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**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILLS AND
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Disposition of All Bills and Summaries of All Laws Enacted or
Finally Passed During the Second Regular Session
of the 131st Maine Legislature

Second Regular Session convened Wednesday, January 3, 2024
Second Regular Session adjourned sine die Friday, May 10, 2024

	Second Regular
Senate Legislative Days	43
House Legislative Days	42
Number of Bills	754

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This *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* provides the disposition of all LDs and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed during the Second Regular Session of the 131st Maine Legislature. Please note that all LDs and proposed amendments may be found through the Legislature's webpage, and each includes a summary of what the bill or amendment proposed.

The *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* is arranged alphabetically by committee. Within each committee section is a subject index of all LDs considered by that committee as well as a digest of the LDs, arranged by LD number. Also included are enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed. Brief analyst notes on certain LDs are also included: a committee digest will indicate if additional notes are provided for an LD. These notes add information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this *Digest*; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance. A separate section of the *Digest* provides a digest of the relatively few LDs that were not referred to a committee or reported from a committee as a committee bill; enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed are provided. Finally, an appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

The final disposition of each LD is noted in the relevant summary digest and index. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER..... carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE.....defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY.....enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE.....emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT..... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW.....sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY.....ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X.....ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX.....chapter # of enacted public law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature is Friday, August 9, 2024. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

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**SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING
CARRY OVERS AND HELD BILLS**

The Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature adjourned sine die on May 10, 2024. Prior to that adjournment, on April 18, 2024, the Legislature passed Joint Order, H.P. 1482, which read:

“ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that all legislation not finally disposed of upon adjournment sine die of the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature be carried over in the same posture to any special session of the 131st Legislature.”

No special session has been held as of the publication of this Digest and, if no additional legislative session is held, all bills carried over will die upon the conclusion of the 131st Legislature.

Additionally, on May 10, 2024 and prior to its adjournment sine die, the Legislature finally enacted or passed a number of bills and presented those bills to the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of any such bills not signed by the Governor may be determined during the next legislative session of the 131st Legislature. If no additional legislative session is held prior to the conclusion of the 131st Legislature, those bills will not become law.

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SUBJECT INDEX

Agricultural Development

Not Enacted	LD 220	An Act to Support Maine's Farmers in the Development of Sustainable Irrigation	CARRIED OVER
	LD 579	An Act to Support Farmland Conservation	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1511	An Act to Update the Laws Governing the University of Maine System's Board of Agriculture and to Rename the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 2212	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Agriculture, Food System and Forest Products Infrastructure Investment	CARRIED OVER

Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Not Enacted	LD 1916	An Act to Classify Meat and Poultry Products Inspections as Essential Services	ONTP
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Food Policy

Enacted	LD 2091	An Act Regarding Businesses' and Consumers' Use of Returnable, Reusable and Refillable Containers for Food, Beverages and Nonfood Items	PUBLIC 528
Not Enacted	LD 568	An Act to Provide Funding for the Fund to Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives	CARRIED OVER
	LD 650	An Act to Improve Maine Agriculture and Food Systems	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 1823	An Act to Protect the Right to Food	CARRIED OVER
	LD 2093	An Act to Address Food Insecurity by Helping Maine Residents Access Locally Produced Food	CARRIED OVER

Maine Forest Service

Enacted	LD 2063	An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Disclosure of Wood Processing Data	PUBLIC 495
Not Enacted	LD 993	An Act to Facilitate Stakeholder Input Regarding Forest Policy in Maine	CARRIED OVER

LD 1886	Resolve, to Construct a New District Headquarters Building for the Bureau of Forestry in Fort Kent	CARRIED OVER
LD 1985	An Act to Authorize Removal of Requirements of Forest Certification Systems from the State's Forest Management Plans	CARRIED OVER

Miscellaneous

**Not
Enacted**

LD 1227	An Act to Balance Renewable Energy Development with Natural and Working Lands Conservation	CARRIED OVER
LD 1441	An Act to Enhance State Oversight of Water Use and Water Resources	CARRIED OVER
LD 1682	An Act to Create the Maine Experiential Education Program	CARRIED OVER
LD 1817	An Act to Support Outdoor Education by Establishing the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program	CARRIED OVER

Parks and Public Lands

Enacted

LD 2033	Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Convey a Parcel of Land in the Town of Woodstock	RESOLVE 128
LD 2038	An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Land for Maine's Future Board to Allow for Proxy Designees	PUBLIC 494
LD 2061	Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Convey Peacock Beach State Park to the Town of Richmond	RESOLVE 172

**Not
Enacted**

LD 25	An Act to Provide Indigenous Peoples Free Access to State Parks	HELD BY GOVERNOR
LD 56	An Act to Provide Free Admission to State Parks and Historic Sites for the Immediate Family Members of Veterans and Active Military Personnel	CARRIED OVER
LD 294	An Act to Include a Tribal Member in the Baxter State Park Authority	CARRIED OVER
LD 791	An Act to Support the Maintenance, Preservation and Promotion of Historic Sites	CARRIED OVER
LD 988	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	CARRIED OVER
LD 1285	An Act to Extend Funding for the Land for Maine's Future Program	CARRIED OVER
LD 1349	An Act to Review State Lands and Waterways That Have Sacred, Traditional or Other Significance to the Wabanaki People	CARRIED OVER
LD 1989	Resolve, to Modify the Deed for a Parcel of Property in the Town of Carrabassett Valley to Allow for Workforce Housing	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310

Pest Management

Not Enacted	LD 1021	An Act to Support Research, Education and Outreach Efforts at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1162	An Act to Increase Support for the Community Forestry Fund	CARRIED OVER

Pesticides

Enacted	LD 2189	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 41: Special Restrictions on Pesticide Use, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control	RESOLVE 153
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Regulated Products

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	LD 2188	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Milk Commission	RESOLVE 174
	LD 2226	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 213: Rules for the Salmonella Enteritidis Risk Reduction and Surveillance Program for Commercial Egg-type Flocks, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry	RESOLVE 160
Not Enacted	LD 1996	An Act to Regulate Synthetic Hemp-derived Cannabinoids	ONTP
	LD 2256	An Act to Provide Emergency One-time Relief from the Wild Blueberry Tax for Growers	CARRIED OVER

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Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Comm	LD	Title	Committee Action	Date of last Comm Action	Disposition upon R2 Adjournment	Law	Ch	Analyst Note?
ACF	25	An Act to Provide Indigenous Peoples Free Access to State Parks	OTP-AM	1/18/2024	Held by Governor			
ACF	56	An Act to Provide Free Admission to State Parks and Historic Sites for the Immediate Family Members of Veterans and Active Military Personnel	OTP-AM	3/23/2023				
ACF	220	An Act to Support Maine's Farmers in the Development of Sustainable Irrigation	OTP-AM	5/24/2023				
ACF	294	An Act to Include a Tribal Member in the Baxter State Park Authority	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/10/2024				
ACF	568	An Act to Provide Funding for the Fund to Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives	OTP-AM	3/28/2023				
ACF	579	An Act to Support Farmland Conservation	OTP-AM	2/6/2024				
ACF	650	An Act to Improve Maine Agriculture and Food Systems	LTW	1/17/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
ACF	791	An Act to Support the Maintenance, Preservation and Promotion of Historic Sites	OTP-AM	4/13/2023				
ACF	988	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	OTP-AM	5/2/2023				
ACF	993	An Act to Facilitate Stakeholder Input Regarding Forest Policy in Maine	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/15/2023				
ACF	1021	An Act to Support Research, Education and Outreach Efforts at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory	OTP-AM	4/26/2023				
ACF	1162	An Act to Increase Support for the Community Forestry Fund	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/26/2023				
ACF	1227	An Act to Balance Renewable Energy Development with Natural and Working Lands Conservation	OTP-AM	6/9/2023				

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ACF	1274	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Support Commercial Dairy Farms in the State	OTP-AM	3/13/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	146	
ACF	1285	An Act to Extend Funding for the Land for Maine's Future Program	OTP-AM	5/26/2023				
ACF	1349	An Act to Review State Lands and Waterways That Have Sacred, Traditional or Other Significance to the Wabanaki People	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/5/2024				
ACF	1441	An Act to Enhance State Oversight of Water Use and Water Resources	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/17/2023				
ACF	1511	An Act to Update the Laws Governing the University of Maine System's Board of Agriculture and to Rename the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station	ONTP/OTP-AM	2/14/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
ACF	1682	An Act to Create the Maine Experiential Education Program	OTP-AM	6/2/2023				
ACF	1817	An Act to Support Outdoor Education by Establishing the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program	OTP-AM	6/6/2023				
ACF	1823	An Act to Protect the Right to Food	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/9/2024				
ACF	1886	Resolve, to Construct a New District Headquarters Building for the Bureau of Forestry in Fort Kent	OTP-AM	2/1/2024				
ACF	1916	An Act to Classify Meat and Poultry Products Inspections as Essential Services	ONTP	1/12/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
ACF	1985	An Act to Authorize Removal of Requirements of Forest Certification Systems from the State's Forest Management Plans	Not Reported Out	5/10/2024				
ACF	1989	Resolve, to Modify the Deed for a Parcel of Property in the Town of Carrabassett Valley to Allow for Workforce Housing	LTW	1/3/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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Comm	LD	Title	Committee Action	Date of last Comm Action	Disposition upon R2 Adjournment	Law Ch		Analyst Note?
ACF	1996	An Act to Regulate Synthetic Hemp-derived Cannabinoids	ONTP	2/13/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
ACF	2033	Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Convey a Parcel of Land in the Town of Woodstock	OTP-AM	1/18/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	128	
ACF	2038	An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Land for Maine's Future Board to Allow for Proxy Designees	OTP	1/12/2024	Enacted	PL	494	
ACF	2061	Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Convey Peacock Beach State Park to the Town of Richmond	OTP-AM	1/26/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	172	
ACF	2063	An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Disclosure of Wood Processing Data	OTP	1/11/2024	Enacted	PL	495	
ACF	2091	An Act Regarding Businesses' and Consumers' Use of Returnable, Reusable and Refillable Containers for Food, Beverages and Nonfood Items	OTP-AM	2/15/2024	Enacted	PL	528	
ACF	2093	An Act to Address Food Insecurity by Helping Maine Residents Access Locally Produced Food	OTP-AM	1/31/2024				
ACF	2188	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Milk Commission	OTP-AM	3/7/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	174	
ACF	2189	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 41: Special Restrictions on Pesticide Use, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control	OTP-AM/OTP	2/27/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	153	
ACF	2212	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Agriculture, Food System and Forest Products Infrastructure Investment	OTP-AM	3/27/2024				
ACF	2226	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 213: Rules for the Salmonella Enteritidis Risk Reduction and Surveillance Program for Commercial Egg-type Flocks, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry	OTP-AM	3/20/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	160	

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Comm	LD	Title	Committee Action	Date of last Comm Action	Disposition upon R2 Adjournment	Law	Ch	Analyst Note?
ACF	2256	An Act to Provide Emergency One-time Relief from the Wild Blueberry Tax for Growers	OTP-AM	3/20/2024				

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LD 1274 Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Support Commercial Dairy Farms in the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 146 directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convene the Task Force to Support Commercial Dairy Farms in the State. It directs the task force to review and provide recommendations on potential investments and policies to support the long-term sustainability and resiliency of the State’s dairy sector. The task force is required, no later than January 6, 2025, to submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters. The joint standing committee is authorized to report out a bill to the 132nd Legislature in 2025 based on the recommendations of the task force.

Resolve 2023, chapter 146 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 25, 2024.

LD 2033 Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Convey a Parcel of Land in the Town of Woodstock

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 128 authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convey the State's interest in a 0.34-acre parcel of land in Woodstock.

LD 2038 An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Land for Maine’s Future Board to Allow for Proxy Designees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 494 allows each permanent member of the Land for Maine’s Future Board to designate a proxy for board meetings. The permanent members of the board are the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Commissioner of Marine Resources and the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

LD 2061 Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Convey Peacock Beach State Park to the Town of Richmond

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 172 authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convey to the Town of Richmond all the State’s interest in a parcel of land approximately 32 acres in size in Richmond known as Peacock

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Beach State Park. Future use of the property must be for noncommercial public recreational use. The department retains a right of first refusal regarding future property conveyances.

Resolve 2023, chapter 172 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 22, 2024.

LD 2063 An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Disclosure of Wood Processing Data

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 495 amends the confidentiality provisions of the laws governing wood processor reports to authorize limited sharing of the information submitted to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry with the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Northern Research Station, as long as the bureau enters into a confidentiality agreement with that entity. It also adds penalties to ensure that the information is used only for purposes authorized by the director of the bureau.

LD 2091 An Act Regarding Businesses' and Consumers' Use of Returnable, Reusable and Refillable Containers for Food, Beverages and Nonfood Items

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 528 requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to ensure that its rules and guidelines allow a business, on a voluntary basis, to allow consumers to supply their own containers or packaging for shelf-stable food and nonfood items as provided in current law, but also other food as determined by the department by rule.

It also requires the department to ensure that its rules and guidelines do the following:

1. Explicitly provide that a returnable, reusable or refillable container or packaging may be reclaimed by the business or a third party, restored to standards for health and safety and reused in the packaging and selling of a nonfood item, a shelf-stable item or other food to the same or another consumer;
2. Explicitly provide that allowing consumers to supply their own containers or packaging for the purchase of nonfood items, shelf-stable items and other food is voluntary for the business;
3. Explicitly provide that allowing a business to sell nonfood items, shelf-stable items and other food to consumers in returnable, reusable or refillable containers and packaging, which may be supplied by either the business or a third party, is voluntary; and
4. Explicitly establish the right of a business to refuse any returnable, reusable or refillable container or packaging supplied by a consumer.

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LD 2188 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Milk Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 174 authorizes final adoption of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Maine Milk Commission that was submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, only if the following changes are made to the four levels of target prices for milk producers:

1. For the first 16,790 hundredweight produced per year by each producer, the target price is \$24.51 per hundredweight;
2. For production over 16,790 hundredweight to 49,079 hundredweight per year, the target price is \$23.37 per hundredweight;
3. For production over 49,079 hundredweight to 76,800 hundredweight per year, the target price is \$22.60 per hundredweight; and
4. For production over 76,800 hundredweight per year, the target price is \$21.88 per hundredweight.

Resolve 2023, chapter 174 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 22, 2024.

LD 2189 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 41: Special Restrictions on Pesticide Use, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 153 provides that final adoption of Chapter 41: Special Restrictions on Pesticide Use, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control that was submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is not authorized.

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LD 2226 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 213: Rules for the Salmonella Enteritidis Risk Reduction and Surveillance Program for Commercial Egg-type Flocks, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 160 authorizes final adoption of Chapter 213: Rules for the Salmonella Enteritidis Risk Reduction and Surveillance Program for Commercial Egg-type Flocks, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry that was submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A outside the legislative rule acceptance period. The resolve also authorizes the department may make grammatical, formatting, punctuation and other technical, nonsubstantive editing changes to the rule as necessary prior to final adoption, including, but not limited to, any such changes necessary to ensure that the rule is correctly chaptered as Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry rule Chapter 213.

Resolve 2023, chapter 160 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 2, 2024.

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Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

SUBJECT INDEX

Budget Bills - Biennial and Supplemental

Enacted	LD 2214	An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025	PUBLIC 643
Not Enacted	LD 423	An Act Making Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1982	An Act Regarding Appropriations and Allocations to Support the State of Maine	CARRIED OVER

Fiscal Policy

Not Enacted	LD 1733	An Act to Require the Revenue Forecasting Committee to Prepare Economic Impact Statements for Certain Legislation	ONTP
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General Obligation Bond Bills

Enacted	LD 416	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Research and Development and Commercialization	PUBLIC 654
	LD 912	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Restore Historic Community Buildings	PUBLIC 653
	LD 1156	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Promote the Design, Development and Maintenance of Trails for Outdoor Recreation and Active Transportation	PUBLIC 652
Not Enacted	LD 212	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Upgrade Municipal Culverts at Stream Crossings	CARRIED OVER
	LD 236	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Support the Economic Development of the Fishing Industry and the Portland Harbor Dredging Project	ONTP
	LD 367	An Act to Authorize General Fund Bond Issues to Improve Highways, Bridges and Nonhighway Modes of Transportation	ONTP

LD 427	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Invest in Research, Development and Commercialization in Maine's Marine Technology and Aquaculture Sector	CARRIED OVER
LD 450	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Upgrade and Replace Emergency Alert System Infrastructure of Maine Public	CARRIED OVER
LD 460	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Improve Student Success and Workforce Readiness Within the University of Maine System	CARRIED OVER
LD 503	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund the Maine Community College System	CARRIED OVER
LD 749	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Provide a New Dormitory Facility at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics	CARRIED OVER
LD 1074	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund New Affordable Housing for Low-income Households	CARRIED OVER
LD 1163	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Capital Improvements for Arts and Cultural Facilities	CARRIED OVER
LD 1185	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund	CARRIED OVER
LD 1457	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for a Jail in Caribou	CARRIED OVER
LD 1480	An Act to Protect Union Wharf and Sustain Maine's Maritime Industries	CARRIED OVER
LD 1871	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Invest in a Green Energy Materials Building at the University of Maine	CARRIED OVER
LD 1957	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Invest in Maine's Railroad Infrastructure	CARRIED OVER

Miscellaneous Funding and Other Requests

Enacted	LD 646	An Act to Fully Reimburse Municipalities for Lost Revenue Under the Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens Program	PUBLIC 520
Not Enacted	LD 1920	An Act to Authorize a Supplemental Benefit Relief Payment	ONTP
	LD 2225	An Act to Provide Funding to Rebuild Infrastructure Affected by Extreme Inland and Coastal Weather Events	CARRIED OVER

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Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Comm	LD	Title	Committee Action	Date of last Comm Action	Disposition upon R2 Adjournment	Law	Ch	Analyst Note?
AFA	212	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Upgrade Municipal Culverts at Stream Crossings	Not Reported Out	5/10/2024				
AFA	236	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Support the Economic Development of the Fishing Industry and the Portland Harbor Dredging Project	ONTP	4/2/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
AFA	367	An Act to Authorize General Fund Bond Issues to Improve Highways, Bridges and Nonhighway Modes of Transportation	ONTP	4/2/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
AFA	416	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Research and Development and Commercialization	OTP-AM	4/9/2024	Enacted	PL	654	
AFA	423	An Act Making Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government	Not Reported Out	5/10/2024				
AFA	427	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Invest in Research, Development and Commercialization in Maine's Marine Technology and Aquaculture Sector	Not Reported Out	5/10/2024				
AFA	450	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Upgrade and Replace Emergency Alert System Infrastructure of Maine Public	Not Reported Out	5/10/2024				
AFA	460	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Improve Student Success and Workforce Readiness Within the University of Maine System	Not Reported Out	5/10/2024				
AFA	503	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund the Maine Community College System	Not Reported Out	5/10/2024				
AFA	646	An Act to Fully Reimburse Municipalities for Lost Revenue Under the Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens Program	OTP-AM	2/20/2024	Emergency Enacted	PL	520	

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AFA	749	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Provide a New Dormitory Facility at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics	Not Reported Out	5/10/2024				
AFA	912	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Restore Historic Community Buildings	OTP-AM	4/9/2024	Enacted	PL	653	
AFA	1074	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund New Affordable Housing for Low-income Households	Not Reported Out	5/10/2024				
AFA	1156	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Promote the Design, Development and Maintenance of Trails for Outdoor Recreation and Active Transportation	OTP-AM	4/9/2024	Enacted	PL	652	
AFA	1163	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Capital Improvements for Arts and Cultural Facilities	Not Reported Out	5/10/2024				
AFA	1185	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund	Not Reported Out	5/10/2024				
AFA	1457	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for a Jail in Caribou	Not Reported Out	5/10/2024				
AFA	1480	An Act to Protect Union Wharf and Sustain Maine's Maritime Industries	Not Reported Out	5/10/2024				
AFA	1733	An Act to Require the Revenue Forecasting Committee to Prepare Economic Impact Statements for Certain Legislation	ONTP	1/18/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
AFA	1871	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Invest in a Green Energy Materials Building at the University of Maine	Not Reported Out	5/10/2024				
AFA	1920	An Act to Authorize a Supplemental Benefit Relief Payment	ONTP	1/18/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
AFA	1957	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Invest in Maine's Railroad Infrastructure	Not Reported Out	5/10/2024				

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AFA	1982	An Act Regarding Appropriations and Allocations to Support the State of Maine	Not Reported Out	5/10/2024				
AFA	2214	An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	4/17/2024	Enacted	PL	643	
AFA	2225	An Act to Provide Funding to Rebuild Infrastructure Affected by Extreme Inland and Coastal Weather Events	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	3/29/2024				

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LD 416 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Research and Development and Commercialization

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 654 provides funds through a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$25,000,000 for research and development and commercialization as prioritized by the Maine Innovation Economy Advisory Board's most recent innovation economy action plan and the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Innovation's most recent science and technology action plan. The funds must be allocated in support of technological innovation leading to commercialization in the targeted sectors of life sciences and biomedical technology, environmental and renewable energy technology, information technology, advanced technologies for forestry and agriculture, aquaculture and marine technology, composites and advanced materials and precision manufacturing. The funds must be awarded through a competitive process and to Maine-based public and private institutions to leverage matching private and federal funds on at least a one-to-one basis. The provision of funds is contingent on the ratification of the bond in the November 2024 statewide election.

LD 646 An Act to Fully Reimburse Municipalities for Lost Revenue Under the Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 520 transfers \$15,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Property Tax Stabilization program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to be used to fully reimburse municipalities for revenue lost under the property tax stabilization program for senior citizens. It also transfers \$50,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Property Tax Stabilization - Mandate program to reimburse municipalities for implementation and administrative costs of the property tax stabilization program. The property tax stabilization program was amended in 2023 to apply only to the property tax year beginning April 1, 2023.

Public Law 2023, chapter 520 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 6, 2024.

LD 912 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Restore Historic Community Buildings

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 653 provides \$10,000,000 to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission through a General Fund bond issue to be used to restore historic community buildings owned by governmental and nonprofit organizations, with funds being issued contingent on a 25% local match requirement from either private or nonprofit sources. Up to 1% of the funds may be

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used by the Commission to administer the program. The provision of funds is contingent on the ratification of the bond in the November 2024 statewide election.

LD 1156 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Promote the Design, Development and Maintenance of Trails for Outdoor Recreation and Active Transportation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 652 provides \$30,000,000 to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands through a General Fund bond issue to be awarded to nonprofit organizations, municipalities and State Government entities to be used for the design, development and maintenance of nonmotorized, motorized and multi-use trails statewide with a requirement that at least \$3,000,000 must be matched by contributions from public and private sources. Of the funds provided, approximately 25% must be used for nonmotorized trails, 50% for motorized trails and 50% for multi-use trails. No more than \$7,500,000 plus previously unexpended balances may be expended in any one year. The provision of funds is contingent on the ratification of the bond in the November 2024 statewide election.

LD 2214 An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 643 does the following.

Part A makes changes to appropriations and allocations of funds for fiscal year 2024-25.

Part B makes appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C establishes the total cost of education from kindergarten to grade 12, the state contribution and the mill expectation for the local contribution for fiscal year 2024-25.

Part D does the following.

1. It authorizes the transfer of Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery funds within or between departments or agencies during fiscal years 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26.
2. It allows limited-period positions funded with Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery funds to be extended through December 31, 2026.

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3. It allocates one-time funding of \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 to complete projects initially funded with funds received through the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Part E does the following.

1. It specifies that fees for the examination of plans or specifications for new or altered elevators and tramways are not subject to a \$500 cap applied to other fees related to elevator inspections.
2. It provides that fees for the examination of plans and specifications may not exceed 1.5% of the cost of the new or altered elevator or tramway.
3. It directs the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to amend rules to change fees associated with elevator inspections to cover the costs of additional Elevator Inspector positions and to allow for future reclassification or reorganization of all Elevator Inspector positions.
4. It requires the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation to report to the joint standing committee or joint select committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters as to whether the fee changes are sufficient to add the positions at a more competitive compensation level.

Part F updates the definition of “biennial base year appropriation” for the laws governing the General Fund appropriation limitation and clarifies that when the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund is at its statutory limit, funds transferred from the General Fund to the Irrevocable Trust Funds for Other Post-employment Benefits are for the trust fund established for the state employee retiree health plan. Part F also increases the biennial base year appropriation, for fiscal year 2024-25 only, to 99% of the baseline General Fund revenue.

Part G does the following.

1. It provides that, beginning in the school year starting after June 30, 2025, the minimum hourly wage for educational technicians is 125% of the state minimum hourly wage and the minimum hourly wage for other school support staff who are paid hourly is 115% of the state minimum hourly wage.
2. It requires that, if the state minimum hourly wage is increased on January 1st of any year, the minimum hourly wage for educational technicians and other school support staff is increased beginning July 1st of the same year.
3. It provides that, beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 and for each subsequent fiscal year, the Commissioner of Education is required to update the salary matrix to reflect any increase in the minimum hourly wage of educational technicians and other school support staff.
4. It requires the Commissioner of Education to incorporate the minimum hourly wage into the essential programs and services funding model.

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5. It provides that, for the 2025-2026 school year only, the State must pay 100% of the additional funding necessary to achieve the minimum hourly wage.

Part H changes the approach to the taxation of rental property from imposing sales and use tax on the lessor upfront on the purchase price of the rental property to instead imposing tax on lease or rental payments going forward, also known as the lease stream. It also provides an exemption from the sales and use tax to nonprofit organizations that are exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Part I requires the State Controller to carry forward up to \$750,000 of unexpended balance in the Capital Expenditures line category in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund account the end of fiscal year 2023-24 to upgrade the Cony Road facility in Augusta.

Part J transfers \$750,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Bureau of Agriculture program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to be used to renovate the office area of the Cony Road facility in Augusta.

Part K requires a one-time transfer in fiscal year 2024-25 of all funds in excess of \$200,000 of unencumbered balance forward in the Personal Services line category and in excess of \$300,000 of unencumbered balance forward in the All Other line category in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Forest Protection, General Fund account to the Capital Expenditures line category in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Forest Protection, General Fund account.

Part L establishes the Agricultural Fair Promotion Fund as a unit in the Operating Account within the Harness Racing Commission program within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and authorizes any residual cash balance to be transferred to the Operating Account at the close of fiscal year 2023-24.

Part M establishes five units within the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund: the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund; the Maine Working Waterfront Access Protection Fund; the Maine Working Farmland Access and Protection Fund; the Conservation and Recreation Fund; and the Conservation Land Management Fund. Part M also requires that the proceeds from the Conservation and Recreation Fund be held in a separate interest-bearing Other Special Revenue Funds account.

Part N creates the Maine Mass Violence Care Fund in the Department of the Attorney General to provide financial support to victims of mass violence crimes and their families and household members funded by an initial transfer of \$5,000,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus. Disbursements from the fund are made by the Victims' Compensation Board within the Department of the Attorney General and limited to earnings on the fund or from donations to the fund.

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Part O requires the transfer of \$4,800,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Corrections, Administration - Corrections, Other Special Revenue Funds account for one-time implementation costs of the offender management system.

Part P requires the State Controller to carry forward up to \$900,000 appropriated in Part A for the subscription costs for the offender management system used by the Department of Corrections.

Part Q changes the maximum amount of funding that may be held in the Disaster Recovery Fund to address the existing obligations of the fund and plan for the increasing frequency of disaster declarations and removes the Consumer Price Index factor from the statute governing the fund. It also transfers \$15,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Disaster Recovery Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to fund the State's share of estimated disaster recovery costs.

Part R continues one-time funding for environmental closure activities at the former Maine Military Authority site in Limestone.

Part S transfers \$75,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Military Reserve Fund to settle outstanding obligations of the Maine Military Authority. It also requires the transfer of \$460,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Administration - Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to fund environmental closure activities at the former Maine Military Authority site in Limestone.

Part T establishes a 2-year public safety health and wellness grant pilot program within the Department of Public Safety to provide grants to government entities for wellness visits or specialized cardiac and metabolic screenings that specifically address the physical or mental health effects experienced by public safety employees.

Part U changes the maximum period of assignment of an educator under an interchange program from 24 months to 36 months.

Part V lapses to the General Fund \$518,714 of the unencumbered balance from the Legislature, General Fund carrying account, Personal Services line category.

Part W reorganizes oversight and updates practices for serving infants, toddlers and children with disabilities from birth to six years of age.

1. It establishes the extended Part C option under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to continue individualized family service plans until the start of the school year when the child is four years of age if the family chooses.

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2. It provides that, beginning July 1, 2028, all school administrative units are responsible for child find activities and for ensuring a free, appropriate public education for children eligible under Part B, Section 619 of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education.
3. It establishes a transition period lasting through June 30, 2028 during which:
 - A. The Commissioner of Education is required to designate responsibility for child find activities and for ensuring a free, appropriate public education for eligible children to the Child Development Services System or to school administrative units in accordance with a transition schedule;
 - B. The Commissioner may approve school administrative units to assume the responsibility for child find activities and for ensuring a free, appropriate public education with a memorandum of understanding specifying the services to be provided by the department and the regional support and service hub;
 - C. Approved school administrative units must be provided professional learning and technical support and the department must assess and approve readiness plans and must be provided funding on a quarterly basis;
 - D. The Child Development Services System must transition to serve as regional support and service hubs aligned with the nine established superintendent regions;
 - E. School administrative units that the commissioner had determined to be unable to assume responsibility for child find activities and for ensuring a free, appropriate public education by July 1, 2028 must be provided with an additional year and the necessary resources to assume the responsibility; and
 - F. The department is required to contract with a national expert to regularly monitor funding and programming and report annually in March to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters.
4. It establishes the minimum requirements and guiding principles for the regional support and service hubs established by the Child Development Services System.
5. It requires the Department of Education to implement a funding formula to fully fund school administrative units for the assumption of responsibility for child find activities and for ensuring a free, appropriate public education for eligible children that:
 - A. May not be appropriated to or allocated through general purpose aid for local schools and must be provided at 100% state share;
 - B. Includes, for each school administrative unit, a per-pupil operating allocation, a per-pupil special education and related services allocation and additional allocations for high-cost placements; and

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- C. Must be provided on a quarterly basis.
6. It provides that the Child Development Services System is responsible for due process and for paying 100% of the costs for compensatory services for children who have been underserved through the Child Development Services System and establishes a review procedure for eligible children entering kindergarten or whose school administrative units are assuming responsibility for child find activities and for ensuring a free, appropriate public education.
 7. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its MaineCare Benefits Manual rules regarding school-related services.
 8. It requires the Department of Education to establish the early childhood special education pathways pilot project, establish a centralized MaineCare billing system, convene a work group to review and recommend expansion of the State's Part C eligibility criteria, develop and disseminate information on Maine Public Employees Retirement System retirement and review the Child Development Services System annual legislative reporting requirements.

Part X changes the name of the Facilities, Safety and Transportation program within the Department of Education to the School Facilities program.

Part Y removes the laws governing the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering.

Part Z specifies that certification hearing officers appointed by the Commissioner of Education and individualized education program due process facilitators contracted with by the State are entitled to the same immunity as state employees under the Maine Tort Claims Act while performing their duties as certification hearing officers or individualized education program due process facilitators.

Part AA authorizes the Commissioner of Education, for fiscal year 2024-25 only, to provide grant opportunities of up to \$400,000 for a regional high school construction project involving School Administrative District 4 in Guilford, School Administrative District 41 in Milo and School Administrative District 46 in Dexter and up to \$480,000 for construction projects involving an elementary school in School Administrative Unit 17 in West Paris and other schools that have experienced sudden closures for health and safety reasons. The provision of these grant opportunities is contingent on the availability of unexpended fund balances in the Department of Education, General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program, General Fund account. A grant opportunity must require matching funds.

Part BB establishes the Higher Education Administrative Fund within the Department of Education to accept State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement participation fees from institutions of higher education. The fund must be used to support the facilitation of the reciprocity agreement and for other department costs associated with the administration of higher education in the State.

Part CC provides funding for the payments of the daily tuition rate for special purpose private preschools or for intermediate payments if the funding formula to provide appropriate daily tuition

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rates pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 7302, subsection 2, paragraph G has not been implemented. Part CC transfers \$11,000,000 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 payment of the daily tuition rate or the intermediate payment. Part CC also requires the Department of Education to submit a report no later than September 30, 2024 to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on the development of the funding formula for daily tuition rates.

Part DD creates the Maine Office of Community Affairs and establishes a director for the office. The office is established to foster communication and partnerships between the State and communities in this State. The office is required to engage with municipalities, tribal governments and regional councils to provide coordinated and efficient planning, technical assistance and financial support to better plan for challenges, pursue solutions and create stronger, more resilient communities.

Part EE transfers \$5,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Executive Department, GOPIF - Community Resilience Partnership program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to support grants and provide technical assistance to municipalities and federally recognized Indian tribes in the State for climate planning and actions, including adaptation and resilience projects and emissions reduction initiatives, including clean energy and energy efficiency projects.

Part FF establishes the Office of New Americans within the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future and an advisory council to the Office of New Americans.

Part GG transfers \$10,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority, Housing Authority - State, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide funds for new housing units through the affordable homeownership program to expand affordable, energy-efficient housing options that are affordable to workers and support state workforce needs.

Part HH transfers \$13,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority, Emergency Housing Relief Fund Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to supplement or establish programs addressing the needs of persons experiencing homelessness or facing other immediate housing needs and support other uses that address housing emergencies in the State, such as through winter warming shelters, legal services and other wraparound settlement supports intended to help individuals integrate into Maine's workforce and communities. Part HH also requires the transfer of \$7,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority, Emergency Housing Relief Fund Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to support privately operated low-barrier shelters.

Part II prohibits municipalities from exceeding maximum levels of assistance under the General Assistance program for a household for more than 30 days in a 12-month period when assistance is granted for housing in a hotel, motel, inn or other lodging place.

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Part JJ makes the following changes to the laws governing the hospital tax beginning January 1, 2025, applying to the tax payment due on May 15, 2025.

1. It removes critical access hospitals from the definition of “hospital.”
2. It changes the tax imposed on hospitals from 2.23% to 3.25%.
3. It specifies that the tax no longer applies to critical access hospitals.

Part JJ also requires revenues received in each fiscal year from the hospital tax to be credited to the Medical Care - Payments to Providers Other Special Revenue Funds account to be used for MaineCare hospital payments.

Part KK requires an applicant seeking to convert a hospital into a critical access hospital to provide to the Department of Health and Human Services a copy of the applicant’s most recent community health needs assessment, an estimate of the financial impact of converting to a critical access hospital and a utilization plan that includes the amount of total anticipated revenues that will be used and how they will be used to address the community health needs that are not being fully met at that time. It also requires an approved critical access hospital to provide an annual report to the department for a period of five years demonstrating its use of revenues to support the health care needs of the community.

Part LL terminates the requirement that the Department of Health and Human Services allocate payments at least \$1,000,000 from hospital tax revenues collected under Title 36, chapter 377 and \$1,000,000 from hospital tax revenues collected under Title 36, chapter 375 to critical access hospitals to be used for staff enhancement. It also changes the reimbursement percentage to critical access hospitals from 109% to 104.5% of MaineCare allowable costs.

Part MM requires the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that aggregate MaineCare payments made to a group of hospitals comply with the upper payment limit applicable to that group as required under federal regulations. It also requires the department to share its calculations and data related to the upper payment limit with affected hospitals at least 60 days prior to taking any action to limit payments and to increase payments to that group if the Federal Government determines that the payments made were below the applicable upper payment limit.

Part NN delays the requirement that the Department of Health and Human Services establish income disregards for determining eligibility in the Medicare savings program until July 1, 2024.

Part OO transfers \$10,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns program, Other Special Revenue Funds account for funding general assistance payments to cities and towns.

Part PP transfers \$6,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Purchased Social Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide one-time funding to replace reductions in grants to the department under

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the federal victim assistance formula grant program administered by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime pursuant to the federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984.

Part QQ directs the Department of Health and Human Services to provide support for federally qualified health centers to develop or expand the centers' capacity to provide access to affordably priced prescription drugs to patients by increasing the centers' ability to deliver pharmacy services to those patients. It also requires that initial awards to be made no later than 120 days after the deadline for applications for pharmacy services support and that the selection process must be performed by an evaluation team, some of whose members must be persons experienced in the operation and management of federally qualified health centers.

Part RR requires the State Controller to carry forward to fiscal year 2024-25 any unexpended balance of the \$1,500,000 appropriated in Part A for fiscal year 2023-24 in the Department of Health and Human Services, Child Care Services program, General Fund account for technology enhancements necessary to implement the increase in eligibility for child care subsidies from 85% to 125% of the State's median income.

Part SS changes the beginning date of the increase of eligibility for child care subsidies from January 1, 2024 to July 1, 2024.

Part TT establishes a two-year child care staff scholarship pilot program, beginning in fiscal year 2024-25, to help child care staff working in a licensed child care program in Maine pay for their own child to attend a licensed child care program. The program is capped at \$2,500,000 per year.

Part UU outlines the distribution of funding approved in Public Law 2023, chapter 412 to support nursing facilities.

Part VV authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt emergency rules to implement any provision of this law over which the department has specific authority that has not been addressed by some other Part of this law without the necessity of demonstrating that immediate adoption is necessary to avoid a threat to public health, safety or welfare.

Part WW renames the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services program the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services and authorizes the commission, for fiscal year 2024-25 only, to transfer up to \$2,500,000 in available General Fund balances in the Personal Services line category to the All Other line category to fund costs associated with assigned legal counsel.

Part XX authorizes one-time transfers in fiscal year 2023-24 of up to \$493,603 and in fiscal year 2024-25 of up to \$575,000 of available balances of appropriations in the Personal Services line category to the All Other line category in the Judicial Department, Courts - Supreme, Superior and District program to fund temporary clerk services and marshal services contracts.

Part YY transfers funding from the Department of Labor, Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the Department of Labor, Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund program, Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance

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Fund account at the end of fiscal year 2023-24 to accurately reflect the expenditures associated with implementing and administering the paid family and medical leave benefits program.

Part ZZ establishes the Wage Recovery Fund within the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards to facilitate payments related to unpaid wages, unpaid health benefits, liquidated damages or interest owed to employees or former employees of an employer when the department receives payments from an employer in accordance with a settlement agreement or a judgment on behalf of affected individuals.

Part AAA directs the State Controller to carry forward in the Maine State Library, Maine State Library program, General Fund account up to \$300,000 in the All Other line category for space planning purposes in the public space of the Maine State Library and up to \$1,500,000 in the Capital Expenditures line category authorized for purchase of shelving for the Cultural Building.

Part BBB requires a one-time transfer of \$168,030 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Library, Imagination Library of Maine Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to support the Imagination Library of Maine Program.

Part CCC transfers \$4,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the School Revolving Renovation Fund under the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to support the renovation needs of school administrative units that have voluntarily assumed the free, appropriate public education for children three years of age to five years of age.

Part DDD amends the effective date of Public Law 2023, chapter 329 to allow the funding for a Comprehensive Health Planner II position to take effect on January 1, 2025. Other provisions of the Public Law 2023, chapter 329 will take effect on January 1, 2026 as originally enacted.

Part EEE transfers \$100,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety, Safe Homes Program Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide one-time funding to support the safe storage of prescription drugs, firearms and dangerous weapons in homes or public spaces.

Part FFF authorizes immediate promotion of an employee in a Fire Investigator position to a Senior Fire Investigator position if that employee becomes certified as a Certified Fire Investigator by the International Association of Arson Investigators or equivalent certification body.

Part GGG directs the State Controller to carry forward up to \$1,500,000 appropriated for high-density shelving at the former Eastside Wellness Center and in the Cultural Building in the Maine State Archives as authorized in Public Law 2023, chapter 3 to fiscal year 2024-25 in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Archives program, General Fund account, Capital Expenditures line category.

Part HHH transfers \$3,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Milk Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide one-time payments to address escalating production costs to Maine milk producers.

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Part III transfers \$3,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Parks - General Operations program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to address damage incurred to state parks, historic sites and public lands during the December 2023 and January 2024 storms. It also directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to seek reimbursement of costs, and any reimbursement received must be transferred to the reserve account established by the State Controller to reserve General Fund resources for future funding needs or transferred to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Part JJJ requires the State Controller, at the end of fiscal year 2023-24, to carry forward any unexpended balance remaining of the \$550,000 appropriated in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund account, All Other line category to the next fiscal year to be used to replace the feed, seed and fertilizer database. It also requires the State Controller, at the end of fiscal year 2023-24, to carry forward any unexpended balance remaining of the \$1,500,000 appropriated in Public Law 2023, chapter 412 in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund account, Capital Expenditures line category to the next fiscal year to be used for replacement of the licensing and inspection database.

Part KKK requires the Department of Health and Human Services to plan for and assist a statewide network of crisis receiving centers across the State that supports both rural and urban communities to provide short-term mental health and substance use disorder crisis stabilization services.

Part LLL authorizes the State Controller to keep open the official system of general accounts of State Government for fiscal year 2023-24 to make post-closing entries and adjustments to carry out the provisions of this law.

Part MMM requires the State Controller to carry forward to fiscal year 2024-25 any unexpended balance at the end of fiscal year 2023-24 in the All Other line category in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Information Services program, General Fund account.

Part NNN authorizes the adjustment of appropriations and allocations within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Parks - General Operations accounts to maximize the use of the ARP - State Fiscal Recovery Funds and respond to damage from the December 2023 and January 2024 storms.

Part OOO transfers \$180,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Military Training and Operations program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to fund costs associated with providing paid leave pending completion of sexual harassment investigation or sexual assault investigation as required under Title 37-B, section 390-D.

Part PPP implements the cost items in the collective bargaining agreements reached between the State and specified executive branch bargaining unit and provides for equitable treatment for

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confidential employees and certain other employees excluded from collective bargaining. Part PPP also does the following.

1. It provides for the adjustment of certain salary schedules in fiscal year 2023-24 and in fiscal year 2024-25 consistent with any collective bargaining agreements made between January 31, 2024 and June 30, 2025.
2. It specifies the costs from the General Fund and Highway Fund to fund salary increases and authorizes the transfer by financial order of available General Fund and Highway Fund balances as necessary.
3. It requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to convene a task force to review and make recommendations regarding the criteria required for a recruitment and retention adjustment.

Part QQQ amends the provision of law that requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a substance use disorder treatment center in Kennebec County or Washington County.

1. It specifies that the treatment center must be established in Kennebec County.
2. It requires that services offered by the center must be available to all individuals regardless of insurance.
3. It makes optional certain conditions that are required under the current law.
4. It retroactively changes the date by which the department must award a contract for the development of the treatment center from the original deadline of December 1, 2023 to 90 days after the effective date of Part QQQ.

Part RRR establishes a one-time Child Care Stability Grant program in the Department of Health and Human Services to provide additional support to licensed child care providers in the State. Expenses eligible for funding under the grant program include stipends to support staff recruitment and retention and funding to allow child care providers to offer financial assistance to families. Part RRR also does the following.

1. It requires the department to use all funds available in the Child Care Services program, Other Special Revenue Funds account and the Head Start program, Other Special Revenue Funds account for the following purposes:
 - A. Up to \$5,400,000 for the Child Care Stability Grant program established in this Part;
 - B. Up to \$3,500,000 for one-time technology improvements in the Maine Child Care Affordability Program; and
 - C. The remainder for general funding to support child care access for families, particularly low-income families, consistent with the Maine Child Care Affordability Program.

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2. It requires the State Controller, after making several priority transfers from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund at the close of fiscal year 2023-24 as required by statute, to make additional priority transfers first to the Child Care Services program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in an amount up to \$11,772,649 and then to the Head Start program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the amount of up to \$1,134,000 for the Maine Child Care Affordability Program.
3. It requires that the department maximize federal funding for child care and specifies that federal funding may not be replaced with general funds.

Part SSS establishes the Nursing Facility Reform Transition Fund as a Department of Health and Human Services, Nursing Facilities program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to fund components of nursing facility rates starting January 1, 2025 that assist in transitioning toward the fully implemented rates under the MaineCare program's comprehensive rate system reform pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 639 by calendar year 2028. It also transfers \$23,247,780 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to provide funding for this purpose and an immediate distribution from the Nursing Facility Reform Transition Fund as a one-time payment to nursing facilities.

Part TTT authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to carry forward to fiscal year 2024-25 any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2023-24 of the \$1,000,000 appropriated in Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Part A, section 25 for the repair of three department-owned dams.

Part VVV transfers \$3,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety, Administration - Public Safety program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to fund certain first responder overtime costs associated with the Lewiston mass casualty event on October 25, 2023.

Part WWW clarifies that the duties of the interconnection ombudsman also include technical or regulatory work involving public utilities, that this work is to be funded by the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund and that the interconnection ombudsman fund is to be used to offset costs for interconnection-related activities undertaken by the interconnection ombudsman.

Part XXX requires the Department of Health and Human Services to work with any hospital that is reimbursed by the federal Medicare program as a “prospective payment system hospital” and that was reimbursed by the MaineCare program as a critical access hospital for outpatient services on or before January 1, 2024 to determine a plan for transitioning to reimbursement by the MaineCare program as a prospective payment system hospital while maintaining financial solvency. It also requires the department to provide a report on the transition plan to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by March 31, 2029.

Part YYY does the following.

