, II, M of Biddeford

LR: 2823

Title: An Act to Ensure That Manufactured Housing May Be Built on Lots Where Single-family Dwellings Are Allowed

Comment: This bill would allow manufactured housing to be built on lots where single-family dwellings are allowed.

LR: 2824

Title: Resolve, to Rename the Bridge Connecting Main Street in Biddeford to Main Street in Saco the General Wallace H. Nutting Memorial Bridge

Comment: This resolve would rename the bridge connecting Main Street in Biddeford to Main Street in Saco the General Wallace H. Nutting Memorial Bridge.

LR: 2833

Title: An Act to Allow Municipalities to Use Land Value Taxation

Comment: This bill would allow municipalities, as an alternative to the usual model of property taxation, to use land value taxation, which is a levy based on the value of the land itself, not buildings or improvements. This would be an option for municipalities, not a requirement. The bill would provide an exemption for land currently protected under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law, farm and open space tax laws and working waterfront land tax laws.

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Sponsor: Representative Malon, II, M of Biddeford

LR: 2838

Title: An Act to Require Information on Domestic Terrorism to Be Included in the Department of Public Safety's Annual Report and Add Minimum Training Standards on Domestic Terrorism and Hate Crimes to the Standards Established by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for Law Enforcement Agencies

Comment: This bill would require information on domestic terrorism to be included in the Department of Public Safety's annual report and add minimum training standards on domestic terrorism and hate crimes to the standards established by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for law enforcement agencies.

Potential JR 217: LD 963 Representative Malon, II, M

Sponsor: Representative Mastraccio, A of Sanford

LR: 2714

Title: An Act to Support Shelters for the Unhoused

Comment: This bill would increase the shelter operating subsidy for the unhoused in the General Fund from \$2.5 million to \$12.5 million.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 599 Representative Brennan, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2767 Representative Madigan, C

Sponsor: Representative Mathieson, K of Kittery

LR: 2673

Title: An Act Regarding Continuance of MaineCare Coverage for up to 12 Months for Juveniles Detained in the Long Creek Youth Development Center

Comment: This bill would allow continuance of MaineCare coverage for juveniles detained in the Long Creek Youth Development Center for up to 12 months to ameliorate difficulties caused by disruptions to care and treatment.

LR: 2674

Title: An Act to Create an Independent Child Advocate Ombudsman Service

Comment: This bill would establish an independent child advocate ombudsman service to provide complaint resolution, unbiased investigation, mediation and other alternative dispute resolution methods and referral services.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1788 Senator Baldacci, J

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 500 Senator Keim, L

Sponsor: Representative Matlack, A of St. George

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Sponsor: Representative Matlack, A of St. George

Title: Resolve, Requiring the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Modify the Deed That Conveyed Montpelier, the General Henry Knox Museum in Thomaston, to the Friends of Montpelier

Comment: This resolve would require the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to modify the deed that conveyed Montpelier, the General Henry Knox Museum in Thomaston, to the Friends of Montpelier. The modification would remove the historic easement.

Sponsor: Representative Millett, R of Cape Elizabeth

LR: 2791

Title: An Act to Establish a Pilot Program to Increase Postsecondary Educational Opportunities for Students with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder

Comment: This bill would establish a pilot program in the Department of Education to increase postsecondary educational opportunities for students with intellectual or developmental disabilities or autism spectrum disorder.

Sponsor: Representative Milliken, N of Blue Hill

LR: 2670

Title: An Act to Provide Tablet Devices for Juveniles at the Long Creek Youth Development Center

Comment: This bill would provide a tablet device for each juvenile in the custody of the Department of Corrections at the Long Creek Youth Development Center.

LR: 2671

Title: An Act to Provide MaineCare Coverage to All Residents of County Jails and Their Dependents

Comment: This bill would require that all residents of county jails receive MaineCare coverage, and that the residents' dependents do not lose access to MaineCare coverage when their parents or guardians are detained in or sentenced to the jails.

Potential JR 217: LD 1204 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

LR: 2676

Title: An Act to Mitigate Some of the Risk Involved in Long-term House Rentals

Comment: This bill would provide up to \$100,000 in insurance for damages to a home or rental property by a person who rents out the property on a long-term basis.

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Sponsor: Representative Montell, K of Gardiner

LR: 2733

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to Improve the Health of Persons Working in or Visiting the State House by Increasing the Building's Air Exchange Rate to 20 Percent

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to improve the health of persons working in or visiting the State House by increasing the building's air exchange rate to 20%.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2734 Representative Montell, K

LR: 2734

Title: Resolve, to Protect Legislators, Legislative Workers and the Public from Exposure to Harmful Substances

Comment: This resolve would require an inventory of the State House, the State House-Cross Office Building tunnel and legislative spaces in the Cross Office Building documenting mold, including black mold, as well as asbestos, lead and radon, similar to the inventory currently required for state-owned buildings.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2733 Representative Montell, K

Sponsor: Representative Moonen, M of Portland

LR: 2917

Title: An Act to Prohibit Tobacco Sales near Schools

Comment: This bill would prohibit the State from issuing a retail tobacco license to a retailer operating within 1,000 feet of a school.

