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BILLS ENACTED

Public Laws

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Ch. 35 - An Act Regarding Pay Equality. (S.P. 90, L.D. 278)

(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.)

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L.D. 1554, S.P. 489

Resolve, Establishing a Commission To Reform Child Protective Services. (Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland)

L.D. 1555, S.P. 490

An Act To Improve Highway Maintenance Safety. (Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland)

L.D. 1556, S.P. 491

An Act Regarding Filing Fees in Transmission Line Proceedings. (Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

L.D. 1557, S.P. 492

An Act To Authorize an Additional Position in the Office of the Public Advocate. (Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

L.D. 1558, S.P. 493

An Act To Change the Definition of "Gas Utility" in the Laws Governing Public Utilities. (Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

L.D. 1559, S.P. 494

An Act To Require the Public Utilities Commission To Open an Investigation Whenever It Initiates a Management Audit. (Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

L.D. 1560, S.P. 495

An Act Regarding Utility Reorganizations. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

L.D. 1561, S.P. 496

An Act To Amend the Maine Land Use Planning Commission Laws and Enhance the Economic Vitality of Neighboring Communities. (Presented by Senator CARSON of Cumberland)

L.D. 1562, S.P. 497

An Act To Encourage the Use of Renewable Energy. (Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

L.D. 1563, S.P. 498

An Act To Encourage the Development of Broadband Coverage in Rural Maine. (Presented by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec)

L.D. 1564, S.P. 499

An Act To Authorize Project Labor Agreements for Public Works Projects. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1565, S.P. 501

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Protect Voter-approved Measures. (Presented by Senator CHENETTE of York)

L.D. 1566, S.P. 500

An Act To Increase the Number of Recipients under the Tuition Waiver Program for Participants in Foster Care. (Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin)

L.D. 1567, S.P. 502

An Act To Change the Deadline for Submission of the Annual Report of the Public Advocate. (Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

L.D. 1568, H.P. 1130

An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of Magalloway Plantation. (Presented by Representative HEAD of Bethel)

L.D. 1569, H.P. 1131

An Act To Prohibit Untraceable and Undetectable Firearms. (Presented by Representative RECKITT of South Portland)

L.D. 1570, H.P. 1132

An Act To Allow Residents To Register Online To Vote. (Presented by Representative ACKLEY of Monmouth)

L.D. 1571, H.P. 1133

An Act To Establish the Exclusive Right of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in the State To Conduct All Sports Betting in Maine. (Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

L.D. 1572, H.P. 1134

An Act To Enact the Maine Fair Chance Housing Act. (Presented by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 1573, H.P. 1135

An Act To Clarify Provisions of the Maine Juvenile Code Regarding Inspection, Disclosure and Dissemination of Juvenile Case Records and To Change Gender-specific Terms. (Presented by Representative CARDONE of Bangor)

L.D. 1574, H.P. 1136

An Act To Continue Authorization of Seaplane Landings on Katahdin Lake. (Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

L.D. 1575, H.P. 1137

An Act To Improve the Freedom of Access Laws of Maine. (Presented by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner)

L.D. 1576, H.P. 1138

An Act To Improve the Department of Corrections' Response to Emergency Situations by Including Vehicles Operated by Certain Department Employees in the Definition of Authorized Emergency Vehicles. (Presented by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield)

L.D. 1577, H.P. 1139

An Act To Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds. (Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais)

L.D. 1578, H.P. 1140

An Act To Improve Administration of the Maine Aeronautical Advisory Board and the Public Transit Advisory Council. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative SHEATS of Auburn)

L.D. 1579, H.P. 1141

An Act To Allow Municipalities To Stock Ponds in Their Areas with Fish. (Presented by Representative MASON of Lisbon)

L.D. 1580, H.P. 1142

An Act To Protect Licensing Information of Medical Professionals. (Presented by Representative MOONEN of Portland)

L.D. 1581, H.P. 1143

An Act To Restore County Tax Appropriation Integrity. (Presented by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred)

L.D. 1582, H.P. 1144

An Act Relating to Surgical Technologists and the Practice of Surgical Technology. (Presented by Representative NADEAU of Winslow)

L.D. 1583, H.P. 1145

An Act To Enact the Maine Citizens' Initiatives Clean Election Act. (Presented by Representative COREY of Windham)

L.D. 1584, H.P. 1146

An Act To Attract, Build and Retain an Early Childhood Education Workforce through Increased Training, Education and Career Pathways. (Presented by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford)

L.D. 1585, S.P. 504

An Act To Allow the City of Augusta To Adjust the Definition of "Original Assessed Value" for the City of Augusta's Performance Food Group Municipal Tax Increment Financing District and To Validate the Assessment, Commitment and Collection of Property Taxes Dedicated for the District for the Fiscal Years 2018-19 and 2019-20. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

L.D. 1586, S.P. 505

An Act To Promote Major Food Processing and Manufacturing Facility Expansion and To Create Jobs in Maine. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1587, S.P. 506

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Nominations of County Commissioners, the Terms of County Commissioners and County Commissioner Districts. (Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

L.D. 1588, H.P. 1147

An Act To Create a Registration Process and Permits for Vacation Rentals. (Presented by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville)

L.D. 1589, H.P. 1148

An Act To Protect the Liberty of Immigrants and Asylum Seekers in Maine. (Presented by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop)

L.D. 1590, H.P. 1149

An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Harness Racing. (Presented by Representative MAREAN of Hollis)

L.D. 1591, H.P. 1150

An Act To Provide Access to Health Care for Maine Citizens. (Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

L.D. 1592, H.P. 1151

An Act To Allow the Dissolution of Regional School Units Composed of a Single Municipality. (Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

L.D. 1593, H.P. 1152

An Act To Support Infrastructure Improvements in Schools. (Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

L.D. 1594, H.P. 1153

An Act To Establish a Stewardship Program for Consumer Batteries. (Presented by Representative FAY of Raymond)

L.D. 1595, H.P. 1154

An Act To Enhance the Child Welfare Ombudsman Program. (Presented by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford)

L.D. 1596, H.P. 1155

An Act To Enhance the Long-term Stability of Certain At-risk Youth. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative BAILEY of Saco)

L.D. 1597, H.P. 1156

An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Purchases Made by Nonprofit Seasonal Camps. (Presented by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred)

L.D. 1598, H.P. 1157

An Act To Define the Responsibilities of Property Owners for the Maintenance and Repair of Private Roads. (Presented by Representative McLEAN of Gorham)

L.D. 1599, H.P. 1158

An Act To Allow Certain State Regulators To Lower Fees by Order. (Presented by Representative KESCHL of Belgrade)

L.D. 1600, H.P. 1159

An Act To Support E-9-1-1 Dispatchers and Corrections Officers Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder. (Presented by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford)

L.D. 1601, H.P. 1160

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Educators for Maine Program. (Presented by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth)

L.D. 1602, S.P. 508

Resolve, Establishing the Working Group on Mental Health. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland)

L.D. 1603, S.P. 509

An Act To Improve Cell Phone Service in Underserved Areas by Installing Wireless Base Stations at State-owned Facilities. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1604, S.P. 510

An Act To Authorize General Fund Bond Issues To Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities. (Governor's Bill) (Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland)

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