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1. It establishes within the Department of Environmental Protection the Coastal Sand Dune Restoration and Protection Fund, from which the department may pay up to 50% of the eligible costs incurred in a project to restore, protect, conserve, nourish or revegetate a coastal sand dune system and up to 100% of eligible costs for projects relating to coastal sand dune systems and addressing technical assistance and public education.
2. It transfers \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Coastal Sand Dune Restoration and Protection Fund to fund eligible sand dune projects.
3. It authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to consider and potentially grant a permit for construction of an offshore wind terminal on Sears Island in the Town of Searsport to be located on or that will otherwise impact a coastal sand dune system on the island, under certain specified conditions.
4. It directs the Department of Transportation, in collaboration with the Maine Coast Heritage Trust, to take all reasonable steps to ensure the conservation and protection of a specified parcel of land in the northwest portion of Sears Island.

Part ZZZ amends the law governing paid family and medical leave.

1. It amends the definition of “base period” to reflect calendar quarters for which wage information would be available and amends the definition of “benefit year” to consider the date that leave begins in order to ensure parity between family and medical leave.
2. It repeals a provision of the paid family and medical leave benefit program that establishes criteria for evaluating bids to contract with a 3rd party for claims administration allowing the procurement of a 3rd-party claims administrator to be governed by the remaining relevant provisions of the paid family and medical leave benefits program and state procurement laws.
3. It amends intermittent leave requirements to reflect an individual's actual work day instead of a set eight hours and clarifies that an employee and employer may not agree to a reduced leave schedule that permits leave increments of less than one hour.
4. It increases the cap on the cost of administering the paid family and medical leave benefits program from 5% to 10% of the amount deposited to the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund for each fiscal year.

Part AAAA transfers \$20,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority, Housing Authority - State, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide funds for the Rural Affordable Rental Housing Program and the federal Low-income Housing Tax Credit Program to expand affordable rental and ownership housing options.

Part BBBB transfers \$5,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority, Housing Authority - State, Other Special Revenue Funds account to establish a manufactured home and mobile home park preservation and assistance program.

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Part CCCC transfers \$4,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Corrections, County Jails Operation Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

Part DDDD does the following.

1. It provides funding for mental health crisis intervention mobile response services to provide services 24 hours per day, seven days per week.
2. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide for the incorporation of specific types of mental health and crisis intervention experts into the existing crisis services response system.
3. It provides funding for ancillary services for mental health crisis intervention mobile response services, including necessary travel and telephone conferences with clients.
4. It requires the department to ensure the coordination of services under the State's E-9-1-1 system and the State's 9-8-8 mobile crisis services system and submit a status report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and utilities matters by January 30, 2026.

Part EEEE directs the Department of Health and Human Services to establish two crisis receiving centers, one in Aroostook County and one in Penobscot County, to support individuals dealing with behavioral health, mental health or substance use issues and provides funding for that purpose. It also directs the department to develop a plan to expand crisis receiving centers statewide, with at least one center located in each county.

Part FFFF establishes the Office of Violence Prevention within the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, provides related funding and directs the office to engage in the following activities.

1. To coordinate and promote effective efforts to reduce violence in the State, including gun violence, and related trauma.
2. To promote research regarding causes of and evidence-based responses to violence.
3. To create and maintain a data hub of regularly updated and accurate materials and resources as a repository for data, research and statistical information regarding violence in the State.

Part FFFF authorizes the office to establish and administer a program to award grants for community-based violence intervention initiatives that are primarily focused on interrupting cycles of violence, trauma and retaliation by providing culturally competent intervention services.

Part GGGG provides ongoing funding to the Department of Health and Human Services for employee recruitment and retention incentives to the staff who provide medication management services provided by the Office of Behavioral Health within the department.

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Part HHHH requires the Department of Public Safety to contract with a statewide organization with expertise in mental health to develop written and online suicide prevention educational materials. It also requires the department to submit a report on the project to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public safety matters by December 1, 2026.

Part IIII requires the Commissioner of Public Safety to develop and implement procedures to notify the public, including the deaf and hard-of-hearing community, of active shooter situations and provides funding for that purpose.

Part JJJJ transfers \$30,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Education Stabilization Fund.

Part KKKK does the following.

1. It directs the Maine State Housing Authority to establish a pilot program designed to provide eligible persons with up to \$800 per month in rental assistance paid directly to the person's landlord for a period of up to 24 months with the stipulation that such assistance provided is not considered income or an asset for the purposes of determining eligibility for or a benefit amount from a public assistance program administered by the State or a municipality.
2. It establishes a subsidy program under the Maine State Housing Authority in coordination with the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services for students experiencing homelessness who have not yet attained 18 years of age and directs the authority to consider ways in which the services provided by school-based housing navigators established by the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act could benefit the administration of the program.
3. It transfers \$18,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority for a pilot program to provide support for eviction prevention.
4. It transfers \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority to be used for housing subsidies for homeless students in elementary school and secondary school.

Part MMMM transfers \$23,535,428 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the MaineCare Stabilization Fund. It also requires the State Controller at the close of fiscal year 2023-24, after making several priority transfers from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund required by statute and after the transfer required in Part RRR of this law, to make an additional priority transfer up to \$6,464,572 to the Department of Health and Human Services, MaineCare Stabilization Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

Part NNNN requires the Department of Health and Human Services to issue a request for proposals to develop one or more psychiatric residential treatment facilities in the State to meet the residential care needs of adolescents who have high levels of behavioral health needs that cannot be met by existing behavioral health services in the State.

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Part OOOO transfers \$11,000,000 from the unallocated balance of the Highway Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund on or before June 30, 2025.

Part PPPP transfers \$8,747,622 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services for emergency one-time assistance to St. Mary's Regional Medical Center and for other emergency needs of the City of Lewiston associated with the mass casualty event on October 25, 2023.

Part QQQQ continues those limited-period positions that are proposed to continue in fiscal year 2024-25 but for which funding ends at the end of fiscal year 2023-24. These same limited-period positions are continued through August 1, 2024 in Part B of Public Law 2023, chapter 645, which was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 17, 2024.

Part RRRR requires the Department of Health and Human Services to offer grants and incentives to providers to expand into rural areas to provide services to children and adults in families involved in the child welfare system. An appropriation of \$500,000 in each year of the biennium is provided in Part A for this purpose.

Part SSSS requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health to provide training to clinicians in the so-called assertive continuing care protocol to facilitate the delivery of the evidence-based practice for potential expansion of services for the acute mental health needs of adolescents with co-occurring disorders.

Part TTTT requires the Department of Health and Human Services to extend supplemental payments to the Maine Veterans' Homes with funds provided in Resolve 2023, chapter 117 in fiscal year 2023-24 and provide one-time supplemental payments to the Maine Veterans' Homes in fiscal year 2024-25.

Part UUUU transfers \$50,000,000 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to the Department of Transportation, Infrastructure Adaptation Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account for municipal, state or regionally significant infrastructure adaptation, repair and improvements that support public safety, protection of essential community assets, regional economic needs and long-term infrastructure resiliency. Project types may include working waterfront infrastructure, culverts, storm water systems, water system upgrades and other interventions that support reducing or eliminating climate impacts, especially coastal and inland flooding. It also creates the Business Recovery and Resilience Fund program within the Department of Economic and Community Development and transfers \$10,000,000 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund for economic recovery and resilience grants for businesses and nonprofit organizations.

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CJPS	288	An Act Concerning Housing and Support Services for At-risk Youth and Youth Involved in the Juvenile Justice System	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/5/2024				
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CJPS	911	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Law Enforcement Interactions and Tools for Determining Residency During Conflict Resolution	ONTP/OTP-AM	1/22/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
CJPS	913	An Act to Support First Responders	ONTP	2/2/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
CJPS	931	An Act to Expand the State's Workforce by Supporting the Transition from Incarceration to Employment	OTP-AM/ONTP/OTP-AM	2/20/2024				
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CJPS	2041	Resolve, to Review Traffic Fatalities Occurring While an Operator Was Under the Influence and Subsequent Prosecution with Respect to Those Occurrences	ONTP	3/5/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
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CJPS	2051	An Act Regarding the Duties of Bail Commissioners	OTP	2/5/2024	Enacted	PL	508	
CJPS	2053	An Act to Exempt Buildings Used to Cultivate Crops from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code	OTP	2/14/2024	Enacted	PL	527	
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CJPS	2071	Resolve, to Fill All Vacant and Expired Seats on the Emergency Medical Services' Board	OTP	2/29/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	154	
CJPS	2094	Resolve, to Require the Establishment of a Stakeholder Group to Examine and Improve the Recruitment, Retention and Wellness of Law Enforcement Officers	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	3/29/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	165	
CJPS	2109	An Act to Fund Rural Patrol Services in Androscoggin County	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/7/2024				
CJPS	2129	An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Conduct an Inventory of Existing Forensic Examination Kits in the Possession of Law Enforcement	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	4/1/2024	Held by Governor			

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CJPS	2204	An Act to Combat Racketeering in Scheduled Drugs by Certain Organizations	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/3/2024	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report			
CJPS	2246	An Act to Establish a Minimum Value Threshold for the Class C Crime of Theft by a Repeat Offender	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/20/2024	Veto Sustained			
CJPS	2247	An Act to Clarify the Minimum Sentencing Standards for a Violation of Operating Under the Influence	ONTP/OTP	3/20/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LD 582 An Act to Enhance Certain Penalties for Possession of Firearms by Prohibited Persons

Public Law 2023, chapter 491 increases the class of crime for the prohibited possession of a firearm by certain persons.

Public Law 2023, chapter 491 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2023 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2023, chapter 491 became law without the Governor's signature on January 7, 2024.

LD 1863 An Act to Facilitate the Provision of Medically Appropriate Levels of Care for Clients of Correctional Facilities

Public Law 2023, chapter 659 does the following.

1. It requires the Department of Corrections to track data for all grievances filed by prisoners about their medical or mental health treatment and to publish this data monthly on the department's publicly accessible website in a manner that does not violate confidentiality requirements.
2. It prohibits the Commissioner of Corrections from revoking a prisoner's transfer to supervised community confinement due to a terminal or severely incapacitating medical condition or a worsening prognosis that is likely to result in a terminal or severely incapacitating medical condition if the department's director of medical care determines that the prisoner has a worsening prognosis that is likely to result in a terminal or severely incapacitating medical condition.
3. It requires that the department include in written information made available to prisoners concerning the supervised community confinement program, and make available on the department's publicly accessible website, the determination and approval process for supervised community confinement for prisoners who have a terminal or severely incapacitating medical condition or have a worsening prognosis that is likely to result in a terminal or severely incapacitating medical condition and for whom care outside a correctional facility is medically appropriate.
4. It requires the department to add to its supervised community confinement data tracking requirements data for all prisoners who are transferred to supervised community confinement due to having a terminal or severely incapacitating medical condition or a worsening prognosis that is likely to result in a terminal or severely incapacitating medical condition.

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LD 2045 An Act to Establish Training and Certification Standards for Probation and Parole Officers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 525 requires the board of trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to establish training and certification standards, set requirements for board-approved courses, prescribe curricula and certify graduates of board-approved courses for probation and parole officers and requires those officers to meet the training and certification standards established by the board. The board must establish training and certification standards by July 1, 2025 and new probation and parole officers must comply with the new standards by that date. Provisional certifications for current probation and parole officers lapse October 1, 2025, at which point those officers must comply with the new standards.

LD 2046 An Act Regarding the Placement of Certain Defendants Found Incompetent to Stand Trial

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 600 repeals the provision of law that repeals, on July 1, 2024, the authorization for the Commissioner of Corrections to accept the placement of an adult defendant in a mental health unit of a correctional facility when the adult defendant has been found incompetent to stand trial and has been committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Health and Human Services.

LD 2051 An Act Regarding the Duties of Bail Commissioners

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 508 amends the Maine Bail Code to allow county jail employees to prepare and execute bail paperwork for defendants having bail set at personal recognizance or unsecured appearance bond by a bail commissioner.

LD 2053 An Act to Exempt Buildings Used to Cultivate Crops from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 527 exempts buildings used to cultivate crops from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, except for buildings used to cultivate cannabis.

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LD 2054 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

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 507 adds operating under the influence and operating or attempting to operate 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 certain revocation and termination proceedings when assistance has been requested for a suspected drug-related overdose.

LD 2071 Resolve, to Fill All Vacant and Expired Seats on the Emergency Medical Services' Board

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 154 requires the Governor, within 30 days of its effective date, to appoint members to the Emergency Medical Services' Board to fill all vacancies and replace those members whose terms have expired.

Resolve 2023, chapter 154 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 26, 2024.

LD 2094 Resolve, to Require the Establishment of a Stakeholder Group to Examine and Improve the Recruitment, Retention and Wellness of Law Enforcement Officers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 165 requires the Department of Public Safety to convene a stakeholder group to examine and propose long-term solutions to incentivize and encourage the recruitment, retention and mental and physical wellness of law enforcement officers. The stakeholder group must consist of several members representing the department, active and retired law enforcement officers, State troopers, mental health providers, secondary and postsecondary educational institutions, police chiefs and county sheriffs. The stakeholder group must develop a report, including any suggested legislation, and the department must submit the report to the joint standing committee of the legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters by January 2, 2025. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

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LD 2130 An Act to Prohibit Unauthorized Paramilitary Training

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 621 establishes the new crime of unauthorized paramilitary training. A person is guilty of unauthorized paramilitary training if that person intentionally or knowingly engages in the any of the following conduct.

1. The person teaches, trains or demonstrates the use, application or making of a firearm, explosive or incendiary device if the person knows or reasonably should know that the teaching, training or demonstrating is intended to be used in or in furtherance of civil disorder.
2. The person assembles with others for the purpose of practicing or being trained or instructed in the use, application or making of a firearm, explosive or incendiary device or in techniques capable of causing injury or death of another person, if the person intends or knows that the practicing, training or instruction is intended to be used in or in furtherance of a civil disorder.

The law defines the terms “civil disorder,” “explosive,” “firearm,” and “incendiary device” for the purpose of this crime. The law also exempts certain activities from being considered criminal under this new law. Unauthorized paramilitary training is a Class D crime.

The law also authorizes the Attorney General, in order to restrain or prevent a person from committing unauthorized paramilitary training, to bring a civil action for a temporary or permanent injunction against that person whom the Attorney General has reason to believe is committing the violation.

LD 2161 An Act to Make Technical Corrections to the Maine Juvenile Code, the Maine Criminal Code and the Intelligence and Investigative Record Information Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 557 makes technical corrections to the Maine Juvenile Code, the Maine Criminal Code and the Intelligence and Investigative Record Information Act in the following ways.

1. It clarifies provisions in the Maine Juvenile Code regarding the sealing of juvenile records by adding a cross-reference and correcting a reference to juvenile history record information.
2. It repeals a provision of law in the Intelligence and Investigative Record Information Act that contains incorrect terminology and an unnecessary requirement that a request for a copy of a complaint by a person who made the complaint be made pursuant to the Freedom of Access Act.
3. It corrects a reference to a repealed statute in a provision in the Maine Criminal Code regarding sentences of imprisonment by adding the term “former” to the statutory citation.

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EDU	1527	An Act to Promote the Community School Program	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/31/2023				
EDU	1642	An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/26/2024	Enacted	PL	537	
EDU	1769	An Act Concerning Students Who Experience Educational Disruption Due to Temporary or Permanent Changes Where They Live	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/5/2023				
EDU	1773	An Act to Increase the State's Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers	OTP-AM	2/21/2024				
EDU	1898	An Act to Ensure That a Teacher Who Participates in the Prevention of Dangerous Behavior Is Protected Under a Collective Bargaining Agreement	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/14/2023	Enacted	PL	493	
EDU	1942	An Act to Ensure Equity in Career and Technical Education Staffing Support Ratios Across Varied Regions of the State	OTP-AM	6/21/2023				
EDU	2001	Resolve, to Establish the African American and Wabanaki Studies Advisory Council and Provide Funding to Support African American Studies and Wabanaki Studies	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/21/2024				
EDU	2002	An Act to Provide Grants to Schools That Contract for Behavioral and Mental Health Services	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/22/2024				
EDU	2042	An Act to Update the Laws Governing Education in the Unorganized Territory	OTP-AM	3/22/2024	Held by Governor			

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Comm	LD	Title	Committee Action	Date of last Comm Action	Disposition upon R2 Adjournment	Law	Ch	Analyst Note?
EDU	2089	An Act Regarding Drug Awareness Instruction in Secondary Schools	OTP-AM	3/22/2024	Enacted	PL	601	
EDU	2092	An Act Regarding Public Higher Education Funding in the State	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	4/1/2024				
EDU	2107	An Act Regarding Department of Education Reliance on Criminal Background Checks Required by the Department of Health and Human Services	ONTP	2/28/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
EDU	2118	An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/22/2024				
EDU	2120	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 Preschools	OTP-AM	3/25/2024				
EDU	2131	An Act to Support Extended Learning Opportunities	OTP	3/11/2024	Enacted	PL	566	
EDU	2166	An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Increase Postsecondary Educational Opportunities for Students with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder	OTP-AM	3/27/2024				
EDU	2170	An Act to Prioritize School Construction Projects for Schools Affected by Disasters	ONTP	2/28/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
EDU	2179	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 64: Maine School Facilities Program and School Revolving Renovation Fund, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank	OTP	2/28/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	144	
EDU	2180	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: Maine Unified Special Education Regulation Birth to Age Twenty-Two, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education	OTP-AM	3/22/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	173	

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Comm	LD	Title	Committee Action	Date of last Comm Action	Disposition upon R2 Adjournment	Law	Ch	Analyst Note?
EDU	2181	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 61: State Board of Education Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education, State Board of Education	OTP	2/26/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	141	
EDU	2182	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education	OTP-AM	3/22/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	167	
EDU	2221	Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Amend Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a Major Substantive Rule of the State Board of Education	OTP		Finally Passed	RESLV	137	
EDU	2231	Resolve, to Promote Access to Education and Workforce Development by Transferring Ownership of the Hutchinson Center Property in Belfast to the City of Belfast	ONTP/OTP-AM	3/28/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
EDU	2257	An Act to Allow School Administrative District No. 52 to Issue Temporary Notes for a Wastewater Treatment Project	OTP	3/20/2024	Emergency Enacted	P&S	20	
EDU	2285	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Establish the Commission to Study School Construction Policy and Funding	OTP					
EDU	2286	Resolve, Directing the Maine Education Policy Research Institute to Review Certain Components of General Purpose Aid for Local Schools and the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula	OTP		Finally Passed	RESLV	164	

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LD 957 An Act Requiring Water Bottle Filling Stations in New and Renovated Public Schools

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 492 provides that, beginning in fiscal year 2024-25, a newly constructed public school or an existing public school undergoing substantial renovations must be equipped with a water bottle filling station. It also provides that a public school must allow a student to possess a refillable water bottle that meets certain requirements.

Public Law 2023, chapter 492 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2023 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2023, chapter 492 became law without the Governor's signature on January 7, 2024.

LD 1263 An Act to Require Certain School Identification Cards to Include the Telephone Number of a Suicide and Crisis Hotline

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 561 requires a school administrative unit that issues identification cards to secondary students to ensure that those identification cards contain the 988 telephone number for the national suicide and crisis hotline. It also requires a public postsecondary educational institution that issues identification cards to ensure that those identification cards contain the 988 telephone number, as well as requiring the school administrative unit and the public postsecondary institution to display the 988 telephone number in at least one other student-facing location.

LD 1284 Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Education to Review the Placement of Personal Finance in the System of Learning Results

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 135 requires the Commissioner of Education, in the commissioner's next regular review of the content standards and performance indicators, to consider the inclusion of personal finance in content areas other than social studies, as appropriate.

LD 1642 An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 537 updates the term "Maine Native American studies" with "Wabanaki studies" in the laws regarding elementary and secondary education requirements and provides that, in addition to being a required component in Maine studies, Wabanaki studies may be taught as a

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component in other content areas, as appropriate. Public Law 2023, chapter 537 also directs the Commissioner of Education to consider the inclusion of Wabanaki studies in content areas other than social studies in the system of learning results when conducting the commissioner's next regular review of the content standards and performance indicators.

LD 1898 An Act to Ensure That a Teacher Who Participates in the Prevention of Dangerous Behavior Is Protected Under a Collective Bargaining Agreement

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 493 provides that a dispute involving a public school employee covered by a collective bargaining agreement arising out of an incident of dangerous behavior by a student is subject to the dispute resolution process of the collective bargaining agreement.

Public Law 2023, chapter 493 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2023 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2023, chapter 493 became law without the Governor's signature on January 7, 2024.

LD 2089 An Act Regarding Drug Awareness Instruction in Secondary Schools

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 601 clarifies that health education in a secondary school must include reference to the effects of dangerous drugs, such as fentanyl, in addition to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics. It also allows a secondary school to supplement instruction on youth substance use and substance use disorder by observing a drug awareness week during the month of October each year.

LD 2131 An Act to Support Extended Learning Opportunities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 566 amends the law that governs individual student instruction in elementary and secondary schools to add extending learning opportunities to the authorized pathways of learning.

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LD 2179 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 64: Maine School Facilities Program and School Revolving Renovation Fund, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank

Resolve 2023, chapter 144 authorizes final adoption of portions of rule Chapter 64: Maine School Facilities Program and School Revolving Renovation Fund.

Resolve 2023, chapter 144 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2024.

LD 2180 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: Maine Unified Special Education Regulation Birth to Age Twenty-Two, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 173 authorizes final adoption of portions of rule Chapter 101: Maine Unified Special Education Regulation Birth to Age Twenty-Two, and provides that the Department of Education may make grammatical, formatting, punctuation and other technical, nonsubstantive editing changes to the rule as necessary prior to final adoption.

Resolve 2023, chapter 173 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 22, 2024.

LD 2181 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 61: State Board of Education Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education, State Board of Education

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 141 authorizes final adoption of portions of rule Chapter 61: State Board of Education Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

Resolve 2023, chapter 141 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 14, 2024.

LD 2182 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 167 provides that final adoption of portions of rule Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, which includes the content areas of science, technology, and engineering standards and social studies standards, is not authorized.

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Resolve 2023, chapter 167 also directs the Department of Education to initiate rulemaking on the portion of the department's rule Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction that provides the parameters for instruction for the content area of social studies and submit a provisionally adopted rule to the Legislature in the First Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature for review. The department is permitted to adjust the content areas subject to review and submission to the Legislature in the First Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature as necessary to accomplish the review of the social studies standards.

Resolve 2023, chapter 167 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2024.

LD 2221 Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Amend Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a Major Substantive Rule of the State Board of Education

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 137 directs the State Board of Education to amend its rule Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a major substantive rule of the State Board of Education, and submit the provisionally adopted rule to the 132nd Legislature for review.

LD 2257 An Act to Allow School Administrative District No. 52 to Issue Temporary Notes for a Wastewater Treatment Project

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 20 extends the time period in which School Administrative Unit No. 52 may issue temporary notes to finance a wastewater treatment plant, which was unexpectedly delayed due to the COVID-19 emergency and difficulties locating a suitable site for subsurface disposal.

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 20 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 28, 2024.

LD 2286 Resolve, Directing the Maine Education Policy Research Institute to Review Certain Components of General Purpose Aid for Local Schools and the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 164 directs the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, in conjunction with the Department of Education, to conduct a targeted review of certain components of general purpose aid for local schools and a review of components of the essential programs and services funding formula that have been identified as driving inequity within the formula. In conducting

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its reviews, the Maine Education Policy Research Institute is required to include stakeholder representatives and recommend potential adjustments to the funding formula to be modeled by the Department of Education.

Resolve 2023, chapter 164 also directs the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, in conjunction with the department, to assess the statutorily required review of the essential programs and services components and make recommendations regarding improvements to the review process, including, but not limited to, the established timeline and opportunities for stakeholder engagement.

Resolve 2023, chapter 164 directs the Maine Education Policy Research Institute to submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters no later than March 15, 2025.

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ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this Digest; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 345 An Act to Transition the Responsibility for Child Find Activities and for Ensuring a Free, Appropriate Public Education for Eligible Children from the Child Development Services System to School Administrative Units

Although this bill was not enacted, the substantive provisions of the bill were incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part W.

LD 974 An Act to Establish Minimum Pay for Educational Technicians and Other School Support Staff

Although this bill was not enacted, substantive provisions of the bill setting the minimum hourly wage for educational technicians and other school support staff at 125% and 115% of the State minimum hourly wage, respectively, were incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session, See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part G.

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Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology

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	LD 2087	An Act to Protect Property Owners by Making Certain Changes to the Laws Governing the Use of Eminent Domain by Transmission and Distribution Utilities	PUBLIC 644
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Energy Efficiency

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Net Energy Billing

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Nuclear Power

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Comm	LD	Title	Committee Action	Date of last Comm Action	Disposition upon R2 Adjournment	Law	Ch	Analyst Note?
EUT	122	An Act to Update the Electric Vehicle Rebate Program and to Establish a Pilot Program to Support the Uptake of Medium Duty and Heavy Duty Zero-emission Vehicles	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/23/2024	Enacted	PL	535	
EUT	240	Resolve, to Direct the Maine Connectivity Authority to Develop Proposed Legislation to Increase Broadband Internet Access	OTP-AM	2/29/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	155	
EUT	297	An Act to Reduce Electric Rate Increases Due to Renewable Energy Credits	ONTP	1/10/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
EUT	412	An Act to Fully Engage the Efficiency Maine Trust in Mitigating Climate Change by Creating Electrification Programs	ONTP	1/10/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
EUT	417	An Act to Facilitate Net Energy Billing	ONTP	1/26/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
EUT	589	An Act to Ensure That the Maine Electric Grid Provides Additional Benefits to Maine Ratepayers	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/29/2024	Enacted	PL	553	
EUT	683	An Act to Reduce Electricity Rates	ONTP/OTP-AM	2/15/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
EUT	699	An Act to Reduce Future Energy Costs	ONTP	1/4/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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EUT	1111	An Act Concerning Contracts and Agreement for Large-scale Water Extraction	ONTP/OTP-AM	2/5/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
EUT	1465	An Act to Amend the Calculation of Tariff Rates and Billing Credits Under Net Energy Billing	ONTP/OTP-AM	2/15/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
EUT	1549	An Act to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Seek Informational Bids Regarding Small Modular Nuclear Reactors in the State	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/6/2023				
EUT	1606	Resolve, to Study Opportunities and Provide Guidance for School Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Programs	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/11/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	150	
EUT	1775	An Act to Establish a Clean Hydrogen Pilot Program	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/29/2024	Enacted	PL	554	
EUT	1830	An Act to Advance Maine's Clean Energy Goals	ONTP	11/8/2023	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
EUT	1889	An Act to Provide Authorization to Aroostook County to Use the Statewide Radio and Network System	ONTP	1/26/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
EUT	1932	An Act to Require Broadband Internet Access Service Providers to Prorate Customer Bills	OTP-AM/ONTP/OTP-AM	1/29/2024	Enacted	PL	514	
EUT	1962	Resolve, to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Adopt Rules Regarding Utility Shut-offs	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/29/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	145	
EUT	1963	An Act Regarding the Future of Renewable Energy Transmission in Northern Maine	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	4/3/2024	Enacted	PL	660	
EUT	1967	An Act to Support Municipal Franchise Agreements	OTP-AM/ONTP	1/8/2024	Enacted	PL	502	

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EUT	2016	An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Distributed Generation Stakeholder Group	ONTP	1/12/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
EUT	2067	An Act to Continue the Arrearage Management Program for Low-income Residential Electricity Customers	OTP-AM	2/22/2024	Emergency Enacted	PL	534	
EUT	2077	Resolve, to Study the Role of Natural Gas in an Equitable Clean Energy Transition for Maine	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/29/2024				
EUT	2087	An Act to Protect Property Owners by Making Certain Changes to the Laws Governing the Use of Eminent Domain by Transmission and Distribution Utilities	OTP-AM	4/1/2024	Emergency Enacted	PL	644	
EUT	2099	An Act to Make Changes to Certain Laws Governing Renewable Energy Projects	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/15/2024	Enacted	PL	533	
EUT	2104	An Act to Amend the Charter of the Wiscasset Water District	OTP-AM	3/21/2024	Enacted	P&S	22	
EUT	2127	An Act to Increase the Number of Commissioners on the Public Utilities Commission	ONTP	1/30/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
EUT	2132	An Act to Clarify the Right to Appeal Certain Public Utilities Commission Decisions	ONTP/OTP-AM	3/21/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
EUT	2163	An Act to Require Consumer Consent for Certain Generation Service Contract Renewals	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	4/1/2024	Enacted	PL	636	
EUT	2172	An Act to Enhance Electric Utility Performance-based Ratemaking	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/22/2024	Accepted Report B (ONTP)			
EUT	2193	An Act to Improve Access to Affordable Wireless Communications by Allowing the Public Utilities Commission to Designate Eligible Telecommunications Carriers	OTP-AM	3/7/2024	Enacted	PL	568	

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EUT	2205	Resolve, to Direct the Governor's Energy Office to Conduct a Study Regarding the Future of Electric Transmission Infrastructure in the State	OTP-AM	4/1/2024	Held by Governor			
EUT	2206	An Act Regarding Incentives for Heat Pumps and Other Weatherization Products and Services	ONTP	3/4/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
EUT	2234	An Act to Require Telephone Solicitors to Use the Reassigned Numbers Database	OTP	3/11/2024	Enacted	PL	570	
EUT	2242	An Act to Set a Debt Limit for the Anson and Madison Water District	OTP-AM	3/21/2024	Emergency Enacted	P&S	21	
EUT	2245	An Act to Clarify the Definition of "Underground Facility" and Reduce Administrative Burdens Under the So-called Dig Safe Law	OTP	3/15/2024	Enacted	PL	572	
EUT	2254	An Act to Clarify Permissible Election and Lobbying Expenditures by Consumer-owned Utilities and the Casco Bay Island Transit District	OTP-AM	3/25/2024	Emergency Enacted	PL	596	
EUT	2270	An Act to Create the Lincoln Mill Facilities District	OTP-AM	4/2/2024	Emergency Enacted	P&S	23	
EUT	2278	An Act to Require Public Safety Answering Point and Dispatch Center Cost Reporting and to Direct the Formation of a Staffing and Recruiting Stakeholder Group	OTP		Enacted	PL	609	

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LD 122 An Act to Update the Electric Vehicle Rebate Program and to Establish a Pilot Program to Support the Uptake of Medium Duty and Heavy Duty Zero-emission Vehicles

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 535 does the following.

1. It replaces the term “rebate” in the electric vehicle rebate program with the term “incentive”.
2. It increases the maximum retail price of an electric vehicle that may qualify for the electric vehicle incentive program from \$50,000 to \$55,000 and clarifies that, to qualify for an incentive, the requirement that the purchase or lease be from an in-state entity only applies to purchases or leases from licensed automobile dealers and authorized licensees of the original equipment manufacturer.
3. It allows the Efficiency Maine Trust to require that a recipient of an incentive under the electric vehicle incentive program maintain a Maine registration for 36 months to retain the full amount of the incentive instead of requiring ownership for 36 months.
4. It clarifies that the Efficiency Maine Trust must establish incentive amounts that it determines will most effectively increase the use of eligible electric vehicles in this State to advance the State's carbon reduction targets.
5. It requires the Efficiency Maine Trust, to the extent that funds allow, to establish a pilot program to provide incentives for the purchase or lease of medium duty and heavy duty vehicles in commercial applications that are electric vehicles and establishes eligibility requirements for participants in the pilot program.
6. It requires the Efficiency Maine Trust to provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters on the activities and findings of the program by December 31, 2026.

LD 240 Resolve, to Direct the Maine Connectivity Authority to Develop Proposed Legislation to Increase Broadband Internet Access

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 155 directs the Maine Connectivity Authority to develop proposed legislation to improve the ability of tenants in multiple dwelling units in the State to receive broadband Internet service and benefit from increased competition among Internet service providers. The authority must submit a written summary of its activities and proposed legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utility matters by January 30, 2025.

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LD 589 An Act to Ensure That the Maine Electric Grid Provides Additional Benefits to Maine Ratepayers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 553 does the following.

1. It directs the Public Utilities Commission to conduct a review or contract with a consultant to conduct a review of available grid-enhancing technology that may be implemented by large investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to reduce or defer the need for investment in grid infrastructure in the State. The commission may produce a report or contract with a consultant to produce a report describing the grid-enhancing technology identified in the review. The report may be used by the commission in rate cases or other proceedings involving a large investor-owned transmission and distribution utility, including the integrated grid planning proceeding.
2. It defines “beneficial load” for the purposes of the Beneficial Electrification Policy Act.
3. It requires the Efficiency Maine Trust, as a part of its development of a three-year beneficial electrification plan for end uses of energy, to consider incentivizing the appropriate placement of and promoting commercial or industrial beneficial load. The trust must also integrate the ongoing energy planning efforts of the Governor's Energy Office as appropriate.
4. It requires the Efficiency Maine Trust to provide, by February 1, 2025, a written update on its beneficial electrification planning as well as any recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters.

LD 1606 Resolve, to Study Opportunities and Provide Guidance for School Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Programs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 150 directs the Department of Education’s office of innovation to conduct a study and develop guidance, in coordination with the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, the Governor’s Energy Office and the Efficiency Maine Trust, to assist public elementary and secondary schools in the State with achieving energy efficiency and maximizing the use of clean energy. The guidance must address how the programs and contracting options reviewed as a part of the study may be effectively accessed and used by public elementary and secondary schools in the State and incorporate the best practices and standards. No later than January 31, 2025, the Department of Education’s office of innovation must provide a report of its activities, as well as guidance for public elementary and secondary schools in the State for achieving energy efficiency, to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters and education matters. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters may report out a bill related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

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Resolve 2023, chapter 150 also requires the Department of Education, in consultation with the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, the Governor’s Energy Office, the Efficiency Maine Trust, relevant state agencies and representatives from school leadership, including superintendents, business officers and facilities managers, to develop contracting guidance for public elementary and secondary schools to assist the schools with saving money through energy efficiency, clean energy and clean transportation projects. No later than January 31, 2025, the Department of Education must provide a report, including draft guidance, to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters and education matters. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters may report out a bill related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

LD 1775 An Act to Establish a Clean Hydrogen Pilot Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 554 requires the Public Utilities Commission, in collaboration with the Governor’s Energy Office and the Department of Environmental Protection, to develop and oversee a pilot program designed to select a proposal for the development and operation of a clean hydrogen facility. To be selected for participation in the program, the facility must be located in the State, meet requirements for a 100% clean hydrogen production tax credit under the federal Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 and IRS production tax credit regulations, have a peak electricity demand of no more than 20 megawatts and meet other requirements. After selecting one facility for participation in the program, the commission is required to direct the transmission and distribution utility in whose territory the facility is located to negotiate with that facility for a special contract that may be approved by the commission. A facility selected for the program must meet specified wage requirements and meet clean hydrogen production volumes identified in the proposal it submits for participation in the program.

LD 1932 An Act to Require Broadband Internet Access Service Providers to Prorate Customer Bills

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 514 requires a provider of broadband Internet access service to provide a customer with a pro rata credit or rebate for the days of the monthly billing period after the cancellation of broadband Internet access service if that customer requests cancellation of service three or more working days before the end of the monthly billing period. It also requires a broadband Internet access service provider to provide a customer, upon the customer’s request, with a pro rata credit or rebate if the customer’s broadband Internet access service is interrupted for six or more consecutive hours in a single billing period. A customer is not eligible to receive a pro rata credit or rebate for an interruption in broadband Internet access service if the interruption was caused by an act beyond the reasonable control of the provider. Broadband Internet access service providers must include on each customer bill a notice of the customer’s right to receive a pro rata credit or rebate for a cancellation of service or an interruption in service.

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LD 1962 Resolve, to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Adopt Rules Regarding Utility Shut-offs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 145 requires the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules governing transmission and distribution utility and gas utility terminations and disconnections of service to residential customers for unpaid utility bills. The rules must prohibit the termination or disconnection of electric and gas utility service during extreme weather or temperature conditions, including extreme heat or humidity, between April 16th and November 14th and establish a threshold dollar amount greater than \$50 owed by a customer who does not pay or make a payment arrangement on an undisputed overdue utility bill at or above which the utility may terminate or disconnect utility service. The rules must also prohibit a transmission and distribution utility from charging restoration or reconnection fees or late fees or requiring a security deposit in connection with the restoration of service if the customer is a low-income customer.

LD 1963 An Act Regarding the Future of Renewable Energy Transmission in Northern Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 660 does the following.

1. It provides that a transmission line or lines developed under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3210-I, subsection 2 and proposed within the unorganized or deorganized areas of the State are reviewed and permits are issued by the Department of Environmental Protection.
2. It defines an “employer and employee harmony agreement” and provides that the Public Utilities Commission must give preference to proposals for the development and operation of a transmission line or lines or renewable generation projects under Title 35-A, section 3210-I, that maximize federal tax credits by including agreements described in 29 United States Code, Section 158(f) and committing to entering into an employer and employee harmony agreement with a labor organization seeking to represent workers on those projects.
3. In administering the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program, it directs the Public Utilities Commission, in collaboration with the Governor’s Energy Office, to seek to partner with other states, governmental entities or utilities within New England.
4. It provides that the Public Utilities Commission’s request for proposals under Title 35-A, section 3210-I, subsection 2 must be for the development and construction of a transmission line or lines necessary to connect at least 1,200 megawatts of renewable energy resources located in northern Maine, instead of for the development and construction of a 345-kilovolt double circuit generation connection line, or, in the commission’s discretion, a transmission line or lines of greater capacity.

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5. It allows the Public Utilities Commission to consider, under Title 35-A, section 3210-I, proposals for the development and construction of a transmission line or lines and renewable energy generation projects that include mechanisms to mitigate and allocate risks associated with development and operation of those projects.
6. It provides that the bidder that submits a proposal selected by the Public Utilities Commission for the development and construction of a transmission line or lines, upon the issuance by the commission of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, is considered a transmission and distribution utility, except that the commission may limit the rights of the utility to the extent necessary to protect ratepayers from financial risks.
7. It updates dates and terminology within Title 35-A, section 3210-I.
8. It provides that a term sheet awarded by the Public Utilities Commission to a bidder for a project pursuant to the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program must be considered sufficient title, right or interest for a permitting agency to accept and begin processing the application for the project. It also requires the commission, in an order awarding a term sheet to a bidder selected for the development of a transmission line or lines, to provide an explanation of the commission's considerations and findings regarding the costs and benefits associated with the development and construction of the transmission line or lines.
9. It requires the Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Environmental Protection to ensure coordinated public notification and opportunities for public participation, including explanation of all public participation procedures, in connection with regulatory approvals and permitting under Title 35-A and Title 38 for a transmission line or lines and renewable energy generation projects under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program.
10. It provides that a judicial appeal of final action by the Board of Environmental Protection or the Commissioner of Environmental Protection regarding an application for a transmission line or lines developed pursuant to Title 35-A, section 3210-I, subsection 2, must be taken to the Supreme Judicial Court sitting as the Law Court.
11. It requires the Board of Environmental Protection or the Department of Environmental Protection, as applicable, to hold a hearing in accordance with Title 38, section 486-A, and prohibits the issuance of an order without a hearing in connection with an application for the development and construction of a transmission line or lines.
12. It requires the Department of Environmental Protection to require an applicant for a permit under the site location of development laws for the development and construction of a transmission line or lines to demonstrate to the department that the applicant conducted one or more public meetings regarding the transmission line or lines prior to the submission of its application.

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LD 1967 An Act to Support Municipal Franchise Agreements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 502 amends the State’s laws governing municipal cable television systems ordinances as follows.

1. It adds definitions for “facility support transmission equipment”; “public, educational and governmental facility equipment”; “public, educational and governmental programming”; and “video service provider”.
2. It amends those laws to clarify the regulation under those laws of video service providers, which includes cable system operators.
3. It repeals the law requiring a cable system operator to offer subscribers the option of purchasing access to cable channels or programs on cable channels individually.
4. It provides that all costs associated with public, educational and governmental facility equipment shown by the franchising municipality to be reasonably necessary for the operation of public, educational and governmental access channels within a franchising municipality, including technology upgrade costs for signal quality improvement, are the responsibility of the video service provider that holds the franchise agreement. The video service provider may not offset such costs through the payment of required franchise fees, but may recover the costs through other means as permitted by law.
5. It requires new facility support transmission equipment installed to be at the current resolution technology afforded to broadcasting stations.
6. It removes language authorizing municipalities to enter into exclusive franchise agreements or contracts with a video service provider.
7. It prohibits video service providers from providing services within a municipality unless the provider has entered into a franchise agreement or contract with that municipality.
8. It prohibits a video service provider from establishing mandatory preconditions to be met by potential subscribers for the construction of a line extension on a municipal public right-of-way.
9. It establishes various requirements for the provisions of any new, renewed or amended franchise agreements between a municipality and a video service provider regarding franchise fees, including a requirement that video service providers pay a franchise fee on a quarterly basis to each municipality with which it has a fee requirement.
10. It requires a video service provider to carry public, educational and governmental access channels on the provider’s basic cable or video service offerings, tiers or applications.

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11. It provides that a violation of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 3008 is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.
12. It establishes dispute resolution options for disputes that arise between a franchising municipality and a video service provider over their respective obligations under a franchise contract or agreement.
13. It clarifies that the consumer protection provisions in law currently available to consumers with respect to cable television service apply to the services provided by video service providers.

LD 2067 An Act to Continue the Arrearage Management Program for Low-income Residential Electricity Customers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 534 extends the repeal date for the arrearage management program from September 30, 2024 to September 30, 2028. It also changes the requirements for the Public Utilities Commission's report on the effectiveness of the arrearage management program and changes the reporting date to no later than January 28, 2028.

Public Law 2023, chapter 534 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 14, 2024.

LD 2087 An Act to Protect Property Owners by Making Certain Changes to the Laws Governing the Use of Eminent Domain by Transmission and Distribution Utilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 644 does the following.

1. It requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to adopt rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 598-C to provide, in the case of a high-impact electric transmission line crossing or utilizing a rail trail or recreational corridor or land of similar configuration designated under Title 12, chapter 202-A, criteria for determining that the high-impact transmission line would not cause the land to be reduced or the uses of the land to be substantially altered.
1. It defines the term “service land” and excepts those lands from the provision of law that considers a high-impact electric transmission line crossing or utilizing public lands a substantial alteration.
2. It defines a “high-impact transmission line” and prohibits the Public Utilities Commission from approving a transmission and distribution utility’s taking of a location for a high-impact electric transmission line by eminent domain if the location is on a lot or parcel of real property that is 200 contiguous acres or less and the transmission and distribution utility seeks to take

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less than the entire property, unless the transmission and distribution utility demonstrates that, in its negotiations with the owner of the property for a voluntary acquisition of the location, it made both an offer for the entire property and an offer for just the location.

3. It clarifies the provisions of law that apply to the determination of damages for property taken by eminent domain for the construction, rebuilding or relocation of a transmission line designed to carry voltages of 5,000 volts or more and of necessary appurtenances.
4. If a location approved by the commission for a taking by eminent domain for a high-impact electric transmission line is on a lot or parcel of real property that is 200 contiguous acres or less and the transmission and distribution utility seeks to take less than the entire property, it requires the county commissioners' estimate of damages to include two estimates, one for the entire property in fee simple absolute and one for the portion of the property approved for a taking. The owner of the property has the option to require the transmission and distribution utility to take the entire property and, if the owner elects to require the transmission and distribution utility to take the entire property, the commission must approve the taking of the entire property.
5. It requires the commission to adopt rules regarding notice and educational materials that must be sent by certified mail to an owner of real property whose property may be taken by eminent domain for the construction, rebuilding or relocation of a high-impact electric transmission line, as well as to an owner whose property abuts the proposed high-impact electric transmission line, by an entity selected to construct a high-impact electric transmission line pursuant to Title 35-A, section 3210-I, subsection 2, or a transmission and distribution utility.
6. It establishes the circumstances under which a property owner's fees and expenses associated with seeking an award of damages for property taken by eminent domain must be paid by a transmission and distribution utility.
7. It prohibits the Department of Environmental Protection and the Board of Environmental Protection from issuing an order without a hearing for a development of a high-impact electric transmission line of state or regional significance that may substantially affect the environment. It also requires the department to require an applicant for such development to demonstrate to the department that the applicant conducted one or more public meetings regarding the transmission line prior to the submission of any application to the department.

Public Law 2023, chapter 644 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 22, 2024.

LD 2099 An Act to Make Changes to Certain Laws Governing Renewable Energy Projects

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 533 modifies the Distributed Solar and Energy Storage Program established within the Governor's Energy Office to define a "combined project" for the purposes of the program and provides that the Governor's Energy Office may petition the Public Utilities

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Commission to procure energy, capacity or renewable energy credits in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3803 from distributed solar facilities or combined projects that receive federal funding pursuant to the program. It provides that the commission may not direct a transmission and distribution utility to enter into a long-term contract for energy, capacity or renewable energy credits under the program unless the commission finds that the contract will benefit ratepayers and the procurement is in accordance with Title 35-A, section 3804.

Public Law 2023, chapter 533 also authorizes the Department of Labor to adopt routine technical rules relating to the Maine emerging industry compensation threshold in the laws governing the State's offshore wind initiative.

LD 2104 An Act to Amend the Charter of the Wiscasset Water District

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 22 makes the following changes to the charter of the Wiscasset Water District.

1. It includes the Town of Edgecomb in the Wiscasset Water District subject to a referendum vote in the Town of Wiscasset and the Town of Edgecomb.
2. It authorizes the district to supply water to existing customers in the Town of Woolwich.
3. It authorizes the district to contract with the Town of Wiscasset for the management, oversight, operations and billing related to the functions of the Wiscasset Wastewater Department.
4. It amends the provisions of the charter governing trustees of the district to include a trustee who is a legal voter of the Town of Edgecomb and includes transition language to identify which trustee position is to be filled by a legal voter of the Town of Edgecomb and how a vacancy prior to the first election of a legal voter of the Town of Edgecomb must be filled.