Sponsor: Senator Moore, M of Washington

LR: 2785

Title: An Act to Authorize Medical Waivers for Menhaden Fishing Licenses

Comment: This bill would add menhaden fishing licenses to the current law authorizing the Commissioner of Marine Resources to issue certain commercial fishing licenses on appeal if a substantial illness or medical condition prevented the applicant from meeting certain eligibility requirements.

LR: 2878

Title: An Act to Provide Funding for Dispatchers at the Washington County Regional Communications Center

Comment: This bill would provide ongoing General Fund appropriations for the Washington County Regional Communications Center to hire 4 new dispatchers.

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Sponsor: Senator Moore, M of Washington

LR: 2883

Title: An Act to Provide Funding for Positions in the Washington County Sheriff's Office

Comment: This bill would provide ongoing funding to hire 2 additional sheriffs in the Washington County Sheriff's Office to provide coverage no longer being provided by the Maine State Police.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 630 Representative Graham, A

Sponsor: Representative Morris, J of Turner

LR: 2880

Title: An Act to Join the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact

Comment: This bill would require Maine to join the interstate licensure compact for physician assistants.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2722 Representative Cloutier, K

LR: 2881

Title: An Act to Join the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact

Comment: This bill would require Maine to join the dentist and dental hygienist interstate compact.

LR: 2884

Title: An Act to Eliminate the Requirement for Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Policies to Provide Coverage for Towing and Storing Certain Motor Vehicles

Comment: This bill would repeal the law requiring motor vehicle liability insurance policies to provide coverage for towing and storing motor vehicles involved in accidents that are towed at the request of a law enforcement officer.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2872 Representative Perry, A

LR: 2885

Title: An Act to Enhance Legislative Oversight of Rules Regulating Electric Vehicles

Comment: This bill would designate rules regarding electric vehicles as major substantive rules.

Sponsor: Senator Nangle, T of Cumberland

LR: 2898

Title: An Act to Establish the Municipal Shoreline Protection Legal Fund

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Sponsor: Senator Nangle, T of Cumberland

Comment: This bill would establish the Municipal Shoreline Protection Legal Fund to assist municipalities in covering legal fees incurred in the pursuit of shoreland zoning violations.

LR: 2899

Title: An Act Regarding Municipal Shoreland Zoning Enforcement

Comment: This bill would clarify the authority of municipalities in shoreland zoning enforcement.

LR: 2966

Title: An Act to Remove Barriers to Heating Assistance for Low-income and Moderate-income Maine Residents

Comment: This bill would increase the income eligibility threshold for heating assistance to a maximum of \$55,000 as well as ensure timely payments to Maine businesses and residents in the heating assistance program.

Sponsor: Representative O'Connell, K of Brewer

LR: 2939

Title: Resolve, to Review Fatalities Occurring While an Operator Was Under the Influence and Subsequent Prosecution of Those Occurrences

Comment: This resolve would create a commission to review fatalities occurring while an operator was under the influence and subsequent prosecution of those occurrences. The commission would also create a set of best use practices as a guide.

Sponsor: Representative Osher, L of Orono

LR: 2618

Title: An Act to Prohibit Paramilitary Training Camps

Comment: This bill would prohibit unauthorized military training.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2624 Representative Light Lookner, G

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2626 Senator Baldacci, J

Sponsor: Representative Paul, R of Winterport

LR: 2781

Title: An Act to Protect the Cultural Resources and Historical Heritage of Sears Island in Searsport

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Sponsor: Representative Paul, R of Winterport

Comment: This bill would grant a conservation easement to Maine Coast Heritage Trust for the entirety of Sears Island that is not privately owned.

LR: 2799

Title: An Act to Require the Return of School Budget Surplus Funds to Their Respective Municipalities

Comment: This bill would require a regional school unit to return budget surplus amounts to the municipalities in the regional school unit in the proportion that they pay in and allow the funds to be used at the municipalities' discretion. It also would require annual mandatory audits of regional school units that have continual budget surpluses.

Sponsor: Representative Perry, A of Calais

LR: 2789

Title: An Act to Protect Health Care Workers from HIV

Comment: This bill would modify the law governing the process for testing health care workers for the presence of HIV.

LR: 2818

Title: An Act to Update the Maine Self-service Storage Act

Comment: This bill would update the Maine Self-service Storage Act by clarifying the disposition of property upon termination or nonrenewal of a rental agreement; permitting electronic delivery of notices; permitting an online platform to be the location of the sale of personal property; and requiring watercraft and trailers to be treated in the same way as motor vehicles under the Act.

LR: 2836

Title: An Act to Prohibit Property and Casualty Insurance Companies Licensed in This State from Denying Policyholders in This State Insurance on Their Residences in This State Because of a Loss Sustained to a 2nd Home Located in Another State

Comment: This bill would prohibit property and casualty insurance companies licensed in this State from denying policyholders in this State insurance on their residences in this State because of a loss sustained to a 2nd home located in another state.

