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## **129th LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

### **BILLS ENACTED**

#### **Public Laws**

Signed by the Governor  
Thursday, March 14, 2019

**Ch. 3** - An Act To Amend the Maine Condominium Act by Extending the Lien Period for Nonpayment of Assessments. (S.P. 63, L.D. 251)

**Ch. 4** - An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 742, L.D. 1000) (Governor's Bill)

#### **Resolves**

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**Ch. 5** - Resolve, To Designate a Bridge in Waterville as the Specialist Wade A. Slack Memorial Bridge. (H.P. 40, L.D. 39)

(Chaptered copies of the above measures may be obtained from the Engrossing Department, Room 106, State House, 7 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0007, Ph. 207-287-1324.)

### **BILLS PRINTED AS OF FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019**

#### **L.D. 1171, S.P. 357**

An Act To Prevent Sexual and Domestic Violence and To Support Survivors. (Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo)

#### **L.D. 1172, S.P. 358**

An Act To Provide Direct Property Tax Relief to Homeowners by Increasing the Homestead Exemption. (Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin)

#### **L.D. 1173, S.P. 359**

An Act To Allow the Direct Sale of Electricity. (Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York)

#### **L.D. 1174, S.P. 360**

An Act To Facilitate Remote Learning during School Cancellations. (Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox)

#### **L.D. 1175, S.P. 361**

An Act To Ensure the Timely and Proper Completion of Residential Foreclosures. (Presented by Senator FOLEY of York)

#### **L.D. 1176, S.P. 362**

An Act Regarding Caretakers of Ancient Burying Grounds and Access to Ancient Burying Grounds. (Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox)

#### **L.D. 1177, S.P. 363**

An Act To Improve Public Sector Labor Relations. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

#### **L.D. 1178, H.P. 852**

An Act To Address the Needs of Children with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder. (Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

**L.D. 1179, H.P. 853**

An Act To Expand Coyote Hunting to Every Day of the Coyote Hunting Season and To Eliminate Fees. (Presented by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield)

**L.D. 1180, H.P. 854**

Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Better Coordinate the Protection of Vulnerable Populations. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham)

**L.D. 1181, H.P. 855**

An Act To Reduce Electricity Costs through Nonwires Alternatives. (Presented by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham)

**L.D. 1182, H.P. 856**

An Act To Improve School Safety by Requiring Law Enforcement Visits. (Presented by Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot)

**L.D. 1183, H.P. 857**

Resolve, To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Remote Participation by Members of Public Bodies. (EMERGENCY) (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph G.)

**L.D. 1184, H.P. 858**

An Act Regarding Penalties for Early Retirement for Certain Members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. (Presented by Representative DOORE of Augusta)

**L.D. 1185, H.P. 859**

An Act To Facilitate Intervention by and Provision of Services through the Department of Health and Human Services for Certain Families Affected by Substance Use. (Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

**L.D. 1186, H.P. 860**

An Act To Exempt Agricultural Fairs from the Assessment of Demand Charges for Electricity. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft)

**L.D. 1187, H.P. 861**

An Act To Apply the Same Auditing Standards to All Candidates and Political Action Committees. (Presented by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison)

**L.D. 1188, H.P. 862**

An Act To Provide Preventive Counseling to Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services' Persons as Part of Their Training. (Presented by Representative GRIFFIN of Levant)

**L.D. 1189, H.P. 863**

An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2020. (Submitted by the Maine Turnpike Authority pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.)

**L.D. 1190, S.P. 364**

An Act To Prohibit the Sale and Distribution of Flavored Tobacco Products. (Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland)

**L.D. 1191, S.P. 365**

An Act To Exempt Solar Energy Equipment from Property Tax. (Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

**L.D. 1192, S.P. 366**

An Act To Establish Municipal Access to Utility Poles Located in Municipal Rights-of-way. (Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

**L.D. 1193, S.P. 367**

Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System To Evaluate the Need To Expand Workforce Training Options in Waldo County. (Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo)

**L.D. 1194, S.P. 368**

An Act To Increase Property Tax Relief for Veterans. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

**L.D. 1195, S.P. 369**

An Act To Encourage the Removal of Campaign Signs from the Public Right-of-way. (Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York)

**L.D. 1196, S.P. 371**

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Implement Ranked-choice Voting. (Presented by Senator CHENETTE of York)

**L.D. 1197, S.P. 372**

An Act To Amend the Law Prohibiting the Denial by Health Insurers of Referrals by Out-of-network Providers. (Presented by Senator FOLEY of York)

**L.D. 1198, S.P. 373**

An Act To Ensure Transparency and Participation in Maine Water Districts. (Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

**L.D. 1199, S.P. 374**

An Act To Protect the Safety of Health Care Workers. (Presented by Senator DOW of Lincoln)