LD 2163 An Act to Require Consumer Consent for Certain Generation Service Contract Renewals

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 636 does the following.

1. It provides that a competitive electricity provider may not renew a contract for generation service without the express consent of the residential consumer if the renewal rate is a fixed rate that is 20% or more above the contract rate in the expiring contract or greater than the fixed rate that would, at the time of the consumer's renewal, be offered by the competitive electricity provider to customers enrolling with the provider for an initial contract of a similar term and product offering.

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2. It prohibits a competitive electricity provider from renewing a contract for generation service at a variable rate without the express consent of the residential consumer if the expiring contract provided generation service at a fixed rate.
3. It prohibits a competitive electricity provider from renewing a contract for generation service for a term that differs from the term of the expiring contract without the express consent of the residential consumer.

LD 2193 An Act to Improve Access to Affordable Wireless Communications by Allowing the Public Utilities Commission to Designate Eligible Telecommunications Carriers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 568 provides that the Public Utilities Commission may designate any provider or reseller of commercial mobile radio service as an eligible telecommunications carrier for purposes of receiving federal universal service support and offering services supported by federal universal service support mechanisms.

LD 2234 An Act to Require Telephone Solicitors to Use the Reassigned Numbers Database

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 570 amends the law related to telephone solicitations to require a telephone solicitor to use the Federal Communications Commission's reassigned numbers database to verify that a consumer's telephone number has not been reassigned prior to initiating a telephone sales call to that consumer.

LD 2242 An Act to Set a Debt Limit for the Anson and Madison Water District

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 21 sets the debt limit of the Anson and Madison Water District at \$20,000,000. It also clarifies that it is the trustees who may issue bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness payable within a period of more than 12 months after the date of issuance up to a total amount of \$20,000,000, instead of the district issuing such debt.

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 21 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 9, 2024.

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LD 2245 An Act to Clarify the Definition of “Underground Facility” and Reduce Administrative Burdens Under the So-called Dig Safe Law

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 572 does the following.

1. It amends the definition of an “underground facility” to include any item of personal property buried or placed below ground for use in connection with the storage or conveyance of liquefied propane gas.
2. It excludes from the definition of “underground facility” liquefied propane gas distribution systems that have underground pipes when that system is located on a residential lot that has no more than one structure connected by underground pipes to the liquefied propane gas distribution system, the structure has no more than two dwelling units and the liquefied propane gas tank is located 25 feet or less from the structure.
3. It amends the definition of an “underground facility operator” to include the owner or operator of an underground facility used in furnishing liquefied propane gas service.
4. It directs the Public Utilities Commission to amend its rule Chapter 895: Underground Facility Damage Prevention Requirements to reduce the administrative burdens for underground facility operators under the so-called Dig Safe law and specifies that rules adopted for these purposes are routine technical rules.

LD 2254 An Act to Clarify Permissible Election and Lobbying Expenditures by Consumer-owned Utilities and the Casco Bay Island Transit District

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 596 provides that consumer-owned water utilities, consumer-owned transmission and distribution utilities and the Casco Bay Island Transit District may include or incorporate in operating expenses to be recovered in rates expenditures related to notifying the public of or conducting trustee elections and local referendum elections directly related to or legally required for the operation of such utilities. The law also permits consumer-owned water utilities, consumer-owned transmission and distribution utilities and the Casco Bay Island Transit District to include or incorporate in operating expenses to be recovered in rates expenditures for lobbying or grassroots lobbying.

Public Law 2023, chapter 596 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 9, 2024.

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LD 2270 An Act to Create the Lincoln Mill Facilities District

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 23 creates the Lincoln Mill Facilities District. It establishes the territory for the district and authorizes the district to provide wastewater treatment, including sewer and sanitary services, for commercial and industrial users and water service for industrial purposes, including cooling water, but not for municipal or domestic use. The law includes provisions for various aspects of the district's operations including for the organization of the district's board of trustees and the authority to borrow money and to issue bonds and notes, to establish rates and tolls and to exercise the right of eminent domain.

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 23 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 16, 2024.

LD 2278 An Act to Require Public Safety Answering Point and Dispatch Center Cost Reporting and to Direct the Formation of a Staffing and Recruiting Stakeholder Group

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 609 does the following.

1. It requires each public safety answering point and dispatch center to annually provide a report to the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communication Bureau on the costs they incur for the provision of enhanced 9-1-1 services.
2. It requires the Emergency Services Communication Bureau to contract with one or more third party vendors, using revenues in the E-9-1-1 fund, to provide quality assurance review related to the provision of emergency medical dispatch services and answering fire 9-1-1 calls by public safety answering points.
3. It requires the Emergency Services Communication Bureau to convene a stakeholder group to develop a coordinated 9-1-1 staffing and recruiting effort for all public safety answering points. The bureau must ensure that there is representation on the stakeholder group from state, county and municipal public safety answering points. On or before February 21, 2025, the bureau must submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters including any recommendations.
4. It provides funding to the Emergency Services Communication Bureau to hire one additional staff member.

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ENR	306	An Act Related to Water	LTW	1/31/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
ENR	865	An Act to Clarify the Roles and Responsibilities of the Board of Environmental Protection	OTP-AM	2/2/2024	Enacted	PL	512	
ENR	928	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to a Clean and Healthy Environment	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/11/2023				
ENR	1009	An Act Regarding the Reduction and Recycling of Food Waste	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/27/2024				
ENR	1418	An Act Concerning Single-use Disposable Water Bottles and Water Refill Stations	ONTP	3/5/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
ENR	1471	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 200: Metallic Mineral Exploration, Advanced Exploration and Mining, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection	OTP-AM	4/5/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	169	
ENR	1537	An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Prevention of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution	OTP-AM	4/10/2024	Enacted	PL	630	
ENR	1621	An Act Regarding Environmental Justice	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	6/2/2023				
ENR	1660	An Act to Ensure Proper Regulation of Chemical Plastic Processing	OTP-AM/ONTP	1/26/2024	Enacted	PL	517	

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ENR	1908	An Act to Enact the Safe Cosmetics Act	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/28/2024				
ENR	1960	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	ONTP/OTP-AM	4/1/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
ENR	2021	An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Pharmaceutical Product Stewardship	OTP	1/31/2024	Enacted	PL	504	
ENR	2030	An Act to Amend the Natural Resources Protection Act to Enhance the State's Ability to Respond to and Prepare for Significant Flood Events and Storm Surge	OTP-AM	2/26/2024	Emergency Enacted	PL	531	
ENR	2034	An Act to Address Identified Gaps in the Laws Governing Erosion Control and the Natural Resources Protection Act	OTP	1/31/2024	Enacted	PL	505	
ENR	2044	An Act to Update Air Quality Health Warnings	OTP	1/24/2024	Enacted	PL	496	
ENR	2058	An Act Regarding Compliance with Environmental Permit and License Application Requirements	OTP-AM	1/24/2024	Enacted	PL	509	
ENR	2059	An Act Regarding Processing of Applications Under the Natural Resources Protection Act to Ensure Consistency with Shoreland Zoning Laws	OTP	1/26/2024	Enacted	PL	497	
ENR	2066	An Act to Clarify Liability Under the Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Site Law and to Waive a Fee Regarding Voluntary Response Action Plans	OTP-AM	2/14/2024	Enacted	PL	510	
ENR	2134	An Act Regarding Responsibility for Activities Intended to Increase the Use of Refillable and Reusable Beverage Containers	OTP-AM	2/12/2024	Enacted	PL	529	
ENR	2135	Resolve, Regarding the Operation and Future Capacity of State-owned Landfills	OTP-AM	3/15/2024	Veto Sustained			
ENR	2168	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 355: Coastal Sand Dune Rules, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection	OTP	2/14/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	130	
ENR	2227	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 80: Reduction of Toxics in Packaging, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection	OTP	3/7/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	147	

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Comm	LD	Title	Committee Action	Date of last Comm Action	Disposition upon R2 Adjournment	Law	Ch	Analyst Note?
ENR	2253	An Act to Authorize a Stop-work Order Regarding an Activity That Is Creating an Immediate and Substantial Adverse Impact to a Protected Natural Resource	OTP-AM	4/2/2024	Enacted	PL	623	
ENR	2261	An Act Regarding New Motor Vehicle Emissions Rules	OTP-AM	4/1/2024	Enacted	PL	624	
ENR	2266	An Act Regarding Restoration and Protection of Coastal Sand Dune Systems and Permitting of an Offshore Wind Terminal on Sears Island	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/29/2024				v

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LD 295 An Act to Incentivize Accurate Recyclability Labeling on Packaging Material

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 589 amends the law establishing a stewardship program for packaging material to provide that the producer payment schedule adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection under that law must delineate criteria to be used to adjust producer payments in a manner that incentivizes labeling of packaging material to reduce consumer confusion including by incentivizing accuracy in recyclability claims displayed on packaging material.

Public Law 2023, chapter 589 also provides that the annual report regarding the packaging material stewardship program to be submitted by the department by February 15, 2028 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters must include information regarding the criteria and standards adopted by other jurisdictions to regulate recyclability claims displayed on packaging material and an evaluation of options for further incentivizing or ensuring accuracy in recyclability claims displayed on packaging material through amendments to the producer payment schedule, through amendments to the criteria and standards for recyclability or through other amendments to the law governing the stewardship program for packaging material or the rules adopted pursuant to that law.

LD 865 An Act to Clarify the Roles and Responsibilities of the Board of Environmental Protection

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 512 amends laws relating to the roles and responsibilities of the Department of Environmental Protection, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the Board of Environmental Protection as follows.

1. It amends the criteria by which the board assumes jurisdiction over a license or permit application, stipulating the specific categories of license and permit applications over which the board must assume jurisdiction. The law also includes technical revisions to other statutes relating to these jurisdictional changes.
2. It amends provisions regarding the board's acceptance and consideration of additional or supplemental evidence submitted by an appellant, respondent or interested party during the appeal of a final license or permit decision of the commissioner.
3. It provides that, if the board modifies or reverses a final license or permit decision of the commissioner, the licensee or permittee is required to implement any changes to the project that is the subject of the license or permit necessary to comply with the decision of the board, which may include, but are not limited to, deconstruction and site restoration, and the department may initiate enforcement actions and impose penalties if the licensee or permittee fails to satisfactorily implement those changes.

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LD 1471 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 200: Metallic Mineral Exploration, Advanced Exploration and Mining, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 169 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 200: Metallic Mineral Exploration, Advanced Exploration and Mining, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection that was submitted for legislative review outside the legislative rule acceptance period, only if certain specified changes are made to the rule prior to final adoption.

Resolve 2023, chapter 169 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 16, 2024.

LD 1537 An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Prevention of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 630 amends the laws governing products containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, as follows.

1. It amends the manufacturer notification requirement to provide that a manufacturer is only required to submit to the Department of Environmental Protection information regarding a product containing intentionally added PFAS that the manufacturer sells, offers for sale or distributes for sale in this State if the sale of that product is otherwise prohibited and the department has determined by rule that the use of PFAS in the product is a currently unavoidable use. A manufacturer that submits such a notification must at the same time pay to the department a fee established by the department by rule to cover the department's costs in administering the law.
2. It provides that, effective January 1, 2026, a person may not sell, offer for sale or distribute for sale in this State any of the following products containing intentionally added PFAS: a cleaning product, a cookware product, a cosmetic product, dental floss, a juvenile product, a menstruation product, a textile article, ski wax or upholstered furniture. This prohibition does not apply to any such product for which the department has determined by rule that the use of PFAS in the product is a currently unavoidable use.
3. It provides that, effective January 1, 2029, a person may not sell, offer for sale or distribute for sale in this State any of the following products containing intentionally added PFAS: artificial turf or, except where accompanied by a disclosure regarding PFAS in the product, outdoor apparel for severe wet conditions. This prohibition does not apply to any such product for which the department has determined by rule that the use of PFAS in the product is a currently unavoidable use.

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4. It provides that, effective January 1, 2032, a person may not sell, offer for sale or distribute for sale in this State any products containing intentionally added PFAS not already prohibited from sale, offer for sale or distribution for sale in this State, excluding cooling, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration equipment and certain refrigerants, foams and aerosol propellants. This prohibition does not apply to any such product for which the department has determined by rule that the use of PFAS in the product is a currently unavoidable use.
5. It provides that, effective January 1, 2040, a person may not sell, offer for sale or distribute for sale in this State any cooling, heating, ventilation, air conditioning or refrigeration equipment or any refrigerants, foams or aerosol propellants that contain intentionally added PFAS. This prohibition does not apply to any such product for which the department has determined by rule that the use of PFAS in the product is a currently unavoidable use.
6. It exempts from the requirements of the law a number of categories of products, including firefighting foams; federally regulated medical products and federally regulated veterinary medical products; certain public health, environmental and water quality testing products; products required to meet certain federal standards or requirements; motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment; watercraft and seaplanes; semiconductors; and certain nonconsumer electronics and nonconsumer laboratory equipment.
7. It stipulates the process by which the department may by rule determine that the use of PFAS in a product or product category is a currently unavoidable use. A product or product category for which the department determines the use of PFAS is a currently unavoidable use is exempt from an otherwise applicable sales prohibition for one of the following periods of time, whichever provides a longer period of exemption: five years from the effective date of the rule determining that the use of PFAS in the product or product category is a currently unavoidable use, or five years from the effective date of the otherwise applicable sales prohibition.
8. It requires the department, by January 1, 2026, and biennially thereafter, to submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters a report regarding implementation of the law and other state and federal laws governing the presence of PFAS in products, including any recommendations for necessary legislative changes. The law specifies that for this report due January 1, 2026, the department must include findings and recommendations resulting from an evaluation regarding the feasibility of implementing one or more product stewardship programs for certain regulated products containing intentionally added PFAS that are exempted from or otherwise regulated under the law.
9. It provides that proprietary information submitted to the department by a manufacturer pursuant to the requirements of the laws governing products containing PFAS that is identified by the manufacturer as proprietary information is confidential and must be handled by the department in the same manner as confidential information is handled under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1310-B.

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10. It makes additional technical and substantive changes to the laws governing products containing PFAS necessitated by the other changes provided in this law, including the incorporation of additional definitions and the clarification of existing definitions.

LD 1660 An Act to Ensure Proper Regulation of Chemical Plastic Processing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 517 amends the solid waste laws to define “chemical plastic processing,” “plastic” and “plastic-to-plastic recycling” and clarifies that a facility that processes plastic waste through chemical plastic processing is a solid waste processing facility. “Chemical plastic processing” is defined as the processing of plastic waste using chemical or molecular methods into basic raw materials, feedstock chemicals, fuel for combustion, waxes or lubricants and does not include plastic-to-plastic recycling. The law also provides that, for the purposes of the recycling and source reduction determination requirement generally applicable to solid waste processing facilities, a solid waste processing facility may not count as recycled any plastic waste processed through chemical plastic processing. Finally, the law requires a solid waste processing facility that processes plastic waste through chemical plastic processing to satisfy financial assurance requirements currently applicable to solid waste disposal facilities.

LD 2021 An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Pharmaceutical Product Stewardship

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 504 amends the law establishing a drug take-back stewardship program to clarify that the entity that manufactures a drug is the regulated entity under that program and that retailers are not regulated as manufacturers of generic drugs.

LD 2030 An Act to Amend the Natural Resources Protection Act to Enhance the State’s Ability to Respond to and Prepare for Significant Flood Events and Storm Surge

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 531 amends the Natural Resources Protection Act as follows.

1. It exempts from permit requirements an emergency activity conducted or overseen by the State or a local government in, on, over or adjacent to a river, stream or brook when the emergency activity is necessary to alleviate an immediate threat to public health or safety caused by a flood event, subject to additional specified limitations.
2. It exempts from permit requirements the elevation of a building foundation when the building is located in a coastal sand dune system; on a pier, wharf or dock located wholly or partially

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in, on or over a coastal wetland; or adjacent to a protected natural resource, subject to additional specified limitations.

3. It exempts from permit requirements the repair of a pier, wharf or dock located wholly or partially in, on or over a coastal wetland where the height of the pier, wharf or dock is increased by no more than the amount necessary for the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural component of the deck to be four feet above base flood elevation, subject to additional specified limitations.
4. It provides that the Department of Environmental Protection may authorize through a permit by rule an increase in the height of a pier, wharf or dock located wholly or partially in, on or over a coastal wetland when reconstructed or replaced where the height of the pier, wharf or dock is increased by no more than the amount necessary for the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural component of the deck to be four feet above base flood elevation, subject to additional specified limitations.
5. It provides that the department may authorize through a permit or a permit by rule the reconstruction or replacement of a pier, wharf or dock in, on or over a coastal sand dune system if the pier, wharf or dock was in existence on January 1, 2024 and the reconstructed or replaced pier, wharf or dock is built on pilings, posts or similar supports that allow for the free movement of water, wind and sand under the deck, subject to additional specified limitations.
6. It provides that department rulemaking conducted prior to July 1, 2025 to amend its rule Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act-Permit by Rule Standards and its rule Chapter 355: Coastal Sand Dune Rules to ensure the consistency of those rules with the statutory changes provided for in this law is routine technical rulemaking. The law also provides that prior to the final adoption of those rule amendments, the department may authorize through a permit or permit by rule, as applicable, certain pier, wharf or dock reconstruction, replacement or repair activities authorized by the statutory changes in the law.

Public Law 2023, chapter 531 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 12, 2024.

LD 2034 An Act to Address Identified Gaps in the Laws Governing Erosion Control and the Natural Resources Protection Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 505 amends the laws governing erosion control to extend the requirement for preventing unreasonable erosion of soil or sediment statewide instead of applying only in the organized areas of the State. The law does not extend the application of the retroactive provisions of the laws regarding erosion because of human activity, which currently apply only in the organized areas of the State, to the unorganized areas of the State. The law also clarifies that the Maine Land Use Planning Commission and the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry have enforcement authority pursuant to their delegated authority under the Natural Resources Protection Act.

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LD 2044 An Act to Update Air Quality Health Warnings

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Current law requires the Department of Environmental Protection to disseminate a health warning to the mass media when ground-level ozone concentrations have exceeded or will exceed .08 parts per million averaged over an eight-hour period. Public Law 2023, chapter 496 instead requires the department to disseminate a health warning to the mass media when ambient air concentrations of a pollutant reach the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Air Quality Index category of Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or a higher category. The law also requires the department to disseminate health warnings directly to the public using appropriate technology and authorizes the use of other appropriate technology besides a telephone hotline when providing information to the public on daily ground-level ozone concentrations.

LD 2058 An Act Regarding Compliance with Environmental Permit and License Application Requirements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 509 provides that the Department of Environmental Protection may specify as a reason for nonacceptance of a permit or license application that the application was submitted after the activity requiring the permit or license has begun if the applicant knowingly violated a requirement to obtain a permit or license for the activity or the applicant previously violated a requirement to obtain a permit or license within the five years immediately preceding the submission of the application.

LD 2059 An Act Regarding Processing of Applications Under the Natural Resources Protection Act to Ensure Consistency with Shoreland Zoning Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 497 authorizes the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to return as incomplete an application for a permit under the Natural Resources Protection Act if the commissioner finds that there is a reasonable likelihood that the proposed activity would be inconsistent with the minimum guidelines for municipal zoning and land use controls adopted by the Board of Environmental Protection under the laws governing shoreland zoning.

LD 2066 An Act to Clarify Liability Under the Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Site Law and to Waive a Fee Regarding Voluntary Response Action Plans

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 510 amends the uncontrolled hazardous substance site law as follows.

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1. It clarifies that each responsible party is jointly and severally liable for all costs incurred by the State for the abatement, cleanup or mitigation of the threats or hazards posed by an uncontrolled site, including all of the State's costs of acquiring property.
2. It clarifies that a person who would otherwise be a responsible party is not subject to cost recovery by the State for the State's abatement, clean up or mitigation costs and for damages under certain circumstances.
3. For the purpose of demonstrating that a person has exercised due care with respect to an uncontrolled site that the person acquired after hazardous substances were located on that site, the law establishes different requirements based on the date the property was acquired.
4. It provides a limited exemption from liability for contamination of a site with perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, if the source of the contamination was primarily caused by Department of Environmental Protection-licensed land application of sludge or sludge-derived products.

Public Law 2023, chapter 510 also provides that a fee for department assistance in submitting a voluntary response action plan is waived if the plan is submitted for a property transaction or use funded by the Fund To Address PFAS Contamination for the purpose of buying or selling agricultural land found to be contaminated by PFAS.

LD 2134 An Act Regarding Responsibility for Activities Intended to Increase the Use of Refillable and Reusable Beverage Containers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 529 amends the beverage container redemption laws by transferring from the Department of Environmental Protection to the commingling cooperative established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 3107, subsection 3-B the responsibility for management of the expenditure of unclaimed beverage container deposit funds to support activities designed to increase the use of refillable and reusable beverage containers in the State. The law reduces by \$500,000 per year the amount of unclaimed deposit funds the commingling cooperative is required to provide to the department for deposit into the department's Cost and Carbon Efficient Technology Fund and instead requires the cooperative to make available a minimum of \$500,000 per year to fund activities and infrastructure relating to increasing the use of refillable and reusable beverage containers and reusable beverage packaging in the State. It also requires the commingling cooperative, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection and interested persons, to contract with a third party entity to complete a study required regarding the feasibility of achieving certain goals for the sale of reusable and refillable beverage containers.

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LD 2168 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 355: Coastal Sand Dune Rules, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 130 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 355: Coastal Sand Dune Rules, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection that was submitted for legislative review.

Resolve 2023, chapter 130 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective February 29, 2024.

LD 2227 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 80: Reduction of Toxics in Packaging, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 147 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 80: Reduction of Toxics in Packaging, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection that was submitted for legislative review outside the legislative rule acceptance period.

Resolve 2023, chapter 147 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 25, 2024.

LD 2253 An Act to Authorize a Stop-work Order Regarding an Activity That Is Creating an Immediate and Substantial Adverse Impact to a Protected Natural Resource

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 623 authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to issue a stop-work order whenever the Commissioner of Environmental Protection finds that an activity is being performed in a manner that violates state environmental protection laws or rules or the terms or conditions of a license, permit or order issued by the Board of Environmental Protection or the department and that the activity is creating an immediate and substantial adverse impact to a protected natural resource. The law provides similar enforcement authority to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission with respect to activities under its jurisdiction that are creating an immediate and substantial adverse impact to a protected natural resource.

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LD 2261 An Act Regarding New Motor Vehicle Emissions Rules

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 624 amends the law governing new motor vehicle emission standards to provide that rules adopted or amended by the Board of Environmental Protection on or after August 1, 2024 pursuant to that law, including, but not limited to, rules to establish zero-emission requirements, are major substantive rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Public Law 2023, chapter 624 also requires that, beginning January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the Department of Environmental Protection submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters regarding the status of the regulatory program adopted by the California Air Resources Board for new motor vehicle emissions, known as the Advanced Clean Cars II program, and the adoption of that program by other states, as well as any updates regarding federal motor vehicle emissions control requirements. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation relating to the report. For the first such report due January 1, 2025, the law requires the Department of Environmental Protection to collaborate with the Department of Transportation, the Governor's Energy Office, the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future and the Efficiency Maine Trust in evaluating relevant barriers to the adoption of zero-emission vehicle standards or requirements in the State. In addition to the statutory requirements for that report, the report due January 1, 2025 must include an analysis of zero-emission vehicle adoption rates in the State relative to national trends and identification of barriers to achieving higher adoption rates, identification of strategies to reduce those barriers with particular consideration given to barriers present in rural communities and an evaluation of policies or market trends for overcoming those barriers. The Department of Environmental Protection is required to submit this report by January 1, 2025 to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters, energy and utilities matters and transportation matters. After reviewing the report, each of the joint standing committees may report out legislation relating to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

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ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this Digest; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 2266 An Act Regarding Offshore Wind Terminals Located in Coastal Sand Dune Systems

Although this bill was not enacted, the substantive provisions of the bill were incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part YYY.

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	LD 587	Resolve, to Increase Residential Care and Nursing Facility Residents' Personal Needs Allowances Under the MaineCare Program	CARRIED OVER
	LD 938	An Act to Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1575	An Act to Promote Quality and Innovation in Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	ONTP
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Behavioral Health

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LD 472	An Act to Support Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects	CARRIED OVER
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LD 2237	An Act to Strengthen Public Safety, Health and Well-being by Expanding Services and Coordinating Violence Prevention Resources	CARRIED OVER

Brain Injury

**Not
Enacted**

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Child Care

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	LD 1788	An Act to Establish the Office of the Inspector General of Child Protection	ONTP
	LD 2078	An Act to Increase Participation by the Department of Health and Human Services Regarding Federal Benefits for Which Children in the Custody of the Department May Be Eligible	CARRIED OVER
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Health and Human Services

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Children's Services

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	LD 2230	Resolve, to Require a Stakeholder Group to Participate in the Development of Rules Regarding Youth Camps	RESOLVE 181
Not Enacted	LD 625	An Act to Set Aside Funds from Federal Block Grants for Certain Communities	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 779	An Act to Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services	CARRIED OVER
	LD 907	An Act to Meet the Needs of Individuals with Severe Behavioral Health Diagnoses	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1788	An Act to Establish the Office of the Inspector General of Child Protection	ONTP
	LD 2125	An Act to Establish the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias Advisory Council Within the Department of Health and Human Services and to Require a State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias	HELD BY GOVERNOR

Developmental Disabilities

Enacted	LD 2177	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 29: Allowances for Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services	RESOLVE 133
Not Enacted	LD 473	Resolve, to Expand the Eligibility for and Increase the Number of Hours of Applied Behavior Analysis Services Authorized by the MaineCare Program	CARRIED OVER
	LD 659	An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism	CARRIED OVER
	LD 744	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	ONTP

Disabilities

Not Enacted	LD 825	An Act Relating to Transportation Services for MaineCare Members with Multiple Disabilities	ONTP
	LD 2255	Resolve, to Reestablish the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients	HELD BY GOVERNOR

Disposition of Human Remains

Enacted	LD 536	An Act to Provide Natural Organic Reduction Facilities for Maine Residents for the Conversion of Human Remains to Soil	PUBLIC 676
Not Enacted	LD 838	An Act to Identify the State's Unidentified Human Remains	HELD BY GOVERNOR

Emergency Medical Services

Not Enacted	LD 1751	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Explore the Feasibility of an Ambulance Service Assessment Fee	CARRIED OVER
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Fund for a Healthy Maine

Not Enacted	LD 2249	An Act to Protect the Fund for a Healthy Maine	INDEF PP
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Health Care

Not Enacted	LD 307	An Act to Lower the State's Health Care Costs	ONTP
	LD 821	Resolve, to Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services	ONTP
	LD 1161	An Act to Fund Free Health Clinics	CARRIED OVER

Health Care Workforce

Not Enacted	LD 208	An Act to Require MaineCare Assessments for Children	CARRIED OVER
	LD 904	An Act Supporting the Rural Health Care Workforce in Maine	CARRIED OVER
	LD 997	Resolve, to Reduce Workforce Barriers for Mental Health Professionals in Maine	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1360	An Act Requiring Training Regarding and Screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences	Died Between Houses
	LD 1792	Resolve, to Establish the Rural Health Services Task Force	CARRIED OVER
	LD 2200	Resolve, to Attract and Retain Behavioral Health Clinicians	ONTP

Health Information and Data

Not Enacted	LD 2151	An Act Regarding the Cost of Copies of Medical Records	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Hospitals

Enacted	LD 2009	Resolve, to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Address the Problem of Long Stays for Children and Adolescents in Hospital Emergency Departments	RESOLVE 134
Not Enacted	LD 225	An Act Regarding Reimbursement to Hospitals for Patients Awaiting Placement in Nursing Facilities	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1955	An Act to Require Hospitals to Provide Accessible Financial Assistance for Medical Care	HELD BY GOVERNOR
	LD 2105	Resolve, to Protect and Enhance Access to Behavioral Health Services in Androscoggin County and Surrounding Communities	CARRIED OVER

Licensing

Enacted	LD 2050	An Act to Expand Accreditation Options for Laboratories That Conduct Blood-alcohol or Drug Testing	PUBLIC 498
	LD 2230	Resolve, to Require a Stakeholder Group to Participate in the Development of Rules Regarding Youth Camps	RESOLVE 181

Medicaid/MaineCare

Enacted	LD 299	An Act to Correct Language Related to Medicaid Coverage for Children	PUBLIC 597
	LD 2055	An Act to Delay Implementation of Electronic Visit Verification for Hospice Providers Within the MaineCare Program	PUBLIC 576
	LD 2153	An Act to Clarify MaineCare Copayments	PUBLIC 546
	LD 2177	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 29: Allowances for Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services	RESOLVE 133
Not Enacted	LD 225	An Act Regarding Reimbursement to Hospitals for Patients Awaiting Placement in Nursing Facilities	CARRIED OVER
	LD 251	Resolve, to Classify Employee Health Insurance as a Fixed Cost for MaineCare Reimbursement in Nursing Facilities	ONTP

LD 328	An Act to Improve Mental Health in Maine	ONTP
LD 473	Resolve, to Expand the Eligibility for and Increase the Number of Hours of Applied Behavior Analysis Services Authorized by the MaineCare Program	CARRIED OVER
LD 619	An Act to Ensure Coordination of Care for MaineCare Members	ONTP
LD 659	An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism	CARRIED OVER
LD 744	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	ONTP
LD 825	An Act Relating to Transportation Services for MaineCare Members with Multiple Disabilities	ONTP
LD 840	An Act to Support Individuals with Personality Disorder or Disorders Associated with Primary Emotional Dysregulation by Requiring Reimbursement Under the MaineCare Program	CARRIED OVER
LD 938	An Act to Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds	CARRIED OVER
LD 997	Resolve, to Reduce Workforce Barriers for Mental Health Professionals in Maine	CARRIED OVER
LD 1114	An Act to Eliminate the Annual Medical Eligibility Determinations of Need for Families of Children with Disabilities	ONTP
LD 1178	Resolve, to Reduce Barriers to Recovery from Addiction by Expanding Eligibility for Targeted Case Management Services	CARRIED OVER
LD 1224	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Seek Federal Approval for Reimbursement of Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services	ONTP
LD 1575	An Act to Promote Quality and Innovation in Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	ONTP
LD 1751	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Explore the Feasibility of an Ambulance Service Assessment Fee	CARRIED OVER
LD 1827	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Make Recommendations on the Continuum of Long-term Care Options	CARRIED OVER

LD 1858	An Act to Ensure Access to Newly Born Male Infant Circumcision by Requiring MaineCare Coverage	CARRIED OVER
LD 2128	An Act Regarding Nonemergency Transportation for MaineCare Members	ONTP
LD 2223	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend Rules and Establish a Study Group Related to Funding and Reimbursement for Mental Health Crisis Resolution Services	ONTP
LD 2243	Resolve, to Expedite and Improve Reimbursement to Certain Private Nonmedical Institutions	CARRIED OVER

Miscellaneous

Not Enacted	LD 505	An Act to Update Reimbursement Rates for Transportation of Deceased Persons by Funeral Homes	CARRIED OVER
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Oral Health/Dental Care

Not Enacted	LD 1837	An Act to Increase Oral Health Services	CARRIED OVER
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Not Enacted	LD 75	An Act to Establish Maximum Contaminant Levels Under the State's Drinking Water Rules to Prohibit Certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	ONTP
	LD 1006	An Act to Ensure Access to Safe Drinking Water from Household Wells in Rural Areas by Expanding Testing	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1488	An Act to Expand Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Private Drinking Water Wells	CARRIED OVER

Poverty and Homelessness

Enacted	LD 1732	An Act Regarding the General Assistance Program	PUBLIC 575
Not Enacted	LD 599	An Act to Provide Support Services for a Transitional Housing Program for Homeless Persons	CARRIED OVER

Prescription Drugs

Not Enacted	LD 223	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend MaineCare Rules Regarding Pharmacy Services	CARRIED OVER
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Prescription Monitoring Program

Enacted	LD 2139	An Act to Add Schedule V Substances to the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program	PUBLIC 544
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Public Assistance

Enacted	LD 1732	An Act Regarding the General Assistance Program	PUBLIC 575
	LD 1877	An Act to Reduce the Number of Children Living in Deep Poverty by Adjusting Assistance for Low-income Families	PUBLIC 622
	LD 2037	An Act to Align the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program with Federal Regulations	PUBLIC 501
Not Enacted	LD 1426	An Act to Secure Housing for the Most Vulnerable Maine Residents by Amending the Laws Governing Municipal General Assistance	ONTP
	LD 1584	An Act to Provide Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to Restore Benefits Reduced by the Federal Government	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1664	An Act to Increase Reimbursement Under the General Assistance Program	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1666	An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Updating the State Supplement and Removing Marriage Disincentives	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1675	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the General Assistance Program Regarding Eligibility, Housing Assistance and State Reimbursement and to Establish a Working Group	ONTP
	LD 1995	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	ONTP

Public Health

Enacted	LD 2036	An Act to Remove the Exemption for Certain Roadside Springs from Regulation as Public Water Systems in the Laws Regarding Water for Human Consumption	PUBLIC 524
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Health and Human Services

Not Enacted	LD 566	An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services	CARRIED OVER
	LD 816	An Act to Provide Integrated Behavioral Health Services to Sexual Violence Survivors	CARRIED OVER
	LD 906	An Act to Ensure Physicians Receive Full Diagnostic Test Data Concerning Tick-borne Diseases	ONTP
	LD 1857	Resolve, to Establish a Public Safety Health and Wellness Grant Pilot Program	CARRIED OVER
	LD 2100	An Act to Require the Reporting of Alpha-gal Syndrome to the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 2197	An Act to Develop a Grant Program to Provide Career Exploration Opportunities to Youth in the Community	CARRIED OVER
	LD 2237	An Act to Strengthen Public Safety, Health and Well-being by Expanding Services and Coordinating Violence Prevention Resources	CARRIED OVER

Reproductive Healthcare

Not Enacted	LD 1478	An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services	CARRIED OVER
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Substance Use Disorder

Not Enacted	LD 353	An Act Concerning Substance Use Disorder, Treatment, Recovery, Prevention and Education	ONTP
	LD 539	An Act to Provide Substance Use Disorder Counseling for MaineCare Members with an Acquired Brain Injury	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1975	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Changes to the Legal Status of Scheduled Drugs	CARRIED OVER

Telemedicine

Not Enacted	LD 361	Resolve, to Review MaineCare Reimbursement for Electronic Consultation Services	CARRIED OVER
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Tobacco Sale and Use

**Not
Enacted**

LD 1215	An Act to End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products	CARRIED OVER
LD 1558	An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies and Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies	CARRIED OVER
LD 1923	An Act to Provide for Licensing of and Tax Collection from Remote Retail Sellers of Pipe Tobacco and Premium Cigars	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 2157	An Act to Prohibit Tobacco Sales near Schools	Died Between Houses

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Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

Comm	LD	Title	Committee Action	Date of last Comm Action	Disposition upon R2 Adjournment	Law Ch		Analyst Note?
HHS	50	An Act to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect by Developing a System to Ensure Child and Family Well-being	ONTP	3/28/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	75	An Act to Establish Maximum Contaminant Levels Under the State's Drinking Water Rules to Prohibit Certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	ONTP	1/30/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	208	An Act to Require MaineCare Assessments for Children	OTP-AM	6/9/2023				
HHS	223	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend MaineCare Rules Regarding Pharmacy Services	OTP-AM	5/26/2023				
HHS	225	An Act Regarding Reimbursement to Hospitals for Patients Awaiting Placement in Nursing Facilities	OTP-AM	5/9/2023				
HHS	251	Resolve, to Classify Employee Health Insurance as a Fixed Cost for MaineCare Reimbursement in Nursing Facilities	ONTP	1/30/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	299	An Act to Correct Language Related to Medicaid Coverage for Children	OTP-AM	3/29/2024	Enacted	PL	597	
HHS	307	An Act to Lower the State's Health Care Costs	ONTP	3/13/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	328	An Act to Improve Mental Health in Maine	ONTP	2/9/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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HHS	353	An Act Concerning Substance Use Disorder, Treatment, Recovery, Prevention and Education	ONTP	2/29/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	361	Resolve, to Review MaineCare Reimbursement for Electronic Consultation Services	OTP-AM	6/9/2023				
HHS	435	Resolve, to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Report on Children's Residential Treatment Services and Implementation of the Department's Strategic Priorities for Children's Behavioral Health Services	OTP-AM	3/11/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	158	
HHS	445	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	OTP-AM	5/12/2023				
HHS	472	An Act to Support Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects	OTP-AM	6/2/2023				v
HHS	473	Resolve, to Expand the Eligibility for and Increase the Number of Hours of Applied Behavior Analysis Services Authorized by the MaineCare Program	OTP-AM	6/13/2023				
HHS	500	An Act to Improve the Office of the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman	ONTP	2/9/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	505	An Act to Update Reimbursement Rates for Transportation of Deceased Persons by Funeral Homes	OTP-AM	4/12/2023				
HHS	536	An Act to Provide Natural Organic Reduction Facilities for Maine Residents for the Conversion of Human Remains to Soil	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/12/2023	Enacted	PL	676	
HHS	539	An Act to Provide Substance Use Disorder Counseling for MaineCare Members with an Acquired Brain Injury	OTP-AM	5/15/2023				
HHS	540	An Act to Establish Peer Respite Centers for Adults with Mental Health Challenges in Maine	OTP-AM	5/15/2023				
HHS	566	An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services	OTP-AM	4/27/2023				

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HHS	587	Resolve, to Increase Residential Care and Nursing Facility Residents' Personal Needs Allowances Under the MaineCare Program	OTP-AM	5/23/2023				
HHS	599	An Act to Provide Support Services for a Transitional Housing Program for Homeless Persons	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/2/2023				
HHS	619	An Act to Ensure Coordination of Care for MaineCare Members	ONTP	1/30/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	625	An Act to Set Aside Funds from Federal Block Grants for Certain Communities	LTW	1/12/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	659	An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism	OTP-AM	6/15/2023				v
HHS	744	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	ONTP	1/30/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	779	An Act to Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services	ONTP/OTP-AM	4/2/2024				
HHS	816	An Act to Provide Integrated Behavioral Health Services to Sexual Violence Survivors	OTP-AM	4/27/2023				
HHS	821	Resolve, to Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services	ONTP	1/30/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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HHS	825	An Act Relating to Transportation Services for MaineCare Members with Multiple Disabilities	ONTP	1/30/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	838	An Act to Identify the State's Unidentified Human Remains	OTP-AM	3/6/2024	Held by Governor			
HHS	840	An Act to Support Individuals with Personality Disorder or Disorders Associated with Primary Emotional Dysregulation by Requiring Reimbursement Under the MaineCare Program	OTP-AM	6/5/2023				
HHS	857	Resolve, to Establish a Process to Evaluate the Family Team Meeting Model	OTP-AM	4/1/2024	Held by Governor			
HHS	878	An Act to Improve Child Welfare	ONTP	3/13/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	904	An Act Supporting the Rural Health Care Workforce in Maine	OTP-AM	6/5/2023				
HHS	906	An Act to Ensure Physicians Receive Full Diagnostic Test Data Concerning Tick-borne Diseases	ONTP	2/9/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	907	An Act to Meet the Needs of Individuals with Severe Behavioral Health Diagnoses	OTP-AM	6/13/2023				
HHS	938	An Act to Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds	OTP-AM	5/19/2023				
HHS	997	Resolve, to Reduce Workforce Barriers for Mental Health Professionals in Maine	OTP-AM	6/5/2023				
HHS	1006	An Act to Ensure Access to Safe Drinking Water from Household Wells in Rural Areas by Expanding Testing	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/6/2023				

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HHS	1114	An Act to Eliminate the Annual Medical Eligibility Determinations of Need for Families of Children with Disabilities	ONTP	1/30/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	1161	An Act to Fund Free Health Clinics	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/9/2023				
HHS	1178	Resolve, to Reduce Barriers to Recovery from Addiction by Expanding Eligibility for Targeted Case Management Services	OTP-AM	5/15/2023				
HHS	1215	An Act to End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	6/21/2023				
HHS	1224	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Seek Federal Approval for Reimbursement of Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services	ONTP	1/30/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			v
HHS	1236	Resolve, to Increase the Provision of Children's Behavioral Health Services in Rural Areas to Provide Support for Families of Children Receiving Services	OTP-AM	6/13/2023				v
HHS	1305	Resolve, to Design and Implement a Community-based Model of Care for Adolescent Mental Health	OTP-AM	6/12/2023				
HHS	1360	An Act Requiring Training Regarding and Screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/12/2023	Died Between Houses			
HHS	1426	An Act to Secure Housing for the Most Vulnerable Maine Residents by Amending the Laws Governing Municipal General Assistance	ONTP	2/9/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			v
HHS	1478	An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/22/2023				
HHS	1488	An Act to Expand Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Private Drinking Water Wells	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/16/2023				

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HHS	1558	An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies and Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/9/2023				
HHS	1575	An Act to Promote Quality and Innovation in Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	ONTP	3/20/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	1584	An Act to Provide Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to Restore Benefits Reduced by the Federal Government	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/20/2023				
HHS	1664	An Act to Increase Reimbursement Under the General Assistance Program	OTP-AM	6/7/2023				
HHS	1666	An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Updating the State Supplement and Removing Marriage Disincentives	OTP-AM	6/20/2023				
HHS	1675	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the General Assistance Program Regarding Eligibility, Housing Assistance and State Reimbursement and to Establish a Working Group	ONTP	2/9/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	1684	An Act to Invest in the Health and Wellness of Older Maine Residents by Expanding Coordinated Community Programming	OTP-AM	5/22/2023				
HHS	1712	An Act Regarding Driver's Licenses for Individuals in Foster Care	OTP-AM	6/20/2023				
HHS	1732	An Act Regarding the General Assistance Program	OTP-AM	3/6/2024	Enacted	PL	575	
HHS	1751	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Explore the Feasibility of an Ambulance Service Assessment Fee	OTP-AM	3/12/2024				
HHS	1788	An Act to Establish the Office of the Inspector General of Child Protection	ONTP	3/28/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	1792	Resolve, to Establish the Rural Health Services Task Force	OTP-AM	6/20/2023				

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HHS	1827	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Make Recommendations on the Continuum of Long-term Care Options	OTP-AM	2/9/2024				
HHS	1837	An Act to Increase Oral Health Services	OTP-AM	6/13/2023				
HHS	1857	Resolve, to Establish a Public Safety Health and Wellness Grant Pilot Program	OTP-AM	6/14/2023				v
HHS	1858	An Act to Ensure Access to Newly Born Male Infant Circumcision by Requiring MaineCare Coverage	OTP-AM	6/8/2023				
HHS	1877	An Act to Reduce the Number of Children Living in Deep Poverty by Adjusting Assistance for Low-income Families	OTP-AM	3/29/2024	Enacted	PL	622	
HHS	1923	An Act to Provide for Licensing of and Tax Collection from Remote Retail Sellers of Pipe Tobacco and Premium Cigars	ONTP/OTP-AM	4/1/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
HHS	1955	An Act to Require Hospitals to Provide Accessible Financial Assistance for Medical Care	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/10/2024	Held by Governor			
HHS	1975	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Changes to the Legal Status of Scheduled Drugs	OTP-AM	4/8/2024				
HHS	1995	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	ONTP	1/30/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	2009	Resolve, to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Address the Problem of Long Stays for Children and Adolescents in Hospital Emergency Departments	OTP-AM	2/20/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	134	
HHS	2036	An Act to Remove the Exemption for Certain Roadside Springs from Regulation as Public Water Systems in the Laws Regarding Water for Human Consumption	OTP-AM	2/14/2024	Enacted	PL	524	
HHS	2037	An Act to Align the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program with Federal Regulations	OTP	1/26/2024	Enacted	PL	501	
HHS	2050	An Act to Expand Accreditation Options for Laboratories That Conduct Blood-alcohol or Drug Testing	OTP	1/26/2024	Enacted	PL	498	

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HHS	2055	An Act to Delay Implementation of Electronic Visit Verification for Hospice Providers Within the MaineCare Program	OTP-AM	3/6/2024	Enacted	PL	576	
HHS	2078	An Act to Increase Participation by the Department of Health and Human Services Regarding Federal Benefits for Which Children in the Custody of the Department May Be Eligible	OTP-AM	3/29/2024				
HHS	2082	Resolve, to Review the Timeliness of Contract Payments by the Department of Health and Human Services	OTP-AM	4/9/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	182	
HHS	2083	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Study Timely Access to Psychiatric Medication Management Services Across the State	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/28/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	157	
HHS	2095	An Act to Require Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect to Military Family Advocacy Programs	OTP-AM	2/14/2024	Emergency Enacted	PL	518	
HHS	2097	Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Alleviate the Staffing Crisis in the Child Protective Services System	OTP-AM	3/25/2024				
HHS	2100	An Act to Require the Reporting of Alpha-gal Syndrome to the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention	ONTP/OTP-AM	3/12/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
HHS	2105	Resolve, to Protect and Enhance Access to Behavioral Health Services in Androscoggin County and Surrounding Communities	OTP-AM	3/27/2024				
HHS	2125	An Act to Establish the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias Advisory Council Within the Department of Health and Human Services and to Require a State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias	OTP-AM	2/28/2024	Held by Governor			
HHS	2128	An Act Regarding Nonemergency Transportation for MaineCare Members	ONTP	2/29/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	2139	An Act to Add Schedule V Substances to the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program	OTP	2/23/2024	Enacted	PL	544	

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HHS	2151	An Act Regarding the Cost of Copies of Medical Records	ONTP/OTP-AM	2/23/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
HHS	2153	An Act to Clarify MaineCare Copayments	OTP	2/23/2024	Enacted	PL	546	
HHS	2154	An Act to Make Corrections and Updates to the Laws Affecting Children and Families	OTP	3/8/2024	Enacted	PL	567	
HHS	2157	An Act to Prohibit Tobacco Sales near Schools	OTP-AM/ONTP/OTP-AM	3/20/2024	Died Between Houses			
HHS	2177	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 29: Allowances for Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services	OTP	2/14/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	133	
HHS	2197	An Act to Develop a Grant Program to Provide Career Exploration Opportunities to Youth in the Community	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/29/2024				
HHS	2199	An Act to Ensure Subsidy Reimbursements for Certain Child Care Providers	OTP-AM	4/8/2024				
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HHS	2243	Resolve, to Expedite and Improve Reimbursement to Certain Private Nonmedical Institutions	OTP-AM	4/1/2024				
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LD 299 An Act to Correct Language Related to Medicaid Coverage for Children

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 597 makes changes to the statutory language regarding the Children's Health Insurance Program. It removes the statutory references to higher family income and lower family income limits for infants and children under 19 years of age to provide the Department of Health and Human Services with future flexibility to maximize funding sources through the Children's Health Insurance Program. It standardizes language for Medicaid coverage for persons 19 and 20 years of age to be consistent with current policy. It also changes the name of the Cub Care program to the Children's Health Insurance Program and updates cross-references.