LR: 2872

Title: An Act to Exempt Certain Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Policies from Covering Towing and Storage Charges for Certain Vehicles

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Sponsor: Representative Perry, A of Calais

Comment: This bill would exempt insurance policies issued prior to July 1, 2024 from the requirement that motor vehicle liability policies provide coverage in an amount up to \$500 per accident for the reasonable towing and storage charges incurred as a result of an accident involving the insured vehicle if the vehicle is towed at the request of a law enforcement officer.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2884 Representative Morris, J

Sponsor: Representative Perry, J of Bangor

LR: 2922

Title: An Act to Decrease Property Taxes Through the Property Tax Deferral Program and Homestead Exemption Reimbursement to Municipalities

Comment: This bill would remove income and asset restrictions in the property tax deferral program and increase homestead exemption reimbursement to municipalities.

LR: 2961

Title: An Act Concerning Health Care Cost Fairness Relating to Pharmacy Benefits Managers

Comment: This bill would provide that a pharmacy benefits manager may not derive income from pharmacy benefits manager services provided to a carrier or health plan in this State except for income derived from a pharmacy benefits management fee. It would set standards for pharmacy benefits management fees and provide that a pharmacy benefits manager, carrier or health plan may not engage in, facilitate or enter into a contract with another person involving spread pricing in this State.

Sponsor: Senator Pierce, T of Cumberland

LR: 2929

Title: An Act to Support Municipalities by Repealing the Law Limiting the Municipal Property Tax Levy

Comment: This bill would repeal the law limiting the municipal property tax levy.

Sponsor: Representative Poirier, J of Skowhegan

LR: 2792

Title: An Act to Provide State Recognition for the Kineo Tribe of Malecites

Comment: This bill would recognize as a Native American tribe the Kineo Tribe of Malecites for the purpose of applying for federal and private grants. This bill would not grant to the tribe any rights or claims to land nor any rights to conduct gambling.

Potential JR 217: LD 336 Representative Poirier, J

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Sponsor: Senator Pouliot, M of Kennebec

LR: 2610

Title: An Act Regarding the Carrying Forward of School Administrative Unit Fund Balances

Comment: This bill would allow a school administrative unit to carry forward a fund balance only if the school administrative unit's budget does not raise municipal taxes.

LR: 2620

Title: An Act to Change the Statute of Limitations for a Wrongful Death Action

Comment: This bill would change the statute of limitations for a wrongful death action to 3 years after the harm is discovered.

LR: 2803

Title: An Act to Increase Housing Options in Maine

Comment: This bill would require licensure for off-site home installation.

Sponsor: Senator Rafferty, J of York

LR: 2957

Title: An Act to Protect Victims of Domestic Abuse and Violence

Comment: This bill would amend the law governing protection from abuse orders to give the court the authority to issue an order requiring a person to remain a specified distance from another person.

Sponsor: Representative Rana, A of Bangor

LR: 2940

Title: An Act to Prohibit Clearing of Unhoused Encampments Without Providing Proper Housing Options

Comment: This bill would prohibit the removing of individuals and the clearing of unhoused encampments unless the individuals are provided with alternative housing options such as Section 8 housing.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2879 Representative Light Lookner, G

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2967 Representative Rana, A

LR: 2942

Title: An Act to Standardize Municipal Public Health Policies

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Sponsor: Representative Rana, A of Bangor

Comment: This bill would require municipal standards and protocols that relate to public health to be standardized in accordance with state policy and the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention qualifications. The bill would prevent municipalities from creating ordinances and regulations that contradict the best practice recommendations of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

LR: 2967

Title: An Act to Prohibit Clearing Encampments of Unhoused Individuals

Comment: This bill would prohibit the removal of individuals and clearing of belongings from encampments of individuals who are unhoused.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2879 Representative Light Lookner, G

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2940 Representative Rana, A

Sponsor: Representative Reckitt, L of South Portland

LR: 2675

Title: An Act to Establish Protections to Prevent Children from Accessing Pornography

Comment: This bill would establish protections to prevent children from accessing pornography, including filter and age-verification requirements and enforcement mechanisms for so-called smartphones and tablet devices at the user level.

Sponsor: Senator Reny, C of Lincoln

LR: 2653

Title: An Act to Clarify the Property Tax Exemption for Air Pollution Control Facilities

Comment: This bill would specifically exclude from eligibility for a property tax exemption those facilities that store spent nuclear fuel and nuclear waste.

LR: 2896

Title: An Act to Amend the Charter of the Wiscasset Water District

Comment: This bill would amend the charter of the Wiscasset Water District to expand the district's service territory to include the Town of Edgecomb and to allow the district to provide sewer service to the towns of Edgecomb and Wiscasset and to existing customers in the Town of Woolwich.