**L.D. 1200, S.P. 375**

An Act To Amend the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

**L.D. 1201, H.P. 865**

An Act To Create a Low-barrier, Permanent Housing Rental Subsidy for Individuals in the State Experiencing Long-term Homelessness. (Presented by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland)

**L.D. 1202, H.P. 866**

Resolve, To Develop a Plan To Improve Service Delivery to Individuals Receiving Medicaid Home and Community-based Services. (Presented by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland)

**L.D. 1203, H.P. 867**

An Act To Clarify the Retirement Presumption under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992. (Presented by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland)

**L.D. 1204, H.P. 868**

An Act To Eliminate the Cap on Weekly Benefits in Workers' Compensation Cases. (Presented by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland)

**L.D. 1205, H.P. 869**

An Act To Allow Full Retirement Benefits under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992. (Presented by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland)

**L.D. 1206, H.P. 870**

An Act To Improve Aboveground Utilities' Responsiveness to Public Interests. (Presented by Representative BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland)

**L.D. 1207, H.P. 871**

An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include Detectives in the Office of Investigations within the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles. (Presented by Representative NADEAU of Winslow)

**L.D. 1208, H.P. 872**

An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include Detectives in the Office of the Attorney General. (Presented by Representative NADEAU of Winslow)

**L.D. 1209, H.P. 873**

An Act To Require Legislative Hearings on Citizen-initiated Legislation. (Presented by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro)

**L.D. 1210, H.P. 874**

Resolve, To Direct the Commissioner of Corrections To Study Changes in Corrections Practices and Reinvestment in Corrections Resources To Reduce Recidivism and Control Correctional Facility Costs. (Presented by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

**L.D. 1211, H.P. 875**

An Act To Protect Farm Workers by Allowing Them To Organize for the Purpose of Collective Bargaining. (Presented by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner)

**L.D. 1212, H.P. 876**

An Act To Adopt the Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act. (Presented by Representative CARDONE of Bangor)

**L.D. 1213, H.P. 877**

An Act To Repeal the Ranked-choice Voting Law. (Presented by Representative STETKIS of Canaan)

**L.D. 1214, S.P. 376**

Resolve, To Conduct a Comprehensive Study of the Compensation System for State Employees. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

**L.D. 1215, S.P. 377**

An Act Relating to Defenses and Self-defense in the Maine Criminal Code. (Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook)

**L.D. 1216, S.P. 378**

An Act To Support Community Schools. (Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland)

**L.D. 1217, S.P. 379**

An Act To Clarify the Oversight of the Family Development Account Program. (Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

**L.D. 1218, H.P. 878**

An Act To Allow Maine Medical Marijuana Caregivers To Measure Cultivation Limits by Plant Canopy Size. (Presented by Representative COREY of Windham)

**L.D. 1219, H.P. 879**

An Act To Establish an Independent Board To Review Law Enforcement Officer-involved Deaths. (Presented by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship)

**L.D. 1220, H.P. 880**

An Act To Remove Certain Restrictions Imposed on Retired State Employees Who Return to Work as Educators. (Presented by Representative STEARNS of Guilford)

**L.D. 1221, H.P. 881**

An Act To Allow Deductions from Prison Sentences for Rehabilitative Activities. (Presented by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

**L.D. 1222, H.P. 882**

An Act Regarding Electric Bicycles. (Presented by Representative RYKERSON of Kittery)

**L.D. 1223, H.P. 884**

An Act To Amend the Traffic Movement Permit Process To Incorporate a Multimodal Approach to Infrastructure Planning. (Presented by Representative MORALES of South Portland)

**L.D. 1224, H.P. 885**

An Act To Authorize General Fund Bond Issues To Address Changes in Sea Level, Geospatial Data Acquisition by Communities and the Increase in Ocean Acidity. (Presented by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle)

**L.D. 1225, H.P. 886**

An Act To Increase Funding for Home Visiting Programs. (Presented by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham)

**L.D. 1226, H.P. 887**

An Act To Make Criteria for State Veterans' Benefits Consistent within the Maine Revised Statutes. (Presented by Representative BAILEY of Saco)

**L.D. 1227, H.P. 888**

An Act To Allow Parents To Apply to the Commissioner of Education To Enroll Their Children in a Receiving School Administrative Unit and To Remove Limitations on Which Students May Be So Enrolled. (Presented by Representative HANLEY of Pittston)

**L.D. 1228, H.P. 889**

Resolve, Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services To Create a Limited Benefit MaineCare Card for Individuals Eligible for the Medicare Savings Program. (Presented by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell)

**L.D. 1229, H.P. 890**

Resolve, To Establish the Committee To Study and Develop Recommendations To Address Guardianship Challenges That Delay Patient Discharges from Hospitals. (Presented by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell)