LD 435 Resolve, to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Report on Children's Residential Treatment Services and Implementation of the Department's Strategic Priorities for Children's Behavioral Health Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 158 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to review relevant data and conduct an analysis on the capacity, occupancy and availability of and access to children's residential treatment services in the State and the residential treatment services located outside of the State that are being provided to children who normally reside in this State. By January 2, 2025, the department must submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters a report summarizing the data and results of the analysis of children's residential treatment services, an update on the department's progress in implementing its strategic priorities developed in 2019 to implement the children's behavioral health services plan for Maine developed by the department's Office of Child and Family Services and a summary of the department's current priorities to ensure the availability, quality and consistency of and access to behavioral health care services for children.

Resolve 2023, chapter 158 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 28, 2024.

LD 536 An Act to Provide Natural Organic Reduction Facilities for Maine Residents for the Conversion of Human Remains to Soil

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 676 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules regarding the treatment of human remains by natural organic reduction as an alternative to burial in a casket or cremation. Natural organic reduction is the contained accelerated conversion of human remains to soil. The law requires the department to license natural organic reduction facilities and to certify certain employees of these facilities.

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LD 1732 An Act Regarding the General Assistance Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 575 makes the following changes to the laws regarding municipal general assistance programs.

1. It requires overseers and designated or appointed municipal officials administering the program to complete training within 120 days of election or appointment and requires the training to include delivery of trauma-informed services and culturally and linguistically appropriate services.
2. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that each municipality complies with its duty to provide trauma-informed services and culturally and linguistically appropriate services and requires the department to provide mandatory training to municipalities to ensure that a municipality is able to comply with the general assistance program requirements.
3. It amends provisions governing the municipality of responsibility to increase the provision of assistance from 30 days to six months when a municipality assists an applicant in relocating to another community and from six months to 12 months when an applicant is residing in a group home, shelter, rehabilitation center, nursing home or hospital or in a hotel, motel or other temporary housing.
4. It requires municipalities to accept applications for general assistance during the municipality's regular business hours.
5. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to create and administer a statewide general assistance database.
6. It adds a reporting requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over general assistance matters.

LD 1877 An Act to Reduce the Number of Children Living in Deep Poverty by Adjusting Assistance for Low-income Families

Public Law 2023, chapter 622 provides that, beginning October 1, 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services must increase the maximum amount of monthly Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program assistance by an amount equal to 20% of the maximum payments that were in effect on January 1, 2024 and increase the standard of need to maintain the same differential between the maximum payment and the standard of need that was in effect on January 1, 2024.

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LD 2009 Resolve, to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Address the Problem of Long Stays for Children and Adolescents in Hospital Emergency Departments

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 134 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a stakeholder group to address the problem of children and adolescents experiencing long stays in hospital emergency departments after the children and adolescents are medically stable and no longer require medical treatment but appropriate community or residential placements are not available. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services must appoint the members of the stakeholder group, which must include representatives from offices within the department and organizations dealing with child welfare, behavioral health and medicine in addition to affected parents and other interested parties. The department must submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than November 6, 2024.

Resolve 2023, chapter 134 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 6, 2024.

LD 2036 An Act to Remove the Exemption for Certain Roadside Springs from Regulation as Public Water Systems in the Laws Regarding Water for Human Consumption

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 524 amends the section of law describing the treatment of roadside springs so as to conform to the definition of “public water system”, in order to bring Maine law into compliance with federal law.

LD 2037 An Act to Align the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program with Federal Regulations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 501 amends the law governing the denial of food assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, as a result of lottery and gambling winnings. The law provides that gross lottery and gambling winnings equal to or greater than the maximum allowable financial resource limit for elderly or disabled households, as provided in federal SNAP regulations, disqualifies a household from receiving food assistance through SNAP.

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LD 2050 An Act to Expand Accreditation Options for Laboratories That Conduct Blood-alcohol or Drug Testing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 498 adds an additional accreditation option for laboratories that test blood samples to determine blood-alcohol levels or the presence of a drug or drug metabolite. In addition to laboratories certified under the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988, the law provides that laboratories may be accredited pursuant to standard ISO/IEC 17025 of the International Organization for Standardization by a third party accrediting body.

LD 2055 An Act to Delay Implementation of Electronic Visit Verification for Hospice Providers Within the MaineCare Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 576 makes rules regarding electronic visit verification for providers offering hospice services under the MaineCare program major substantive rules; prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from implementing electronic visit verification earlier than March 1, 2025; and directs the department by February 1, 2025 to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on efforts to combat fraud, waste and abuse in the delivery of hospice services, to provide information on federal initiatives that include Medicaid hospice providers and to make recommendations regarding the application of electronic visit verification to hospice services under the MaineCare program.

LD 2082 Resolve, to Review the Timeliness of Contract Payments by the Department of Health and Human Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 182 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to review the timeliness of payments made to grantees of contracts awarded by the office within the department responsible for the provision of behavioral health services and housing assistance programs in fiscal year 2023-24 and in fiscal year 2024-25 through December 2024. It requires the department to identify the reasons for any delays of payments and to compile its data into a report. It requires the department to review its process for the payment of late fees in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1554 and to provide written guidance to grantees of contracts regarding the process to request payment of late fees. By February 1, 2025, the department must provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters regarding the department's findings and actions taken pursuant to this resolve.

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LD 2083 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Study Timely Access to Psychiatric Medication Management Services Across the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 157 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a stakeholder group to study access to psychiatric medication management services in the State. The study must examine the availability of psychiatric medication management services across the State, including a review of geographic and other disparities in access, the availability of psychiatric nurse practitioners to provide medication management and challenges to sustaining and expanding the psychiatric nurse practitioner workforce, including an examination of educational opportunities, financial support for the education of nurse practitioners and the availability of nurse educators to train nurse practitioners. It directs the department to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than February 1, 2025 on the study. The joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

LD 2095 An Act to Require Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect to Military Family Advocacy Programs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 518 requires that, when an allegation of abuse or neglect of a child against a parent or legal guardian is investigated, the Department of Health and Human Services must collect information concerning any military status of a parent or legal guardian and share that information with the appropriate military authority. It also directs the department to negotiate a memorandum of understanding with family advocacy programs at military installations.

Public Law 2023, chapter 518 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 6, 2024.

LD 2139 An Act to Add Schedule V Substances to the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 544 expands the required reporting on controlled substances under the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program to include drugs, substances and chemicals listed in the federally determined Schedule V. Schedule V drugs, substances and chemicals consist of preparations containing limited quantities of certain narcotics and are generally used for antidiarrheal, antitussive and analgesic purposes.

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LD 2153 An Act to Clarify MaineCare Copayments

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 546 amends the laws authorizing MaineCare member copayments. It removes references to certain service categories subject to copayments, prohibits copayments for community-based behavioral health and primary care services, clarifies the list of service categories subject to copayments and provides the Department of Health and Human Services authority to set copayment amounts.

LD 2154 An Act to Make Corrections and Updates to the Laws Affecting Children and Families

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 567 makes the following changes to the laws governing adoption subsidy and child care.

1. It removes the requirement of an annual redetermination for adoption assistance.
2. It allows, instead of requires, the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules implementing the First 4 ME Early Care and Education Program.
3. It allows the department to issue temporary licenses for licensed family child care providers and child care facilities that need to relocate due to emergency circumstances or to new family child care providers and child care facilities established due to emergency circumstances and provides a definition of “emergency circumstances”.

LD 2177 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 29: Allowances for Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 133 authorizes final adoption of changes to Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 29: Allowances for Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Resolve 2023, chapter 133 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 6, 2024.

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LD 2230 Resolve, to Require a Stakeholder Group to Participate in the Development of Rules Regarding Youth Camps

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 181 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a stakeholder group to participate in the development of proposals to amend its rule Chapter 208: Rules Relating to Boys, Girls, Boys and Girls, Day Camps and Primitive and Trip Camping prior to publishing a rule change for public comment and adoption under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. The department may not adopt any rules to amend its rule Chapter 208 until the department has convened and engaged a stakeholder group.

Resolve 2023, chapter 181 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 24, 2024.

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ANALYST NOTES

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LD 472 An Act to Support Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects

Although this bill was not enacted, one-time funding for the startup and implementation costs for all mental health organizations participating in certified community behavioral health clinic projects that have previously been funded by federal grants from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part A.

LD 659 An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to implement a MaineCare home and community-based lifespan program was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session, in Part LLLL. Rules adopted are major substantive rules and subsequent rules are routine technical.

LD 1224 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Seek Federal Approval for Reimbursement of Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services

Although this bill was voted Ought Not to Pass by the Committee, funding for new mobile crisis rates and services beginning January 1, 2025, was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part A and Part DDDD.

LD 1236 An Act to Increase the Provision of Children's Behavioral Health Services in Rural Areas and to Provide Support for Families of Children Receiving Services

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to offer grants and incentives to providers of behavioral health services to children and adults in families involved in the child welfare system was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part RRRR.

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LD 1426 An Act to Secure Housing for the Most Vulnerable Maine Residents by Amending the Laws Governing Municipal General Assistance

Although this bill was voted Ought Not to Pass by the Committee, LD 1732, An Act to Expand the General Assistance Program, was enacted as Public law 2023, chapter 575, and included some of the same provisions included in LD 1426. Additionally, increased funding for general assistance was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part A and Part OO.

LD 1857 An Act to Create the Public Safety Health and Wellness Reimbursement Fund to Benefit Public Safety Workers and Volunteers

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Public Safety to establish a public safety health and wellness grant pilot program was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part T.

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HCIFS	2043	An Act to Add the State of Maine to the Compact for Licensing Physician Assistants	OTP-AM	4/1/2024	Enacted	PL	670	
HCIFS	2057	An Act to Require 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	OTP-AM	2/13/2024	Enacted	PL	506	
HCIFS	2073	An Act to Amend the Application of the Law Requiring Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Policies to Cover Towing and Storage Charges for Certain Vehicles	ONTP/OTP	2/22/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
HCIFS	2074	An Act to Prohibit Property and Casualty Insurance Companies from Denying Policyholders in the State Insurance on Their Residences in the State Because of a Loss Sustained to a Home in Another State	ONTP	2/21/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HCIFS	2075	An Act to Protect Health Care Workers from HIV	ONTP/OTP-AM	3/1/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
HCIFS	2096	An Act to Ensure Access to Pain Management Services in Health Insurance Plans	OTP-AM	4/11/2024	Enacted	PL	661	
HCIFS	2110	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Licensing of Payroll Processors	ONTP/OTP-AM	4/2/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
HCIFS	2112	An Act to Replace the Money Transmitters Act	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/19/2024	Enacted	PL	662	
HCIFS	2113	An Act to Provide Relief to Federal or State Employees Affected by a Federal Government or State Government Shutdown	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/2/2024				
HCIFS	2114	Resolve, Directing the Superintendent of Insurance to Collect Data from Health Insurers Related to Prescription Drug Coverage of Generic Drugs and Biosimilars	OTP-AM	4/2/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	177	
HCIFS	2115	An Act to Prohibit Unfair Practices Related to the Collection of Medical Debt	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	4/8/2024	Enacted	PL	663	

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HCIFS	2122	An Act to Create Parity in the Licensing of Emergency Medical Services Professionals and Other Health Care Professionals Who Enter Private Residences	ONTP	2/13/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HCIFS	2123	An Act Regarding Licensure of Emergency Medical Services Persons	ONTP	2/21/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HCIFS	2126	An Act Relating to Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses	OTP-AM	3/15/2024	Enacted	PL	592	
HCIFS	2137	An Act to Join the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact	OTP-AM	4/10/2024	Enacted	PL	664	
HCIFS	2140	An Act to Enact the Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/10/2024	Enacted	PL	674	
HCIFS	2156	An Act to Authorize the Provision of Emergency Medical Treatment for Certain Dogs	OTP-AM	3/12/2024	Enacted	PL	587	
HCIFS	2165	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 270: Uniform Reporting System for Quality Data Sets, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization	OTP	2/20/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	138	
HCIFS	2174	An Act to Protect Consumers from Predatory Medical Credit Card Providers	ONTP/OTP-AM	4/9/2024	Died Between Houses			
HCIFS	2175	An Act to Improve Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs in Underserved Areas	OTP-AM	4/11/2024				v
HCIFS	2203	An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Federally Approved Nonprescription Oral Hormonal Contraceptives and Nonprescription Emergency Contraceptives	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/10/2024	Held by Governor			
HCIFS	2220	An Act to Prohibit Insurers from Using Credit Information as a Factor in Certain Insurance Practices	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/2/2024	Died Between Houses			

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HCIFS	2233	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 255: Workers' Compensation Fronting Companies, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance	OTP-AM	4/1/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	178	
HCIFS	2267	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to Support International Medical Graduates in Securing Employment	ONTP	3/28/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HCIFS	2268	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to Establish a Sponsorship Program for Foreign-trained Physicians	OTP-AM	4/5/2024				
HCIFS	2271	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients to Improve Facility Fee Transparency and Notification	ONTP/OTP-AM	4/3/2024	Enacted	PL	672	
HCIFS	2282	An Act to Provide Greater Transparency About the Cost of Insulin and to Promote the Availability of Low-cost Insulin in the State	OTP/ONTP	3/27/2024	Enacted	PL	610	

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LD 227 An Act Regarding Legally Protected Health Care Activity in the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 648 provides protections to persons who seek, health care practitioners who provide and those who assist health care practitioners in providing gender-affirming health care services and reproductive health care services in accordance with the applicable standard of care.

Part A of the law does the following.

1. It states the Legislature’s finding that access to gender-affirming health care services and reproductive health care services, when those services are authorized under the laws of this State, is a legal right and that interference with access to such services or the provision of such services is against the public policy of this State.
2. It defines “legally protected health care activity” as the exercise or attempted exercise of the right to gender-affirming health care services or reproductive health care services secured in this State as well as the provision or attempted provision of gender-affirming health care services or reproductive health care services authorized under the laws of this State by a health care practitioner licensed and physically present in this State, regardless of whether the patient is located in this State or the health care practitioner is licensed in the state where the patient is located. “Legally protected health care activity” does not include conduct that could form the basis of civil, criminal or administrative liability under the laws of this State had the course of conduct occurred entirely within this State.
3. It authorizes a health care practitioner or person assisting a health care practitioner against whom a civil, criminal or administrative action in another state is brought to deter, prevent, sanction or punish that health care practitioner for engaging in legally protected health care activity or that person for aiding and assisting legally protected health care activity, referred to in the law as “hostile litigation,” to bring a civil action in this State for damages, punitive damages and equitable relief. A court in this State may include in a damage award the amount of any judgment issued in connection with the hostile litigation as well as the person’s reasonable attorney’s fees and expenses incurred in connection with that action.
4. It requires a person seeking to enforce in this State a judgment from another state, referred to in the law as a “foreign judgment,” in connection with hostile litigation to bring an action on the judgment within five years. A court in this State may not enforce a foreign judgment in connection with hostile litigation if the court that issued the judgment lacked jurisdiction or failed to provide due process of law.
5. It provides that, unless required by federal law, a court of this State may not order a person in this State to give testimony or produce documents or other information in any proceeding involving hostile litigation. In addition, unless required by federal law, a court in this State may not issue a summons or warrant in a case involving a grand jury investigation of or prosecution under the criminal laws of another state for engaging in or for aiding and assisting

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legally protected health care activity unless the conduct at issue would constitute a criminal offense if it had occurred entirely within this State.

6. It prohibits public agencies, including law enforcement agencies, from knowingly cooperating with or expending public resources in furtherance of an investigation or proceeding against a person for engaging in or aiding and assisting legally protected health care activity. It also prohibits the arrest of a person in this State if the arrest is related to criminal liability for engaging in or aiding and assisting legally protected health care activity. The law does not prohibit a public agency, including a law enforcement agency, from cooperating or assisting an investigation or proceeding or from responding to a warrant or extradition demand on the good faith belief that the warrant or demand is valid in this State or when exigent circumstances make compliance with the law impossible.
7. It provides that the laws of this State apply to any case or controversy heard in this State involving legally protected health care activity or aiding and assisting legally protected health care activity.

Part B of the law amends the Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act, through which a person may request that a court in this State issue a subpoena to effectuate a subpoena issued under the authority of a court in another state, referred to as a "foreign subpoena." Under the law, a person submitting a foreign subpoena to a clerk of court must also submit an affidavit attesting whether the foreign subpoena seeks documents, information, inspection or testimony related to the provision or receipt of legally protected health care activity or aiding and assisting legally protected health care activity. If the affidavit reveals that the foreign subpoena is related to legally protected health care activity or aiding and assisting legally protected health care activity, the clerk may not issue the subpoena and must present the request to the court. The court must deny the request unless it finds that the foreign subpoena seeks documents, information, inspection or testimony related to specified types of civil actions either brought by a person or brought under a contract for which a similar cause of action exists under the laws of this State.

Part C of the law amends the Uniform Criminal Extradition Act to prohibit the Governor from surrendering a person charged in another state for engaging in or aiding and assisting legally protected health care activity unless the executive authority in the other state alleges that the accused was physically present in the other state when the alleged offense was committed and thereafter fled the other state. In addition, Part C prohibits a court in this State from issuing a search warrant authorizing a government entity to obtain portable electronic device content information that relates to an investigation into legally protected health care activity or aiding and assisting legally protected health care activity.

Part D of the law provides that a health care practitioner that provides services related to legally protected health care activity may participate in the Address Confidentiality Program administered by the Secretary of State.

Current law prohibits an insurer that provides medical malpractice insurance in this State from discriminating or taking any adverse action against a health care professional who provides reproductive health care services on the sole basis that the health care professional is acting in

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violation of another state's law or is subject to an adverse action against the health care professional's license in another state. Part E of the law extends analogous protections to health care practitioners who engage in or aid and assist legally protected health care activity

Part E of the law also does the following.

1. It prohibits a professional licensing authority in this State from subjecting a health care practitioner to professional discipline based solely on the health care practitioner's engaging in or aiding and assisting legally protected health care activity or a pending or final criminal, civil or professional discipline action in another state based on engaging in or aiding and assisting legally protected health care activity.
2. It prohibits a health care provider or health care entity from restricting or denying the clinical privileges of or taking formal disciplinary action against a health care practitioner solely as a result of the health care practitioner's engaging in or aiding and assisting legally protected health care activity or the initiation or final disposition of a professional discipline action by a professional licensing authority in another state based on the health care practitioner's engaging in or aiding and assisting legally protected health care activity.
3. It prohibits a carrier offering or renewing a health care plan in this State from terminating or not renewing a contract with or imposing any monetary penalties against a participating provider on the sole basis that the participating provider engages in or aids and assists legally protected health care activity.

Part F of the law prohibits a health care practitioner or facility from disclosing in a civil or administrative action or proceeding or in response to a subpoena issued in such a proceeding information obtained through an examination of an individual relating to reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care services and from disclosing a communication from an individual or a person acting on the individual's behalf about reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care services unless the disclosure is authorized in writing by the individual; the disclosure is requested in connection with a medical malpractice claim brought by the individual against the health care practitioner or facility; the disclosure is requested by a professional licensing board in this State in connection with a complaint that is not based solely on an allegation that a licensee provided reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care services that are lawful in this State and within the licensee's scope of practice; or the disclosure is requested in connection with an investigation of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a child or an incapacitated or dependent adult by a federal or Maine agency responsible for investigating such abuse, neglect or exploitation.

Part G of the law makes clear that the provisions of the law may not be construed to conflict with or amend the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.

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LD 796 An Act Concerning Prior Authorizations for Health Care Provider Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 680 makes changes to the laws related to prior authorizations for health care provider services in health insurance plans.

In Part A, Public Law 2023, chapter 680 permits a health care provider that is actively treating an enrollee to act as an authorized representative of an enrollee for purposes of grievances and appeals of health insurance carrier decisions without requiring prior written authorization from the enrollee. The law does require that a provider actively treating an enrollee must notify an enrollee at least 14 days prior to filing a grievance or appeal and within seven days after filing a grievance or appeal or withdrawing a grievance or appeal and also permits an enrollee to affirmatively object to the provider's action.

The law requires carriers to allow prior authorization approvals to be effective for a two-week period before and after a specific date. It also prohibits carriers from denying claims for nonemergency services that were within the scope of the enrollee's coverage pending medical necessity review and prohibits carriers from imposing a penalty of more than 15% of the contractually allowed amount for the services that required prior authorization approval on the provider for failing to obtain a prior authorization.

The law prohibits carriers from making determinations of medical necessity based on whether those services are provided by participating or nonparticipating providers. The law also provides that, if a patient needs immediate post-evaluation or post-stabilization services, a carrier is prohibited from requiring prior authorization for those services provided during the same encounter. If post-evaluation or post-stabilization services necessitate inpatient care, a carrier is permitted to impose prior authorization for those services but carriers are required to respond to the prior authorization request within 24 hours. If the provider does not receive a determination from the carrier within 24 hours, the care is deemed approved until the carrier affirmatively notifies the provider otherwise.

The requirements of Part A apply to all policies, contracts or certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed on or after January 1, 2025.

Part B of Public Law 2023, chapter 680 requires health insurance carriers to report certain information related to prior authorization determinations and also requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to annually report aggregate data for carriers, including posting information on the bureau's publicly accessible website.

Part B also requires the Superintendent of Insurance to collect data related to prior authorization determinations for calendar years 2021, 2022 and 2023 from health insurance carriers. It requires the superintendent to report this information to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage, insurance and financial services matters no later than January 15, 2025 and authorizes the committee to report out legislation based on the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

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LD 1407 An Act to Amend the Maine Insurance Code Regarding Payments by Health Insurance Carriers to Providers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 574 makes the following changes to the Maine Insurance Code in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A.

1. It provides that a health insurance carrier may file notice of a proposed amendment to a calendar year provider agreement only four times per year on January 1st, April 1st, July 1st and October 1st, except for changes in response to a requirement of the State or Federal Government or due to a change in current procedural terminology codes used by the American Medical Association.
2. It requires a health insurance carrier in certain cases to include an estimate of any adverse financial impact on a participating provider as part of a notice of an amendment to a provider agreement if the change is to a reimbursement policy.
3. It requires a health insurance carrier to provide to the participating provider both a clean and a marked-up copy of the provider agreement, manual, policy or procedure document being changed.
4. It restricts the authority of a health insurance carrier in certain cases to retroactively deny a previously paid claim to no later than 36 months from the date of the claims payment.

LD 1498 An Act to Create a Liaison Program and Complaint Process Within the Bureau of Insurance for Independent Health Care Providers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 590 requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to establish a liaison program to assist independent health care providers and to establish a process to receive and investigate provider complaints. The law limits the scope of certain services to be provided by the bureau to an independent health care practitioner or group of independent health care practitioners with six or fewer health care practitioners and does not include a health care practitioner or group of health care practitioners that is owned or operated, in whole or in part, by a hospital or health system.

Under the liaison program, the law requires the bureau to assist independent health care providers in obtaining information about health insurance laws and rules and to receive concerns regarding regulatory or compliance issues that may have a market-wide impact.

The law also requires the bureau to establish a process to receive and investigate complaints from independent health care providers regarding an alleged violation of any insurance law or rule and also authorizes the bureau to receive and investigate complaints from other providers. The law

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makes clear that the bureau is not authorized to act as a legal representative of a provider or to provide assistance with contract negotiations or interpretations of the terms of contracts between providers and carriers in any manner through the liaison program or complaint process.

LD 1533 An Act to Provide for Consistent Billing Practices by Health Care Providers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 521 requires that health insurance claims for facility services that are submitted by health care providers for payment or reimbursement must identify the physical location where services are rendered.

LD 1740 An Act to Protect a Patient's Access to Affordable Health Care with Timely Access to Health Care Prices

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 584 requires health care entities to provide a good faith estimate of the cost of medical services to be rendered directly by that health care entity during a single medical encounter upon request from an uninsured or self-pay patient. The law requires that the good faith estimate be provided within the following time frames.

1. When a medical encounter is scheduled at least three business days before the date the medical encounter is scheduled to be furnished or when a patient is seeking urgent care, the estimate must be provided no later than one business day after the date of scheduling or the date of the request.
2. When a medical encounter is scheduled at least 10 business days before the encounter is scheduled to be furnished, the estimate must be provided no later than three business days after the date of scheduling.
3. In all other circumstances, the estimate must be provided no later than three business days after the date of the request.

The law requires the health care entity to separately disclose the prices for each component of medical services, including any facility fees or fees for professional services, and the procedure codes for those services. It requires health care entities to post notice on prominent display of a patient's right to request this information and include the notice in a patient's written consent to treatment form that must be signed prior to receiving health care treatment or services.

Public Law 2023, chapter 584 requires that, upon a request from an insured patient, health care entities must provide a description of the medical services to be rendered during a single medical encounter and the applicable standard medical codes or current procedural terminology codes used by the American Medical Association for those services and notify the patient that the information

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can be used to obtain an estimate of the patient's out-of-pocket costs from the patient's health insurance carrier. It also requires health insurance carriers to respond to requests from a patient for an estimate of out-of-pocket costs based on the description of the medical services and the codes provided by the patient's health care entity.

The law prohibits a health care entity from initiating or pursuing any collection action against an uninsured or self-pay patient for items or services provided on a date the health care entity has provided those items or services to a patient unless the health care entity provided a good faith estimate to a patient that requested an estimate. The prohibition on collection actions does not extend to insured patients.

Public Law 2023, chapter 584 also requires that hospitals comply with the price transparency requirements established in 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 180, Subparts A and B as in effect on January 1, 2024. It requires a hospital to provide price transparency data in a standardized format as established by rule by the Maine Health Data Organization and provides that a hospital that fails to comply with the price transparency requirements established by the Maine Health Data Organization may be subject to a fine for noncompliance.

LD 1832 An Act to Continue the Study of Community Paramedicine and to Make Changes Related to Health Insurance Coverage and Prior Authorization Requirements for Certain Ambulance Service Providers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 591 makes changes to the laws related to health insurance coverage for ambulance services.

1. It clarifies the reimbursement rate to be paid by health insurance carriers to out-of-network ambulance service providers for covered emergency services.
2. It prohibits health insurance carriers from requiring an air ambulance service provider to obtain prior authorization before transporting an enrollee to a hospital or between hospitals for urgent care.

Public Law 2023, chapter 591 also authorizes the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage, insurance and financial services matters to report out, after further study, legislation to the 132nd Legislature in 2025 related to reimbursement by health insurance carriers for health care services provided by community paramedicine personnel.

LD 1921 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding State-chartered Credit Unions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 539 amends the laws governing credit unions.

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1. It authorizes credit unions to engage in the business of selling, issuing or registering negotiable instruments, instead of checks or money orders, which are the terms used in current law.
2. It allows the Superintendent of Financial Institutions within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to reduce the number of required monthly meetings of a credit union's board of directors for good cause.
3. It adds grounds for expulsion of a credit union member and, by January 1, 2025, requires credit unions to establish a written expulsion policy and expulsion appeals process, which must be provided to credit union members annually.
4. It removes the limitation that credit unions may make loans to only other in-state credit unions.

LD 1956 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Optometrists

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 580 repeals the laws governing the licensing and regulation of optometrists in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 34-A and enacts a new chapter updating the laws governing the licensing and regulation of optometrists in Title 32, chapter 149.

LD 2020 An Act to Make Technical Updates to the Maine Uniform Securities Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 503 updates references to federal statutes in the Maine Uniform Securities Act and corrects errors to citations made when adopting the Uniform Securities Act of 2002.

LD 2040 An Act to Restore the Board of Dental Practice's Authority to Issue Letters of Guidance

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 515 restores authority to the Board of Dental Practice to issue letters of guidance involving matters other than a dismissal of a complaint against a licensee.

Public Law 2023, chapter 515 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 29, 2024.

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LD 2043 An Act to Add the State of Maine to the Compact for Licensing Physician Assistants

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 670 enacts the Physician Assistants Licensure Compact, which provides a mechanism to facilitate interstate practice by licensed physician assistants in order to improve public access to the services of physician assistants.

LD 2057 An Act to Require 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

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 506 requires the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and the Board of Examiners in Physical Therapy to obtain national and state fingerprint-based criminal history record information for certain applicants for initial licensure and licensure by endorsement by each board.

LD 2096 An Act to Ensure Access to Pain Management Services in Health Insurance Plans

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 661 requires health insurance carriers to develop a plan to provide adequate coverage and access to a broad spectrum of pain management services, including, but not limited to, nonopioid, nonnarcotic pain management services and nonmedication pain management services that serve as alternatives to the prescribing of opioid or narcotic medication. Carriers are required to file their plans with the Bureau of Insurance for approval. The bureau must consider the adequacy of access to a broad spectrum of pain management services under a carrier's plan and whether any policies adopted by the carrier may create unduly preferential coverage of and access to prescribed opioids for pain management without consideration of other pain management services. The law requires a carrier to distribute educational materials to network providers about the carrier's pain management access plan and to post information about the carrier's pain management access plan on the carrier's publicly accessible website.

The requirements of Public Law 2023, chapter 661 apply to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2026.

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LD 2112 An Act to Replace the Money Transmitters Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 662 repeals the Money Transmitters Act and replaces it with a model act developed by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors and state regulators of businesses that engage in money transmission. The law uses national standardized definitions and terms and uses national standardized licensing requirements.

LD 2114 Resolve, Directing the Superintendent of Insurance to Collect Data from Health Insurers Related to Prescription Drug Coverage of Generic Drugs and Biosimilars

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 177 directs the Superintendent of Insurance to request data from health insurance carriers related to each carrier's placement of generic drugs and biosimilars on the carrier's prescription drug formulary, including whether a generic drug or biosimilar is available on the carrier's formulary with a lower out-of-pocket cost to an enrollee than the brand drug to which the generic drug or biosimilar is equivalent and whether the carrier imposes any limitation on coverage of a generic drug or biosimilar or imposes a restriction on a pharmacy that makes it more difficult for an enrollee to obtain coverage of or access to a generic drug or biosimilar than the brand drug to which the generic drug or biosimilar is equivalent. The law requires the Superintendent of Insurance to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage, insurance and financial services matters on the data submitted by the carriers as requested, together with any findings or recommendations of the superintendent, no later than February 15, 2025. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage, insurance and financial services matters may report out a bill to the 132nd Legislature in 2025 based on the report.

LD 2115 An Act to Prohibit Unfair Practices Related to the Collection of Medical Debt

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 663 makes the following changes to the laws related to the collection of medical debt.

1. It prohibits debt collectors from charging any interest on debt or fees in connection with the collection of debt that the debt collector knows is medical debt.
2. It prohibits debt collectors from pursuing litigation to compel payment of medical debt without providing proof that the consumer was sent a written notice indicating that litigation may not be pursued when the debt collector or collection agency knows the consumer's household income is not more than 300% of the federal poverty guidelines, as defined by the federal Office of Management and Budget and revised annually, and the debt collector or collection

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agency provided the consumer with at least 30 days to provide evidence that the consumer's household income is not more than 300% of the federal poverty guidelines.

3. It prohibits debt collectors from obtaining information about a consumer in relation to an attempt to collect medical debt or making false, deceptive or misleading representations when attempting to collect debt that the debt collector or collection agency knows is medical debt, including by implying that interest will accumulate on the debt principal, that a fee will be charged in connection with the debt or that the debt collector will pursue litigation to compel payment of the debt.

LD 2126 An Act Relating to Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 592 authorizes the delegation of specific nursing activities and tasks by a nurse to unlicensed assistive personnel, but preserves the authority of a nurse, in the exercise of the nurse's professional judgment, to refuse to delegate specific nursing activities and tasks in any care setting. The law specifies that the authorization to delegate may not be construed to require a nurse to delegate, or permit a person to coerce a nurse into delegating, specific nursing activities and tasks against the nurse's professional judgment. The law also defines "unlicensed assistive personnel" and requires the State Board of Nursing to adopt major substantive rules concerning delegation.

LD 2137 An Act to Join the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 664 enacts the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact to facilitate the interstate practice of dentistry and dental hygiene by improving public access to dentistry and dental hygiene services provided by dentists and dental hygienists practicing in participating states in which they are not licensed. The compact preserves the regulatory authority of a state to protect public health and safety through that state's current system of state licensure and promote mobility and address workforce shortages by eliminating the necessity for licenses in multiple states by providing for the mutual recognition of other member state licenses.

LD 2140 An Act to Enact the Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 674 enacts the Social Work Licensure Compact to facilitate the interstate practice of regulated social workers by improving public access to competent social work services. The compact preserves the regulatory authority of a state to protect public health and safety

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through that state's current system of state licensure and promote mobility and address workforce shortages by eliminating the necessity for licenses in multiple states by providing for the mutual recognition of other member state licenses.

LD 2156 An Act to Authorize the Provision of Emergency Medical Treatment for Certain Dogs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 587 authorizes licensed emergency medical services personnel to provide emergency medical treatment to law enforcement dogs and search and rescue dogs in accordance with protocols adopted by the Medical Direction and Practices Board and specifies that licensed emergency medical services personnel may provide emergency medical treatment to these dogs notwithstanding the Maine Veterinary Practice Act as long as emergency medical treatment is provided in accordance with the protocols. The law also requires the Medical Direction and Practices Board to consult with an individual with expertise in emergency veterinary medicine, designated by the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, when adopting or amending protocols for providing emergency medical treatment to law enforcement dogs or search and rescue dogs.

LD 2165 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 270: Uniform Reporting System for Quality Data Sets, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 138 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 270: Uniform Reporting System for Quality Data Sets, a major substantive rule of the Maine Health Data Organization.

Resolve 2023, chapter 138 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 12, 2024.

LD 2233 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 255: Workers' Compensation Fronting Companies, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 178 does not authorize final adoption of Chapter 255: Workers' Compensation Fronting Companies, a major substantive rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance.

Resolve 2023, chapter 178 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 23, 2024.

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LD 2271 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients to Improve Facility Fee Transparency and Notification

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 672 requires a health care entity to post notice in a location readily accessible to patients, including patient waiting areas, and on the entity's publicly accessible website if the health care entity is a hospital-based facility that is part of a hospital or health system and whether a facility fee will be charged for receiving services. The law also requires the Maine Health Data Organization to post information on its publicly accessible website relating to facility fees to educate the public about what facility fees are and the circumstances when facility fees may or may not be charged in association with the delivery of health care services.

LD 2282 An Act to Provide Greater Transparency About the Cost of Insulin and to Promote the Availability of Low-cost Insulin in the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 610 requires a manufacturer of insulin to notify the Maine Health Data Organization no later than February 15th of each year of the wholesale acquisition cost for the insulin produced by the manufacturer in each category of insulin. The law also provides that a manufacturer of insulin that is a nonprofit organization is not required to pay an annual insulin product registration fee.

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ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this Digest; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 444 An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Specialized Risk Screening for First Responders and Other Public Safety Professionals

Although this bill was not enacted, a provision to establish a two-year public safety health and wellness grant pilot program within the Department of Public Safety to provide grants to government entities for specialized cardiac and metabolic screenings that specifically address the physical health effects experienced by first responders was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part T.

LD 2175 An Act to Improve Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs in Underserved Areas

Although this bill was not enacted, the substantive provisions of the bill, as amended, directing the Department of Health and Human Services to provide financial support to federally qualified health centers to develop or expand the centers' capacity to provide access to affordably priced prescription drugs to patients by increasing the centers' ability to deliver pharmacy services to those patients were incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part QQ.

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Not Enacted	LD 1540	Resolve, to Establish an Eviction Prevention Pilot Program	CARRIED OVER
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Enacted	LD 1721	Resolve, to Establish a Plan to Provide Transitional Housing and to Support the Growth of Maine's Workforce	RESOLVE 136
Not Enacted	LD 1422	An Act to End Homelessness and Assist Students Who Are Homeless by Establishing a Rental Subsidy Program	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1540	Resolve, to Establish an Eviction Prevention Pilot Program	CARRIED OVER
	LD 2136	An Act to Provide Financial Support for Shelters for Unhoused Individuals and Establish a Stakeholder Group to Develop a 10-year Plan to Address the Root Causes of Homelessness	CARRIED OVER
	LD 2138	Resolve, to Improve Funding for Homeless Shelters	ONTTP

Housing Administration

Enacted	LD 1505	An Act to Amend the Maine Cooperative Affordable Housing Ownership Act	PUBLIC 513
	LD 2209	An Act to Increase the Cap on Bonds Issued by the Maine State Housing Authority to Reflect Current Housing Production Needs in the State	PUBLIC 559
Not Enacted	LD 314	An Act to Establish the Permanent Commission on the Status of Housing in Maine	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 602	An Act to Provide Regional Support to Deliver State and Federal Programs to Municipalities in the State	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1672	An Act to Establish an Affordable Housing Permitting Process	ONTTP

Housing

LD 1752	Resolve, to Prepare Preapproved Building Types	CARRIED OVER
LD 1867	An Act to Establish the Community Housing Production Program	CARRIED OVER

Housing Supply

Enacted

LD 1721	Resolve, to Establish a Plan to Provide Transitional Housing and to Support the Growth of Maine's Workforce	RESOLVE 136
LD 2169	Resolve, Directing the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to Recommend Proposals to Support the Development of Attainable Housing	RESOLVE 162
LD 2277	Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey by Sale the Interests of the State in 3 Properties Located in Biddeford, Sanford and York	RESOLVE 166
Not Enacted	LD 226 An Act to Address Maine's Affordable Housing Crisis	CARRIED OVER
LD 721	An Act to Preserve Historic Buildings and Promote Affordable Housing	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1257	An Act to Increase Housing Capacity and Protect the Municipal Tax Base and Working Lands	ONTP
LD 1864	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	ONTP
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Enacted

LD 492	An Act to Repurpose Vacant Shopping Mall and Retail Space to Mixed-use Housing and Retail	PUBLIC 490
LD 772	An Act to Limit Retroactive Application of Land Use Ordinances to Pending Permit Applications That Propose Housing	PUBLIC 598
LD 1294	An Act Regarding the Ordinances Governing Residential Units Located in Buildings in a Location Zoned for Commercial Use	PUBLIC 536

	LD 1673	Resolve, Establishing a Working Group to Coordinate Collaboration Among State Agencies for the Purpose of Promoting Smart Growth and Development in High-use Corridors	RESOLVE 156
Not Enacted	LD 602	An Act to Provide Regional Support to Deliver State and Federal Programs to Municipalities in the State	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1134	An Act to Improve Housing Affordability by Amending the Definition of "Subdivision" Under the Site Location of Development Laws	ONTP
	LD 1672	An Act to Establish an Affordable Housing Permitting Process	ONTP
	LD 1787	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	HELD BY GOVERNOR
	LD 1940	An Act to Promote Consistent Policies within Growth Management Programs in Order to Increase Food Security and Economic Resiliency in Local Communities	ONTP
	LD 1976	An Act to Update the Growth Management Program Laws	HELD BY GOVERNOR

Landlord Incentives and Rental Assistance

Enacted	LD 2158	Resolve, to Improve the Housing Voucher System and Reduce the Number of Voucher Expirations	RESOLVE 159
Not Enacted	LD 387	An Act to Promote Affordable Housing by Providing a Tax Exemption for Housing Choice Vouchers	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 1710	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Improve Tenant-Landlord Relationships and Maximize the Use of Housing Vouchers	HELD BY GOVERNOR

Manufactured Housing

Enacted	LD 337	An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Regulation of Manufactured Housing to Increase Affordable Housing	PUBLIC 552
Not Enacted	LD 887	An Act to Amend the Regulation of Mobile Home Parks	ONTP

Miscellaneous

Enacted	LD 1505	An Act to Amend the Maine Cooperative Affordable Housing Ownership Act	PUBLIC 513
Not Enacted	LD 853	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to Housing	CARRIED OVER

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HOU	226	An Act to Address Maine's Affordable Housing Crisis	OTP-AM	6/21/2023				
HOU	314	An Act to Establish the Permanent Commission on the Status of Housing in Maine	LTW	1/9/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HOU	337	An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Regulation of Manufactured Housing to Increase Affordable Housing	OTP-AM	2/29/2024	Enacted	PL	552	
HOU	387	An Act to Promote Affordable Housing by Providing a Tax Exemption for Housing Choice Vouchers	LTW	1/16/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HOU	492	An Act to Repurpose Vacant Shopping Mall and Retail Space to Mixed-use Housing and Retail	OTP-AM	6/15/2023	Enacted	PL	490	
HOU	602	An Act to Provide Regional Support to Deliver State and Federal Programs to Municipalities in the State	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/29/2024				
HOU	721	An Act to Preserve Historic Buildings and Promote Affordable Housing	LTW	1/9/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HOU	772	An Act to Limit Retroactive Application of Land Use Ordinances to Pending Permit Applications That Propose Housing	OTP-AM	3/22/2024	Enacted	PL	598	
HOU	853	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to Housing	ONTP/OTP-AM	3/19/2024				
HOU	887	An Act to Amend the Regulation of Mobile Home Parks	ONTP	1/18/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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HOU	1134	An Act to Improve Housing Affordability by Amending the Definition of "Subdivision" Under the Site Location of Development Laws	ONTP	2/2/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HOU	1257	An Act to Increase Housing Capacity and Protect the Municipal Tax Base and Working Lands	ONTP	2/2/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HOU	1294	An Act Regarding the Ordinances Governing Residential Units Located in Buildings in a Location Zoned for Commercial Use	OTP-AM	2/27/2024	Enacted	PL	536	
HOU	1422	An Act to End Homelessness and Assist Students Who Are Homeless by Establishing a Rental Subsidy Program	OTP-AM	5/25/2023				v
HOU	1505	An Act to Amend the Maine Cooperative Affordable Housing Ownership Act	OTP-AM	1/31/2024	Enacted	PL	513	
HOU	1540	Resolve, to Establish an Eviction Prevention Pilot Program	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	6/16/2023				v
HOU	1672	An Act to Establish an Affordable Housing Permitting Process	ONTP	3/25/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HOU	1673	Resolve, Establishing a Working Group to Coordinate Collaboration Among State Agencies for the Purpose of Promoting Smart Growth and Development in High-use Corridors	OTP-AM	2/29/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	156	
HOU	1710	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Improve Tenant-Landlord Relationships and Maximize the Use of Housing Vouchers	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/12/2024	Held by Governor			
HOU	1721	Resolve, to Establish a Plan to Provide Transitional Housing and to Support the Growth of Maine's Workforce	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/13/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	136	
HOU	1752	Resolve, to Prepare Preapproved Building Types	OTP-AM	3/18/2024				

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HOU	1787	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	OTP-AM	2/29/2024	Held by Governor			
HOU	1864	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	ONTP	2/2/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HOU	1867	An Act to Establish the Community Housing Production Program	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/15/2024				
HOU	1940	An Act to Promote Consistent Policies within Growth Management Programs in Order to Increase Food Security and Economic Resiliency in Local Communities	ONTP	1/18/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HOU	1976	An Act to Update the Growth Management Program Laws	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/11/2024	Held by Governor			
HOU	2136	An Act to Provide Financial Support for Shelters for Unhoused Individuals and Establish a Stakeholder Group to Develop a 10-year Plan to Address the Root Causes of Homelessness	OTP-AM	3/25/2024				v
HOU	2138	Resolve, to Improve Funding for Homeless Shelters	ONTP	2/6/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HOU	2158	Resolve, to Improve the Housing Voucher System and Reduce the Number of Voucher Expirations	OTP-AM	3/22/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	159	
HOU	2169	Resolve, Directing the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to Recommend Proposals to Support the Development of Attainable Housing	OTP-AM	3/22/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	162	
HOU	2209	An Act to Increase the Cap on Bonds Issued by the Maine State Housing Authority to Reflect Current Housing Production Needs in the State	OTP-AM	2/29/2024	Enacted	PL	559	

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HOU	2277	Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey by Sale the Interests of the State in 3 Properties Located in Biddeford, Sanford and York	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	4/1/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	166	

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LD 337 An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Regulation of Manufactured Housing to Increase Affordable Housing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 552 amends the law governing land use ordinances by requiring a municipality to allow manufactured housing wherever single-family dwellings are allowed, subject to the same design criteria as the municipality may establish for single-family dwellings.

LD 492 An Act to Repurpose Vacant Shopping Mall and Retail Space to Mixed-use Housing and Retail

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 490 adds a requirement that, as necessary to meet statewide regional housing production goals, a municipality is required to adopt ordinances to allow the establishment of residential units in buildings on property zoned for commercial use including vacant or partially vacant retail space.

Public Law 2023, chapter 490 was finally enacted in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2023 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2023, chapter 490 became law without the Governor's signature on January 7, 2024.