Sponsor: Representative Riseman, W of Harrison

LR: 2834

Title: An Act to Repeal the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank Act

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Sponsor: Representative Riseman, W of Harrison

Comment: This bill would repeal the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank Act.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2654 Senator Beebe-Center, A

LR: 2843

Title: An Act to Repeal Reporting Requirements for Special Districts Regarding Outstanding Debt

Comment: This bill would repeal the annual reporting requirements for special districts regarding the outstanding debt of the special districts.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2655 Senator Beebe-Center, A

Sponsor: Representative Roeder, A of Bangor

LR: 2868

Title: An Act to Support Adequate Staffing in Fire Departments Through Grants

Comment: This bill would increase firefighter recruitment and retention rates by establishing a system of hiring grants and recruitment and retention grants.

LR: 2869

Title: An Act to Strengthen Firefighters' Collective Bargaining Rights

Comment: This bill would increase firefighter recruitment and retention rates by strengthening firefighters' collective bargaining rights.

LR: 2870

Title: An Act to Increase Oversight by the Department of Health and Human Services over Benefits Owed to Foster Children

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to determine a foster child's eligibility for federal benefits and to apply for those benefits on behalf of that child.

LR: 2876

Title: An Act to Offset the Cost to Public Agencies and to Municipalities for Training New Emergency Medical Services Personnel

Comment: This bill would establish a program to allow public emergency medical services agencies and municipal governments to apply for grants to provide reimbursement for training required for new emergency medical services personnel.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1409 Representative Fay, J

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Sponsor: Representative Roeder, A of Bangor

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2729 Representative Campbell, D
Potential JR 217: LD 1859 Representative Libby, L
Potential JR 217: LD 326 Senator Tipping, M

Sponsor: Senator Rotundo, M of Androscoggin

LR: 2772

Title: An Act to Accelerate the Production of Housing and Strengthen the Maine Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit

Comment: This bill would increase the maximum tax credit allowed for certified historic property rehabilitation projects. It would also allow nonprofits that claim the historic preservation tax credit or the affordable housing tax credit to file their refund claims on a calendar year basis.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1810 Representative Terry, M

LR: 2910

Title: An Act to Protect and Enhance Access to Behavioral Health Services in Androscoggin County and Nearby Communities

Comment: This bill would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to provide emergency funding to cover losses from behavioral health services provided by St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Lewiston to ensure that those services can be continued and expanded to meet urgent needs in Androscoggin County and nearby communities while avoiding curtailment of other critically important health care services in the region. The bill would appropriate \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 for that purpose. The bill would provide that funds must be disbursed within 30 days of its effective date.

Sponsor: Representative Runte, Jr., W of York

LR: 2755

Title: An Act to Enhance Electric Utility Performance-based Ratemaking

Comment: This bill would add new performance criteria to provisions of law regarding electric utility performance-based ratemaking. It would establish financial consequences for utilities based on the utilities' performance.

Potential JR 217: LD 542 Representative Runte, Jr., W

Sponsor: Representative Russell, R of Verona Island

LR: 2842

Title: An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief

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Sponsor: Representative Russell, R of Verona Island

Comment: This bill would amend the property tax fairness credit to provide increased property tax relief.

LR: 2900

Title: An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Municipal Property Tax Deferral Programs

Comment: This bill would eliminate the requirement that interest be paid by seniors to the State on tax deferred under municipal property tax deferral programs.

Sponsor: Representative Sachs, M of Freeport

LR: 2669

Title: Resolve, to Add Legislators to the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission

Comment: This resolve would add Legislators to the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission, which was established to develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2745 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

Sponsor: Representative Salisbury, S of Westbrook

LR: 2905

Title: An Act Regarding the Authority to Transport Prisoners Confined in Jail and the Use of Physical Force with Respect to Prisoners and Persons Who Have Been Arrested

Comment: This bill would add transport officers and corrections officers to the laws governing the transport of prisoners to and from court and the provision of safe and secure custody of prisoners during court proceedings. It would also provide standards for the use of physical force by officers with respect to prisoners and persons who have been arrested.

Sponsor: Representative Sayre, D of Kennebunk

LR: 2925

Title: An Act to Permit Maine Citizens to Prohibit Data Brokers from Holding or Selling Their Personal Data

Comment: This bill would require the Attorney General to establish an accessible deletion mechanism that allows a consumer to request that every data broker delete any personal information that is related to that consumer held by that data broker or an associated service provider or contractor.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1973 Senator Keim, L

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1977 Representative O'Neil, M

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Sponsor: Representative Shaw, K of Auburn

LR: 2857

Title: An Act to Exempt Buildings Used to Cultivate Crops from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code

Comment: This bill would exempt buildings used to cultivate crops from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.

Sponsor: Representative Sheehan, E of Biddeford

LR: 2935

Title: An Act to Establish the Animal Law Enforcement Response Team

Comment: This bill would establish the Animal Law Enforcement Response Team to provide a coalition of trained professionals to assist with and enhance the enforcement of the State's animal laws, either by consultation or physical response. Team members would include police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors and animal control professionals.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1121 Senator Harrington, M

Sponsor: Representative Simmons, A of Waldoboro

LR: 2687

Title: An Act to Require Drug Testing of Clients of Drug Treatment Facilities

Comment: This bill would require drug testing of clients of drug treatment facilities, including inpatient facilities and sober living facilities.

