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SECOND REGULAR SESSION



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IDEA	1981	An Act Regarding the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund	OTP-AM/ONTP	2/26/2024	Held by Governor			
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IDEA	1997	An Act to Enhance Services Provided by the Department of Environmental Protection	OTP-AM	3/20/2024				
IDEA	1998	An Act to Transfer the Arch Hangar at the Former Loring Air Force Base to the Loring Air Museum	ONTP/OTP-AM	3/6/2024	Died Between Houses			
IDEA	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	OTP	3/1/2024	Enacted	PL	555	
IDEA	2060	An Act to Amend Licensing Requirements for Landscape Architects	OTP	3/1/2024	Emergency Enacted	PL	548	
IDEA	2062	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Real Estate Appraisers and Appraisal Management Companies	OTP-AM	2/26/2024	Enacted	PL	543	
IDEA	2133	An Act to Expand the Use of Career and Technical Education Centers in the Development of the Electrician Workforce	OTP-AM	2/28/2024	Emergency Enacted	PL	551	
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IDEA	2191	An Act to Provide Relief to Small Businesses, Landowners and Logging Contractors Affected by Severe Weather-related Events	OTP-AM	4/5/2024				
IDEA	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	OTP	3/12/2024	Enacted	PL	571	
IDEA	2265	An Act to Implement Recommendations Resulting from the State Government Evaluation Act Review of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation	OTP-AM	4/1/2024	Enacted	PL	625	
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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.