LD 772 An Act to Limit Retroactive Application of Land Use Ordinances to Pending Permit Applications That Propose Housing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 598 provides that a municipality or municipal reviewing authority may not apply a land use ordinance retroactively with regard to a permit application for a development that includes residential housing if the ordinance was proposed after the permit was submitted and deemed complete for processing.

LD 1294 An Act Regarding the Ordinances Governing Residential Units Located in Buildings in a Location Zoned for Commercial Use

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 536 amends the law authorizing a municipality, as necessary to achieve statewide and regional housing production goals, to adopt ordinances to allow residential units within buildings located in an area zoned for commercial use and, if adopted by a municipality,

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requires that such an ordinance establishing a limit on the number of residential units within a building in a location zoned for commercial use be proportional to the space available for residential units in that building. Public Law 2023, chapter 536 removes that requirement and makes the proportional limit optional.

LD 1505 An Act to Amend the Maine Cooperative Affordable Housing Ownership Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 513 makes changes to the Maine Cooperative Affordable Housing Ownership Act. The law adds definitions for the terms, “housing assistance programs,” “housing cooperative,” and “group equity cooperative” and describes the components that make a housing cooperative a group equity cooperative under the Maine Cooperative Affordable Housing Ownership Act.

Public Law 2023, chapter 513 requires that housing assistance programs administered by the state or a municipality be made reasonably available to residents of housing cooperatives. The law provides that administrators of those housing assistance programs may develop specific policies that govern the treatment of program applicants who reside in housing cooperatives. For those housing assistance programs that do not include policies specific to housing cooperatives, applicants belonging to housing cooperatives must be treated as homeowners, except that:

1. A program applicant who belongs to a group equity housing cooperative is classified as a renter or a tenant in rental property and the group equity cooperative itself is considered the landlord or property owner; and
2. A program applicant who is a resident of housing cooperative that is not a member of that cooperative is a tenant and the respective cooperative is the landlord or property.

Under Public Law 2023, chapter 513, when a housing cooperative is classified as a property owner, the cooperative has the right to apply for multifamily owner assistance programs.

LD 1673 Resolve, Establishing a Working Group to Coordinate Collaboration Among State Agencies for the Purpose of Promoting Smart Growth and Development in High-use Corridors

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 156 directs the Director of the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to convene a working group consisting of the Commissioner of Transportation, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and the director of the Maine State Housing Authority to design a plan for agency coordination to maximize state resources and

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promote smart growth in high-use corridors and to propose a plan for technical assistance grants to municipalities. The law requires the Director of the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, no later than January 15, 2025, to submit a report to the joint standing and joint select committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters regarding the working group's findings and recommendations. A joint standing or joint select committee that receives the report may submit legislation related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

LD 1721 Resolve, to Establish a Plan to Provide Transitional Housing and to Support the Growth of Maine's Workforce

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 136 directs the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to propose a plan to provide transitional housing and support services to persons seeking federal work permits and submit a report to the joint standing committee or the joint select committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters no later than January 15, 2025.

LD 2158 Resolve, to Improve the Housing Voucher System and Reduce the Number of Voucher Expirations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 159 directs the Maine State Housing Authority to convene a stakeholder group to gather information about the use of housing vouchers and income-based rental assistance and consider ways to maximize the use of housing vouchers by outlining the process for local housing authorities to request fair market rent waivers from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, making changes to the rules governing the expiration of housing vouchers and the area of the State in which a housing voucher can be used and educating landlords to increase the number of landlords who accept tenants who use housing vouchers or other income-based rental assistance. The authority is directed to submit a report to the joint standing or joint select committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters by January 15, 2025.

LD 2169 Resolve, Directing the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to Recommend Proposals to Support the Development of Attainable Housing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 162 directs the Director of the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to develop proposals for potential financial assistance programs to support the development of rental housing for persons making 80% to 150% of the area median income and programs to support homeownership by persons making 120% to 180% of the area median income. The office is required to seek input from entities familiar with programs that assist with the development of

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affordable housing as well as commercial real estate developers, the Maine State Chamber of Commerce and the Maine State Housing Authority. The office is directed to submit a report to the joint standing or joint select committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters by January 15, 2025.

LD 2209 An Act to Increase the Cap on Bonds Issued by the Maine State Housing Authority to Reflect Current Housing Production Needs in the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 559 increases the cap on mortgage purchase bonds authorized to be issued by the Maine State Housing Authority to align with current housing production needs in the State.

LD 2277 Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey by Sale the Interests of the State in 3 Properties Located in Biddeford, Sanford and York

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 166 authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to convey the State's interests in three former courthouses located in the City of Biddeford, the City of Sanford and the Town of York, pursuant to the procedures set out in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 4754-A, for use as residential housing. If any of the three parcels comprising the state property is not transferred to the Maine State Housing Authority or a local public housing authority for residential housing under an option to purchase, however, the parcel is required to be sold using a competitive process via sale or auction.

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LD 1422 An Act to End Homelessness and Assist Students Who are Homeless by Establishing a Rental Subsidy Program

Although this bill was not enacted, a provision authorizing the Maine State Housing Authority to establish a rental subsidy program for homeless students in consultation with the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. The program must incorporate elements to provide housing subsidies to homeless students who have not attained 18 years of age who do not have adult family members or guardians to secure housing for them. Under this provision, the authority is required to report on the progress of the program's development to the committee having jurisdiction over housing matters no later than January 15, 2025. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part KKKK.

LD 1540 Resolve, to Establish an Eviction Prevention Pilot Program

Although this bill was not enacted, a provision directing the Maine State Housing Authority to establish a pilot program designed to support eviction prevention was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. The program must be designed to provide eligible persons with up to \$800 per month in rental assistance paid directly to the person's landlord for a period up to 24 months. Under this provision, the authority or an entity delegated to administer the pilot program is required to submit a report to the committee having jurisdiction over housing matters no later than February 2, 2025. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part KKKK.

LD 2136 An Act to Provide Financial Support for Shelters for Unhoused Individuals and Establish a Stakeholder Group to Develop a 10-year Plan to Address the Root Causes of Homelessness

Although this bill was not enacted, funding for emergency housing relief was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part HH.

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All-terrain Vehicles, Snowmobiles and Watercraft

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	LD 2276	An Act to Increase Funding for the Snowmobile Trail Fund and the ATV Recreational Management Fund	PUBLIC 668
Not Enacted	LD 977	Resolve, to Study the Gasoline Tax Allocations for Nonhighway Recreational Vehicles and Make Recommendations for Changes	ONTP

Antlerless Deer Permits

Enacted	LD 614	An Act to Reduce Conflicts Between Landowners and Deer and Add an Additional Youth Deer Hunting Day	PUBLIC 593
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Boating

Enacted	LD 2284	An Act to Implement Recommendations in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Report on Wake Boats	PUBLIC 611
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Firearms

Not Enacted	LD 629	An Act to Improve, Protect and Defend the Individual Civil Right to Bear Arms Through Exemption of Firearms and Ammunition from Taxation	ONTP
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Hunting

Enacted	LD 2216	An Act to Amend the Start Date of the September Upland Game Season	PUBLIC 530
Not Enacted	LD 2194	An Act to Clarify When a Wounded Game Animal May Be Dispatched by an Authorized Licensed Guide	ONTP

Invasive Aquatic Species

Enacted	LD 1049	Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to Address Aquatic Invasive Species	RESOLVE 148
	LD 1342	An Act to Increase Funding for the Prevention and Control of Invasive Aquatic Species	PUBLIC 612
Not Enacted	LD 2141	An Act to Enhance Protections for and Better Address Invasive Aquatic Plant Infestations in Inland Waters of the State	CARRIED OVER

Licenses and Permits

Not Enacted	LD 163	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	Minority (ONTP) Report
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Moose Hunting

Enacted	LD 2052	An Act to Provide Additional Moose Hunting Opportunities for Maine Youth Experiencing Critical Illnesses	PUBLIC 526
Not Enacted	LD 795	An Act to Clarify Requirements for Moose Hunting Permittees	ONTP

Wildlife Management

Not Enacted	LD 1919	An Act to Designate a State Wildlife Sanctuary at Blue Hill Falls	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
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IFW	163	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	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/7/2024	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report			
IFW	614	An Act to Reduce Conflicts Between Landowners and Deer and Add an Additional Youth Deer Hunting Day	OTP-AM	3/22/2024	Enacted	PL	593	
IFW	629	An Act to Improve, Protect and Defend the Individual Civil Right to Bear Arms Through Exemption of Firearms and Ammunition from Taxation	ONTP	2/28/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
IFW	795	An Act to Clarify Requirements for Moose Hunting Permittees	ONTP	2/1/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
IFW	977	Resolve, to Study the Gasoline Tax Allocations for Nonhighway Recreational Vehicles and Make Recommendations for Changes	ONTP	3/13/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
IFW	1049	Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to Address Aquatic Invasive Species	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/7/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	148	
IFW	1342	An Act to Increase Funding for the Prevention and Control of Invasive Aquatic Species	OTP-AM	3/22/2024	Enacted	PL	612	
IFW	1919	An Act to Designate a State Wildlife Sanctuary at Blue Hill Falls	LTW	1/4/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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IFW	2052	An Act to Provide Additional Moose Hunting Opportunities for Maine Youth Experiencing Critical Illnesses	OTP	2/15/2024	Enacted	PL	526	
IFW	2141	An Act to Enhance Protections for and Better Address Invasive Aquatic Plant Infestations in Inland Waters of the State	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/26/2024				
IFW	2194	An Act to Clarify When a Wounded Game Animal May Be Dispatched by an Authorized Licensed Guide	ONTP	2/29/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
IFW	2216	An Act to Amend the Start Date of the September Upland Game Season	OTP		Enacted	PL	530	
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LD 614 An Act to Reduce Conflicts Between Landowners and Deer and Add an Additional Youth Deer Hunting Day

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 593 makes the following changes related to the laws administered by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

1. It requires that funds from the Maine Deer Management Fund, within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, be used to help reduce conflicts between landowners and deer and directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to add a checkoff option on the department's online licensing system that allows a person to donate money for landowner-deer conflict prevention and management.
2. It removes the provision that \$2 of each deer registration fee deposition in the Maine Deer Management Fund be used for predator control and deer habitat purposes and instead provides that this money may be used to assist landowners with the prevention or management of deer conflicts.
3. It requires that revenue deposited in the Maine Deer Management Fund from antlerless deer permit fees, minus administrative costs, must be used for predator control purposes or to acquire or manage deer habitat.
4. It extends the youth deer hunting period from one day to two days and establishes that the period takes place on the Friday and Saturday preceding the Saturday designated as an open day for residents of the State.
5. It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, by February 1, 2027, to provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters on the changes to youth deer hunting and gives the committee the authority to report out a bill based on the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 1049 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to Address Aquatic Invasive Species

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 148 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources to enter into a memorandum of understanding to establish a process to plan for actions to control and prevent further spread of aquatic invasive species as fish passages are improved and fish barriers are removed statewide. The resolve directs the departments to include a requirement in the memorandum that the memorandum be updated at least every five years and that the departments provide notice to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters any time the

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memorandum is reviewed and updated. The resolve also directs the departments to include a requirement in the memorandum that if changes are planned that reduce commitments outlined in the memorandum to control and prevent the further spread of aquatic invasive species at the dam on the Penobscot River in the Town of Medway or the dam on the Piscataquis River at Brown's Mill in the Town of Dover-Foxcroft, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters must be notified in writing prior to the changes being implemented.

LD 1342 An Act to Increase Funding for the Prevention and Control of Invasive Aquatic Species

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 612 increases the fees for new or renewal certificates of number for resident motorboats and personal watercraft and the fees for lake and river protection stickers for all motorboats and personal watercraft not registered in the State and for seaplanes operating on inland waters of the State. Beginning January 1, 2025, the fees for certificates of number are increased by \$10 and the fees for lake and river protection stickers are increased by \$15 and, beginning January 1, 2028, the fees are increased by an additional \$10 for certificates of number and by an additional \$15 for lake and river protection stickers.

Public Law 2023, chapter 612 also makes a change to how fees are allocated so that, beginning January 1, 2025, 70% of fees are credited to the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund, rather than 80% as in current law, and 30% of fees, rather than 20% as in current law, are credited to the Lake and River Protection Fund.

LD 2052 An Act to Provide Additional Moose Hunting Opportunities for Maine Youth Experiencing Critical Illnesses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 526 increases from two to five the number of moose hunting permits that may be issued to nonprofit organizations that provide hunting and fishing adventures to children with life-threatening, critical or terminal illnesses and specifies that at least three of the permits must be issued to an organization based in the State and given to children who are residents of the State.

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LD 2216 An Act to Amend the Start Date of the September Upland Game Season

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 530 provides that, beginning January 1, 2025, the open season on upland game must include the last Saturday in September but need not start on the last Saturday in September as in current law.

LD 2272 An Act Related to Airboats and Airboat Noise Limits

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 583 defines “airboat” and enacts the following provisions establishing requirements for the operation of airboats.

1. It prohibits a person from operating an airboat if the noise level of the airboat exceeds 90 decibels.
2. It prohibits a person from operating an airboat between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. if the noise level of the airboat exceeds 75 decibels, except to the extent necessary to achieve headway speed when leaving a boat launch or to move the airboat from a stationary position on a tidal flat.
3. It prohibits a person from operating an airboat between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. if the noise level of the airboat exceeds 90 decibels, except to the extent necessary to achieve headway speed when leaving a boat launch or to move the airboat from a stationary position on a tidal flat.

Public Law 2023, chapter 583 also outlines the penalties for violating these provisions and provides exceptions for the operation of an airboat by certain law enforcement officers.

Public Law 2023, chapter 583 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 28, 2024.

LD 2276 An Act to Increase Funding for the Snowmobile Trail Fund and the ATV Recreational Management Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 668 makes several changes to the gasoline tax allocation to provide additional funding to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands’ Snowmobile Trail Fund and ATV Recreational Management Fund.

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LD 2284 An Act to Implement Recommendations in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife’s Report on Wake Boats

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 611 makes the following changes to implement recommendations in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife’s report on wake boats.

1. It defines “wakesurfing activity.”
2. It requires that information related to boater safety and education courses be provided at the time of purchase of a motorboat from a dealer in the State.
3. It prohibits a person from operating a motorboat in less than 15 feet of water or within 300 feet of the shoreline when the motorboat is engaged in wakesurfing activity.
4. It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop an outreach program to provide boater safety and education to persons engaged in wakesurfing activities and to submit a report focused on wake boats and wakesurfing activities in the State to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters no later than February 1, 2027. The committee is authorized to report out a bill based on this report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

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LD 284 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 649 eliminates the statutory repeal date for the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute.

LD 1815 An Act to Increase Penalties for Violations of the Law Governing Monopolies and Profiteering

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 538 clarifies that the State may recover equitable monetary relief in proceedings related to antitrust violations. It also increases the cap on monetary penalties from \$100,000 to \$250,000 for violations of provisions of law relating to antimonopoly provisions.

LD 2039 An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Board of the Finance Authority of Maine to Allow for the Addition of a Proxy Designee

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 555 allows the natural resources commissioner designated by the Governor for membership on the board of the Finance Authority of Maine to designate a proxy at board meetings, similar to the authority currently held by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development.

LD 2060 An Act to Amend Licensing Requirements for Landscape Architects

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 548 aligns the licensure requirements for applicants for the landscape architect license with those for architects and removes the requirement that an applicant must complete both the education and experience requirements before being qualified to take the required examination. It also authorizes the Maine State Board for Licensure of Architects, Landscape Architects and Interior Designers to specify by rule the required amount of practical experience that an applicant for licensure as a landscape architect must complete before obtaining a license.

Public Law 2023, chapter 548 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2024.

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LD 2062 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Real Estate Appraisers and Appraisal Management Companies

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 543 exempts from Standards 3 and 4 of the 2024 revision of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice a member of the Board of Real Estate Appraisers, when executing duties as a board member to review complaints or the work experience of an applicant for licensure, and an investigator employed or retained by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation while performing an investigation or testifying at an adjudicatory hearing.

LD 2133 An Act to Expand the Use of Career and Technical Education Centers in the Development of the Electrician Workforce

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 551 clarifies that an applicant for a journeyman-in-training electrician license may use course work from an approved 2-year secondary school career and technical education electrical program to qualify for the license examination. Additionally, it increases the required number of work hours to be completed in the field for the journeyman-in-training license from at least 2,000 to at least 6,000 work hours.

Public Law 2023, chapter 551 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2024.

LD 2160 An Act to Provide for the 2024 and 2025 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 18 establishes the allocations of the state ceiling on issuance of tax-exempt private activity bonds for calendar years 2024 and 2025 among the state-level issuers of tax-exempt bonds.

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 18 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 14, 2024.

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LD 2164 An Act to Establish the Maine-Island of Ireland Trade Commission and Improve Collaboration with the Island of Ireland

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 616 establishes the Maine-Island of Ireland Trade Commission to promote cooperation between the State and the island of Ireland.

LD 2244 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles' Motor Vehicle Dealer Display Area and Licensing Requirements Working Group

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 571 amends the motor vehicle laws regarding motor vehicle dealers by reducing the minimum size of the improved display area from 5,000 to 3,500 square feet for a building in the definition of "established place of business."

LD 2265 An Act to Implement Recommendations Resulting from the State Government Evaluation Act Review of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 625 establishes the position of Deputy Commissioner within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation and provides emergency authority to the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to take certain actions when a state of emergency is declared. The position of Deputy Commissioner replaces the position of Assistant to the Commissioner.

LD 2289 Resolve, to Establish an Automotive Right to Repair Working Group

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 171 directs the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee to convene an automotive right to repair working group. The working group shall develop recommendations for legislation to establish an entity to ensure cyber-secure access to motor vehicle-generated data to owners and owner-authorized independent repair facilities for maintenance, diagnostic and repair purposes. On or before February 28, 2025, the Attorney General shall submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters a report containing the findings and recommendations of the working group. The committee may report out legislation relating to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

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Involuntary Commitment and Treatment

Enacted	LD 2224	An Act to Strengthen Public Safety by Improving Maine's Firearm Laws and Mental Health System	PUBLIC 675
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Juvenile Code

Enacted	LD 2171	An Act Establishing Concurrent Jurisdiction with the Federal Courts in Certain Juvenile Matters	PUBLIC 605
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Landlord and Tenant Issues

Enacted	LD 1490	An Act to Reduce Rental Housing Costs by Limiting Additional Fees at or Prior to the Commencement of Tenancy	PUBLIC 594
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Not Enacted	LD 1904	An Act to Enact the Maine Fair Chance Housing Act	ONTP
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Medical Rights

Not Enacted	LD 1735	An Act to Safeguard Gender-affirming Health Care	ONTP
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Miscellaneous

Enacted	LD 2192	Resolve, to Ensure That the Independent Commission to Investigate the Facts of the Tragedy in Lewiston Has Necessary Authority to Discharge Its Fact-finding Mission	RESOLVE 129
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Name Changes

Enacted	LD 747	An Act Regarding the Reporting of Adult Name Changes by the Probate Courts to the State Bureau of Identification	PUBLIC 560
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Privacy

Enacted	LD 1576	An Act to Update the Laws Governing Electronic Device Information as Evidence	PUBLIC 499
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Not Enacted	LD 1056	An Act Restricting State Assistance in Federal Collection of Personal Electronic Data and Metadata	Majority (ONTP) Report
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LD 1705	An Act to Give Consumers Control over Sensitive Personal Data by Requiring Consumer Consent Prior to Collection of Data	ONTP
LD 1902	An Act to Protect Personal Health Data	ONTP
LD 1973	An Act to Enact the Maine Consumer Privacy Act	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1977	An Act to Enact the Maine Data Privacy and Protection Act	Died Between Houses

Probate Code and Probate Court

Enacted	LD 747	An Act Regarding the Reporting of Adult Name Changes by the Probate Courts to the State Bureau of Identification	PUBLIC 560
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Protection from Abuse and Protection from Harassment

Enacted	LD 2085	An Act to Update Maine's Domestic Violence and Stalking Laws	PUBLIC 519
Not Enacted	LD 2103	An Act to Protect Victims of Domestic Abuse and Violence by Amending the Law Regarding Proximity Restrictions in Final Protection from Abuse Orders	HELD BY GOVERNOR

Real Property, Property Rights and Eminent Domain

Enacted	LD 2035	An Act Regarding Disclosure of Flood Risk by Sellers of Real Estate	PUBLIC 585
Not Enacted	LD 2240	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud in the State	CARRIED OVER

Statutes

Enacted	LD 2290	An Act to Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine	PUBLIC 646
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Torts and Immunity

Enacted	LD 2202	Resolve, to Allow Ireland Farms, Inc. to Sue the State	RESOLVE 184
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Enacted	LD 1696	An Act to Create a Civil Cause of Action for Persons Suffering Damages Arising from the Illegal Sale or Marketing of Firearm-related Products	Report B (ONTP)
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Tribal-State Relations

Enacted	LD 1835	An Act to Require the State to Notify Indian Tribes and Indian Nations When New Laws Are Enacted That Need to Be Certified	PUBLIC 620
	LD 2007	An Act Regarding the Criminal Jurisdiction of Tribal Courts and to Extend the Time for the Penobscot Nation to Certify Its Agreement to Public Law 2023, Chapter 369	PUBLIC 647
Not Enacted	LD 1834	An Act to Establish the Office of Tribal-State Affairs	CARRIED OVER

Trust Code

Not Enacted	LD 1763	An Act Regarding Trustee Duties to Beneficiaries	ONTP
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Victims and Victims' Rights

Not Enacted	LD 2084	An Act to Provide Funding for Essential Services for Victims of Crimes	CARRIED OVER
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Weapons and Weapons Restrictions

Enacted	LD 2224	An Act to Strengthen Public Safety by Improving Maine's Firearm Laws and Mental Health System	PUBLIC 675
	LD 2238	An Act to Address Gun Violence in Maine by Requiring a Waiting Period for Certain Firearm Purchases	PUBLIC 678
Not Enacted	LD 2086	An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Disposition of Forfeited Firearms	Veto Sustained
	LD 2119	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study the Creation of a System to Allow for the Voluntary Waiver of Firearm Rights	CARRIED OVER
	LD 2283	An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety of the Public	CARRIED OVER

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Comm	LD	Title	Committee Action	Date of last Comm Action	Disposition upon R2 Adjournment	Law Ch		Analyst Note?
JUD	20	An Act to Further Protect Survivors of Economic Abuse	LTW	1/3/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	91	An Act to Adopt the National 2022 Amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code	OTP-AM	4/11/2024	Enacted	PL	669	
JUD	113	An Act to Provide Funding for Children's Guardians Ad Litem	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/7/2023				
JUD	186	An Act to Provide Funding for Prosecutor Positions	OTP-AM	5/11/2023				
JUD	279	An Act to Protect Against Discrimination by Public Entities	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/12/2023	Enacted	PL	489	
JUD	580	An Act to Improve Family Court Procedure	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	5/10/2023				
JUD	653	An Act to Establish the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services and Establish Public Defender Offices for Aroostook, Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties	OTP-AM	3/18/2024	Emergency Enacted	PL	558	
JUD	747	An Act Regarding the Reporting of Adult Name Changes by the Probate Courts to the State Bureau of Identification	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/6/2024	Emergency Enacted	PL	560	
JUD	748	An Act to Strengthen the Due Process Rights of Persons in Law Enforcement Custody	ONTP	3/27/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	780	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Protect Reproductive Autonomy	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/27/2024	Failed Final Passage			
JUD	870	An Act to Strengthen Freedom of Speech Protections by Enacting the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/22/2024	Enacted	PL	626	
JUD	1056	An Act Restricting State Assistance in Federal Collection of Personal Electronic Data and Metadata	ONTP/OTP-AM	1/26/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			

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JUD	1412	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Establishing That All Maine Residents Have Equal Rights Under the Law	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/15/2023				
JUD	1490	An Act to Reduce Rental Housing Costs by Limiting Additional Fees at or Prior to the Commencement of Tenancy	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/15/2024	Enacted	PL	594	
JUD	1535	An Act to Advance Justice in Sentencing by Amending the Laws Governing the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/20/2023				
JUD	1550	An Act to Authorize the Expungement of Records of Nonviolent Crimes	ONTP	2/21/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	1576	An Act to Update the Laws Governing Electronic Device Information as Evidence	OTP-AM/ONTP	1/26/2024	Enacted	PL	499	
JUD	1596	An Act to Expand Access to Drug Treatment Courts	OTP-AM	2/15/2024	Enacted	PL	522	
JUD	1696	An Act to Create a Civil Cause of Action for Persons Suffering Damages Arising from the Illegal Sale or Marketing of Firearm-related Products	OTP-AM/ONTP/OTP-AM	4/11/2024	Accepted Report B (ONTP)			
JUD	1705	An Act to Give Consumers Control over Sensitive Personal Data by Requiring Consumer Consent Prior to Collection of Data	ONTP	3/27/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	1735	An Act to Safeguard Gender-affirming Health Care	ONTP	3/27/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	1763	An Act Regarding Trustee Duties to Beneficiaries	ONTP	1/30/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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JUD	1771	An Act Regarding Speedy Trials	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/12/2024				
JUD	1834	An Act to Establish the Office of Tribal-State Affairs	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/6/2024				
JUD	1835	An Act to Require the State to Notify Indian Tribes and Indian Nations When New Laws Are Enacted That Need to Be Certified	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/22/2024	Enacted	PL	620	
JUD	1865	An Act Establishing the Maine Sentencing Guidelines Commission	ONTP	2/14/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	1902	An Act to Protect Personal Health Data	ONTP	3/27/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	1904	An Act to Enact the Maine Fair Chance Housing Act	ONTP	2/14/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	1937	An Act Regarding the Transportation of Hazardous Materials by Railroad Companies	OTP-AM	4/2/2024	Emergency Enacted	PL	618	
JUD	1973	An Act to Enact the Maine Consumer Privacy Act	ONTP/OTP-AM	4/16/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
JUD	1977	An Act to Enact the Maine Data Privacy and Protection Act	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/16/2024	Died Between Houses			
JUD	2007	An Act Regarding the Criminal Jurisdiction of Tribal Courts and to Extend the Time for the Penobscot Nation to Certify Its Agreement to Public Law 2023, Chapter 369	OTP-AM/ONTP/OTP-AM	4/2/2024	Enacted	PL	647	

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JUD	2035	An Act Regarding Disclosure of Flood Risk by Sellers of Real Estate	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/8/2024	Enacted	PL	585	
JUD	2081	An Act to Amend a Notice Provision Regarding Registration of Out-of-state Child Custody Determinations Under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/20/2024	Enacted	PL	532	
JUD	2084	An Act to Provide Funding for Essential Services for Victims of Crimes	OTP-AM	2/22/2024				v
JUD	2085	An Act to Update Maine's Domestic Violence and Stalking Laws	OTP-AM	2/15/2024	Emergency Enacted	PL	519	
JUD	2086	An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Disposition of Forfeited Firearms	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/9/2024	Veto Sustained			
JUD	2090	An Act to Modernize and Consolidate Certain Court Facilities	OTP-AM	3/22/2024	Enacted	PL	684	
JUD	2103	An Act to Protect Victims of Domestic Abuse and Violence by Amending the Law Regarding Proximity Restrictions in Final Protection from Abuse Orders	OTP-AM	2/15/2024	Held by Governor			
JUD	2119	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study the Creation of a System to Allow for the Voluntary Waiver of Firearm Rights	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/11/2024				
JUD	2142	An Act to Correct Outdated References in and Relating to the Maine Human Rights Act	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/22/2024	Held by Governor			
JUD	2159	An Act to Protect the Confidentiality of Attorney-Client E-mail Communications for Residents of Jails and Correctional Facilities	ONTP	1/30/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	2171	An Act Establishing Concurrent Jurisdiction with the Federal Courts in Certain Juvenile Matters	OTP-AM	2/27/2024	Enacted	PL	605	
JUD	2192	Resolve, to Ensure That the Independent Commission to Investigate the Facts of the Tragedy in Lewiston Has Necessary Authority to Discharge Its Fact-finding Mission	OTP-AM	2/5/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	129	
JUD	2195	An Act to Protect Businesses from Fraudulent or Predatory Financial Settlements by Allowing Those Businesses Opportunities to Remove Architectural Barriers in Noncompliance with the Maine Human Rights Act	ONTP	2/29/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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JUD	2202	Resolve, to Allow Ireland Farms, Inc. to Sue the State	ONTP/OTP-AM	4/9/2024	Enacted	RESLV	184	
JUD	2210	An Act to Establish a Civil Rights Unit Within the Office of the Attorney General and Require Enhanced Ongoing Civil Rights Training for Civil Rights Officers	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/27/2024	Held by Governor			
JUD	2215	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee Regarding Public Records Exceptions	OTP/OTP-AM	4/3/2024	Enacted	PL	637	
JUD	2218	An Act to Remove the Age-related Statutory Prerequisite for Sealing Criminal History Record Information	OTP/ONTP	4/11/2024	Enacted	PL	666	
JUD	2219	An Act to Implement the Recommendations Regarding the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/9/2024	Enacted	PL	638	
JUD	2224	An Act to Strengthen Public Safety by Improving Maine's Firearm Laws and Mental Health System	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/11/2024	Enacted	PL	675	
JUD	2235	Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the State Court Administrator and the Executive Director of the Legislative Council to Add a 3rd Option for Gender on State Forms	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/22/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	163	
JUD	2236	An Act to Expand the List of Crimes Eligible for a Post-judgment Motion to Seal Criminal History Record Information to Include Convictions for Possession and Cultivation of Marijuana	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/9/2024	Enacted	PL	639	
JUD	2238	An Act to Address Gun Violence in Maine by Requiring a Waiting Period for Certain Firearm Purchases	OTP-AM/ONTP/OTP-AM	4/11/2024	Enacted	PL	678	
JUD	2240	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud in the State	OTP-AM	4/9/2024				
JUD	2250	An Act to Allow the Department of Corrections and County Jails to Comply with the Federal Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003	OTP-AM	4/1/2024	Emergency Enacted	PL	615	
JUD	2252	An Act to Establish the Criminal Records Review Commission	OTP-AM/ONTP/OTP-AM	4/15/2024				

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Comm	LD	Title	Committee Action	Date of last Comm Action	Disposition upon R2 Adjournment	Law	Ch	Analyst Note?
JUD	2269	An Act to Automatically Seal Criminal History Record Information for Class D and Class E Crimes Relating to Marijuana Possession and Cultivation	ONTP/OTP-AM	4/15/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
JUD	2283	An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety of the Public	OTP-AM/ONTP/OTP-AM/OTP-AM	4/16/2024				
JUD	2290	An Act to Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine	OTP-AM	4/16/2024	Emergency Enacted	PL	646	

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LD 91 An Act to Adopt the National 2022 Amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 669 updates the Uniform Commercial Code with the 2022 version approved by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, except the provisions related to electronic money, including a new uniform Article 12 governing controllable electronic records. The Legislature accepts the explanatory notes and Uniform Comments as prepared by the uniform law commissioners as part of the 2022 amendments, except the explanatory notes and Uniform Comments for sections of the Uniform Commercial Code that have not been amended by this law.

Public Law 2023, chapter 669 takes effect July 1, 2025.

LD 279 An Act to Protect Against Discrimination by Public Entities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 489 amends the Maine Human Rights Act to prohibit a public entity from discriminating against an individual, excluding an individual from participation in a service, program or activity of that public entity or otherwise denying to an individual the benefits of a service, program or activity of that public entity by reason of the individual's race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, age, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry or national origin. Like a place of public accommodation, however, a public entity is not required to permit an individual to participate in the public entity's services, programs or activities if that individual poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others that cannot be eliminated by a modification of the public entity's policies, practices or procedures or by the provision of auxiliary aids or services. Public Law 2023, chapter 489 also establishes, through June 14, 2025, both a limited-period Assistant Attorney General Position and a limited-period Correctional Care and Treatment Worker position in the Department of Corrections.

Public Law 2023, chapter 489 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2023 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2023, chapter 489 became law without the Governor's signature on January 7, 2024.

LD 653 An Act to Establish the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services and Establish Public Defender Offices for Aroostook, Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 558 changes the name of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services to the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services in order to more clearly describe

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the commission's mission and functions to the public. It also establishes the positions necessary to create a new public defender office to serve Aroostook County and a new public defender office to serve Penobscot and Piscataquis counties; a new Public Service Coordinator I position to perform investigative services for the existing public defender office in Kennebec County; and new positions in the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services' central office designed to assist with the formation and implementation of new public defender offices and training of new public defenders. It authorizes the transfer of funds from the All Other line category to the Personal Services line category of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services program to pay the costs associated with these new positions.

Public Law 2023, chapter 558 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 21, 2024.

LD 747 An Act Regarding the Reporting of Adult Name Changes by the Probate Courts to the State Bureau of Identification

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 560 establishes a uniform process for the reporting of all name changes ordered by a probate court to the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification.

Part A of Public Law 2023, chapter 560 amends the Maine Uniform Probate Code in the following ways.

1. It requires that an adult seeking a name change in a probate court undergo a criminal history record check and establishes a rebuttable presumption that the court may not order the name change if the adult is currently under official supervision as a probationer, a parolee or a sex offender on supervised release or if the adult is currently required to register as a sex offender.
2. It authorizes a probate court to order that the record of the name change of an adult be kept confidential if the court finds that the adult's interest in maintaining the confidentiality of the record outweighs the public interest in the disclosure of the record. It also establishes a rebuttable presumption that the public's interest in disclosure outweighs the adult's interest in maintaining confidentiality if the adult has been convicted of a Class D or E crime within the five years immediately preceding the filing of the name change request or of a more serious crime within the 10 years immediately preceding the filing of the name change request. The probate court may not order that the record of the name change is confidential if the adult is currently under official supervision as a probationer, a parolee or a sex offender on supervised release or if the adult is currently required to register as a sex offender.
3. Beginning January 1, 2025, it requires a probate court to electronically transmit an abstract of any name change order for an adult, including an order that has been made confidential, to the State Bureau of Identification unless the court orders, upon a showing of extraordinary

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circumstances, that an abstract of a name change order of an adult made confidential by the court not be transmitted to the State Bureau of Identification.

Part B of Public Law 2023, chapter 560 directs that, in response to a request for an adult's public criminal history record information, a Maine criminal justice agency may disseminate information associated with each of the adult's former and current legal names unless a name change was made confidential, in which case the agency may not disclose to any person that is not authorized to receive confidential criminal history record information the existence of the name change order or any criminal history record information associated with a legal name of the adult that is not included within the request.

Public Law 2023, chapter 560 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 25, 2024.

LD 870 An Act to Strengthen Freedom of Speech Protections by Enacting the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 626 repeals the State's law against strategic lawsuits against public participation, commonly known as the anti-SLAPP law, and replaces it with the Uniform Law Commission's 2020 Uniform Public Expression Protection Act. The Legislature accepts the explanatory notes and Uniform Comments as prepared by the commission as part of the uniform law.

Public Law 2023, chapter 626 takes effect January 1, 2025.

LD 1490 An Act to Reduce Rental Housing Costs by Limiting Additional Fees at or Prior to the Commencement of Tenancy

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 594 amends the laws regarding rental property by adding definitions for "mandatory recurring fee", "rent", "utility service costs" and "optional recurring fee." It also requires landlords to provide notice to tenants 45 days in advance when increasing a mandatory recurring fee; establishes a limit on the amount of money required to initiate a tenancy; adds certain fees, penalties and other charges to the statutory list of unenforceable provisions currently in law; and requires landlords to provide a total price disclosure statement to potential tenants or lessees prior to entering a lease or tenancy at will agreement.

Public Law 2023, chapter 594 takes effect January 1, 2025.

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LD 1576 An Act to Update the Laws Governing Electronic Device Information as Evidence

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 499 amends the provisions of current law that require state and local government entities to obtain a search warrant, unless certain enumerated circumstances exist, before accessing information regarding the content of portable electronic device communications to provide that the same provisions apply when state or local government entities seek to obtain content information associated with electronic devices that are not portable. It also clarifies that these provisions of law apply when the electronic device content information a state or local government entity seeks to obtain is stored by a remote computing service that provides Internet storage to the public, commonly referred to as a “cloud storage service.”

LD 1596 An Act to Expand Access to Drug Treatment Courts

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 522 provides that the goals of the substance use disorder treatment programs that the Judicial Department is authorized to establish include ensuring that such programs are available statewide and are accessible to residents in rural areas of the State.

LD 1835 An Act to Require the State to Notify Indian Tribes and Indian Nations When New Laws Are Enacted That Need to Be Certified

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 620, Part A, requires the Secretary of State, within 15 business days after the final adjournment of a legislative session, to notify the chiefs of the Penobscot Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Mi’kmaq Nation, or the relevant designees, of each item of legislation enacted during the legislative session that, pursuant to federal law, will not take effect unless the Secretary of State receives written certification that the nation, tribe or band agrees to the legislation. The notice must inform the chief or designee of each nation, tribe or band of any deadline included in the legislation for transmittal of a written certification of agreement; this deadline may not be less than 120 days after final adjournment of the legislative session. The Secretary of State must send a second notice between 60 and 75 business days after final adjournment to the chief or designee of each nation, tribe or band, identifying each item of legislation for which a required certification of agreement has not yet been received.

Public Law 2023, chapter 620, Part B extends the deadline for the Chief of the Penobscot Nation or the chief’s designee, the Chief of the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipayik and the Chief of the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Motahkomikuk or the chiefs’ designee and the Chief of the Houlton Band

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of Maliseet Indians or the chief's designee to certify their respective agreements to Public Law 2023, chapter 370, An Act Regarding the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission.

LD 1937 An Act Regarding the Transportation of Hazardous Materials by Railroad Companies

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 618 requires a railroad company to submit to the Commissioner of Transportation, on request, records related to routine inspections of trains, rail corridors and safety equipment and provides that these records are not public records for purposes of the Freedom of Access Act. It also requires railroad companies to submit prevention and response plans to the Department of Environmental Protection.

Public Law 2023, chapter 618 also establishes procedures and notices to be provided to agencies and the public in the event of a mainline train derailment involving hazardous materials and clarifies that any such records are public records for purposes of the Freedom of Access Act. It also requires railroad companies to offer periodic training to fire departments and emergency medical services to address train derailments and requires the Commissioner of Transportation to conduct a review after any accident involving hazardous materials. After conducting a post-accident review, the commissioner must submit a report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over railroads and public records matters.

Public Law 2023, chapter 618 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 12, 2024.

LD 2007 An Act Regarding the Criminal Jurisdiction of Tribal Courts and to Extend the Time for the Penobscot Nation to Certify Its Agreement to Public Law 2023, Chapter 369

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 647, Parts A to D, amend An Act to Implement the Maine Indian Claims Settlement, commonly known as “the Maine Implementing Act”, and the Mi’kmaq Nation Restoration Act to adopt most of federal Indian law related to the criminal jurisdiction of tribal courts, including the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968, the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the tribal jurisdiction provisions of the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022. It expands the criminal jurisdiction of the Passamaquoddy Tribal Court, the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Tribal Court as well as the potential criminal jurisdiction of the Mi’kmaq Nation Tribal Court, collectively referred to in this summary as “the tribal courts of the Wabanaki Nations” in the following ways.

1. It recognizes the exclusive jurisdiction of the tribal courts of the Wabanaki Nations over Class C, D and E crimes committed within the relevant Wabanaki Nation’s respective Indian territory or jurisdiction land by an adult member of a federally recognized Indian tribe if those crimes:

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- A. Are defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 15, 17, 17-A, 19-A or 29-A and are not committed against a person or the property of a person; or
 - B. Are defined in any Title of the Maine Revised Statutes and are committed against a person or the property of a person who is a member of any federally recognized Indian tribe.
2. It recognizes the concurrent jurisdiction of the State and of the tribal courts of the Wabanaki Nations over Class C, D and E crimes committed within the relevant Wabanaki Nation's respective Indian territory or jurisdiction land:
 - A. By an adult member of a federally recognized Indian tribe against a person or the property of a person who is not a member of any federally recognized Indian tribe; or
 - B. By a person who is not a member of any federally recognized Indian tribe against a member of any federally recognized Indian tribe as authorized in the federal Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022, commonly known as "VAWA." When exercising concurrent criminal jurisdiction under VAWA, the tribal courts of the Wabanaki Nations may not deny to a defendant the protections enumerated in 25 United States Code, Sections 1302(a), 1302(c), 1303 and 1304(d) and all other rights whose protection is necessary under the United States Constitution in order for Congress or the State to recognize the tribal court's concurrent jurisdiction.
3. It provides that the tribal courts of the Wabanaki Nations may not deny to any criminal defendant prosecuted for a Class C crime the rights and protections enumerated in 25 United States Code, Section 1302(c), including the requirement that the judge presiding over the criminal proceeding is licensed to practice law and has sufficient legal training; the right to the effective assistance of counsel; the right to the appointment of licensed counsel at the expense of the tribal government if the defendant is indigent; the right to advance notice of all criminal laws and applicable court rules of the tribal government; and the right to have the criminal proceeding recorded.
4. It retains the provisions of current law directing that, when the tribal courts of the Wabanaki Nations exercise exclusive or concurrent criminal jurisdiction, the definitions of the relevant crimes and the punishments applicable to those crimes are governed by state law but clarifies that, in doing so, the tribal courts of the Wabanaki Nations are nevertheless enforcing their respective tribal law. It also retains the provisions of current law directing that 25 United States Code, Sections 1301 to 1303 and federal rules or regulations generally applicable to the exercise of criminal jurisdiction by Indian tribes apply when the tribal courts of the Wabanaki Nations exercise their exclusive or concurrent criminal jurisdiction.
5. It recognizes the exclusive jurisdiction of the State over all crimes and juvenile crimes not within the exclusive or concurrent jurisdiction of the tribal courts of the Wabanaki Nations that are committed on Indian territory or jurisdiction land, including:

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- A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, all crimes and juvenile crimes against the State or any office, department, agency, authority, commission, board, institution, hospital or other instrumentality of the State; and
 - B. All Class C, D and E crimes defined in provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes outside of Titles 15, 17, 17-A, 19-A and 29-A committed by an adult member of any federally recognized Indian tribe that are not committed against a person or the property of a person.
6. It clarifies that nothing within the Maine Implementing Act or the Mi'kmaq Nation Restoration Act affects, alters or preempts the authority of the State to investigate or prosecute any conduct occurring on Indian territory or trust land that is within the State's exclusive or concurrent jurisdiction.

Public Law 2023, chapter 647, Part B, also amends the provisions of the Maine Implementing Act governing the jurisdictional relationship between the State and the Penobscot Nation in the following ways; these changes were included within Part C of Public Law 2023, chapter 369 but were not approved by the Penobscot Nation within the time frame established in that law.

1. It recognizes the exclusive authority of the Penobscot Nation in Penobscot Indian territory to enact ordinances regulating drinking water unless the nation exercises its discretion to enter into an intergovernmental agreement authorizing the State to exercise concurrent jurisdiction over specific drinking water-related issues. It also prohibits the State from exercising primary enforcement authority to implement the federal Safe Drinking Water Act within Penobscot Indian territory and recognizes the authority of the Penobscot Nation to seek to be treated as a state and to obtain primary enforcement authority to implement the federal Safe Drinking Water Act within Penobscot Indian territory. Additionally, it recognizes the exclusive authority of the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court to enforce any drinking water ordinances adopted by the nation for Penobscot Indian territory, except that the nation may not exercise jurisdiction over a nonprofit public municipal corporation.
2. It provides that the exclusive jurisdiction of the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court over certain criminal offenses, juvenile crimes, small claims and civil drug possession actions arising within the Penobscot Indian reservation under current law extends to those same types of criminal offenses, juvenile crimes, small claims and civil drug possession actions arising within all of Penobscot Indian territory. To the extent that the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court has exclusive jurisdiction over members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe or the Penobscot Nation under these provisions, it extends that exclusive jurisdiction to members of any of the Wabanaki Nations. It also provides that the exclusive jurisdiction of the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court over domestic relations matters between members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation, both of whom reside on the Penobscot Indian reservation, extends to the same types of domestic relations matters arising between members of any of the Wabanaki Nations, both of whom reside within Passamaquoddy Indian territory.

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3. It clarifies within the Maine Implementing Act that the State must give full faith and credit to the judicial proceedings of the Penobscot Nation and that the Penobscot Nation must give full faith and credit to the judicial proceedings of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation and the State.

Public Law 2023, chapter 647, Part E, amends the provisions of the Maine Implementing Act governing the jurisdictional relationship between the State and both the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation in the following ways; these changes were included within Part E of Public Law 2023, chapter 369 but were not approved by the Penobscot Nation within the time frame established in that law.

1. It provides that the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation each have exclusive jurisdiction within their respective Indian territory over violations of their respective tribal ordinances by members of any federally recognized Indian tribe, but that the State has exclusive jurisdiction within Passamaquoddy Indian territory and Penobscot Indian territory over violations of applicable tribal ordinances by persons who are not members of any federally recognized Indian tribe.
2. It provides that law enforcement officers appointed by the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation have exclusive authority to enforce, within their respective Indian territories, civil and domestic relations laws over which the Passamaquoddy Tribal Court and the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court have exclusive jurisdiction, respectively. Law enforcement officers appointed by the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation also have exclusive authority to enforce, on their respective Indian reservations, the criminal and juvenile offenses over which the Passamaquoddy Tribal Court and the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court have exclusive jurisdiction, respectively. State and county law enforcement officers have concurrent authority with law enforcement officers appointed by the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation to enforce all other laws of the State within both Indian territories and concurrent authority to enforce fishing rules or regulations adopted by the Maine Indian Tribal State Commission.