Sponsor: Representative Smith, K of Palermo

LR: 2615

Title: An Act to Restrict the Sale or Transfer of Fetal Remains

Comment: This bill would prohibit, until October 15, 2027, a person from selling or transferring fetal remains to any for-profit or nonprofit entity, except for the purpose of burial or cremation. A violation would be a Class C crime.

Potential JR 217: LD 1869 Senator Stewart, T

LR: 2743

Title: Resolve, Requiring a Transparent Public Hearing Regarding the Finalized Route of the Northern Maine Transmission Infrastructure

Comment: This resolve would require the finalized route of the northern Maine transmission infrastructure to receive a public hearing and legislative vote in order to be constructed.

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Sponsor: Representative Smith, K of Palermo

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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2637 Representative Cyrway, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2719 Representative Cyrway, S
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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

Sponsor: Representative Soboleski, M of Phillips

LR: 2685

Title: An Act to Move Patriot's Day to Election Day

Comment: This bill would move Patriot's Day to election day.

LR: 2686

Title: An Act Regarding the Disposal of Wind Turbine Blades

Comment: This bill would provide for the disposal of wind turbine blades from wind power facilities whose construction begins on or after January 1, 2025. It also includes provisions regarding the permitting entity, transfer of ownership and financial assurance.

LR: 2903

Title: An Act to Provide Investigative Authority to the Maine State Police, Sheriffs and Local Police Regarding Maine's Recreational Cannabis Laws and Ordinances to Ensure Proper Enforcement

Comment: This bill would provide investigative authority to the Maine State Police, sheriffs and local police regarding Maine's recreational cannabis laws and ordinances to ensure proper enforcement.

Sponsor: Senator Stewart, T of Aroostook

LR: 2636

Title: An Act to Establish the Maine-Irish Trade Commission and Improve Collaboration with the Country of Ireland

Comment: This bill would establish the Maine-Irish Trade Commission and improve collaboration with Ireland.

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Sponsor: Senator Stewart, T of Aroostook

LR: 2648

Title: An Act Establishing Concurrent Jurisdiction in Juvenile Matters with the United States Department of Defense

Comment: This bill would establish concurrent jurisdiction in juvenile matters with the United States Department of Defense.

LR: 2735

Title: An Act to Align Background Checks Between the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Education to accept a background check performed by the Department of Health and Human Services for purposes of meeting the Department of Education's background check requirements.

LR: 2822

Title: An Act to Require Flame-retardant Seats on School Buses Manufactured After 2024

Comment: This bill would require all school buses manufactured after 2024 to be equipped with flame-retardant seats.

Sponsor: Representative Stover, H of Boothbay

LR: 2920

Title: An Act to Create a Victim Advocate for Victims and Survivors of Operating Under the Influence Crashes

Comment: This bill would create a position for a victim advocate for victims and survivors of operating under the influence injuries and deaths. The victim advocate would provide immediate crisis intervention and support, court accompaniment and guidance regarding a victim's or survivor's legal, financial, mental health and medical needs. The position would collaborate with other victim services positions to provide consultation and support to victims and survivors as needed.

Sponsor: Representative Strout, T of Harrington

LR: 2614

Title: Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Roque Bluffs

Comment: This resolve would rename the Englishman River Bridge on Johnson Cove Road in the Town of Roque Bluffs Hope's Bridge.

LR: 2873

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Sponsor: Representative Strout, T of Harrington

Title: Resolve, to Protect Maine's Right to Energy Independence by Requiring the State to Bid on Lobster Management Area 1

Comment: This resolve would require the State to bid on Lobster Management Area 1 in the Gulf of Maine, a major fishing area for Maine residents that is being auctioned by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to allow companies to install offshore wind turbines.

Sponsor: Speaker Talbot Ross, R of Portland

LR: 2611

Title: An Act to Restore Access to the MaineCare Program for Certain Residents

Comment: This bill would provide MaineCare coverage for noncitizen residents of Maine who are parents or caretaker relatives with qualifying low incomes and who are ineligible for MaineCare coverage due to their immigration status. This bill would provide a \$15,000,000 annual appropriation for this purpose.

Potential JR 217: LD 199 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

LR: 2617

Title: An Act to Enact a Farm Worker Bill of Rights

Comment: This bill would establish certain rights for farm workers.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 525 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 321 Senator Tipping, M

Potential JR 217: LD 398 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

LR: 2621

Title: An Act to Establish a Civil Rights Unit Within the Office of the Attorney General to Provide Public Education on Issues Regarding Hate and Bias

Comment: This bill would establish a civil rights unit within the Office of the Attorney General to provide public education on issues regarding hate and bias.