**L.D. 1230, H.P. 891**

An Act To Update the Civil Animal Welfare Laws. (Presented by Representative NADEAU of Winslow)

**L.D. 1231, H.P. 892**

An Act To Fund Energy Efficiency Programs through a Fee on the Sale of Unregulated Heating Fuels. (Presented by Representative KESSLER of South Portland)

**L.D. 1232, H.P. 893**

An Act To Ensure the Right To Work without Payment of Dues or Fees to a Labor Union as a Condition of Employment. (Presented by Representative LOCKMAN of Bradley)

**L.D. 1233, H.P. 894**

An Act Regarding Offers of Settlement. (Presented by Representative BAILEY of Saco)

**L.D. 1234, H.P. 895**

An Act To Expand the Value of the Homestead Exemption to \$25,000 and State Reimbursement to 100 Percent of Lost Property Tax Revenue. (Presented by Representative AUSTIN of Skowhegan)

**L.D. 1235, H.P. 896**

An Act To Increase Safety in Health Care Facilities. (Presented by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison)

**L.D. 1236, H.P. 897**

An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing the Licensing of Paramedics. (Presented by Representative HANDY of Lewiston)

**L.D. 1237, H.P. 898**

An Act To Simplify Municipal Collective Bargaining by Removing the 120-Day Notice Required Prior to Certain Negotiations. (Presented by Representative HANDY of Lewiston)

**L.D. 1238, H.P. 899**

An Act To Exempt Certain Print Publications from Sales Tax. (Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich)

**L.D. 1239, H.P. 900**

An Act To Mandate Paid Maternity and Parental Leave. (Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

**L.D. 1240, H.P. 901**

An Act To Provide Career and Technical Training Options for Electricians. (Presented by Representative HANDY of Lewiston)

**L.D. 1241, H.P. 902**

An Act To Improve Survival Rates of Salmon and Other Migratory Fish Transitioning from Freshwater to Saltwater Environments. (Presented by Representative DODGE of Belfast)

**L.D. 1242, H.P. 903**

An Act To Reinstigate the State Property Tax Deferral Program for Seniors. (Presented by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

**L.D. 1243, H.P. 904**

An Act To Assist Small Businesses in Providing Health Care for Their Employees. (Presented by Representative MORALES of South Portland)

**L.D. 1244, H.P. 905**

An Act To Authorize the Gambling Control Board To Accept an Application from the Passamaquoddy Tribe To Operate 50 Slot Machines in the Tribe's High-stakes Beano Facility. (Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

**L.D. 1245, H.P. 906**

An Act To Protect Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence in Certain Provisions under the Maine Human Rights Act. (Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

**L.D. 1246, H.P. 907**

An Act To Protect the Health and Safety of Maine State Park Visitors and Staff. (Presented by Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough)

**L.D. 1247, H.P. 908**

Resolve, To Change the Work Requirement Rules under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program. (Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville)

**L.D. 1248, H.P. 909**

Resolve, To Direct the ConnectME Authority To Report on the Progress of the Detailed 2019-2021 Strategic Plan for Broadband Service in Maine. (Presented by Representative MORALES of South Portland)

**L.D. 1249, H.P. 910**

An Act To Prohibit the Abuse and Isolation of Older and Dependent Adults. (Presented by Representative VEROW of Brewer)

**L.D. 1250, H.P. 911**

An Act To Prohibit Sexual Harassment as a Subject Matter of Mandatory Arbitration in Employment Contracts. (Presented by Representative TIPPING of Orono)

**L.D. 1251, H.P. 912**

An Act To Make Agricultural Workers and Other Workers Employees under the Wage and Hour Laws. (Presented by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner)

**L.D. 1252, H.P. 913**

An Act Regarding Snowmobile Registration Fees. (Presented by Representative HEAD of Bethel)

**L.D. 1253, H.P. 914**

An Act To Fairly Compensate for Fatal Accidents under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992. (Presented by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland)

**L.D. 1254, H.P. 915**

An Act To Authorize a Local Option Sales Tax on Meals and Lodging and Provide Funding To Treat Opioid Use Disorder. (Presented by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland)

**L.D. 1255, H.P. 916**

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require Referenda To Receive 60 Percent of the Vote To Become Law. (Presented by Representative MORRIS of Turner)

**L.D. 1256, H.P. 917**

An Act To Provide a Health Care Preceptor Tax Credit. (Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais)

**L.D. 1257, H.P. 918**

An Act To Prepare Maine for a Low-carbon Transportation Future. (Presented by Representative BRYANT of Windham)

**L.D. 1258, H.P. 919**

An Act To Increase Access to Transportation for Workforce and Other Essential Transportation Needs. (Presented by Representative SHEATS of Auburn)