Each Part of Public Law 2023, chapter 647 takes effect 150 days after the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature only if, within 120 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session, the Secretary of State receives written certification that tribal government of the affected Wabanaki Nation or Wabanaki Nations agree to the provisions of that Part.

LD 2035 An Act Regarding Disclosure of Flood Risk by Sellers of Real Estate

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 585 requires sellers of residential and nonresidential real property to notify prospective buyers in writing whether the property is in an area of special flood hazard mapped on the effective flood insurance rate map issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as well as any previous flood damage incurred, any flood insurance claims filed and any

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flood-related disaster aid received while the prospective seller owned the property. If the disclosure is not provided to the purchaser until after the purchaser makes an offer to purchase the property or exercises an option to purchase the property, the purchaser may withdraw the offer or terminate any resulting contract within 72 hours after receiving the disclosure.

LD 2081 An Act to Amend a Notice Provision Regarding Registration of Out-of-state Child Custody Determinations Under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 532 amends the State's version of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act to shift the burden of serving notice of the registration of a child custody determination issued in another state from the Maine District Court to the party seeking to register the child custody determination in Maine.

LD 2085 An Act to Update Maine's Domestic Violence and Stalking Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 519 aligns the laws of this State with the new federal standard articulated in *Counterman v. Colorado*, 600 U.S. 66 (2023), by specifying that, for an actor to commit "abuse" within the meaning of the protection from abuse laws based on the content of the actor's speech or for an actor to commit the crime of terrorizing, domestic violence terrorizing, stalking, domestic violence stalking or harassment by telephone based on the content of the actor's speech, the actor must have consciously disregarded a substantial risk that the actor's speech would place a reasonable person in fear of bodily injury.

Public Law 2023, chapter 519 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 6, 2024.

LD 2090 An Act to Modernize and Consolidate Certain Court Facilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 684 authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities, in an amount not to exceed \$205,000,000, to fund projects for court facilities in Androscoggin, Hancock and Somerset counties.

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LD 2171 An Act Establishing Concurrent Jurisdiction with the Federal Courts in Certain Juvenile Matters

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 605 provides that the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court is concurrent with that of a federal court sitting in the State over proceedings involving a violation of federal law committed by a juvenile on a military installation of the United States Department of Defense if the United States Attorney for the District of Maine or the federal court waives exclusive jurisdiction and the violation is also a juvenile crime as defined in the Maine Juvenile Code.

LD 2192 Resolve, to Ensure That the Independent Commission to Investigate the Facts of the Tragedy in Lewiston Has Necessary Authority to Discharge Its Fact-finding Mission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 129 authorizes the Independent Commission to Investigate the Facts of the Tragedy in Lewiston to request and receive records in the possession of any state agency or instrumentality that it determines are necessary to fulfill the independent commission's fact-finding mission, including confidential records and records not otherwise subject to public disclosure. It also authorizes the independent commission to issue subpoenas to compel the testimony of witnesses and the production of documents. In issuing subpoenas, the independent commission must comply with state law and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure. The testimony of subpoenaed witnesses must be taken under oath and in open session, except that the testimony may be taken in executive session upon a showing that confidentiality is necessary to the independent commission's fact-finding mission. The independent commission's subpoena authority is effective only until July 1, 2024. A detailed account of each subpoena issued must be included in the final report of the independent commission's work.

Resolve 2023, chapter 129 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective February 13, 2024.

LD 2202 Resolve, to Allow Ireland Farms, Inc. to Sue the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 184 authorizes Ireland Farms, Inc., in Presque Isle, Maine, which claims to have suffered damages in connection with actions taken by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, to sue the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for damages resulting from those actions and waives the State's defense of immunity under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 14, chapter 741.

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LD 2215 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee Regarding Public Records Exceptions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 637 implements statutory changes recommended by the Right to Know Advisory Committee after reviewing existing public records exceptions in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22. The law repeals and replaces the statutory provision governing the confidentiality of records and information under the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act with a new provision specifying the following.

1. Information that identifies a qualifying patient, a visiting qualifying patient or a registered patient is confidential and may not be disclosed by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, except with the written consent of the patient or pursuant to a court order or a subpoena.
2. Information that identifies a caregiver who is exempt from registration under the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act is confidential and may not be disclosed by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, except with the written consent of the caregiver, pursuant to a court order or a subpoena or when necessary to protect the public from a threat to public health or safety.
3. Personal contact information of a registered caregiver or of an applicant for registration as a registered caregiver is confidential and may not be disclosed by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, except with the written consent of the registrant or applicant, pursuant to a court order or a subpoena or when necessary to protect the public from a threat to public health or safety. In addition, if the registered caregiver resides at the same address where the registered caregiver engages in activities authorized under the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act, the department may disclose that address to a state, county or municipal employee responsible for the administration of the Act or of rules, ordinances or warrant articles authorized under the Act, including a law enforcement officer or code enforcement officer.
4. Personal contact information of a holder of a registry identification card who is an assistant, officer or director of a registered caregiver, dispensary, manufacturing facility or cannabis testing facility; of an applicant for a registry identification card as an assistant, officer or director of a registered caregiver, dispensary, manufacturing facility or cannabis testing facility; or of an applicant for a registration certificate for a dispensary, manufacturing facility or cannabis testing facility is confidential and may not be disclosed by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, except in response to a court order or a subpoena.
5. A final written decision of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services imposing an administrative penalty, ordering forfeiture and destruction of cannabis or suspending or revoking a registry identification card or registration certificate is not confidential.

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Public Law 2023, chapter 637 also clarifies the language of other confidentiality provisions in Title 22 in the following ways.

1. It clarifies that a record relating to a medical examiner case is confidential and that the location or custodian of the record does not affect the record's confidentiality.
2. It clarifies that a professional or occupational licensing board that receives confidential information from the Director of the Office of Child and Family Services or the Director of the Office of MaineCare Services within the Department of Health and Human Services may release that confidential information during the pendency of an investigation to the person being investigated as provided in Title 10, Section 8003-B, subsection 2, paragraph G, as long as that confidential information is not further disclosed for any other purpose.
3. It clarifies that any personally identifiable information obtained by the Maine Health Insurance Marketplace is confidential.

LD 2218 An Act to Remove the Age-related Statutory Prerequisite for Sealing Criminal History Record Information

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 666 removes the requirement that, to be eligible to file a post-judgment motion to seal criminal history record information related to a criminal conviction for certain Class E crimes, the person must have been between 18 and 27 years of age at the time the person committed the crime.

LD 2219 An Act to Implement the Recommendations Regarding the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 638 amends the laws governing the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services and related provisions of law in the following ways.

1. It clarifies the commission's purpose to provide high-quality, effective and efficient representation and to promote due process for persons who receive indigent legal services in parity with the resources of the State and consistent with federal and state constitutional and statutory obligations.
2. It requires that the commission's executive director be an attorney licensed to practice law and a member in good standing of the bar of the State.

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3. It defines “employed counsel” to mean an attorney employed by the commission to provide legal services directly to persons who are eligible to receive indigent legal services in civil proceedings and defines “public defender” to mean an attorney employed by the commission to provide legal services directly to persons who are eligible to receive indigent legal services in criminal and juvenile proceedings and clarifies that an attorney employed by the commission may serve in both capacities.
4. It specifies that when the commission, through employed counsel and public defenders, retains investigative and expert services that are reasonably necessary for case-specific purposes, those services are not required to be made through the state procurement process.
5. It clarifies that any information subject to a privilege under the Maine Rules of Evidence or the Maine Rules of Professional Conduct or otherwise protected by the attorney-client privilege remains confidential when it is in the possession or control of the commission or when it is received, obtained, maintained or stored by or on behalf of employed counsel and public defenders.
6. It clarifies that, to ensure an adequate pool of qualified attorneys, the commission has a duty to develop training and evaluation programs for attorneys throughout the State to provide representation in criminal, juvenile, child protective, involuntary commitment and all other types of proceedings for which parties may be entitled to receive indigent legal services.
7. It clarifies that, although information obtained or gathered by the commission through a formal or informal complaint or when performing an evaluation or investigation of an attorney is generally confidential, if the attorney appeals from a decision finding the attorney ineligible to receive case assignments, the information may be disclosed at a public hearing conducted by the commission on the appeal unless the information is protected by the attorney-client privilege or by any other provision of law, the Maine Rules of Evidence or the Maine Rules of Professional Conduct.
8. It requires that a Juvenile Court consider any juvenile who requests counsel to be indigent for the purposes of appointing counsel; authorizes Maine criminal justice agencies to disseminate confidential juvenile history record information to the commission for the purposes of assigning, evaluating or supervising counsel; and requires the Juvenile Court, on request, to disseminate juvenile case records to the commission for the purposes of assigning, evaluating or supervising counsel.
9. It provides that the executive director of the commission or the executive director’s designee may attend and observe child protection proceedings for purposes related to assigning, evaluating or supervising counsel unless the court finds that the executive director’s or designee’s attendance at all or a part of a proceeding is inappropriate under the particular circumstances of that proceeding. It also requires the court and authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to disclose child protective records to the commission for the purposes of assigning, evaluating or supervising counsel.

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LD 2224 An Act to Strengthen Public Safety by Improving Maine’s Firearm Laws and Mental Health System

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 675 makes the following changes to the laws governing dangerous weapons, including firearms, and mental health services.

1. Under current law, it is a Class D crime for a person to own, possess or have under that person’s control a firearm if that person is a restricted person under an extreme risk protection order in this State. Public Law 2023, chapter 675 similarly makes it a Class D crime for a person to own, possess or have under that person’s control a firearm if that person is a restricted person under an order issued by another jurisdiction that is similar to an extreme risk protection order in this State.
2. Under current law, it is a Class D crime to intentionally or knowingly sell or transfer a firearm to a person who is prohibited from owning, possessing or having under that person’s control a firearm. Public Law 2023, chapter 675 also prohibits recklessly selling or transferring a firearm to a person who is prohibited from owning, possessing or having under that person’s control a firearm and elevates the classification of this offense to a Class C crime.
3. It provides that a seller who is not a federally licensed firearms dealer and who sells a firearm to a buyer at a gun show or as a result of an advertisement may not complete the transaction unless the seller facilitates the transaction through a federally licensed firearms dealer. The dealer must perform a background check of the putative buyer by using the Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Instant Criminal Background Check System in the same manner as if the dealer were the seller of the firearm that is the subject of the transaction. If the background check reveals that the putative buyer is prohibited from purchasing a firearm, the dealer must notify the seller of that fact and of the fact that the transaction may not proceed. The dealer may charge a reasonable fee for serving as the facilitator. Sale of a firearm in violation of this provision is a Class C crime. This provision does not apply to a transaction in which the buyer and seller are family members as defined in the law or a transaction for a firearm that is an antique firearm or to a transaction for a firearm that is a curio or relic if the sale, transfer or exchange is between collectors of firearms as curios or relics who each have in their possession a valid collector of curios and relics license issued by the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.
4. It provides that if a law enforcement officer is unable to take a person into protective custody to conduct an assessment in connection with an extreme risk protection order, the law enforcement officer may apply for a protective custody warrant. The officer must submit an affidavit of probable cause for a protective custody warrant to a Justice of the Superior Court, Judge of the District Court or justice of the peace, who must issue the warrant upon finding the affidavit is sufficient to establish:

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- A. Probable cause to believe that the person is mentally ill and due to that condition presents a likelihood of serious harm;
 - B. Probable cause to believe that the person possesses, controls or may acquire a dangerous weapon; and
 - C. That the officer has made reasonable attempts to take the person into custody without a warrant.
5. It provides that an assessment performed in connection with an extreme risk protection order may be facilitated using telehealth technology and that the medical practitioner may rely on information provided by a third party who has recently personally observed or conversed with the person being assessed. It also changes the required timing of certain events related to an extreme risk protection order, including by extending, from 14 to 30 days after a restricted person has been notified of the initial restrictions, the deadline for the District Court to hold a hearing to determine whether to dissolve or to extend initial restrictions against possessing or owning a dangerous weapon. This deadline may be extended upon a showing of good cause.
 6. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide children and families injury and violence prevention programs, including data collection, synthesis and evaluation.
 7. It also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan for and provide assistance to a statewide network of crisis receiving centers to provide immediate and short-term mental health and substance use disorder crisis stabilization services.

LD 2235 Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the State Court Administrator and the Executive Director of the Legislative Council to Add a 3rd Option for Gender on State Forms

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 163 directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the State Court Administrator and the Executive Director of the Legislative Council, within existing resources, to perform the following duties with respect to any form, application or other document that requires the designation of a person's gender, unless the form, application or other document is created pursuant to federal law or regulation or for the purpose of multijurisdictional cooperation and uniformity.

1. All such printed forms, applications and other documents must be updated by December 31, 2024 to add an option to designate "X" for gender unless the designation of a person's gender is not necessary for the purposes of the form, in which case the question must be removed from the form.

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2. All such digital forms, applications and other documents must be updated in the regular course of updating such forms to add an option to designate “X” for gender unless the designation of a person’s gender is not necessary for the purposes of the form, in which case the question must be removed from the form.

LD 2236 An Act to Expand the List of Crimes Eligible for a Post-judgment Motion to Seal Criminal History Record Information to Include Convictions for Possession and Cultivation of Marijuana

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 639 changes the definition of “eligible criminal conviction” in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 15, section 2261, subsection 6, which identifies the crimes for which an individual may file a post-judgment motion to seal criminal history record information related to a conviction for that crime, to include crimes committed prior to January 30, 2017 that are no longer considered illegal under Maine’s adult use cannabis laws.

LD 2238 An Act to Address Gun Violence in Maine by Requiring a Waiting Period for Certain Firearm Purchases

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 678 requires a 72-hour waiting period between an agreement for the purchase and sale of a firearm and the delivery of that firearm to the purchaser. This waiting period must be concurrent with any waiting period imposed by any background check process required by federal or state law. The waiting period does not apply to the sale of a firearm to a law enforcement or corrections officer; to a person employed by certain security companies or licensed as a security guard; to a family member as defined in the law; to a federally licensed firearm dealer; if a background check is not required under federal or state law; if the firearm is an antique firearm; or if the firearm is a curio or relic and the sale, transfer or exchange is between collectors of firearms as curios or relics who each have in their possession a valid collector of curios and relics license issued by the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

LD 2250 An Act to Allow the Department of Corrections and County Jails to Comply with the Federal Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 615 amends the confidentiality laws related to state and county employee personnel records to allow an alleged victim of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment within a

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correctional facility, county jail or detention facility to receive the following information, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded:

1. Whether the alleged perpetrator remains employed at the facility and remains assigned to the same work location where the sexual misconduct or sexual harassment allegedly occurred; and
2. Whether the alleged perpetrator has or has not been criminally charged, including by indictment, or has been convicted of a crime arising out of the allegation of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment.

These amendments to the confidentiality laws are designed in part to ensure that the State's Department of Corrections and county jail and detention facilities comply with the requirements established by the United States Department of Justice under 28 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 115.73 pursuant to the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003.

Public Law 2023, chapter 615 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 11, 2024.

LD 2290 An Act to Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 646 corrects technical inconsistencies, conflicts and errors in the laws of Maine. It also clarifies the intent of the Legislature that the exception to the hearsay rule for recordings of forensic interviews in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 16, section 358, which was enacted by Public Law 2023, chapter 193, applies to proceedings pending on the date that the law was enacted and to proceedings initiated after that date, regardless of when the conduct described in the forensic interview allegedly occurred.

Public Law 2023, chapter 646 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 22, 2024.

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ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this Digest; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 2084 An Act to Provide Funding for Essential Services for Victims of Crimes

This bill would have provided ongoing funding to replace current and anticipated reductions in grants to the Department of Health and Human Services under the federal victim assistance formula grant program pursuant to the federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984. Although this bill was not enacted, one-time funding for this purpose was included in Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part A.

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LD 550 An Act to Increase Correctional Officer Salary and Benefits ONTP

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LBHS	111	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	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/21/2023				
LBHS	185	An Act to Reduce the Benefit Penalty Imposed on Teachers Who Retire After 35 Years of Service	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/6/2023				
LBHS	321	An Act to Create a Bill of Rights for Temporary Workers	LTW	1/30/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
LBHS	322	An Act to Improve the Unemployment Insurance System	LTW	1/30/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
LBHS	324	An Act to Prevent the Wrongful Firing of Maine Workers	LTW	1/30/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
LBHS	372	An Act to Increase Enforcement and Accountability for Wage Violations	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	4/11/2024	Enacted	PL	651	
LBHS	373	An Act to Ensure Employer and Employee Harmony in Clean Energy Development Projects	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/28/2024	Veto Sustained			
LBHS	426	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	OTP-AM	6/13/2023				
LBHS	513	An Act Regarding Overtime Protections for Certain Salaried Employees	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/5/2024				

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LBHS	550	An Act to Increase Correctional Officer Salary and Benefits	ONTP	2/2/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
LBHS	591	An Act to Require the State to Pay Medicare Premiums for Certain Retired State Employees	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/20/2023				
LBHS	610	An Act to Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan to Include Employees Who Work for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/7/2023				
LBHS	738	An Act to Establish a Paid Family and Medical Leave System	ONTP	4/2/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
LBHS	741	An Act to Prohibit Certain Training Repayment Agreements by Employers	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/6/2023				
LBHS	827	An Act to Allow Employees to Request Flexible Work Schedules	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/2/2023				
LBHS	926	An Act to Improve Maine Public Employees Retirement System Representation	LTW	1/30/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
LBHS	936	An Act to Require Employers to Disclose Pay Ranges and Maintain Records of Employees' Pay History	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/26/2023				
LBHS	949	An Act to Protect Workers from Employer Surveillance	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/17/2023				
LBHS	999	An Act to Support Family Caregivers by Expanding Family Medical Leave	OTP-AM	6/13/2023				
LBHS	1096	An Act to Provide a Cost-of-living Increase to State Retirees	OTP-AM	6/2/2023				
LBHS	1107	Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Improve Access to Credit for Low-income Individuals	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/12/2023				

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LBHS	1152	An Act to Require Public Employers to Provide Long-term Disability Insurance Coverage	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/20/2024	Held by Governor			
LBHS	1190	An Act to Require Minimum Pay for Reporting to Work	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	6/20/2023				
LBHS	1376	An Act to Increase the State Minimum Wage to \$15 per Hour	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/18/2023				
LBHS	1424	An Act to Establish a Special Retirement Plan for Department of Corrections Employees and Other Correctional Staff	OTP-AM	2/26/2024				
LBHS	1464	An Act to Remove the Waiting Period for Benefits Under Maine's Unemployment Insurance System	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/3/2024				
LBHS	1483	An Act to Protect the Rights of Agricultural Workers	ONTP	4/2/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
LBHS	1496	An Act to Restrict Noncompete Clauses	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/26/2024	Veto Sustained			
LBHS	1639	An Act to Address Unsafe Staffing of Nurses and Improve Patient Care	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/21/2023				
LBHS	1760	An Act to Include Certain Crisis Outreach and Crisis Services Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/6/2023				
LBHS	1761	An Act to Include Certain Mental Health Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/6/2023				
LBHS	1794	Resolve, to Establish the Commission on Predictability of Mandated Overtime for Pulp or Paper Manufacturing Facility Employees	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	4/9/2024	Held by Governor			
LBHS	1896	Resolve, Directing the Workers' Compensation Board to Analyze Data on the Adequacy of Certain Maine Workers' Compensation Benefits	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/16/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	139	
LBHS	1935	An Act to Promote Workforce Development by Establishing a Workforce Development Program	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/6/2023				
LBHS	2032	An Act to Improve Maine's Labor Laws by Changing the Laws Governing Elections of Collective Bargaining Agents for Certain Public Employees	OTP/ONTP	2/26/2024	Enacted	PL	541	

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LBHS	2079	An Act to Strengthen Firefighters' Collective Bargaining Rights	LTW	1/11/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
LBHS	2149	An Act to Exempt Seasonal Volunteer Ski Patrollers and Seasonal Volunteer Ski Ambassadors and Hosts at Ski Areas from the Minimum Wage Laws	ONTP/OTP-AM	3/15/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
LBHS	2176	An Act to Ensure the Workers' Compensation Board's Allocations Are Properly Funded	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	3/13/2024	Held by Governor			
LBHS	2184	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 9: Rules Governing Administrative Civil Money Penalties for Labor Law Violations, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards	OTP/OTP-AM	3/5/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	152	
LBHS	2273	An Act to Establish a State Minimum Hourly Wage for Agricultural Workers	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	4/3/2024	Veto Sustained			
LBHS	2280	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Workforce Through Preapprenticeship Training Programs	OTP-AM	4/3/2024				

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LD 372 An Act to Increase Enforcement and Accountability for Wage Violations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 651 allows the Director of the Bureau of Labor Standards within the Department of Labor to order an employer, officer, agent or other person to pay unpaid wages determined to be due as well as an additional amount equal to twice the amount of unpaid wages as liquidated damages and a reasonable rate of interest. The law requires the Attorney General to institute a civil action to recover any unpaid wages, liquidated damages and interest, along with the fine as in current law. It clarifies that an employee may not receive payment more than once for the same unpaid wages and liquidated damages owed to the employee. The law also provides that the Department of Labor is authorized to receive the unpaid wages, liquidated damages and interest on behalf of an employee, which the director must pay to the employee.

LD 1896 Resolve, Directing the Workers' Compensation Board to Analyze Data on the Adequacy of Certain Maine Workers' Compensation Benefits

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 139 directs the Workers' Compensation Board to collect data from insurers, third-party administrators, group self-insurers and self-insured employers and to analyze that data to make recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over workers' compensation matters on the adequacy of workers' compensation benefits to claimants under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, sections 212, 213 and 215. The resolve also requires the board to provide monthly updates to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over workers' compensation matters and submit a final report no later than August 16, 2025.

LD 2032 An Act to Improve Maine's Labor Laws by Changing the Laws Governing Elections of Collective Bargaining Agents for Certain Public Employees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 541 amends the labor relations laws governing state employees, judicial employees and university, academy and community college employees. In current law, when such employees in a collective bargaining unit file a request with their public employer to be represented by a certain organization as their collective bargaining agent, the public employer is authorized 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. As in the laws governing municipal employees, this law requires an election in such cases only if, after examining the demonstration of majority support, the Maine Labor Relations Board finds majority support for the organization to be in question.

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LD 2184 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 9: Rules Governing Administrative Civil Money Penalties for Labor Law Violations, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 152 authorizes final adoption of Chapter 9: Rules Governing Administrative Civil Money Penalties for Labor Law Violations, a major substantive rule of the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards.

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MAR	710	An Act to Fund the Lobster Legal Defense Fund	ONTP	2/6/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
MAR	1145	An Act to Create the Southern Maine Coastal Waters Commission	LTW	1/16/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
MAR	1915	Resolve, to Establish a Grant Program to Issue Shellfish Licenses to Qualified Disabled Veterans	ONTP/OTP-AM	2/15/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
MAR	2003	An Act to Protect Access to Maine's Intertidal Zone	ONTP	1/17/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
MAR	2025	An Act to Provide for Medical and Vessel Breakdown License Exceptions for Commercial Menhaden License Holders	OTP	3/4/2024	Enacted	PL	562	
MAR	2026	An Act to Authorize Medical Waivers for Menhaden Fishing Licenses	OTP-AM	2/26/2024	Enacted	PL	540	
MAR	2029	An Act Regarding License Suspensions Carried out by the Commissioner of Marine Resources	LTW	1/16/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
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MAR	2208	An Act Removing the Lobster Advisory Council from the State Government Evaluation Act Review Requirements	OTP		Enacted	PL	511	
MAR	2275	An Act to Ensure That Rules Regarding the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Are Major Substantive Rules	ONTP	4/1/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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LD 2025 An Act to Provide for Medical and Vessel Breakdown License Exceptions for Commercial Menhaden License Holders

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 562 provides that the holder of a commercial menhaden fishing license may fish for, take, possess, ship, transport or sell menhaden that the holder has taken using only the vessel named on the license, with the following exceptions.

1. It allows a commercial menhaden license holder who is unable to fish for or take menhaden due to an illness or disability to request authorization from the Commissioner of Marine Resources and for the commissioner to grant the authorization for another commercial menhaden license holder to fish for or take menhaden on the ill or disabled license holder's behalf.
2. It allows a commercial menhaden license holder to request authorization to use a vessel other than the vessel identified on that license holder's license when that license holder's vessel is temporarily inoperable.

Public Law 2023, chapter 562 also provides that the holder of a noncommercial menhaden fishing license may fish for, take or possess menhaden that the holder has taken using only the vessel named on the license.

LD 2026 An Act to Authorize Medical Waivers for Menhaden Fishing Licenses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 540 allows a holder of a resident commercial menhaden fishing license or a nonresident commercial menhaden fishing license to appeal a license denial if a substantial illness or medical condition on the part of the person or a family member prevented that person from meeting the eligibility requirements for that license.

LD 2031 An Act to Make Changes to the State's Marine Resources Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 563 makes the following changes to the State's marine resources laws.

1. It eliminates the Aquaculture Monitoring, Research and Development Fund, which is no longer capitalized.
2. It clarifies language regarding the requirement for a license holder to have the license holder's license, elver transaction card and photo identification in the license holder's possession when engaging in licensed activities.

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3. It changes the surcharge for a wholesale seafood license with a sea urchin buyer's permit from \$500 to \$160.
4. It removes an existing exception to holding a seaweed permit when selling seaweed that has detached naturally and is dead.
5. It adds an exemption for the harvesting of green crabs that provides that a person may fish for, take, possess or transport green crabs without a license if the person is acting at the direction of a municipal shellfish management committee for the purpose of municipal shellfish management and if the green crabs are not sold.

LD 2064 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Advisory Councils and Boards Related to the Department of Marine Resources

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 556 makes the following changes regarding certain advisory councils and boards related to the Department of Marine Resources.

1. It amends the membership of the Marine Resources Advisory Council by adding the chair of the Aquaculture Advisory Council as an ex officio member and eliminating the member representing the aquaculture industry selected by the Governor.
2. It expands the membership of the Aquaculture Advisory Council from five to seven members and states that, in appointing members to the council, the Commissioner of Marine Resources shall ensure that there is geographic representation as well as representation of multiple sectors of the aquaculture industry. It also states that at least one member and up to two members of the council must be members of the public with expertise in matters related to the work of the council.
3. It limits members of the Aquaculture Advisory Council to no more than two consecutive terms and expands the purpose of the council by requiring the council to make recommendations on matters of interest to the aquaculture industry to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters. It also specifies officers for the council and increases the required number of meetings from one to two per year.
4. It amends the membership of the board that advises the Commissioner of Marine Resources on expenditures from the Lobster Research, Education and Development Fund by changing the membership structure from one that consists of certain associations to one that consists of individuals representing certain sectors of the lobster industry as well as individuals representing the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative and the Lobster Advisory Council.

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LD 2065 An Act to Amend Maine’s Aquaculture Leasing Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 564 amends the laws governing the aquaculture leasing process in the following ways.

1. It eliminates provisions that are no longer applicable regarding operations that were in effect prior to January 1, 1994.
2. It specifies that the demonstration of financial and technical capabilities at the time of lease application is a preliminary determination.
3. It amends the notice requirement for standard lease applications to the general public to specify that notice must be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the State affected and by any other manner considered appropriate by the Department of Marine Resources at least 30 days before the hearing.
4. It increases from five to 10 the number of persons required to request a hearing on a lease renewal or a limited-purpose lease application.
5. It increases from 14 to 30 the number of days during which comments may be provided on a lease transfer.
6. It creates a process by which a person who holds a limited-purpose lease may apply to convert that lease into a standard lease, as long as it is for the same lease area and operations that were authorized by the limited-purpose lease.

LD 2208 An Act Removing the Lobster Advisory Council from the State Government Evaluation Act Review Requirements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 511 removes the Lobster Advisory Council from the list of agencies scheduled for a review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters under the State Government Evaluation Act.

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	LD 2228	An Act to Establish the Wabanaki Veterans Memorial	PUBLIC 606
Not Enacted	LD 1100	Resolve, to Modify Security Screenings in the State House and Implement Security Screenings in the Burton M. Cross Building	CARRIED OVER

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Local Government - Elections

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Local Government - General

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Not Enacted	LD 1725	An Act to Strengthen Legislative Oversight of Government Agencies and Programs by Providing the Government Oversight Committee Access to Confidential Records	CARRIED OVER

Public Employment - Compensation

Not Enacted	LD 2121	An Act to Address Chronic Understaffing of State Government Positions	CARRIED OVER
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Not Enacted	LD 2121	An Act to Address Chronic Understaffing of State Government Positions	CARRIED OVER
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Not Enacted	LD 1100	Resolve, to Modify Security Screenings in the State House and Implement Security Screenings in the Burton M. Cross Building	CARRIED OVER

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Not Enacted	LD 909	An Act to Amend the Laws Regulating the Operation of the Legislature	CARRIED OVER
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SLG	165	An Act to Increase the Governor's Salary	OTP-AM	6/1/2023	Enacted	PL	488	
SLG	360	An Act to Amend the Androscoggin County Charter	ONTP	1/11/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
SLG	371	An Act to Address Certain Local Zoning Ordinances	ONTP	2/15/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
SLG	380	An Act to Transfer the Monhegan Water Company to Monhegan Plantation and to Repeal the Monhegan Water Company Charter	OTP-AM	2/8/2024	Emergency Enacted	P&S	17	
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SLG	577	An Act to Increase Availability and Security of Election Information on Government Websites	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/9/2023				
SLG	794	An Act to Expand the Membership of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/26/2023	Enacted	PL	656	
SLG	877	An Act to Increase Cybersecurity in Maine	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/29/2024	Enacted	PL	681	
SLG	909	An Act to Amend the Laws Regulating the Operation of the Legislature	Not Reported Out	5/10/2024				
SLG	910	An Act to Amend the Laws of Maine	Not Reported Out	5/10/2024				
SLG	983	An Act to Exempt Maine from Daylight Saving Time	ONTP	1/4/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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SLG	1100	Resolve, to Modify Security Screenings in the State House and Implement Security Screenings in the Burton M. Cross Building	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/9/2023				
SLG	1233	An Act Regarding the Maine State Cemetery Preservation Commission	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/10/2024	Enacted	PL	677	
SLG	1409	Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Study Sharing the Costs of Training First Responders Among Governmental Entities	OTP-AM	3/11/2024				
SLG	1432	An Act to Increase the Inclusion of Demographic Data from State Agencies in the Legislative Process	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/29/2024	Held by Governor			
SLG	1442	An Act to Expand Health Insurance Options to Child Care Providers	OTP-AM	6/21/2023	Held by Governor			
SLG	1667	An Act Regarding Recommendations for Changing Place Names in the State	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/27/2024	Held by Governor			
SLG	1668	An Act to Provide Staffing for Ongoing Study Commissions During Legislative Sessions and to Support the Work of the Legislature	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/6/2023				
SLG	1725	An Act to Strengthen Legislative Oversight of Government Agencies and Programs by Providing the Government Oversight Committee Access to Confidential Records	Not Reported Out	5/10/2024				
SLG	1948	An Act to Amend the State's Data Governance Program	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/15/2024	Enacted	PL	581	
SLG	1983	An Act to Establish the Maine Buy American and Build Maine Act	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/9/2024	Died Between Houses			
SLG	2011	An Act Regarding the State Auditor's Reporting Requirements on State Agencies' Financial Activities	OTP	1/24/2024	Enacted	PL	500	
SLG	2047	An Act to Increase the Expenditure Limit for Informal Bidding Processes and Update References to the Office of Procurement Services	OTP/OTP-AM	2/13/2024	Enacted	PL	516	
SLG	2068	Resolve, to Adopt Conceptual Elements of the 2023 Augusta State Facilities Master Plan	OTP/ONTP	2/22/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	143	
SLG	2101	An Act to Strengthen Shoreland Zoning Enforcement	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/25/2024	Enacted	PL	602	
SLG	2102	An Act to Support Municipalities by Repealing the Law Limiting the Municipal Property Tax Levy	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/6/2024	Enacted	PL	603	

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Comm	LD	Title	Committee Action	Date of last Comm Action	Disposition upon R2 Adjournment	Law	Ch	Analyst Note?
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SLG	2145	Resolve, to Add Members to the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission and Set the Compensation Rate for Commission Members	OTP-AM/ONTP/OTP-AM	3/26/2024				
SLG	2146	An Act to Prohibit Certain Municipalities from Adopting Moratoria on Emergency Shelters	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/20/2024				
SLG	2150	An Act to Require Constitutional Officers to Complete Harassment Training	ONTP/OTP	2/22/2024	Enacted	PL	545	
SLG	2152	An Act to Allow Equitable Compensation of Certain Board Members	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/6/2024	Enacted	PL	665	
SLG	2167	An Act to Develop Maine's Economy and Strengthen Its Workforce by Establishing an Office of New Americans	Not Reported Out	5/10/2024				
SLG	2201	An Act Regarding the Placement of Portable Toilets	OTP-AM	3/19/2024	Enacted	PL	614	
SLG	2222	An Act Establishing a State Calendar for the State of Maine	OTP/ONTP	3/11/2024	Enacted	PL	569	
SLG	2228	An Act to Establish the Wabanaki Veterans Memorial	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/21/2024	Enacted	PL	606	
SLG	2241	An Act to Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions	OTP-AM	3/28/2024	Enacted	PL	607	
SLG	2248	An Act to Reduce the Reporting Requirements for Special Utility Districts and to Repeal the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank Act	OTP-AM	3/27/2024	Enacted	PL	608	
SLG	2264	An Act to Clarify the Use of Public Equipment on Public Easements	OTP-AM	3/29/2024	Enacted	PL	642	

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LD 86 An Act to Restore the Former State of Maine Flag

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 487 changes the current State of Maine flag to the flag that was in use before 1909, subject to design approval by the Secretary of State and a referendum vote in November, 2024. The flag must be buff, charged with the emblem of the State, a pine tree proper, in the center, and the North Star, a mullet of five points, in blue in the upper corner; the star to be equidistant from the hoist and the upper border of the flag, the distance from the two borders to the center of the star being equal to about one-quarter of the hoist, this distance and the size of the star being proportionate to the size of the flag.

Public Law 2023, chapter 487 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2023 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2023, chapter 487 became law without the Governor's signature on January 7, 2024.

LD 165 An Act to Increase the Governor's Salary

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 488 increases the Governor's annual salary from \$70,000 to \$125,000 beginning the first Wednesday of January 2027 and allows the Governor to receive a nontaxable expense account of \$40,000 annually.

Public Law 2023, chapter 488 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2023 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2023, chapter 488 became law without the Governor's signature on January 7, 2024.

LD 380 An Act to Transfer the Monhegan Water Company to Monhegan Plantation and to Repeal the Monhegan Water Company Charter

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 17 requires, upon approval by referendum of the voters of Monhegan Plantation, that the Monhegan Water Company transfer to Monhegan Plantation and Monhegan Plantation acquire from the Monhegan Water Company, all the assets, property, rights, privileges, obligations and liabilities of the Monhegan Water Company. Upon the transfer and acquisition, Monhegan Plantation is required to establish and operate the Monhegan Plantation water district and file paperwork with the office of the Secretary of State terminating the corporate existence of the Monhegan Water Company. The transfer and acquisition and the establishment and operation of the water district must occur before January 1, 2025 and is subject to the approval

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of the Public Utilities Commission. The law also repeals, effective January 1, 2025, the law that created the Monhegan Water Company, Private and Special Law 1913, chapter 35.

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 17 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 29, 2024.

LD 794 An Act to Expand the Membership of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 656 increases the membership of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women from 17 members to 19 members and requires the Governor to appoint the two additional members, one member representing the interests of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex or asexual persons and one member who is a person who has not attained 25 years of age.

LD 877 An Act to Increase Cybersecurity in Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 681 requires the Chief Information Officer in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to establish and maintain two lists: a list of companies, including foreign adversaries, that pose a national security risk or a risk to the security and safety of persons of the United States; and a list of information and communications technology and services that pose a national security risk or a risk to the security and safety of persons of the United States. The lists must be published on the department's publicly accessible website and must be updated at least annually.

The Chief Information Officer must include on the lists companies and information and communications technology and services identified by statute, regulation or official guidance from appropriate federal agencies as posing a national security risk or a risk to the security and safety of persons of the United States. With certain exceptions, state agencies, local governmental entities, the judicial branch and the legislative branch are prohibited from contracting with a company or using, obtaining or purchasing information and communications technology and services included on the lists. Law enforcement agencies are exempt from the prohibitions in the law to the extent the prohibitions restrict law enforcement agencies' ability to protect the public or investigate criminal activity.

Public Law 2023, chapter 681 defines "foreign adversary" as a foreign government or foreign nongovernment person that the United States Secretary of Commerce has determined has engaged in a long-term pattern or serious instances of conduct significantly adverse to the national security of the United States or the security and safety of persons of the United States. It also requires a person that submits a bid for a contract with the State for goods or services to certify that the person

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is not a foreign adversary. If a person submits a false certification, that person commits a civil violation for which a fine may be adjudged in an amount that is twice the amount of the contract or \$250,000, whichever is greater. A contract entered into on or after the effective date of the law is void if the contract violates the prohibitions in the law.

LD 1233 An Act Regarding the Maine State Cemetery Preservation Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 677 changes the Maine State Cemetery Preservation Commission from an advisory board under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I to an independent advisory board under Title 5, section 12004-J. It also makes the following changes to the commission in Title 13, section 1374.

1. It changes the duties of the commission from optional to mandatory.
2. It requires the commission to investigate complaints of violations of laws governing burying grounds and cemeteries reported to the commission.
3. It permits the commission to hire an executive director to carry out the functions of the commission and authorizes the executive director to hire additional staff as needed.
4. It requires the commission to develop a budget for each year and include the budget, income and expenses and details of the commission's activities in a report due to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters by December 15th of each year.
5. It establishes the Cemetery Preservation Commission Fund for use by the commission to accomplish the duties of the commission.

The Department of Health and Human Services is required to amend its rules to increase the fee for a burial-transit permit by \$5 and the State Controller is required to deposit this amount into the fund, on a quarterly basis.

LD 1948 An Act to Amend the State's Data Governance Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 581 makes the following changes to the law governing the data governance program for State Government under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 547.

1. It replaces references to the Chief Information Officer with references to the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, or the commissioner's designee.

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2. It requires that the data governance program adhere to the records retention schedule developed by the State Archivist pursuant to Title 5, section 95-C.
3. It requires each state agency to designate an employee with responsibility to oversee the agency's compliance with the data governance program.
4. It requires the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, or the commissioner's designee, to work with the state agency designees to inventory the collection and availability of demographic data fields by the state agency, including, but not limited to, gender, location, race, ethnicity, birth sex, citizenship, socioeconomic status, education, sexual orientation, veteran status, disability status and age.
5. It requires the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, or the commissioner's designee, to develop a definition and standard for certain demographic data fields, including, but not limited to, gender, location, race, ethnicity, birth sex, citizenship, socioeconomic status, education, sexual orientation, veteran status, disability status and age.
6. It requires that the definitions and standards be developed in consultation with the Department of the Secretary of State and the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations.
7. It requires the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, or the commissioner's designee, to the extent resources are available, to work with the Department of the Secretary of State and the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations to convene a stakeholder group at least once each year to review progress in developing and implementing the data governance program. It requires the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, or the commissioner's designee, when inviting members to the stakeholder group, to consider the racial, ethnic, gender, socioeconomic and other demographic diversity of the group.

LD 2011 An Act Regarding the State Auditor's Reporting Requirements on State Agencies' Financial Activities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 500 requires the State Auditor to submit annual reports to the Legislature regarding the administration of federal grants, programs and awards by state agencies. The report must be based on the most recent single audit conducted by the State Auditor pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 243 and must describe all disputed findings from the past five single audit reports and any corrective action plans from those findings that were not implemented. Each joint standing committee of the Legislature has the authority to report out legislation related to the disputed findings and corrective action plans in the report pertaining to subject matter under the jurisdiction of the committee.

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LD 2047 An Act to Increase the Expenditure Limit for Informal Bidding Processes and Update References to the Office of Procurement Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 516 increases the dollar threshold under which a state agency may procure goods or services through an informal bidding processes from \$10,000 or less to \$25,000 or less. It replaces the phrase “oral proposals” with “informal written quotes” in this provision on the informal bidding process. It also replaces, throughout the Maine Revised Statutes, the term “Bureau of Purchases” with “Office of Procurement Services” and the term “State Purchasing Agent” with “Chief Procurement Officer”.

LD 2068 Resolve, to Adopt Conceptual Elements of the 2023 Augusta State Facilities Master Plan

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 143 facilitates the Legislature’s adoption of the 2023 Augusta State Facilities Master Plan, which replaces the 2001 State Facilities Master Plan. A master plan for the orderly development of future state buildings and grounds in the capitol area of the City of Augusta, with the exception of the State House, is required to be established and maintained by the Capitol Planning Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 299.

LD 2101 An Act to Strengthen Shoreland Zoning Enforcement

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 602 authorizes, but does not require, a municipality and the Maine Land Use Planning Commission to take the following actions when there is a violation of a law, ordinance, standard, rule, permit or order on land in a shoreland zone within the jurisdiction of the municipality or commission.

1. The municipality or the commission may deny the issuance of a permit to or suspend or revoke a permit of the owner or occupant for further development of all or a portion of the land on which the violation occurred until the violation is removed, abated or otherwise corrected and any penalties and court-awarded fees are paid.
2. The municipality or the commission may file a civil action against the owner or occupant to recover unpaid penalties, the cost to remove, abate or otherwise correct the violation and court costs and reasonable attorney's fees necessary to file and pursue the civil action.
3. The municipality or the commission may claim a lien against the land on which the violation occurred if the municipality or commission is the prevailing party in the civil action.

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Prior to taking any of the above-listed actions, a municipality or the commission must provide the owner and any occupant with written notice of the violation and 10 days within which to remove, abate or otherwise correct the violation.

The law also requires persons selling property to disclose any actual or alleged violations of shoreland zoning statutes, ordinances, rules or regulations.

LD 2102 An Act to Support Municipalities by Repealing the Law Limiting the Municipal Property Tax Levy

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 603 repeals the law limiting the municipal property tax levy.

LD 2150 An Act to Require Constitutional Officers to Complete Harassment Training

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 545 requires the Secretary of State, Treasurer of State and the Attorney General to attend and complete an annual course of in-person education and training regarding harassment, including, but not limited to, sexual and racial harassment.

LD 2152 An Act to Allow Equitable Compensation of Certain Board Members

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 665 allows members of boards and commissions currently excluded from compensation under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12002-D, to be compensated if the department or agency associated with the board or commission has sufficient funds. Compensation may not exceed the legislative per diem and is only available to members not otherwise compensated for their time serving on the board or commission by their employer or the entity they represent.

LD 2201 An Act Regarding the Placement of Portable Toilets

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 614 allows a person not subject to regulation under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 562 to place and use a temporary portable toilet as long as the temporary portable toilet is maintained and serviced in a reasonable manner to protect the public's health and safety and the environment. It clarifies that the Department of Health and Human Services may

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adopt routine technical rules providing for the inspection of portable toilets for persons subject to regulation under Title 22, chapter 562.

LD 2222 An Act Establishing a State Calendar for the State of Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 569 requires the Secretary of State, or the secretary's designee, to establish a state calendar that includes important religious days and holidays of residents of the state and citizens of the United States. The calendar is intended to assist state agencies when scheduling public events. No new paid holidays are established for public or private employees.

Beginning April 15, 2034, and every 10 years thereafter, the Secretary of State, or the secretary's designee, must update the calendar every 10 years in consultation with persons representing the Christian, Muslim and Jewish faith communities, other religious traditions practicing in the State, immigrants in the State, the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations and the federally recognized Indian nations, tribes and bands located in the State.

LD 2228 An Act to Establish the Wabanaki Veterans Memorial

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 606 requires the State House and Capitol Park Commission to develop and implement a memorial to honor the Wabanaki's defense and protection of their homelands and their service in the United States Armed Forces. The memorial must be in Capitol Park, must fit within the plan for Capitol Park and is subject to available funding for the park.

LD 2241 An Act to Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 607 eliminates the following boards and commissions that either failed to file an annual report with the Secretary of State in both 2022 and 2023 or filed a report that indicated the board or commission was inactive during 2022 and 2023: the Advisory Committee on Fair Competition with Private Enterprise; the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Council; the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering, and its board of trustees; and the Advisory Committee on Medical Education.

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LD 2248 An Act to Reduce the Reporting Requirements for Special Utility Districts and to Repeal the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 608 implements the recommendations from the Legislature's review of the Maine Municipal Bond Bank pursuant to the State Government Evaluation Act. It repeals the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-F, subsection 5 and further described in Title 35-A, chapter 29. It amends the requirement that special districts in the State file an annual report with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to require a report only upon request from the Maine Municipal Bond Bank.

LD 2264 An Act to Clarify the Use of Public Equipment on Public Easements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 642 clarifies that a legislative body of a town or village corporation may authorize the use of the town's or village corporation's highway equipment to plow, maintain or repair private ways, otherwise known as public easements. It allows the Maine Abandoned and Discontinued Roads Commission to meet up to 12 times per year and directs the commission to consider the scope of property owner liability and public use of public easements, property owner liability on public easements, the benefits and costs of a road inventory and creating a right-of-way template for property owners of land along an abandoned or discontinued road.