LR: 2745

Title: Resolve, to Increase Participation in the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission

Comment: This resolve would increase the membership of the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission by 10 members and provide all members compensation equal to the legislative per diem rate.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2669 Representative Sachs, M

LR: 2891

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Sponsor: Speaker Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act to Include Farm Workers in the Laws Establishing Minimum Wage Rates and Overtime Restrictions

Comment: This bill would provide that agricultural employees and seasonal farm employees are covered by the laws that place limits on mandatory overtime and the laws that set a minimum wage and overtime rate.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2644 Representative Drinkwater, G

Potential JR 217: LD 398 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

LR: 2943

Title: An Act to Strengthen Maine's Agriculture, Food System and Forest Products Infrastructure Investment

Comment: This bill would strengthen Maine's agriculture, food system and forest products infrastructure investment by making changes and providing funding for grants to the Maine Agriculture, Food System and Forest Products Infrastructure Investment Advisory Board.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 650 Senator Hickman, C

LR: 2944

Title: An Act Regarding Quality of Care for Maine's Veterans

Comment: This bill would amend the law regarding the quality of care for veterans in Maine.

LR: 2945

Title: An Act to Remove the Exemption from Sales and Use Tax for Automobiles Purchased for Use as Rentals

Comment: This bill would remove the exemption from sales and use tax for automobiles, and parts or accessories related to those automobiles, purchased or used by persons engaged in the business of renting automobiles.

Potential JR 217: LD 1946 Representative Moonen, M

LR: 2946

Title: An Act to Create the Commission of Inquiry on Labor and Land Justice

Comment: This bill would create the Commission of Inquiry on Labor and Land Justice to study extractive labor performed by African Americans, Native Americans, migrant farmers and low-income Maine residents and land practices related to extractive labor.

Sponsor: Representative Terry, M of Gorham

LR: 2848

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Sponsor: Representative Terry, M of Gorham

Title: An Act to Amend the Recapture Penalty Imposed Under the Farm and Open Space Tax Law

Comment: This bill would make changes to the recapture penalty imposed when land is withdrawn from classification under the farm and open space tax law program.

LR: 2902

Title: An Act to Enhance the State Child Tax Credit by Establishing the Working Families Child Tax Credit Fund

Comment: This bill would establish the Working Families Child Tax Credit Fund to provide funding to increase the child tax credit. The fund would be funded from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Sponsor: Senator Timberlake, J of Androscoggin

LR: 2642

Title: An Act to Eliminate State Agency Review of Program Evaluation Reports Prior to Release of Reports to the Government Oversight Committee

Comment: This bill would eliminate the requirement that the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability provide a draft of a program evaluation report to the evaluated state agency prior to releasing the report to the Government Oversight Committee.

LR: 2643

Title: An Act to Repeal the Law Requiring Initiation of Agency Routine Technical Rule-making Proceedings upon Receipt of a Petition of 150 Voters

Comment: This bill would repeal the law requiring a state agency to initiate routine technical rule-making proceedings upon receipt of a petition submitted by 150 or more registered voters.

LR: 2694

Title: An Act Regarding the Poverty Abatement Timeline

Comment: This bill would align the deadline for filing an application for poverty abatement, which may be filed up to 3 years from the date of commitment, with the timeline of the foreclosure process, in which liens automatically foreclose 18 months from the date of filing.

LR: 2773

Title: An Act to Reinstate State Police Rural Patrol Services

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Sponsor: Senator Timberlake, J of Androscoggin

Comment: This bill would direct the State Police to reinstate rural patrol services in all counties in which rural patrol services were eliminated.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 630 Representative Graham, A

LR: 2850

Title: An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Payroll Processors

Comment: This bill would remove the authority of the Superintendent of Consumer Credit Protection and the Superintendent of Financial Institutions in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to require licensing of payroll processors through the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry.

Sponsor: Senator Tipping, M of Penobscot

LR: 2912

Title: An Act to Improve Maine's Labor Laws by Changing the Laws Governing Collective Bargaining Elections for Certain Public Employees

Comment: Current law allows municipal employees in a collective bargaining unit to have an election to be represented by a certain labor organization as their collective bargaining agent if, after examining the demonstration of majority support, the Maine Labor Relations Board finds majority support for the organization to be in question. For judicial, state and higher education public employees and employers, current law allows the public employer to request an election from the Maine Labor Relations Board in order to determine whether the organization indeed represents a majority of the members in the collective bargaining unit. This bill would extend the current law applying to municipal employees and employers to judicial, state and higher education public employees and employers.

LR: 2962

Title: An Act to Assist First-time Home Buyers by Increasing Assistance Available from the Maine State Housing Authority

Comment: This bill would require the income and purchase price thresholds for the Maine State Housing Authority's first-time home buyer program to be linked to inflation and would increase the assistance amount to \$7,000.

LR: 2963

Title: An Act to Assist Residents of the State Who Have High Rents

Comment: This bill would expand the current property tax fairness credit program to increase the amount of relief available to residents who rent.

Sponsor: Representative Underwood, J of Presque Isle

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Sponsor: Representative Underwood, J of Presque Isle

LR: 2616

Title: An Act to Require Elementary School Students to Learn Cursive Writing

Comment: This bill would require elementary school students to learn cursive writing.

Sponsor: Senator Vitelli, E of Sagadahoc

LR: 2710

Title: An Act to Help Public Schools Affected by Disasters to Apply for State Construction Funding and to Establish an Emergency School Construction Fund

Comment: This bill would change how emergency school construction projects are evaluated for approval and create an emergency school construction fund.