**L.D. 1259, H.P. 920**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Adopt Rules To Streamline and Remove Barriers for Reimbursement for Providers of Dental Care Services. (Presented by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford)

**L.D. 1260, H.P. 921**

An Act Regarding Short-term, Limited-duration Health Plans. (Presented by Representative FOLEY of Biddeford)

**L.D. 1261, H.P. 922**

An Act To Authorize Certain Health Care Professionals To Perform Abortions. (Governor's Bill) (Presented by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport)

**L.D. 1262, S.P. 382**

An Act To Allow Funds from the Federal E-Rate Program To Be Applied to Maine Preschool Programs. (Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

**L.D. 1263, S.P. 383**

An Act Regarding Telehealth. (Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot)

**L.D. 1264, S.P. 384**

An Act Relating to Insurance Coverage for Screening Mammograms. (Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland)

**L.D. 1265, S.P. 385**

An Act To Establish a Maine Low-income Housing Tax Credit. (Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

**L.D. 1266, S.P. 386**

An Act To Create Transportation Corridor Districts for the Purpose of Funding Transportation and Transit Services. (Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

**L.D. 1267, S.P. 387**

An Act To Allow the Awarding of Graduation Credits by Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions. (Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

**L.D. 1268, S.P. 388**

An Act To Update and Clarify the Laws Governing Raffles. (Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec)

**L.D. 1269, S.P. 389**

An Act To Update the Laws Governing Child Safety Seats and Seat Belts. (Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec)

**L.D. 1270, S.P. 390**

An Act To Create Certain Recreational Opportunities on State-owned Land. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

**L.D. 1271, S.P. 391**

An Act To Exempt Permanently Disabled Veterans from Payment of Property Tax. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

**L.D. 1272, S.P. 392**

An Act To Increase Access to Low-cost Prescription Drugs. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

**L.D. 1273, S.P. 393**

An Act To Ensure Funding for Certain Essential Functions of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Pesticide Safety Education Program. (Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin)

**L.D. 1274, S.P. 394**

An Act To Enact the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program. (Presented by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland)

**L.D. 1275, S.P. 395**

An Act To Support Access to Health Services for Homeless Youth in Maine. (Presented by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland)

**L.D. 1276, S.P. 396**

An Act To Better Enforce the Prohibition against Dangerous Persons Possessing Firearms. (Presented by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland)

**L.D. 1277, S.P. 397**

An Act To Require the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention To Be Credentialed. (Presented by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland)

**L.D. 1278, S.P. 398**

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Requiring the State To Share Not Less Than 5 Percent of State Sales and Income Tax Revenue with Municipalities. (Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington)

**L.D. 1279, S.P. 399**

An Act To Modernize Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard. (Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

**L.D. 1280, S.P. 400**

An Act To Establish the Maine Buy American and Build Maine Act. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

**L.D. 1281, H.P. 923**

Resolve, To Create a Committee To Explore Regional Cooperation for Affordable Health Insurance. (Presented by Representative TEPLER of Topsham)

**L.D. 1282, H.P. 924**

An Act To Establish a Green New Deal for Maine. (Presented by Representative MAXMIN of Nobleboro)

**L.D. 1283, H.P. 925**

Resolve, To Advance College Affordability by Convening a Task Force To Recommend a Sustainable Funding Model for Maintaining Maine's Public Higher Education Infrastructure. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative JORGENSEN of Portland)

**L.D. 1284, H.P. 926**

An Act To Create the Science and Policy Advisory Council on the Impact of Climate Change on Maine's Marine Species. (Presented by Representative BLUME of York)

**L.D. 1285, H.P. 927**

An Act To Establish Criteria for a Permit To Conduct Research in the Intertidal Zone. (Presented by Representative BLUME of York)

**L.D. 1286, H.P. 928**

An Act To Allow the Deposition of Oyster Shell Cultch To Ameliorate Ocean and Coastal Acidification. (Presented by Representative BLUME of York)

**L.D. 1287, H.P. 929**

An Act To Protect the Penobscot River and Penobscot Bay from Mercury Contamination. (Presented by Representative DODGE of Belfast)

**L.D. 1288, H.P. 930**

An Act To Establish a MaineCare Reimbursement Rate Review Process and the MaineCare Independent Rate Commission. (Presented by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland)

**L.D. 1289, H.P. 931**

Resolve, To Reduce the Incidence of Infants Exposed to Illegal Substances. (Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston)

(Copies of the Bills may be obtained from the Document Room, First Floor, State House, Augusta, Maine 04333-0002 - Ph: 207-287-1408. Bill text, bill status and roll call information are available on the Internet at <http://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/search.asp>. The Weekly Legislative Report is also available on the Internet at the House home page at <http://legislature.maine.gov/house/house/> under the "Documents" tab.)

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