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Joint Standing Committee on Taxation

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	LD 2143	An Act to Exempt from Sales Tax the Sale and Delivery of All Residential Electricity	CARRIED OVER
	LD 2198	An Act to Remove the Exemption from Sales and Use Tax for Automobiles Purchased for Use as Rentals	Died Between Houses
	LD 2279	An Act to Promote Equity in the Forest Products Industry by Allowing Commercial Wood Haulers to Be Eligible for Certain Sales Tax Exemptions and Refunds	CARRIED OVER

Tax Expenditure Review

Enacted	LD 803	An Act Regarding Department of Economic and Community Development Evaluations of State Investments in Economic Development	PUBLIC 599
	LD 1075	Resolve, to Review and Evaluate Film Production Incentives	RESOLVE 149
	LD 1804	An Act to Improve the Reporting Process for Certain Tax Expenditure Programs	PUBLIC 631
	LD 1974	Resolve, Directing an Analysis of and Report on the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program	RESOLVE 151

Tax Increment Financing

Not Enacted	LD 1493	An Act to Increase Affordable Housing by Expanding Tax Increment Financing	CARRIED OVER
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Unorganized Territory

Enacted	LD 2024	Resolve, to Authorize the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory	RESOLVE 142
	LD 2207	An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2024-25	PUBLIC 582

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Comm	LD	Title	Committee Action	Date of last Comm Action	Disposition upon R2 Adjournment	Law	Ch	Analyst Note?
TAX	191	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Business Equipment Tax Benefits	ONTP	2/8/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TAX	210	An Act to Expand the List of Persons Exempt from the Real Estate Transfer Tax	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/27/2023				
TAX	287	An Act to Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Diapers	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/19/2023				
TAX	457	An Act to Amend Maine's Tax Laws	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	4/2/2024				
TAX	499	An Act to Change Maine's Tax Laws	ONTP/OTP-AM	3/20/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
TAX	633	An Act to Dedicate Revenue from Alcohol Tax to Alcohol Use Disorder Treatment	LTW	1/22/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TAX	643	An Act to Promote Research and Development in the State by Increasing the Research Expense Tax Credit	ONTP	2/29/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TAX	695	An Act to Exempt Nonprofit Land Trusts from Sales Tax	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	5/25/2023				
TAX	803	An Act Regarding Department of Economic and Community Development Evaluations of State Investments in Economic Development	OTP-AM	3/27/2024	Enacted	PL	599	

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TAX	916	An Act to Establish a Windfall Profits Tax on Electric Utilities to Assist with Residential Heating Costs	LTW	2/13/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TAX	996	An Act to Allow a Municipality to Establish a Local Option Sales Tax	LTW	2/27/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TAX	1010	An Act to Provide Tax Relief for Working Families	LTW	1/22/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TAX	1027	An Act to Prohibit Local Sales Taxes	ONTP	2/8/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TAX	1075	Resolve, to Review and Evaluate Film Production Incentives	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/8/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	149	
TAX	1153	An Act Regarding Municipal Taxation of Certain Solar Energy Equipment	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/22/2024	Enacted	PL	682	
TAX	1184	An Act Regarding Sales and Use Tax Exemptions for Durable Medical Equipment, Breast Pumps and Mobility Enhancing Equipment	OTP-AM	3/20/2024	Held by Governor			
TAX	1222	An Act to Expand Child Care Services Through an Employer-supported Tax Credit	ONTP	2/29/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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TAX	1231	An Act to Bring Fairness in Income Taxes to Maine Families by Adjusting the Tax Brackets	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	4/5/2024	Veto Sustained			
TAX	1258	An Act to Increase the Personal Property Tax Exemption for Farm Machinery	OTP-AM	5/24/2023				
TAX	1276	An Act to Create and Sustain Jobs and Affordable Housing Through the Development of Cooperatives and Employee-owned Businesses	OTP-AM	6/20/2023				
TAX	1298	An Act to Allow a Local Option Sales Tax on Short-term Lodging to Fund Affordable Housing	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/28/2024	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report			
TAX	1303	An Act to Exempt Utility Vehicles Purchased for Qualified Commercial Fishing or Commercial Farming from State Sales Tax	OTP-AM	6/13/2023				
TAX	1335	An Act to Amend the Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens Law	ONTP	2/8/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TAX	1337	An Act to Require a Biennial Report on the Corporate Income Tax to the Joint Standing Committee Having Jurisdiction over Taxation Matters	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/26/2024	Enacted	PL	627	
TAX	1345	An Act to Permit Municipalities to Establish by Ordinance a Program for Partial Deferral of Property Taxes for Seniors	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/23/2024	Enacted	PL	547	
TAX	1384	An Act to Promote Fairness in the Taxation of Adult Use Cannabis	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/21/2023				
TAX	1405	An Act to Change How Adult Use Cannabis Excise Tax Is Calculated	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	3/19/2024				
TAX	1454	An Act Regarding the Distribution of Revenue from the Real Estate Transfer Tax	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/2/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			

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TAX	1475	An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Promote Biomanufacturing and Biotechnology Development	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/21/2023				
TAX	1493	An Act to Increase Affordable Housing by Expanding Tax Increment Financing	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/20/2023				
TAX	1538	An Act to Provide Tax Benefits to Persons Constructing Accessory Dwelling Units	ONTP	2/8/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TAX	1573	An Act to Provide Financial Relief for Certain Volunteers Receiving Certain Education Benefits in Recognition of Their Volunteer Service	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/16/2023				
TAX	1648	An Act to Make Changes to the Farm and Open Space Tax Law	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/10/2024				
TAX	1685	An Act to Increase Acreage Eligibility and Change Requirements for Filing Plans Under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law	ONTP	2/8/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TAX	1714	An Act to Create a Sustainable Funding Source for Recovery Community Centers Using a Percentage of the Adult Use Cannabis Tax Revenue	OTP-AM	6/20/2023	Enacted	PL	658	
TAX	1720	An Act to Phase Out the Insurance Premium Tax on Annuities	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/14/2023				
TAX	1737	An Act to Expand Property Tax Relief for Veterans and Their Survivors	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/29/2024	Held by Governor			
TAX	1755	An Act to Exempt Certain Youth Development Nonprofit Organizations from Sales Tax and the Service Provider Tax	OTP-AM	6/14/2023				
TAX	1774	An Act Exempting Certain Emergency Distributions and Emergency Savings Accounts from Taxation	ONTP	2/8/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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TAX	1804	An Act to Improve the Reporting Process for Certain Tax Expenditure Programs	OTP-AM	4/10/2024	Enacted	PL	631	
TAX	1810	An Act to Expand the Maine Historic Rehabilitation Credit and Establish a Weatherization Tax Credit	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/12/2024				
TAX	1873	An Act to Provide Heating Relief with Tax-free Home Energy Savings Accounts	ONTP/OTP-AM	3/4/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
TAX	1891	Resolve, to Require the Office of Tax Policy to Study the Adoption of a Pass-through Entity Income Tax	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/3/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	170	
TAX	1893	An Act to Allow a Municipality to Impose a Fee on Short-term Rentals for the Benefit of That Municipality	ONTP	2/8/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TAX	1900	An Act to Establish a Tax Credit for Employers Who Employ Persons Recovering from Substance Use Disorder	ONTP/OTP-AM	3/19/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
TAX	1958	An Act to Revise the Tax Laws Regarding the Mi'kmaq Nation	OTP-AM	6/20/2023				
TAX	1961	An Act to Support Potato Processing in Maine	LTW	1/22/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TAX	1974	Resolve, Directing an Analysis of and Report on the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/8/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	151	
TAX	1999	An Act to Ensure the Equitable Treatment of Military Retirement Plan Income	ONTP	2/8/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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TAX	2000	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	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/10/2024	Enacted	PL	673	
TAX	2005	An Act to Eliminate the Aircraft Excise Tax	ONTP	2/8/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TAX	2006	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Adjustments for Sudden and Severe Disruption of Municipal Valuation	OTP-AM	3/22/2024	Emergency Enacted	PL	629	
TAX	2022	An Act Updating References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes	OTP	4/2/2024	Emergency Enacted	PL	619	
TAX	2023	An Act to Make Technical Changes to Maine's Tax Laws	OTP	2/15/2024	Enacted	PL	523	
TAX	2024	Resolve, to Authorize the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory	OTP-AM	2/23/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	142	
TAX	2027	An Act Regarding the Property Tax Exemption, Business Equipment Tax Exemption and Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement for Facilities Storing Spent Nuclear Fuel and Radioactive Waste	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/22/2024	Emergency Enacted	PL	588	
TAX	2028	An Act to Amend Certain State Tax Laws	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	3/20/2024	Enacted	PL	613	
TAX	2048	An Act to Amend the Content of Notices Provided with Respect to Tax Liens on Certain Property	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/15/2024	Enacted	PL	579	
TAX	2076	An Act to Exempt from Excise Tax Vehicles of Active Duty Service Members Deployed Out-of-state	OTP-AM	3/8/2024	Enacted	PL	565	
TAX	2106	An Act to Strengthen the Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/8/2024				
TAX	2111	An Act Regarding the Timeline for Property Tax Abatement Based on Hardship or Poverty	ONTP	2/29/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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TAX	2143	An Act to Exempt from Sales Tax the Sale and Delivery of All Residential Electricity	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	3/26/2024				
TAX	2144	An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief by Increasing the Availability of the Property Tax Fairness Credit for Resident Individuals Who Are 65 Years of Age or Older with Annual Income at or Below \$36,000	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/19/2024				
TAX	2162	An Act Regarding the Current Use Valuation of Working Waterfront Property	OTP-AM	3/29/2024	Enacted	PL	671	
TAX	2198	An Act to Remove the Exemption from Sales and Use Tax for Automobiles Purchased for Use as Rentals	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/20/2024	Died Between Houses			
TAX	2207	An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2024-25	OTP-AM	3/15/2024	Emergency Enacted	PL	582	
TAX	2251	An Act to Amend the Mining Excise Tax Laws	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/15/2024	Held by Governor			
TAX	2258	An Act to Create an Income Tax Credit for Investments in a Team's Qualified Minor League Baseball Facility to Keep the Team in the State	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/12/2024	Enacted	PL	667	
TAX	2262	An Act to Amend the Process for the Sale of Foreclosed Properties Due to Nonpayment of Taxes	OTP-AM	4/9/2024	Enacted	PL	640	
TAX	2279	An Act to Promote Equity in the Forest Products Industry by Allowing Commercial Wood Haulers to Be Eligible for Certain Sales Tax Exemptions and Refunds	OTP-AM/ONTP/OTP-AM	4/16/2024				

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LD 803 An Act Regarding Department of Economic and Community Development Evaluations of State Investments in Economic Development

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 599 adds the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters as a recipient of Department of Economic and Community Development evaluations and progress reports regarding state investments in economic development. The law also clarifies that the current recipient of such reports is the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters.

LD 1075 Resolve, to Review and Evaluate Film Production Incentives

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 149 directs the Department of Economic and Community Development and the department's Office of Tourism, Maine State Film Office to review existing film production incentives in this State, evaluate film production incentives in other selected states and solicit input from stakeholders, industry experts and other state agencies and film offices in other states. The department must report the results of its review and evaluation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters by December 30, 2024, including findings, requirements and recommendations and suggested legislation to amend or replace current visual media incentive laws. The committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

LD 1153 An Act Regarding Municipal Taxation of Certain Solar Energy Equipment

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 682 changes the requirements for personal and real estate property tax exemptions for certain solar energy equipment for property tax years beginning on or after April 1, 2025. After April 1, 2025, solar energy equipment is exempt from property taxation if:

1. The energy it produces is used on site;
2. The equipment is collocated with a net energy billing customer or customers subscribed to at least 50% of the energy produced on site; or
3. The energy the equipment produces is transmitted through an electric utility and accounted for using a bill credit mechanism and the generator of electricity had a fully executed interconnection agreement prior to June 1, 2024.

Public Law 2023, chapter 682 also requires the State Tax Assessor to update the solar energy equipment exemption information bulletin of the Department of Administrative and Financial

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Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to reflect changes made to relevant laws after December 31, 2023 and to establish a general method of valuation for commercial solar arrays.

LD 1337 An Act to Require a Biennial Report on the Corporate Income Tax to the Joint Standing Committee Having Jurisdiction over Taxation Matters

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 627 requires a biennial report from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters regarding certain aggregate corporate income tax data.

LD 1345 An Act to Permit Municipalities to Establish by Ordinance a Program for Partial Deferral of Property Taxes for Seniors

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 547 permits municipalities to establish by ordinance a program for seniors that provides for partial stabilization of property taxes accompanied by deferral of the amount of taxes due in excess of the stabilized amount. The municipal ordinance must require that the taxpayer be a permanent resident of the State and have owned and occupied a homestead as a permanent residence in the municipality for a minimum number of years and must specify a minimum age and a minimum household income for eligibility for the program. Residents of a municipality that adopts such a program may not participate in the State's property tax deferral or stabilization programs.

LD 1714 An Act to Create a Sustainable Funding Source for Recovery Community Centers Using a Percentage of the Adult Use Cannabis Tax Revenue

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 658 establishes the Recovery Community Centers Fund within the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health to fund recovery community centers. It requires that, beginning July 1, 2025 and annually thereafter, \$2,000,000 from the Adult Use Cannabis Public Health and Safety and Municipal Opt-in Fund be transferred to the Recovery Community Centers Fund for operational support and capacity building for recovery community centers.

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LD 1804 An Act to Improve the Reporting Process for Certain Tax Expenditure Programs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 631 clarifies and provides consistency regarding the reports the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development is required to submit to the Legislature relating to the Pine Tree Development Zone program, the Maine Employment Tax Increment Financing Program and the Dirigo business incentives program.

LD 1891 Resolve, to Require the Office of Tax Policy to Study the Adoption of a Pass-through Entity Income Tax

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 170 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services, Office of Tax Policy to examine and evaluate the State's current system of taxation of pass-through entity business income at the partner or shareholder level and the possible adoption of a mandatory or elective pass-through entity income tax to tax such pass-through income, including the possibility of moving the taxation of that income, or some portion of that income, from the partner or shareholder level to the business entity that generated the income. The Office of Tax Policy is required to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters by January 15, 2025 and the committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

LD 1974 Resolve, Directing an Analysis of and Report on the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 151 directs the Finance Authority of Maine, in conjunction with the Department of Economic and Community Development, to examine and evaluate the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program and submit a report of its findings and any recommended legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters by January 31, 2025. In conducting the examination and evaluation, the Finance Authority of Maine may consult with the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services and with other public and private entities with roles in economic development in the State. The joint standing committee is authorized to submit legislation relating to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

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LD 2000 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

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 673 changes the approach to the taxation of rental property from imposing sales and use tax on the lessor upfront on the purchase price of the rental property at acquisition or when brought into the State to imposing tax on lease or rental payments going forward, also known as the lease stream. Under lease stream taxation, the lessor is required to collect and remit sales or use tax from the lessee on each lease or rental payment. The law provides a limited time period during which a lessor who has paid sales or use tax on the purchase of rental property that is now subject to lease stream taxation may claim a refund. The changes apply to sales, leases and rentals on or after January 1, 2025.

LD 2006 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Adjustments for Sudden and Severe Disruption of Municipal Valuation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 629 provides that the amount of money that a municipality that qualifies for an adjustment in state valuation for sudden and severe disruption of valuation uses from undesignated fund balances to compensate for the reduction in municipal valuation does not reduce the amount of money that municipality receives in state-municipal revenue sharing. These changes apply to revenue sharing years beginning on or after July 1, 2024.

Public Law 2023, chapter 629 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 16, 2024.

LD 2022 An Act Updating References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 619 updates references to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 contained in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36 to refer to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 2023, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023 and for any prior tax year as specifically provided by the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Public Law 2023, chapter 619 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 12, 2024.

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LD 2023 An Act to Make Technical Changes to Maine's Tax Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 523 makes the following technical changes to Maine's tax laws.

Part A makes the following changes to the property tax and tax benefit programs laws.

1. It updates outdated terms referencing municipalities and municipal officers.
2. It removes and replaces gender-specific language.
3. It corrects a conflict created by Public Law 2023, chapter 360 and Public Law 2023, chapter 412, which affected the same provisions of law, by combining the provisions in the two chapters.
4. It removes an obsolete reference to an application provision and instructions in the law governing the sale of tax-acquired properties as the instructions are no longer required.
5. It makes other technical and grammatical changes to the laws affecting Maine property tax.

Part B makes the following changes to the income tax laws.

1. It includes the United States Space Force in references to the United States Armed Forces.
2. It corrects a cross-reference in the law regarding the property tax fairness credit maximum benefit base.
3. It clarifies that payment of taxes for a short taxable year must be made in accordance with existing due dates for estimated tax installments that fall within the short taxable year.
4. It updates language in the law governing information returns to be consistent with state statutes and rules.
5. It makes other technical and grammatical changes to the laws affecting Maine income tax.

LD 2024 Resolve, to Authorize the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 142 authorizes the State Tax Assessor to convey the interest of the State in several parcels of real estate in the unorganized territory that were acquired by the State for nonpayment of property taxes.

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LD 2027 An Act Regarding the Property Tax Exemption, Business Equipment Tax Exemption and Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement for Facilities Storing Spent Nuclear Fuel and Radioactive Waste

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 588 provides, for purposes of property tax exemptions for air pollution control facilities, that emissions from and particles of spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste classified by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission as greater-than-Class C waste are not air pollution and a facility that stores spent nuclear fuel or radioactive waste classified by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission as greater-than-Class C waste is not exempt from property tax as an air pollution control facility. The law also provides that facilities that store spent nuclear fuel or such radioactive waste are not eligible for the business equipment tax exemption program or the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement program. The law applies retroactively to property tax years beginning on or after April 1, 2022.

Public Law 2023, chapter 588 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 2, 2024.

LD 2028 An Act to Amend Certain State Tax Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 613 makes the following minor substantive changes to Maine's tax laws.

Part A clarifies the circumstances under which a taxpayer who has delinquent taxes on multiple residential properties is disqualified from the homestead property tax deferral program.

Part B makes the following changes to the state sales tax and tobacco products tax laws.

1. It removes the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund, the Multimodal Transportation Fund and the ATV Recreational Management Fund transfers from revenue subject to transfer to the Passamaquoddy Sales Tax Fund, the Penobscot Sales Tax Fund and the Maliseet Sales Tax Fund, thereby preventing more than 100% of the revenue from being transferred out of the General Fund.
2. It clarifies the tobacco products tax definition of "tobacco products" as including any product that contains nicotine, whether natural or artificial.

Part C makes changes to the state income tax law by updating the calculation of payments made to the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment Financing Fund for businesses that are also part of the Maine Employment Tax Increment Financing Program to correspond with recent law changes switching the employment tax increment financing base from withholding to a percentage of incremental gross wages.

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Part D increases the frequency of the background investigations that employees and contractors of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services must undergo from at least once every 10 years to at least once every five years to comply with federal requirements for the protection of confidential federal tax information. Part D also requires a current employee of the Bureau of Revenue Services who has not undergone a background investigation within the past five years to submit to a background investigation by September 1, 2025.

LD 2048 An Act to Amend the Content of Notices Provided with Respect to Tax Liens on Certain Property

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 579 changes the required method for notification to owners of homesteads subject to tax lien foreclosures of resources available to assist the owners with the foreclosure process. Under current law, the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection is responsible for providing certain notifications to homestead owners subject to tax lien foreclosure and providing information to owners about methods of challenging foreclosure actions. This law instead requires the Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection to post on a publicly accessible website information that may be used by municipalities and the State Tax Assessor for the unorganized territory to inform an owner of homestead property subject to tax lien foreclosure of the ways in which the homestead owner can access resources to help with avoiding tax lien foreclosure and ways to contact an advisor, including a lawyer, who can help the owner to work with the municipality or the State Tax Assessor regarding the foreclosure process.

LD 2076 An Act to Exempt from Excise Tax Vehicles of Active Duty Service Members Deployed Out-of-state

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 565 extends the motor vehicle excise tax exemption provided in current law for persons on active military duty and permanently stationed in Maine to include persons on active military duty who are stationed outside the State or who are deployed for military service for more than 180 days or who were deployed for military service for at least 180 days in the past 12 months. It also extends the exemption to include members of the National Guard and the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces. The law also makes changes to clarify the documentation a person requesting the exemption is required to provide to verify the person's military service.

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LD 2162 An Act Regarding the Current Use Valuation of Working Waterfront Property

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 671 amends the laws relating to the current use valuation of working waterfront land for property tax purposes. The law amends the definition of “working waterfront land” and makes changes to the calculation of current use valuation for certain types of working waterfront land. It allows a delay of the withdrawal penalty payment if the property owner is unable to pay a penalty assessed for withdrawal of working waterfront land from current use valuation. The law also requires a biennial report by the State Tax Assessor to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters containing various information about the value of working waterfront land and other information useful for administration of the law. The report may also include recommendations for improving the laws related to current use valuation of working waterfront property. The law also directs the State Tax Assessor to create an information bulletin regarding current use laws that apply to working waterfront lands that include any changes made to the current use laws after December 31, 2023.

LD 2207 An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2024-25

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 582 establishes municipal cost components for state and county services provided to the unorganized territory that would normally be paid for by a municipality. The municipal cost components constitute the property tax for the unorganized territory.

Public Law 2023, chapter 582 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 28, 2024.

LD 2258 An Act to Create an Income Tax Credit for Investments in a Team’s Qualified Minor League Baseball Facility to Keep the Team in the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 667 provides a refundable income tax credit for a qualified investment of at least \$1,000,000 by a certified applicant in a qualified professional baseball facility in the State. The credit is equal to 1.33% of the amount of the investment and the maximum credit that may be claimed by a certified applicant is \$133,000 per year and \$1,995,000 in total, with a maximum of 15 years over which the credit may be claimed. During the first 60 months following the investment, if the taxpayer fails to continue operations as a professional baseball facility, the applicant forfeits the entire credit taken. After the first 60 months, if the taxpayer fails to continue operations as a professional baseball facility during any year, the applicant is ineligible for any future credit until the taxpayer continues operations as a professional baseball facility. The law authorizes the Bureau of Revenue Services to disclose to the joint standing committee of the

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Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters certain information relating to taxpayers claiming the credit.

LD 2262 An Act to Amend the Process for the Sale of Foreclosed Properties Due to Nonpayment of Taxes

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 640, which implements certain recommendations of the Working Group to Study Equity in the Property Tax Foreclosure Process pursuant to Public Law 2023, chapter 358, makes the following changes to improve the process when a municipality sells real property acquired for nonpayment of taxes by the former owner.

1. It requires the municipality to send a notice of impending automatic foreclosure to specify that the municipality may sell the property and pay any excess sale proceeds to the former owner.
2. It allows a municipality to use an agent as well as a real estate broker in the sale of the property.
3. It increases from six to 12 months the length of time the property may be listed for sale.
4. It allows the deduction from the proceeds of the sale fees incurred in selling the property but only to the extent those fees are not included in the broker or agent fee agreement.
5. It requires any fees imposed by a municipality on the property to be reasonable.
6. It requires an itemized written account of the deductions from the sale proceeds to be provided to the former owner when requested.
7. It requires an appraisal report to be prepared within 120 days if a municipality chooses to retain the property.
8. It specifies that a person receiving the excess sale proceeds waives the right to challenge the taking of the property but not the right to commence an action relating to the effective conveyance of the excess sale proceeds.
9. It provides that, if the former owner of foreclosed property cannot be located for distribution of excess amounts, the excess amounts must be turned over to the unclaimed property division of the Office of the Treasurer of State.

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TRA	2049	An Act to Increase Safety for Child Welfare Services Workers	OTP	2/23/2024	Enacted	PL	542	
TRA	2056	Resolve, Designating Route 127 in Arrowsic the Private Merwin A. Delano, Jr. Memorial Highway	OTP-AM	2/8/2024	Finally Passed	RESLV	132	
TRA	2072	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Motor Vehicles	OTP-AM	4/2/2024	Enacted	PL	634	
TRA	2098	An Act Regarding Multiple Special Designating Plates for Certain Disabled Veterans	LTW	1/30/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
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TRA	2173	Resolve, to Rename the Interstate 295 Interchange in the Town of Freeport the Matthew MacMillan Bridge	OTP-AM	2/22/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	140	
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TRA	2239	Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Mechanic Falls the Bill Dunlop Memorial Bridge	OTP-AM	3/19/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	161	
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LD 402 Resolve, to Rename Bridges in the Towns of Limerick, Hiram and Limington

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 176 directs the Department of Transportation to designate a bridge in the town of Limerick as the Sokokis Lake Veterans Memorial Bridge, a bridge in the town of Hiram as the Hiram Veterans Memorial Bridge, and a bridge in the town of Limington as the Limington Veterans Memorial Bridge.

LD 1640 An Act Directing the Department of Transportation to Adopt Rules Regarding Corrosion Mitigation Methods for Steel Bridges

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 657 directs the Department of Transportation to adopt routine technical rules governing corrosion mitigation methods for steel bridges wholly under the control of the State and specifies that the rules must include, but are not limited to, establishing processes for ensuring that corrosion mitigation activities are carried out in accordance with established federal corrosion mitigation standards and under the supervision of personnel who are industry-trained and industry-certified in corrosion mitigation methods on an appropriate substrate or surface; requiring plans to prevent environmental degradation that might result from corrosion mitigation activities; and requiring compliance with all applicable state and federal rules and regulations and corrosion mitigation standards.

LD 2049 An Act to Increase Safety for Child Welfare Services Workers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 542 exempts unmarked motor vehicles used regularly for work protecting the welfare of children from having to display a special registration license plate.

LD 2056 Resolve, Designating Route 127 in Arrowsic the Private Merwin A. Delano, Jr. Memorial Highway

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 132 directs the Department of Transportation to designate the portion of Route 127 in the town of Arrowsic as the Private Merwin A. Delano, Jr. Memorial Highway.

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LD 2072 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Motor Vehicles

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 634 amends various sections of statute regarding motor vehicles in Title 29-A of the Maine Revised Statutes in the following ways.

1. It amends the definition of “antique auto” to include an automobile that is more than 35 years old or is less than 35 years of age and more than 25 years of age and was registered in the State as an antique vehicle prior to January 2025.
2. It amends the definition of “antique motorcycle” to include a motorcycle that is more than 35 years old or is less than 35 years of age and more than 25 years of age and was registered in the State as an antique motorcycle prior to January 2025.
3. It eliminates the provision that allows a person during a nonplate issue year to reserve an unexpired registration plate number for more than six months.
4. It clarifies that specialty plate sponsors registering with the Secretary of State after the specialty plate moratorium must be affiliated with a state department.
5. It eliminates the authority of the Secretary of State to issue unassigned temporary registration permits to licensed vehicle auction businesses.
6. It clarifies that a set of disabled veteran plates are an option for a veteran who has lost both legs or the use of both legs when the veteran receives a registration fee and excise tax exemption.
7. It clarifies that the Secretary of State may issue a registration certificate and special designating plates for more than one vehicle owned by certain disabled veterans.
8. It allows for the issuance of titles for semitrailers no more than 25 years of age.
9. It requires titles issued to motor vehicles over 25 years of age to be warranty titles in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 651, subsection 3.
10. It allows a first lienholder participating in the electronic lien titling program to request that a paper certificate of title or salvage be printed and mailed to an alternate address.
11. It requires that all fines and fees related to dealer licensing be paid for a dealer license to be issued or retained.
12. It requires dealers to post their document preparation fees on all vehicles.
13. It allows a licensed towing business to be issued transporter plates and a license to transport a vehicle owned by or in the custody of that owner or business.

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14. It requires dealers to maintain a copy of any purchase and sale agreements for a minimum of five years.
15. It clarifies that specific dealer plates may be used only for that type of vehicle.
16. It clarifies the type of large four-wheel drive trucks that may be operated with an equipment dealer plate.
17. It eliminates the requirement that records of vehicles sold by vehicle auction businesses be submitted to the Secretary of State.
18. It requires that all fines and fees related to dealer and recycler licensing be paid for a recycler license to be issued or retained.
19. It prohibits a person who is not a recycler from operating a business that deals in the sale of catalytic converters that have been removed from motor vehicles.
20. It requires the Secretary of State to use the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's drug and alcohol clearinghouse when issuing, upgrading, renewing or transferring a commercial driver's license or learner's permit.
21. It allows the Secretary of State to accept a recently expired United States passport as proof of legal presence for United States citizens when issuing a driver's license.
22. It increases the length of time a motorcycle rider education instructor license is valid.
23. It clarifies that the owner of a driver education school must file with the Secretary of State a certificate showing that each vehicle used during driving instruction is covered by certain insurance policies.
24. It allows the Secretary of State to accept a recently expired United States passport as proof of legal presence for United States citizens when issuing a nondriver identification card.
25. It clarifies that a dealer may transport an uninspected vehicle to an automobile auction or another licensed vehicle dealer as long as it is safe to operate on a public way.
26. It expands the type of medical professionals that may provide a certificate to exempt a person from seatbelt requirements.
27. It eliminates the requirement for a school bus operator endorsement for drivers of a multifunction school activity bus and provides that the driver must be at least 21 years of age and have held a driver's license for at least two years.

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LD 2173 Resolve, to Rename the Interstate 295 Interchange in the Town of Freeport the Matthew MacMillan Bridge

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 140 corrects an erroneous designation and location of an interchange in the town of Freeport and renames the interchange as the Matthew MacMillan Bridge. The correction is retroactive to June 29, 2023, the effective date of Resolve 2023, chapter 1 which contained the erroneous designation and location.

Resolve 2023, chapter 140 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 14, 2024.

LD 2183 Resolve, to Correct the Designation of a Bridge in Canaan to Be Named After Staff Sergeant Richard Gerald Salsbury

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 131 corrects an erroneous designation and location of a bridge in the town of Canaan and renames the bridge as the Staff Sergeant Richard Gerald Salsbury Bridge. The correction is retroactive to June 29, 2023, the effective date of Resolve 2023, chapter 2, which contained the erroneous designation and location.

Resolve 2023, chapter 131 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective February 29, 2024.

LD 2190 An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2025

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 19 makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2025 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

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LD 2229 An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund and Other Funds and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 645 makes supplemental appropriations and allocations for the expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund and other funds and changes certain provisions of the law necessary to the proper operations of State Government for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025.

Public Law 2023, chapter 645 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 22, 2024.

LD 2239 Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Mechanic Falls the Bill Dunlop Memorial Bridge

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 161 directs the Department of Transportation to rename a bridge in the town of Mechanic Falls as the Bill Dunlop Memorial Bridge.

Resolve 2023, chapter 161 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 2, 2024.

LD 2281 An Act to Reconvene a Driver Education Working Group to Evaluate Hardships to Underserved Populations and Low-income Families

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 595 reconvenes a working group to study potential solutions regarding the cost of and access to driver education for underserved populations and low-income families. The working group is required to submit a report no later than February 3, 2025 that includes its findings and recommendations for presentation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters, which is authorized to submit legislation related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

Public Law 2023, chapter 595 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 9, 2024.

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LD 2217 Resolve, to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend Its MaineCare Reimbursement Rules to Provide Reimbursement to Veterans' Facilities on a Per Resident Basis CARRIED OVER

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VLA	40	An Act to Protect Liberty and Advance Justice in the Administration and Enforcement of the Cannabis Legalization Act and the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/15/2024	Enacted	PL	679	
VLA	48	An Act to Clarify Provisions of the Cannabis Legalization Act Regarding Labels, Packaging and Testing	ONTP	3/19/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
VLA	192	An Act Concerning the Future of Clean Election Funding	LTW	2/26/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
VLA	246	An Act to Amend the Campaign Finance Laws	LTW	2/23/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
VLA	248	An Act to Amend the State's Liquor Laws	LTW	2/28/2024	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
VLA	265	An Act to Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/6/2023				
VLA	332	An Act to Provide Funds Necessary for the Production and Delivery of Election Materials by the Secretary of State and to Reconvene the Working Group to Study Polling Places at Schools	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/1/2024				
VLA	355	An Act to Eliminate the Cannabis Advisory Commission	OTP-AM	4/24/2023	Enacted	PL	650	

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VLA	504	An Act Regarding Licensing Fees for Small Slot Machine Distributors	OTP-AM	5/12/2023	Enacted	PL	655	
VLA	833	An Act to Establish Separate Inauguration and Transition Committees for a Governor-elect and to Limit Donations to Each	OTP-AM	2/29/2024	Enacted	PL	573	
VLA	1375	An Act to Provide Funding for a Chapel at the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Augusta	OTP-AM/ONTP/OTP-AM	6/2/2023				
VLA	1517	An Act to Establish the Social Equity Program	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/16/2024	Enacted	PL	683	
VLA	1529	An Act to Reform the State's Adult Use Cannabis Seed-to-sale Tracking System to Allow for Canopy Tagging	OTP-AM	6/15/2023				
VLA	1530	An Act to Support Patients by Permitting On-site Consumption of Medical Cannabis and Medical Cannabis Products	ONTP	2/29/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
VLA	1578	An Act to Adopt an Interstate Compact to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote	ONTP/OTP-AM/OTP-AM	2/29/2024	Enacted	PL	628	
VLA	1590	An Act to Require Disclosure of Campaign Funding Sources	ONTP/OTP-AM	2/16/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
VLA	1691	An Act to Provide Parity in State Energy Rate Relief Payments and Tax Exemptions for Maine Cannabis Businesses	OTP-AM	6/22/2023				
VLA	1695	An Act to Provide for the Direct Shipment of Spirits to Consumers	ONTP/OTP-AM	4/5/2024	Died Between Houses			
VLA	1757	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Reporting and Tracking of Adult Use Cannabis	ONTP	2/29/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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VLA	1777	An Act to Create Economic Opportunity for Wabanaki Nations Through Internet Gaming	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/8/2024	Died Between Houses			
VLA	1819	An Act to Create the Maine Medical Cannabis Advisory Commission and the Medical Cannabis Alternative Health Board	ONTP	3/6/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
VLA	1914	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Pathways for Creating a Psilocybin Services Program in Maine	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/3/2024				
VLA	1944	An Act Regarding Tribal Gaming	ONTP	2/2/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
VLA	1952	An Act to Allow On-site Cannabis Consumption	ONTP	2/29/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
VLA	1959	An Act Regarding Open Primary Elections and Ranked-choice Voting	ONTP/OTP-AM	3/29/2024	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
VLA	1966	An Act to Allow Candidates for District Attorney to Participate in the Maine Clean Election Act	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/16/2024	Held by Governor			
VLA	1991	An Act Regarding Gubernatorial Primary Elections	ONTP	1/22/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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VLA	1992	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	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/12/2024	Died Between Houses			
VLA	2014	An Act Regarding Spirits Price Review and Recommendations	OTP-AM	4/3/2024	Enacted	PL	632	
VLA	2069	An Act to Amend the Ownership Disclosure Requirements for Applicants for Liquor Licenses and Certificates of Approval	OTP-AM	4/5/2024	Enacted	PL	633	
VLA	2070	An Act to Implement a Facility-based Monitoring System for Slot Machines	OTP-AM	2/29/2024	Emergency Enacted	PL	549	
VLA	2080	An Act to Create a Universal Exclusion List for All Forms of Gambling in the State	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/8/2024	Enacted	PL	635	
VLA	2088	An Act to Change the Number of Agency Liquor Stores Allowed in Certain Municipalities and to Convene a Stakeholder Group Regarding Licensing and Operations	OTP-AM	2/29/2024	Emergency Enacted	PL	550	
VLA	2108	An Act to Amend Maine's Charitable Organization Gaming Laws	OTP-AM	3/19/2024	Enacted	PL	578	
VLA	2117	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Sports Wagering Licensing	OTP-AM	3/19/2024	Enacted	PL	577	
VLA	2124	An Act to Clarify the Eligibility of an Off-track Betting Facility to Receive Funding	OTP-AM	3/8/2024	Enacted	PL	586	
VLA	2147	An Act to Change the Requirement for Edible Cannabis Products to Be Stamped or Embossed on Each Serving with a Universal Symbol	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	3/28/2024	Emergency Enacted	PL	641	
VLA	2148	An Act to Expand Direct Shipment Reporting and to Allow for the Use of Fulfillment Providers for the Direct Shipment of Wine	OTP-AM	3/29/2024	Enacted	PL	604	
VLA	2155	An Act to Clarify Licensing Criteria and Criminal History Record Check and Notification Requirements for Adult Use Cannabis Establishments	OTP-AM	3/28/2024	Died Between Houses			
VLA	2178	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 20: Rules for the Licensure of Adult Use Cannabis Establishments, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy	OTP-AM	4/3/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	179	

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Comm	LD	Title	Committee Action	Date of last Comm Action	Disposition upon R2 Adjournment	Law	Ch	Analyst Note?
VLA	2185	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 2: Medical Use of Cannabis Program Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy	OTP-AM	3/27/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	168	
VLA	2186	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 30: Compliance Rules for Adult Use Cannabis Establishments, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy	OTP-AM	4/3/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	180	
VLA	2187	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 10: Rules for the Administration of the Adult Use Cannabis Program, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy	OTP-AM	4/10/2024	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	183	
VLA	2211	An Act Regarding Quality of Care and the Board of Trustees at the Maine Veterans' Homes	OTP-AM/ONTP	3/28/2024				
VLA	2213	An Act to Support Nonprofit Organizations and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes by Authorizing the Operation of Electronic Lucky Seven or Similar Sealed Ticket Devices and Updating the High-stakes Beano Law	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	4/15/2024				
VLA	2217	Resolve, to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend Its MaineCare Reimbursement Rules to Provide Reimbursement to Veterans' Facilities on a Per Resident Basis	OTP-AM	3/11/2024				
VLA	2232	An Act to Limit Contributions to Political Action Committees That Make Independent Expenditures	ONTP	3/19/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
VLA	2259	An Act to Prohibit Receiving Compensation for Assisting a Person to Obtain Veterans' Benefits Except as Permitted Under Federal Law	OTP-AM	3/28/2024	Enacted	PL	617	

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Comm	LD	Title	Committee Action	Date of last Comm Action	Disposition upon R2 Adjournment	Law	Ch	Analyst Note?
VLA	2260	An Act to Update the Laws Regarding the Sale of Pari-mutuel Pools for Simulcast Races	ONTP	3/27/2024	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
VLA	2263	An Act to Fund Military Sexual Trauma Liaison Positions at Community-based Organizations	OTP/ONTP	3/19/2024				
VLA	2274	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission and to Reestablish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission	OTP-AM	4/5/2024	Held by Governor			

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LD 40 An Act to Protect Liberty and Advance Justice in the Administration and Enforcement of the Cannabis Legalization Act and the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 679 makes significant changes to the Cannabis Legalization Act and the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act and authorizes the adoption of three major substantive rules provisionally adopted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office of cannabis policy, referred to in this summary as “the office.” The law is divided into five parts.

Part A clarifies that both the medical use of cannabis program and the adult use of cannabis program are subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans and legal affairs under the State Government Evaluation Act. Part A also makes the following changes to the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act.

1. It reorganizes the definitions in alphabetical order.
2. It amends certain definitions in response to the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs Subcommittee established to consider non-substantive changes to the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act.
3. It amends certain definitions to better conform the definitions with the Legislature's intent for the medical use of cannabis program.
4. It establishes a process for appointing or approving a person to operate, manage, control or wind down a cannabis business in cases of death, disability, bankruptcy, judicial dissolution or other exceptional circumstances.
5. It clarifies that a caregiver may assist up to two other caregivers with authorized activities for up to 90 days in one calendar year.
6. It enumerates the types of violations the office may enforce and the enforcement actions authorized.
7. It repeals and replaces the provision on suspension of a registration to specify the circumstances that warrant a suspension and to limit the suspension to one year.
8. It adds a requirement that the office provide written notice to a registrant within five business days of identifying a violation of the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act and requires the registrant to provide the office with a plan of correction, if applicable, within five days of receiving the notice.
9. It adds a requirement that if the office decides to impose a monetary penalty for a violation, the office must provide timely notice to the registrant.

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10. It clarifies that the Maine Administrative Procedure Act applies to actions of the office taken pursuant to the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act.

Part B makes the following changes to the Cannabis Legalization Act and Title 28-B, chapter 3, which governs personal adult use of cannabis and cannabis products and home cultivation of cannabis for personal adult use.

1. It reorganizes the definitions in alphabetical order.
2. It amends certain definitions to better conform the definitions with the Legislature's intent for the adult use of cannabis program.
3. It adds a definition of “principal” to identify the natural persons subject to the provisions of the chapter when the principal is an entity and not a natural person.
4. It establishes the Office of Cannabis Policy within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and replaces the word “department” with the word “office” throughout the Cannabis Legalization Act, when appropriate.
5. It moves the provisions related to rule-making authority into a new section.
6. It allows a licensee to submit the required tracking data through the use of software that connects to the tracking system maintained by the office through an application program interface.
7. It includes in statute the requirements for an individual identification card.
8. It removes the requirement that an employee or other support staff submit to a criminal history record check.
9. It adds a requirement that the office include in its annual report a detailed account of the income and expenditures of the Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund and the Adult Use Cannabis Public Health and Safety and Municipal Opt-in Fund in Title 28-B, chapter 1, subchapter 11.
10. It removes the requirement that a licensee be a resident of the State, a provision that has not been enforced by the office pursuant to an opinion issued by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court in 2021.
11. It establishes a process for appointing or approving a person to operate, manage, control or wind down a cannabis business in cases of death, disability, bankruptcy, judicial dissolution or other exceptional circumstances.
12. It clarifies that the colocation of certain adult use cannabis operations and medical use cannabis operations may occur in a shared facility as long as there is an owner in common licensed

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under the adult use of cannabis program and registered under the medical use of cannabis program.

13. It establishes a process for a cultivation facility or nursery cultivation facility to acquire seeds or seedlings by purchase or gift.
14. It clarifies that a manufacturing facility licensee may, under certain conditions, also manufacture certain other products if authorized pursuant to Title 7, section 2231, except that the licensee may not manufacture hemp that does not also contain cannabis.
15. It clarifies that a licensee may retest its adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products for potency but must report the potency values for both the initial and retest to the office.
16. It establishes a process for a licensee to provide samples of adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products to a consumer.
17. It allows a cannabis store to establish special retail sales prices.
18. It allows for a minor to enter a cannabis store when accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or custodian and allows an individual identification card holder who is a parent, legal guardian or custodian of a minor to bring the minor on the licensed premises in emergency circumstances.
19. It establishes a process for a licensee to allow visitors who are not minors in a limited access area of the cannabis establishment.
20. It limits the amount of samples the office may collect and test for both product quality control and for audit testing purposes.
21. It clarifies that returned adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products, except cannabis and cannabis products returned by a consumer to a cannabis store, do not need to be retested if the tamper-evident packaging indicates that the cannabis or cannabis product packaging is intact.
22. It requires the office to submit a written decision on a request for approval of any labeling, packaging, advertising and marketing voluntarily submitted by a licensee within 30 days of the request.
23. It amends the requirement that all edible cannabis products be stamped or embossed with a universal symbol by allowing an edible cannabis product serving to be individually wrapped or blister packaged with the universal symbol clearly included on the wrapping or packaging.
24. It identifies the following edible cannabis products as impracticable to stamp, emboss, individually wrap or blister package: potato or corn chips, popcorn, pretzels, loose granola and gummies.

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25. It enumerates the types of violations the office may enforce and the enforcement actions authorized.
26. It decreases the monetary penalties imposed by the office in the following ways.
 - A. The penalty for a major violation affecting public safety is decreased from not more than \$100,000 to not more than \$20,000 per violation.
 - B. The penalty for a major violation is decreased from not more than \$50,000 per violation to not more than \$10,000 per violation.
 - C. The penalty for a minor violation is decreased from not more than \$10,000 per violation to not more than \$2,500 per violation.
27. It adds a requirement that the office provide written notice to a licensee within five business days of identifying a violation of the Cannabis Legalization Act and requires the licensee to provide the office with a plan of correction, if applicable, within five days of receiving the notice.
28. It repeals and replaces the provision on suspension of a license to specify the circumstances that warrant a suspension and to limit the suspension to one year.
29. It provides for the revocation of a license by the office under certain circumstances.
30. It provides for timely notice to the licensee when the office identifies a violation.
31. It clarifies that the Maine Administrative Procedure Act applies to actions of the office taken pursuant to the Cannabis Legalization Act.
32. It clarifies conduct required and prohibited during an administrative hold imposed by the office.
33. It clarifies that the office does not enforce the provisions of Title 28-B, chapter 3, which governs personal adult use of cannabis and cannabis products and home cultivation of cannabis for personal adult use.

Part C makes necessary corrections throughout the Maine Revised Statutes, other than in Title 28-B or Title 22, chapter 558-C, when a provision in statute cross-references a portion of Title 28-B or Title 22, chapter 558-C that was amended or repealed in this law.

Part D creates the cannabis hospitality task force to review how other states regulate cannabis hospitality establishments and to draft recommendations for a bill to regulate these establishments in the State. It requires the office to develop a self-populating online license renewal application process. It staggers implementation of the change from an annual renewal of registry identification cards required under Title 28-B, chapter 1 to a two-year renewal requirement.

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Part E adopts three major substantive rules of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office of cannabis policy, with certain changes.

1. It adopts Chapter 10: Rules for the Administration of the Adult Use Cannabis Program.
2. It adopts Chapter 20: Rules for the Licensure of Adult Use Cannabis Establishments.
3. It adopts Chapter 30: Compliance Rules for Adult Use Cannabis Establishments.

Part E specifies that the office is not required to hold hearings or undertake further proceedings prior to final adoption of any of the rules authorized in this legislation.

Part E requires the office to submit, by December 15, 2024, a copy of each finally adopted rule to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over cannabis matters and to clearly indicate any differences between each provisionally adopted and finally adopted rule. The committee may report out legislation related to the rules to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

LD 355 An Act to Eliminate the Cannabis Advisory Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 650 eliminates the Cannabis Advisory Commission established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-B, chapter 1, subchapter 9.