LR: 2736

Title: An Act to Support Child Care Workers by Exempting Child Care Worker Subsidies from State Income Tax

Comment: This bill would reduce the federal adjusted gross income of child care workers by an amount equal to the monthly wage supplement for purposes of calculating state income tax. It would not affect a child care worker's income level for purposes of federal taxes or benefits programs.

LR: 2965

Title: An Act to Improve Maine Residents' Oral Health by Strengthening the Dental Hygienist Workforce

Comment: This bill would improve Maine residents' oral health by strengthening the dental hygienist workforce.

Sponsor: Representative Walker, M of Naples

LR: 2828

Title: An Act to Assist Municipalities to Maintain Safe Public Ways

Comment: This bill would allow municipal public works departments to employ drivers who hold Class C licenses to operate certain municipal vehicles under certain conditions if those drivers successfully complete training equivalent to emergency vehicle operation training.

LR: 2901

Title: An Act to Provide Statewide Equity in Public Education

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Sponsor: Representative Walker, M of Naples

Comment: This bill would allow a student to attend any public school in the State as long as the superintendent of the school administrative unit in which the school is located approves and the student's family provides transportation for the student to and from school activities.

Potential JR 217: LD 1798 Senator Libby, J

Sponsor: Representative White, B of Waterville

LR: 2859

Title: An Act to Provide a Sales Tax Exemption to Incorporated Nonprofit Member Organizations to Promote Career and Technical Education

Comment: This bill would provide a sales tax exemption to incorporated nonprofit member organizations if the primary purpose of the organization is to assist a statewide organization of career and technical education administrators to promote career and technical education through the exchange of information among career and technical education administrators.

Sponsor: Representative Zeigler, S of Montville

LR: 2649

Title: An Act to Increase the Number of Commissioners on the Public Utilities Commission

Comment: This bill would increase the number of commissioners on the Public Utilities Commission to 5 over a 10-year period.

LR: 2866

Title: An Act to Align Maine Law Regarding Energy Portfolios with Those of the New England Independent System Operator

Comment: This bill would align Maine's law regarding energy portfolios with the New England independent system operator for the purpose of meeting Maine Climate Council goals.

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Agency and Department Bills
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Department of Administrative and Financial Services

- LR 2702 An Act to Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes
- LR 2703 An Act to Make Technical Changes to the Maine Tax Laws
- LR 2704 An Act to Amend the Ownership Disclosure Requirements for Liquor Licensees and Certificate of Approval Holders
- LR 2705 An Act to Establish Common Carrier Reporting for the Direct Shipment of Wine
- LR 2706 An Act to Clarify Licensing Criteria and Criminal History Records Check and Notification Requirements for Adult Use Establishments
- LR 2707 Resolve, to Approve Conceptual Elements of the 2023 Augusta State Facilities Master Plan
- LR 2806 Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory
- LR 2807 An Act to Amend the State Tax Laws
- LR 2923 An Act to Increase the Expenditure Threshold for Certain Procurements and Update References to Certain Offices

Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

- LR 2657 An Act to Address Lack of Availability of Required Humane Agent Training
- LR 2658 Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Convey a Parcel of Land in the Town of Woodstock
- LR 2659 Resolve, to Convey Peacock Beach State Park to the Town of Richmond
- LR 2660 An Act to Address Identified Gaps in the Laws Governing Erosion Control and the Natural Resources Protection Act
- LR 2661 An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Disclosure of Wood Processing Data
- LR 2761 An Act to Require Disclosure of a Property's Flood Hazard Status
- LR 2762 An Act to Change the Composition of the Board of the Finance Authority of Maine to Allow for Proxy Designees
- LR 2763 An Act to Change the Composition of the Land for Maine's Future Board to Allow for Proxy Designees

Department of Corrections

- LR 2701 An Act to Establish Training and Certification Standards for Probation Officers
- LR 2819 An Act to Continue the Program Allowing the Department of Corrections to Accept Placement of Certain Defendants Found Incompetent to Stand Trial

Department of Education

- LR 2757 An Act to Support Extended Learning Opportunities
- LR 2758 An Act to Update the Statutes Regarding Education in the Unorganized Territory

Department of Environmental Protection

- LR 2662 An Act Regarding Compliance with Environmental Permit and License Application Requirements
- LR 2663 An Act to Update Air Quality Alerts

- LR 2664 An Act to Exempt Certain Emergency Activities and Elevation Increases in Flood Zones from the Natural Resources Protection Act
- LR 2665 An Act Regarding Processing of Applications Under the Natural Resources Protection Act to Ensure Consistency with Shoreland Zoning Laws
- LR 2666 An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Pharmaceutical Product Stewardship
- LR 2667 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund Wastewater Sludge Infrastructure Projects for Ratification by Voters in the November 2024 Election
- LR 2668 An Act to Clarify Liability Under the Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Site Law

Finance Authority of Maine

- LR 2759 An Act to Provide for the 2024 and 2025 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds

Department of Health and Human Services

- LR 2688 An Act to Remove the Exemption for Certain Roadside Springs from the Definition of Public Water Systems in the Laws Regarding Water for Human Consumption
- LR 2689 An Act to Allow Equitable Compensation of Certain Board Members
- LR 2690 An Act to Amend Regulations Relating to Delegation of Patient Care Services to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses
- LR 2691 An Act to Make Corrections and Updates to the Laws Affecting Children and Families
- LR 2692 An Act to Align the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program with Federal Regulations
- LR 2693 An Act to Simplify MaineCare Copayments
- LR 2764 An Act to Improve Testing for Evidence of Drug Use
- LR 2765 An Act to Add Schedule V to the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program
- LR 2766 An Act to Increase Safety for Child Welfare Workers

Department of the Judiciary

- LR 2829 An Act Regarding the Duties of Bail Commissioners
- LR 2830 An Act to Modernize and Consolidate Court Facilities

Department of Labor

- LR 2886 An Act to Make Technical Changes to the Laws Governing Renewable Energy Projects

Maine Human Rights Commission

- LR 2749 An Act to Correct Outdated References in and Relating to the Maine Human Rights Act

Department of Marine Resources

- LR 2678 An Act to Amend Maine's Aquaculture Leasing Laws
- LR 2679 An Act to Amend Certain Advisory Councils and Boards Related to the Department of Marine Resources
- LR 2680 An Act to Provide for Medical and Boat Breakdown Waivers for Commercial Menhaden License Holders
- LR 2681 An Act Regarding Marine Resources Suspensions
- LR 2682 An Act to Make Technical Changes to Maine's Marine Resources Laws

Department of Professional and Financial Regulation

- LR 2695 An Act to Amend the Content of Notices Provided to Tax Liens on Certain Property
- LR 2696 An Act to Amend the Money Transmitters Act and Laws Regarding Payroll Processors

- LR 2697 An Act to Make Technical Updates to the Maine Uniform Securities Act
- LR 2698 An Act to Amend Licensing Requirements for Landscape Architects
- LR 2699 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Real Estate Appraiser and Appraisal Management Companies
- LR 2700 An Act to Restore the Board of Dental Practice's Authority to Issue Letters of Guidance
- LR 2760 An Act to Authorize the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and the Board of Examiners in Physical Therapy to Obtain Fingerprint-based Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Background Checks for Applicants for Licensure

Office of the Public Advocate

- LR 2893 An Act Regarding the Ratepayer Costs and Environmental Effects of Natural Gas
- LR 2894 An Act to Dedicate the Proceeds of the Sales Tax on Electricity to Low-income Ratepayer Assistance
- LR 2895 An Act to Clarify the Right to Appeal Certain Public Utilities Commission Decisions

Department of Public Safety

- LR 2775 An Act to Amend the Monitoring of Slot Machines by the Gambling Control Board
- LR 2776 An Act to Amend Maine's Charitable Gaming Laws
- LR 2777 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Sports Wagering
- LR 2778 An Act to Create a Universal Exclusion List for All Forms of Gambling in the State
- LR 2804 An Act to Create Parity in Emergency Medical Services Professionals and Other Health Care Professionals Entering Private Residences
- LR 2805 An Act to Align Emergency Medical Services Licensure with National Standards
- LR 2815 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Protection from Substantial Threats

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- LR 2808 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Motor Vehicles

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**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND INTERIM STUDY GROUPS FOLLOWING THE 1ST REGULAR AND SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE
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New Legislative Studies and Commissions

Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients	PL 2023, c. 410	Dec. 6, 2023
Commission to Study Expansion of Public preschool and Early Care Education	PL 2023, c. 477	Dec. 6, 2023
Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System	Resolve 2023, c. 92	Jan. 15, 2024
Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine	Resolve 2023, c. 93	Jan. 15, 2024
Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study	Resolve 2023, c. 95	Dec. 6, 2023
Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Patients	Resolve 2023, c. 97	Dec. 6, 2023
Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services	Resolve 2023, c. 98	Nov. 6, 2024
Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State	Resolve 2023, c. 99	Dec. 6, 2023
Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities	Resolve 2023, c. 100	Dec. 6, 2023
Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education	Resolve 2023, c. 102	Dec. 6, 2023
Criminal Records Review Committee	Resolve 2023, c. 103	Dec. 6, 2023 & Nov. 6, 2024

Ongoing Studies, Boards and Commissions

Cannabis Advisory Commission	28-B, c. 1, sub ch. 9	Jan. 15 Annually
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Right to Know Advisory Committee	1 MRSA §411 / Public Law 250	Jan. 15th Annually
State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force	20-A MRSA §12901	Nov. 1st Annually to EDU and LBHS Committees

Other Legislative Council-approved studies (staffed by department/agency)

Bureau of Motor Vehicles Working Group Study Potential Solutions Regarding the Costs of and Access to Driver Education for Underserved Populations and Low-Income Families	Resolve 2023, c. 94	Feb. 1, 2024
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New Boards or Commissions Requiring Confirmation of Gubernatorial Appointment

Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Authority	PL 2023, c. 412	
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