LD 504 An Act Regarding Licensing Fees for Small Slot Machine Distributors

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 655 sets the initial application fee for a slot machine distributor that applies to distribute fewer than 50 slot machines per location annually at \$50,000 and the annual renewal fee for those distributors at \$10,000.

LD 833 An Act to Establish Separate Inauguration and Transition Committees for a Governor-elect and to Limit Donations to Each

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 573 establishes separate committees for a Governor-elect's inauguration and for the transition to office of a Governor-elect and prohibits the commingling of any donations received by one committee with donations received by the other committee. It limits a person's donation to each committee to no more in aggregate than the amount an individual may contribute to a gubernatorial candidate under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1015,

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subsection 1. It also authorizes the transfer of funds from the Governor-elect's Expense Account to a committee established for the purpose of financing costs related to the transition to office of a Governor-elect.

LD 1517 An Act to Establish the Social Equity Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 683 establishes a social equity program within the Department of Economic and Community Development to increase workforce development programs and provide support to individuals who are members of impacted communities and businesses that are owned by members of impacted communities. It defines "impacted communities" to mean racial, ethnic or tribal populations that have experienced incarceration at rates disproportionate to the racial, ethnic or tribal populations' rate of criminality starting in or about the year 1971 and as a result the racial, ethnic or tribal populations have experienced direct or indirect discrimination in access to housing, employment and education. It provides that the costs to implement the program may not exceed \$300,000 per biennium.

As part of the social equity program, the following time-limited programs are adopted and may be funded from the Adult Use Cannabis Public Health and Safety and Municipal Opt-in Fund.

1. An apprenticeship navigator position is established within the Department of Labor to increase access to workforce development opportunities for impacted communities, including, but not limited to, apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs.
2. An array of business support services targeted to impacted communities are provided by the Department of Economic and Community Development.
3. A cannabis business advocate position is established within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to assist participants under the Cannabis Legalization Act and the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act, respectively.

By December 15, 2026, each department must submit a report regarding the time-limited program to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters, economic and community development matters and cannabis matters.

Public Law 2023, chapter 683 also creates the Social Equity Program Advisory Committee of nine individuals who are members of impacted communities. The committee must be convened by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the commissioner's designee.

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LD 1578 An Act to Adopt an Interstate Compact to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 628 adopts the Interstate Compact: Agreement Among the States to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote, referred to as the National Popular Vote for President Act. Under the compact, all of a participating state's electoral votes are awarded to the presidential slate that receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Because the compact takes effect only when the number of electoral votes held by the participating states equals a majority of the overall total number of electoral votes, currently at least 270 of the 538 electoral votes, the presidential slate that receives the most popular votes is declared the winning slate.

Public Law 2023, chapter 628 also adjusts the use of ranked-choice voting to determine the electors in this State when the National Popular Vote for President Act governs the appointment of electors. If no presidential slate receives a majority of the initial votes cast for president in the State, the count is determined by ranked-choice voting under the supervision of the Secretary of State. Only the vote counts of the two slates in the final round of ranked-choice voting are forwarded by the Governor to the Archivist of the United States for determination of the national popular vote count. To clarify the process under ranked-choice voting regarding candidates, the law replaces the word "defeated" with the term "removed from consideration."

The National Popular Vote for President Act is only in effect when the number of electoral votes held by the participating states equals a majority of the overall total number of electoral votes, so that if that number falls below a majority, due to a state withdrawing as a member of the compact, the National Popular Vote for President Act will not govern subsequent presidential elections. The Secretary of State is required to provide notice of both when the Act is in effect and when it has been discontinued.

LD 2014 An Act Regarding Spirits Price Review and Recommendations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 632 provides that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations must, beginning October 1, 2024 and every two years thereafter, conduct a review of the retail prices of spirits sold in the State established by the State Liquor and Lottery Commission. The review must include comments provided to the bureau from a public hearing held by the bureau on the retail prices of spirits sold in the State. The bureau must also submit a report of the review to the commission and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over alcoholic beverages matters, which may also include recommendations regarding the establishment of the retail prices of spirits sold in the State.

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Public Law 2023, chapter 632 directs the bureau to adopt routine technical rules regarding the process for developing recommendations to be submitted to the commission regarding the establishment of the retail prices of spirits sold in the State. The rules must include, at a minimum, rules regarding the data and criteria used in developing the recommendations and a process for the bureau to receive public input regarding the recommendation. In adopting the rules, the bureau must hold a public hearing.

It also directs the State Liquor and Lottery Commission, on or before September 1, 2024, to initiate rulemaking required in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A, section 81, subsection 5 establishing procedures for the conduct of adjudicatory hearings.

LD 2069 An Act to Amend the Ownership Disclosure Requirements for Applicants for Liquor Licenses and Certificates of Approval

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 633 makes the following changes to the laws related to the ownership disclosure requirements for applicants for liquor licenses and certificates of approval.

1. It only requires disclosure of ownership interest of 10% or greater in the person for which a license or certificate of approval is sought.
2. It requires a business entity that has an ownership interest of 10% or greater in a person for which a license or certificate of approval is sought to disclose any person that holds an ownership interest in that business entity that holds an ownership interest equal to or greater than 10% in the person for which a license or certificate of approval is sought.
3. It allows business entities with an ownership interest of 10% or greater in the person for which a license or certificate of approval is sought to attest via affidavit that no person that holds an ownership interest in that business entity holds an ownership interest equal to or greater than 10% in the person for which a license or certificate of approval is sought.
4. It also requires the applicant for a license or certificate of approval to disclose any person that holds an indirect financial interest in the person for which a license or certificate of approval is sought and provides a definition of “indirect financial interest.”

Public Law 2023, chapter 633 also permits the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to adopt routine technical rules if needed to administer the application procedure for a license or certificate of approval.

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LD 2070 An Act to Implement a Facility-based Monitoring System for Slot Machines

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 549 amends the laws relating to the auditing and security of slot machines by replacing the requirement that the Department of Public Safety maintain a central site monitoring system with a requirement that all slot machines communicate electronically with an on-site facility-based monitoring system that is accessible by the department. The Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board, or the director or staff of the board, in collaboration with a casino operator or slot machine operator, has the ability to disable slot machines when appropriate. An on-site computer system that is accessible by the department through read-only access and was in operation as of January 1, 2024 at a casino or slot machine facility licensed by the State is considered a facility-based monitoring system.

Public Law 2023, chapter 549 also amends the provision of law regarding examination of slot machines and associated equipment to provide that the Gambling Control Board, in cooperation with the Department of Public Safety, must approve qualified independent laboratories for certification of slot machines and associated equipment from slot machine distributors and gambling services vendors seeking registration. A slot machine distributor or gambling services vendor seeking certification of the slot machine or associated equipment must pay the board-approved independent laboratory the cost of the certification before it is completed. The Gambling Control Board may adopt routine technical rules to establish the approval process to verify certifications, approve shipments and inspect slot machines.

The provisions of Public Law 2023, chapter 549 have an effective date of June 30, 2024.

Public Law 2023, chapter 549 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2024.

LD 2080 An Act to Create a Universal Exclusion List for All Forms of Gambling in the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 635 allows individuals to voluntarily exclude themselves from a slot machine facility, a casino, advance deposit wagering, a fantasy contest or sports wagering collectively or separately and also allows the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit and licensees to work with a universal list and not a list for each separate area of regulation. It also includes provisions for the inclusion on the universal list of individuals who are involuntarily excluded from a slot machine facility, a casino, advance deposit wagering, a fantasy contest or sports wagering. It adds a requirement directing the Gambling Control Board to adopt rules relating to the conduct of advance deposit wagering that establish provisions allowing persons to restrict themselves from advance deposit wagering upon request by placing themselves on the universal list and that define standards for involuntary placement on the universal list and for removal from the universal list. It also directs the board to adopt these rules in a manner consistent, to the extent possible, for all forms of gambling included on the universal list.

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LD 2088 An Act to Change the Number of Agency Liquor Stores Allowed in Certain Municipalities and to Convene a Stakeholder Group Regarding Licensing and Operations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 550 increases from six to seven the number of agency liquor stores the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations may license in a municipality with a population over 10,000 but less than 15,001. It authorizes the bureau to issue one additional agency liquor store license to any municipality instead of to only a municipality with a population of less than 10,000. In determining whether to issue an additional license, the bureau may consider any information provided by the municipality requesting an additional agency liquor store license instead of only considering the impact of seasonal population or tourism and other related information.

Public Law 2023, chapter 550 also directs the bureau to convene a stakeholder group to examine how agency liquor stores are licensed and operated in order to better understand how they are distributed throughout the State and to evaluate the effectiveness of the current system for consumers, the general public, local law enforcement officials, municipalities, the State and entities licensed in this State for the sale of liquor.

Public Law 2023, chapter 550 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2024.

LD 2108 An Act to Amend Maine's Charitable Organization Gaming Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 578 provides that more than one registrant may operate a game of chance at the same time on the same premises and that, when games of chance are to be operated during the annual fair of an agricultural society, the agricultural society must determine the number of registrants permitted to operate a game of chance. It also provides that a bona fide nonprofit organization may operate a registered game of chance to which the general public has access no more than four times in a calendar year for a period not to exceed the duration of the annual fair of an agricultural society or the duration of a special event, rather than for a period not to exceed four consecutive days.

Public Law 2023, chapter 578 makes other technical changes to provide clarity to the provisions related to the imposition of a fine of not more than \$100 per violation on a beano or game of chance licensee or registrant or a licensee's or registrant's agent or employee that has violated the laws or rules governing beano or games of chance, subject to an appeal and hearing before the Commissioner of Public Safety, and to provisions allowing the issue of the imposition of such a fine to be resolved by the execution of a consent agreement.

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LD 2117 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Sports Wagering Licensing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 577 amends the laws governing the regulation of sports wagering licensing. Beginning on or after September 1, 2024, the fee for an initial or renewed facility sports wagering license is reduced from \$4,000 to \$1,000 and the term of the license is reduced from four years to one year. It makes similar changes regarding the mobile sports wagering license, except that it lowers the fee from \$200,000 to \$50,000. It also makes similar changes regarding the supplier license and the management services license, except that it lowers the fee from \$40,000 to \$10,000. It also changes the provisions regarding temporary licenses by aligning the license fees and license terms with the initial or renewed license fees and license terms.

LD 2124 An Act to Clarify the Eligibility of an Off-track Betting Facility to Receive Funding

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 586 amends the laws governing the Fund to Stabilize Off-track Betting Facilities to provide that the fund provides revenues to off-track betting facilities licensed and in operation in the State on the date of the distribution from the fund.

LD 2147 An Act to Change the Requirement for Edible Cannabis Products to Be Stamped or Embossed on Each Serving with a Universal Symbol

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 641 changes the requirement that each individual serving of an edible cannabis product be stamped or embossed with a universal symbol. In place of stamping or embossing each individual product, an edible cannabis product may be individually wrapped or blister packaged with the symbol embossed or stamped on the wrapping or packaging.

Public Law 2023, chapter 641 allows the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office of cannabis policy to identify, by rule, edible cannabis products that are impracticable to emboss or stamp or to individually wrap or blister package. Such products may be packaged together with the universal symbol on the package label. The law identifies potato or corn chips, popcorn, pretzels, loose granola and gummies as impracticable to emboss or stamp or to individually wrap or blister wrap.

Public Law 2023, chapter 641 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 21, 2024.

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LD 2148 An Act to Expand Direct Shipment Reporting and to Allow for the Use of Fulfillment Providers for the Direct Shipment of Wine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 604 makes the following changes to the laws governing the direct shipment of wine.

1. It adds a definition of “fulfillment provider.”
2. It provides that fulfillment providers must be registered with the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations in order to ship wine on behalf of a direct shipper to recipients in this State.
3. It provides that direct shippers, fulfillment providers and common carriers must report quarterly to the bureau.
4. It establishes record retention requirements for direct shippers, fulfillment providers and common carriers.
5. It requires that a shipping label specifically indicate the residence address of the recipient.
6. It clarifies that wine shipped under the laws governing the direct shipment of wine must have been produced by or for the direct shipper, owned by the direct shipper or sold under the winery name of the direct shipper in accordance with the direct shipper's federal basic wine manufacturing permit.

Public Law 2023, chapter 604 also directs the bureau to examine data related to the direct shipment of wine in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the regulations related to compliance and enforcement and to submit a report no later than February 1, 2026 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over alcoholic beverage matters, which may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

LD 2178 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 20: Rules for the Licensure of Adult Use Cannabis Establishments, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 179 does not authorize final adoption of Chapter 20: Rules for the Licensure of Adult Use Cannabis Establishments, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office of cannabis policy that was submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375,

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subchapter 2-A. The resolve does not restrict the Legislature's authority to use another legislative instrument to approve all or part of Chapter 20.

Resolve 2023, chapter 179 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 24, 2024.

LD 2185 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 2: Medical Use of Cannabis Program Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 168 does not authorize final adoption of Chapter 2: Medical Use of Cannabis Program Rule, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office of cannabis policy that was submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Resolve 2023, chapter 168 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 16, 2024.

LD 2186 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 30: Compliance Rules for Adult Use Cannabis Establishments, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 180 does not authorize final adoption of Chapter 30: Compliance Rules for Adult Use Cannabis Establishments, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office of cannabis policy that was submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The resolve does not restrict the Legislature's authority to use another legislative instrument to approve all or part of Chapter 30.

Resolve 2023, chapter 180 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 24, 2024.

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LD 2187 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 10: Rules for the Administration of the Adult Use Cannabis Program, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 183 does not authorize final adoption of Chapter 10: Rules for the Administration of the Adult Use Cannabis Program, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office of cannabis policy that was submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The resolve does not restrict the Legislature's authority to use another legislative instrument to approve all or part of Chapter 10.

Resolve 2023, chapter 183 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 28, 2024.

LD 2259 An Act to Prohibit Receiving Compensation for Assisting a Person to Obtain Veterans' Benefits Except as Permitted Under Federal Law

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 617 provides that a person may not receive compensation for services related to veterans' benefits matters except as permitted under federal law. It also provides that a person may not receive compensation for referring an individual to another person to provide services related to veterans' benefits matters. It provides that a person seeking to receive compensation for services related to veterans' benefits matters must, before rendering any services, memorialize in a written agreement that is signed by both parties and that complies with federal regulations all terms regarding the payment of fees for services rendered. It provides that a person may not receive excessive or unreasonable fees for services related to veterans' benefits matters. A violation of the provisions of the law constitutes a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

An accredited representative of a recognized organization or an accredited agent or attorney under federal law and an employee of the Maine Veterans' Homes who is operating within that employee's capacity as an employee of the Maine Veterans' Homes is exempt from these provisions.

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Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

**BILLS NOT REFERRED TO OR REPORTED BY A
COMMITTEE**

June 2024

DIGEST OF BILLS
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Bills Not Referred To or Reported by a Committee

Comm	LD	Title	Committee Action	Date of last Comm Action	Disposition upon R2 Adjournment	Law	Ch	Analyst Note?
	2196	Resolve, to Authorize the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to Arrange the Constitution of Maine to Incorporate Amendments Approved at the November 2023 Referendum			Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	127	
	2288	An Act to Allow a Member of the Town of Perham Select Board to Facilitate the Election to Vacant Seats on the Select Board and to Approve and Sign Disbursement Warrants			Emergency Enacted	P&S	24	
	2291	Resolve, Approving the 2024 Draft and Arrangement of the Constitution of Maine Incorporating Amendments Approved at Referendum in 2023 and Providing for Its Publication and Distribution			Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	175	

BILLS NOT REFERRED TO OR REPORTED BY A COMMITTEE

LD 2196 Resolve, to Authorize the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to Arrange the Constitution of Maine to Incorporate Amendments Approved at the November 2023 Referendum

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 127 was finally passed without reference to a committee.

Resolve 2023, chapter 127 authorizes the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to arrange the Constitution of Maine to include the following two amendments to the constitution approved at referendum in November 2023 and to submit the arrangement to the Legislature no later than 30 days after the effective date of this resolve.

1. Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 1: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require All Provisions in the Constitution to Be Included in the Official Printing.
2. Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 2: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Timing of Judicial Review of the Determination of the Validity of Written Petitions.

Resolve 2023, chapter 127 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective February 8, 2024.

LD 2288 An Act to Allow a Member of the Town of Perham Select Board to Facilitate the Election to Vacant Seats on the Select Board and to Approve and Sign Disbursement Warrants

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 24 was enacted without reference to a committee.

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 24 allows a member of the Town of Perham Select Board to take action to facilitate an election to fill empty seats on the Select Board. Until a quorum of members is elected to the Town of Perham Select Board, the law allows a member to approve and sign disbursement warrants, approve general assistance applications and perform any necessary functions to administer the Town of Perham's general assistance program.

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 24 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 16, 2024.

BILLS NOT REFERRED TO OR REPORTED BY A COMMITTEE

LD 2291 Resolve, Approving the 2024 Draft and Arrangement of the Constitution of Maine Incorporating Amendments Approved at Referendum in 2023 and Providing for Its Publication and Distribution

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 175 was finally passed without reference to a committee.

Pursuant to Article X, Section 6 of the Constitution of Maine, through the passage of Resolve 2023, chapter 175, the Legislature approves the 2024 draft and arrangement of the Constitution of Maine by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. The 2024 draft and arrangement of the Constitution of Maine was submitted pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 127, which authorized the Chief Justice to arrange the Constitution of Maine to include the following two amendments to the constitution approved at referendum in November 2023.

1. Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 1: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require All Provisions in the Constitution to Be Included in the Official Printing.
2. Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 2: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Timing of Judicial Review of the Determination of the Validity of Written Petitions.

Resolve 2023, chapter 175 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 22, 2024.

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Additional information relating to certain bills

ANALYST NOTES

June 2024

ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this digest. Please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 345 An Act to Transition the Responsibility for Child Find Activities and for Ensuring a Free, Appropriate Public Education for Eligible Children from the Child Development Services System to School Administrative Units

Although this bill was not enacted, the substantive provisions of the bill were incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part W.

LD 444 An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Specialized Risk Screening for First Responders and Other Public Safety Professionals

Although this bill was not enacted, a provision to establish a two-year public safety health and wellness grant pilot program within the Department of Public Safety to provide grants to government entities for specialized cardiac and metabolic screenings that specifically address the physical health effects experienced by first responders was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part T.

LD 472 An Act to Support Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects

Although this bill was not enacted, one-time funding for the startup and implementation costs for all mental health organizations participating in certified community behavioral health clinic projects that have previously been funded by federal grants from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part A.

LD 659 An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to implement a MaineCare home and community-based lifespan program was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session, in Part LLLL. Rules adopted are major substantive rules and subsequent rules are routine technical.

LD 974 An Act to Establish Minimum Pay for Educational Technicians and Other School Support Staff

Although this bill was not enacted, substantive provisions of the bill setting the minimum hourly wage for educational technicians and other school support staff at 125% and 115% of the State minimum hourly wage, respectively, were incorporated into Public Law 2023,

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chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session, See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part G.

LD 1224 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Seek Federal Approval for Reimbursement of Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services

Although this bill was not enacted, funding for new mobile crisis rates and services beginning January 1, 2025 was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part A and Part DDDD.

LD 1236 An Act to Increase the Provision of Children's Behavioral Health Services in Rural Areas and to Provide Support for Families of Children Receiving Services

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to offer grants and incentives to providers of behavioral health services to children and adults in families involved in the child welfare system was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part RRRR.

LD 1422 An Act to End Homelessness and Assist Students Who are Homeless by Establishing a Rental Subsidy Program

Although this bill was not enacted, a provision authorizing the Maine State Housing Authority to establish a rental subsidy program for homeless students in consultation with the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. The program must incorporate elements to provide housing subsidies to homeless students who have not attained 18 years of age who do not have adult family members or guardians to secure housing for them. Under this provision, the authority is required to report on the progress of the program's development to the committee having jurisdiction over housing matters no later than January 15, 2025. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part KKKK.

LD 1426 An Act to Secure Housing for the Most Vulnerable Maine Residents by Amending the Laws Governing Municipal General Assistance

Although this bill was not enacted, some of the same provisions included in the bill were enacted as Public Law 2023, chapter 575. Additionally, increased funding for general assistance was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part A and Part OO.

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LD 1540 Resolve, to Establish an Eviction Prevention Pilot Program

Although this bill was not enacted, a provision directing the Maine State Housing Authority to establish a pilot program designed to support eviction prevention was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. The program must be designed to provide eligible persons with up to \$800 per month in rental assistance paid directly to the person's landlord for a period up to 24 months. Under this provision, the authority or an entity delegated to administer the pilot program is required to submit a report to the committee having jurisdiction over housing matters no later than February 2, 2025. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part KKKK.

LD 1857 An Act to Create the Public Safety Health and Wellness Reimbursement Fund to Benefit Public Safety Workers and Volunteers

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Public Safety to establish a public safety health and wellness grant pilot program was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part T.

LD 2084 An Act to Provide Funding for Essential Services for Victims of Crimes

Although this bill was not enacted, one-time funding to replace current and anticipated reductions in grants to the Department of Health and Human Services under the federal victim assistance formula grant program pursuant to the federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984 was included in Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part A.

LD 2136 An Act to Provide Financial Support for Shelters for Unhoused Individuals and Establish a Stakeholder Group to Develop a 10-year Plan to Address the Root Causes of Homelessness

Although this bill was not enacted, funding for emergency housing relief was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part HH.

LD 2175 An Act to Improve Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs in Underserved Areas

Although this bill was not enacted, the substantive provisions of the bill directing the Department of Health and Human Services to provide financial support to federally qualified health centers to develop or expand the centers' capacity to provide access to affordably priced prescription drugs to patients by increasing the centers' ability to deliver

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pharmacy services to those patients were incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part QQ.

LD 2266 An Act Regarding Offshore Wind Terminals Located in Coastal Sand Dune Systems

Although this bill was not enacted, the substantive provisions of the bill were incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part YYY.

APPENDIX A

SESSION STATISTICS

OVERALL AND

BY INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE

**131st LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

Summary of Committee Actions

	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED		
A. Bills referred to Committee		
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	255	42.2%
<i>Bills carried over from previous session</i>	<u>332</u> *	<u>55.0%</u>
Total Bills referred	587	97.2%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee		
	14	2.3%
C. Bills introduced without reference (LDs 2196, 2288 and 2291)		
	3	0.5%
D. Bills referred, but not reported out		
	21 **	3.5%
Total Bills considered by Legislature	604	100.0%
E. Orders and Resolutions Referred to Committee		
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and not reported out</i>	0	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session (SP 705)</i>	<u>1</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	1	0.2%
% of All Committee Reports		
II. BILLS AND PAPERS REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEES		
A. Unanimous committee reports		
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	36	6.7%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	171	31.7%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	32	5.9%
<i>Ought Not to Pass</i>	<u>116</u>	<u>21.5%</u>
Total unanimous reports	355	65.9%
B. Divided committee reports		
<i>Two-way reports</i>	192	35.6%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	19	3.5%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	1	0.2%
<i>Five-way report</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	212	39.3%
Total Committee reports	567 ***	89.5%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS		
	84	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION		
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed		
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	196	31.8%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	8	1.3%
<i>Resolves</i>	58	9.6%
<i>Constitutional Resolutions</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	264 ****	42.7%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules		
Rules authorized without legislative changes	7	38.9%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	7	38.9%
<i>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</i>	<u>4</u>	<u>22.2%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	18	100.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor		
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	8	1.3%
<i>Held by the Governor</i>	<u>35</u>	<u>5.8%</u>
Total	43	7.1%

* Total number of bills carried over from the 131st First Regular and First Special Sessions to any regular or special session by S.P. 847 was 482 bills.

Of the 482 bills, 333 were carried over in committee, 140 were carried over on the Special Appropriations Table, 1 was carried over on the Special Study Table and 8 were carried over on the floor. 1 bill, LD 307, was carried over in the HCIFS committee and then rereferred to the HHS Committee during the Second Regular Session. When the 131st Legislature adjourned sine die, 239 matters were held over by H.P. 1482 to any special session of the 131st Legislature.

** 21 bills were referred to committees, but were not reported out: AFA (15 bills), ACF (1 bill), HHS (1 bill) and SLG (4 bills).

*** Total committee reports include one joint resolution, S.P. 705, referred and reported out of the VLA Committee.

**** Total enacted bills include 7 bills held by the Governor at the conclusion of the 131st First Regular and First Special Sessions, which became law in January of 2024 at the start of the 131st Second Regular Session; and 7 bills carried over on the Special Appropriations Table from the 131st First Regular and First Special Sessions and then removed from the table and enacted during the 131st Second Regular Session.

Prepared by the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
131st Legislature, Second Regular Session

**131st LEGISLATURE
AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	10	43.5%	1.7%
<i><u>Bills carried over from previous session</u></i>	<u>13</u>	<u>56.5%</u>	<u>2.2%</u>
Total Bills referred	23	100.0%	3.8%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills referred and not reported out (LD 1985)	1	4.3%	0.2%
Total Bills considered by Committee	23	100.0%	3.8%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
		% of this Committee's Reports	% of All Committee Reports
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	Number		
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	2	8.7%	0.4%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	12	52.2%	2.2%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	2	8.7%	0.4%
<i>Ought Not to Pass</i>	2	8.7%	0.4%
Total unanimous reports	18	78.3%	3.3%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	5	21.7%	0.9%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	5	21.7%	0.9%
Total committee reports	23 *	100.0%	4.3%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	5	N/A	N/A
		% of Comm Bills/Papers	% of All Bills/Papers
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	Number		
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	3	13.0%	0.5%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	6	26.1%	1.0%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	9	39.1%	1.5%
B. Major substantive rules			
Authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Authorized with legislative changes	2	66.7%	11.1%
<i><u>Not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>1</u>	<u>33.3%</u>	<u>5.6%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	3	100.0%	16.7%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>1</u>	<u>4.3%</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
Total	1	4.3%	0.2%

* Total number of bills referred and reported out of the ACF Committee does not include 1 bill, LD 1985, which was referred to the ACF Committee, but was not reported out.

**131st LEGISLATURE
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	2	8.0%	0.3%
<i><u>Bills carried over from previous session</u></i>	<u>23</u>	<u>92.0%</u>	<u>3.8%</u>
Total Bills referred	25	100.0%	4.1%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills referred and not reported out	15	60.0%	2.5%
Total Bills considered by Committee	25	100.0%	4.1%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	4	40.0%	0.7%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Ought Not to Pass</u></i>	<u>4</u>	<u>40.0%</u>	<u>0.7%</u>
Total unanimous reports	8	80.0%	1.5%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	1	10.0%	0.2%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	1	10.0%	0.2%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total divided reports	2	20.0%	0.4%
Total committee reports	10 *	40.0%	1.9%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	0	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	5	20.0%	0.8%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	5	20.0%	0.8%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
<i>Rules authorized without legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules authorized with legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

* Total number of committee reports does not include 15 bills that were referred to the AFA Committee, but were not reported out.

**131st LEGISLATURE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	15	48.4%	2.5%
<i>Bills carried over from previous session</i>	16	51.6%	2.6%
Total Bills referred	31	100.0%	5.1%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee			
	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	31	100.0%	5.1%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	4	12.9%	0.7%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	3	9.7%	0.6%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Ought Not to Pass</i>	3	9.7%	0.6%
Total unanimous reports	10	32.3%	1.9%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	20	64.5%	3.7%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	1	3.2%	0.2%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total divided reports	21	67.7%	3.9%
Total committee reports	31	100.0%	5.8%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS			
	0	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	9	29.0%	1.5%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	2	6.5%	0.3%
<i>Constitutional Resolutions</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	11 *	35.5%	1.8%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	1	3.2%	0.2%
<i>Held by the Governor</i>	2	6.5%	0.3%
Total	3	9.7%	0.5%

* Total enacted bills include LD 582, which was reported out of the CJPS Committee, enacted by the Senate and House and then held by the Governor at the end of the 131st First Regular and First Special Sessions, and became law in January of 2024; and LD 1863, which was reported out by the CJPS Committee during the 131st First Special Session, and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table and enacted into law during the 131st Second Regular Session.

Prepared by the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
131st Legislature, Second Regular Session

**131st LEGISLATURE
EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	16	51.6%	2.6%
<i><u>Bills carried over from previous session</u></i>	<u>12</u>	<u>38.7%</u>	<u>2.0%</u>
Total Bills referred	28	90.3%	4.6%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee			
	3	9.7%	0.5%
Total Bills considered by Committee	31	100.0%	5.1%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	4	14.3%	0.7%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	11	39.3%	2.0%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Ought Not to Pass</u></i>	<u>4</u>	<u>14.3%</u>	<u>0.7%</u>
Total unanimous reports	19	67.9%	3.5%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	9	32.1%	1.7%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Four-way reports</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	9	32.1%	1.7%
Total committee reports	28	90.3%	5.2%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	15	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	7	22.6%	1.2%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	1	3.2%	0.2%
<i>Resolves</i>	7	22.6%	1.2%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	15 *	48.4%	2.5%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	2	50.0%	11.1%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	1	25.0%	5.6%
<i><u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>1</u>	<u>25.0%</u>	<u>5.6%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	4	100.0%	22.2%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>2</u>	<u>6.5%</u>	<u>0.3%</u>
Total	2	6.5%	0.3%

* Total enacted bills include LD 957 and LD 1898, which were reported out of the EDU Committee, enacted by the Senate and House and then held by the Governor at the end of the 131st First Regular and First Special Sessions, and became law in January of 2024; and LD 1263, which was reported out by the EDU Committee during the 131st Legislature's First Special Session, and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table and enacted into law during the 131st Second Regular Session.

**131st LEGISLATURE
ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	18	47.4%	3.0%
<i><u>Bills carried over from previous session</u></i>	<u>19</u>	<u>50.0%</u>	<u>3.1%</u>
Total Bills referred	37	97.4%	6.1%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee			
	1	2.6%	0.2%
Total Bills considered by Committee	38	100.0%	6.3%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	2	5.4%	0.4%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	9	24.3%	1.7%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Ought Not to Pass</u></i>	<u>10</u>	<u>27.0%</u>	<u>1.9%</u>
Total unanimous reports	21	56.8%	3.9%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	15	40.5%	2.8%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	1	2.7%	0.2%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total divided reports	16	43.2%	3.0%
Total committee reports	37	97.4%	6.9%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS			
	0	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	14	36.8%	2.3%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	3	7.9%	0.5%
<i>Resolves</i>	3	7.9%	0.5%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	20	52.6%	3.3%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
<i>Rules authorized without legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules authorized with legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules carried over to next session</i>	0		
<i><u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>1</u>	<u>2.6%</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
Total	1	2.6%	0.2%

**131st LEGISLATURE
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	14	56.0%	2.3%
<i><u>Bills carried over from previous session</u></i>	<u>11</u>	<u>44.0%</u>	<u>1.8%</u>
Total Bills referred	25	100.0%	4.1%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee			
	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	25	100.0%	4.1%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	6	24.0%	1.1%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	11	44.0%	2.0%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	2	8.0%	0.4%
<i><u>Ought Not to Pass</u></i>	<u>1</u>	<u>4.0%</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
Total unanimous reports	20	80.0%	3.7%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	5	20.0%	0.9%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Four-way reports</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	5	20.0%	0.9%
Total committee reports	25	100.0%	4.6%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS			
	5	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	14	56.0%	2.3%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	3	12.0%	0.5%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	17	68.0%	2.8%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	2	66.7%	11.1%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	1	33.3%	5.6%
<i><u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	3	100.0%	16.7%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	1	4.0%	0.2%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	1	4.0%	0.2%

**131st LEGISLATURE
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	28	45.2%	4.6%
<i><u>Bills carried over from previous session</u></i>	<u>33</u>	<u>53.2%</u>	<u>5.5%</u>
Total Bills referred	61	98.4%	10.1%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	1	1.6%	0.2%
C. Bills referred and not reported out (LD 2287)	<u>1</u>	1.6%	<u>0.2%</u>
Total Bills considered by Committee	62	100.0%	10.3%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	6	10.0%	1.1%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	23	38.3%	4.3%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	1	1.7%	0.2%
<i><u>Ought Not to Pass</u></i>	<u>22</u>	<u>36.7%</u>	<u>4.1%</u>
Total unanimous reports	52	86.7%	9.6%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	7	11.7%	1.3%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	1	1.7%	0.2%
<i><u>Four-way reports</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	8	13.3%	1.5%
Total committee reports	60 *	96.8%	11.1%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	0	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	12	19.4%	2.0%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	6	9.7%	1.0%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	18 **	29.0%	3.0%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
<i>Rules authorized without legislative changes</i>	1	100.0%	5.6%
<i>Rules authorized with legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	1	100.0%	5.6%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>5</u>	<u>8.1%</u>	<u>0.8%</u>
Total	5	8.1%	0.8%

* Total number of committee reports does not include 1 bill, LD 2287, which was referred to the HHS Committee, but was not reported out.

** Total enacted bills include LD 563, which was reported out by the HHS Committee during the 131st Legislature's First Special Session, and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table and enacted into law during the 131st Second Regular Session.

**131st LEGISLATURE
HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	28	58.3%	4.6%
<i>Bills carried over from previous session</i>	<u>19</u>	<u>39.6%</u>	<u>3.1%</u>
Total Bills referred	47	97.9%	7.8%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee			
	1	2.1%	0.2%
Total Bills considered by Committee	48	100.0%	7.9%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	2	4.3%	0.4%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	16	34.0%	3.0%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Ought Not to Pass</i>	<u>7</u>	<u>14.9%</u>	<u>1.3%</u>
Total unanimous reports	25	53.2%	4.6%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	20	42.6%	3.7%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	2	4.3%	0.4%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	22	46.8%	4.1%
Total committee reports	47	97.9%	8.7%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS			
	3	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	22	45.8%	3.6%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	3	6.3%	0.5%
<i>Constitutional Resolutions</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	25	52.1%	4.1%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	1	50.0%	5.6%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</i>	<u>1</u>	<u>50.0%</u>	<u>5.6%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	2	100.0%	11.1%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-riden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Held by the Governor</i>	<u>4</u>	<u>8.3%</u>	<u>0.7%</u>
Total	4	8.3%	0.7%

**131st LEGISLATURE
HOUSING**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	6	21.4%	1.0%
<u><i>Bills carried over from previous session</i></u>	<u>22</u>	<u>78.6%</u>	<u>3.6%</u>
Total Bills referred	28	100.0%	4.6%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	28	100.0%	4.6%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	11	39.3%	2.0%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	3	10.7%	0.6%
<u><i>Ought Not to Pass</i></u>	<u>7</u>	<u>25.0%</u>	<u>1.3%</u>
Total unanimous reports	21	75.0%	3.9%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	7	25.0%	1.3%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Four-way reports</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	7	25.0%	1.3%
Total committee reports	28	100.0%	5.2%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	0	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	6	21.4%	1.0%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	5	17.9%	0.8%
<u><i>Constitutional Resolutions</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	11 *	39.3%	1.8%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Held by the Governor</i></u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10.7%</u>	<u>0.5%</u>
Total	3	10.7%	0.5%

* Total enacted bills include LD 492, which was reported out of the HOU Committee, enacted by the Senate and House and then held by the Governor at the end of the 131st First Regular and First Special Sessions, and became law in January of 2024.

**131st LEGISLATURE
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	3	20.0%	0.5%
<u><i>Bills carried over from previous session</i></u>	<u>8</u>	<u>53.3%</u>	<u>1.3%</u>
Total Bills referred	11	73.3%	1.8%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	4	26.7%	0.7%
Total Bills considered by Committee	15	100.0%	2.5%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	1	9.1%	0.2%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	2	18.2%	0.4%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	1	9.1%	0.2%
<u><i>Ought Not to Pass</i></u>	<u>4</u>	<u>36.4%</u>	<u>0.7%</u>
Total unanimous reports	8	72.7%	1.5%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	3	27.3%	0.6%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Four-way reports</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	3	27.3%	0.6%
Total committee reports	11	73.3%	2.0%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	0	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	7	46.7%	1.2%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	1	6.7%	0.2%
<u><i>Constitutional Resolutions</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	8	53.3%	1.3%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Held by the Governor</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

**131st LEGISLATURE
INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	8	30.8%	1.3%
<u><i>Bills carried from previous session</i></u>	<u>17</u>	<u>65.4%</u>	<u>2.8%</u>
Total Bills referred	25	96.2%	4.1%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	1	3.8%	0.2%
Total Bills considered by Committee	26	100.0%	4.3%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	3	12.0%	0.6%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	10	40.0%	1.9%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	4	16.0%	0.7%
<u><i>Ought Not to Pass</i></u>	<u>3</u>	<u>12.0%</u>	<u>0.6%</u>
Total unanimous reports	20	80.0%	3.7%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	4	16.0%	0.7%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	1	4.0%	0.2%
<u><i>Four-way reports</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	5	20.0%	0.9%
Total committee reports	25	96.2%	4.6%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	10	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	9	34.6%	1.5%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	1	3.8%	0.2%
<i>Resolves</i>	1	3.8%	0.2%
<u><i>Constitutional Resolutions</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	11	42.3%	1.8%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Held by the Governor</i></u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3.8%</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
Total	1	3.8%	0.2%

**131st LEGISLATURE
JUDICIARY**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	28	51.9%	4.6%
<i><u>Bills carried over from previous session</u></i>	<u>26</u>	<u>48.1%</u>	<u>4.3%</u>
Total Bills referred	54	100.0%	8.9%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	54	100.0%	8.9%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	13	24.1%	2.4%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	1	1.9%	0.2%
<i><u>Ought Not to Pass</u></i>	<u>10</u>	<u>18.5%</u>	<u>1.9%</u>
Total unanimous reports	24	44.4%	4.5%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	25	46.3%	4.6%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	4	7.4%	0.7%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	1	<u>1.9%</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
<i><u>Five-way reports</u></i>	<u>0</u>		
Total divided reports	30	55.6%	5.6%
Total committee reports	54	100.0%	10.0%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	13	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	24	44.4%	4.0%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	3	5.6%	0.5%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	27 *	50.0%	4.5%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
<i>Rules authorized without legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules authorized with legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules carried over to the next session</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	1	1.9%	0.2%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>3</u>	<u>5.6%</u>	<u>0.5%</u>
Total	4	7.4%	0.7%

* Total enacted bills include LD 279, which was reported out of the JUD Committee, enacted by the Senate and House and then held by the Governor at the end of the 131st First Regular and First Special Sessions, and became law in January of 2024.

**131st LEGISLATURE
LABOR AND HOUSING**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	7	29.2%	1.2%
<i>Bills carried over from previous session</i>	<u>17</u>	<u>70.8%</u>	<u>2.8%</u>
Total Bills referred	24	100.0%	4.0%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	24	100.0%	4.0%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	2	8.3%	0.4%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	5	20.8%	0.9%
<i>Ought Not to Pass</i>	<u>3</u>	<u>12.5%</u>	<u>0.6%</u>
Total unanimous reports	10	41.7%	1.9%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	13	54.2%	2.4%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	1	4.2%	0.2%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	14	58.3%	2.6%
Total committee reports	24	100.0%	4.5%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	29	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	2	8.3%	0.3%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	2	8.3%	0.3%
<i>Constitutional Resolutions</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	4	16.7%	0.7%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	1	100.0%	5.6%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	1	100.0%	5.6%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	4	16.7%	0.7%
<i>Held by the Governor</i>	<u>3</u>	<u>12.5%</u>	<u>0.5%</u>
Total	7	29.2%	1.2%

**131st LEGISLATURE
MARINE RESOURCES**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	7	53.8%	1.2%
<i>Bills carried over from previous session</i>	<u>5</u>	<u>38.5%</u>	<u>0.8%</u>
Total Bills referred	12	92.3%	2.0%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	1	7.7%	0.2%
Total Bills considered by Committee	13	100.0%	2.2%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	1	8.3%	0.2%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	4	33.3%	0.7%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	3	25.0%	0.6%
<i>Ought Not to Pass</i>	<u>3</u>	<u>25.0%</u>	<u>0.6%</u>
Total unanimous reports	11	91.7%	2.0%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	1	8.3%	0.2%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	1	8.3%	0.2%
Total committee reports	12	92.3%	2.2%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	0	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	6	46.2%	1.0%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Constitutional Resolutions</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	6	46.2%	1.0%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoes over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoes sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Held by the Governor</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

**131st LEGISLATURE
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	16	50.0%	2.6%
<i><u>Bills carried over from previous session</u></i>	<u>16</u>	<u>50.0%</u>	<u>2.6%</u>
Total Bills referred	32	100.0%	5.3%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills referred and not reported out (LDs 909, 910, 1725 and 2167)	4	12.5%	0.7%
Total Bills considered by Committee	32	100.0%	5.3%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
		% of this Committee's Reports	% of All Committee Reports
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>		
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	1	3.6%	0.2%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	6	21.4%	1.1%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Ought Not to Pass</u></i>	<u>3</u>	<u>10.7%</u>	<u>0.6%</u>
Total unanimous reports	10	35.7%	1.9%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	16	57.1%	3.0%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	2	7.1%	0.4%
<i><u>Four-way reports</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	18	64.3%	3.3%
Total committee reports	28 *	87.5%	5.2%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	1	N/A	N/A
		% of Comm Bills/Papers	% of All Bills/Papers
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>		
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	18	56.3%	3.0%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	1	3.1%	0.2%
<i>Resolves</i>	1	3.1%	0.2%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	20 **	62.5%	3.3%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
<i>Rules authorized without legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules authorized with legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>4</u>	<u>12.5%</u>	<u>0.7%</u>
Total	4	12.5%	0.7%

* Total number of committee reports does not include 4 bills, LDs 909, 910, 1725 and 2167, which were referred to the SLG Committee, but were not reported out.

** Total enacted bills include LD 86 and LD 165, which were reported out of the SLG Committee, enacted by the Senate and House and then held by the Governor at the end of the 131st First Regular and First Special Sessions, and became law in January of 2024; and LD 794, which was reported out by the SLG Committee during the 131st First Special Session, and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table and enacted into law during the 131st Second Regular Session.

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**131st LEGISLATURE
TAXATION**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	18	32.1%	3.0%
<i><u>Bills carried over from previous session</u></i>	<u>38</u>	<u>67.9%</u>	<u>6.3%</u>
Total Bills referred	56	100.0%	9.3%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee			
	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	56	100.0%	9.3%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	2	3.6%	0.4%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	9	16.1%	1.7%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	5	8.9%	0.9%
<i><u>Ought Not to Pass</u></i>	<u>12</u>	<u>21.4%</u>	<u>2.2%</u>
Total unanimous reports	28	50.0%	5.2%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	25	44.6%	4.6%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	3	5.4%	0.6%
<i><u>Four-way reports</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	28	50.0%	5.2%
Total committee reports	56	100.0%	10.4%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS			
	0	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	18	32.1%	3.0%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	4	7.1%	0.7%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	22 *	39.3%	3.6%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
<i>Rules authorized without legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules authorized with legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	1	1.8%	0.2%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>3</u>	<u>5.4%</u>	<u>0.5%</u>
Total	4	7.1%	0.7%

* Total enacted bills include LD 1714, which was reported out of the TAX Committee during the 131st Legislature's First Special Session, and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table and enacted into law during the 131st Second Regular Session.

**131st LEGISLATURE
TRANSPORTATION**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	10	40.0%	1.7%
<i><u>Bills carried over from previous session</u></i>	<u>14</u>	<u>56.0%</u>	<u>2.3%</u>
Total Bills referred and voted out	24	96.0%	4.0%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee			
	1	4.0%	0.2%
C. Bills referred and not reported out (LD 408)			
	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Bills considered by Committee	25	100.0%	4.1%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	2	8.3%	0.4%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	8	33.3%	1.5%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	2	8.3%	0.4%
<i>Ought Not to Pass</i>	<u>9</u>	<u>37.5%</u>	<u>1.7%</u>
Total unanimous reports	21	87.5%	3.9%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	3	12.5%	0.6%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	3	12.5%	0.6%
 Total committee reports	 24	 96.0%	 4.5%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS			
	0	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	5	20.0%	0.8%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	1	4.0%	0.2%
<i>Resolves</i>	5	20.0%	0.8%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	11	44.0%	1.8%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
<i>Rules authorized without legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules authorized with legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>1</u>	<u>4.0%</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
Total	1	4.0%	0.2%

**131st LEGISLATURE
VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	21	46.7%	3.5%
<i><u>Bills carried over from previous session</u></i>	<u>23</u>	<u>51.1%</u>	<u>3.8%</u>
Total Bills referred	44	97.8%	7.3%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	1	2.2%	0.2%
Total Bills considered by Committee	45	100.0%	7.5%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>1</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	1	100.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	17	38.6%	3.2%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	3	6.8%	0.6%
<i><u>Ought Not to Pass</u></i>	<u>9</u>	<u>20.5%</u>	<u>1.7%</u>
Total unanimous reports	29	65.9%	5.4%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	13	29.5%	2.4%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	2	4.5%	0.4%
<i><u>Four-way reports</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	15	34.1%	2.8%
Total committee reports	44 *	95.7%	8.2%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	3	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	17	37.8%	2.8%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	4	8.9%	0.7%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	21 **	46.7%	3.5%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
<i>Rules authorized without legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules authorized with legislative changes</i>	3	75.0%	16.7%
<i><u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>1</u>	<u>25.0%</u>	<u>5.6%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	4	100.0%	22.2%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>2</u>	<u>4.4%</u>	<u>0.3%</u>
Total	2	4.4%	0.3%

* Total number of committee reports includes S.P. 705, which was referred to the VLA Committee and reported out.

** Total enacted bills include LD 355 and LD 504, which were reported out of the VLA Committee during the 131st Legislature's First Special Session, and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table and enacted into law during the 131st Second Regular Session.

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