

# *Weekly* **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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## 129th LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

### BILLS ENACTED

#### Public Laws

Became law without the Governor's Signature  
Sunday, January 12, 2020

**Ch. 533** - An Act To Clarify and Amend MaineCare Reimbursement Provisions for Nursing and Residential Care Facilities. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 588, L.D. 1758)

**Ch. 534** - An Act To Limit the Influence of Lobbyists by Expanding the Prohibition on Accepting Political Contributions. (S.P. 18, L.D. 54)

**Ch. 535** - An Act To Ban Child Marriage. (S.P. 167, L.D. 545)

**Ch. 536** - An Act To Improve Accountability of Opioid Manufacturers. (S.P. 237, L.D. 793)

**Ch. 537** - An Act To Provide the Same Retirement Benefits for State Employees Working as Emergency Communications Specialists as Are Provided to Law Enforcement Officers. (H.P. 607, L.D. 833)

**Ch. 538** - An Act To Support College Completion by Homeless Youth in Maine. (H.P. 640, L.D. 866)

**Ch. 539** - An Act To Implement Ranked-choice Voting for Presidential Primary and General Elections in Maine. (S.P. 315, L.D. 1083)

**Ch. 540** - An Act To Clarify the State's Commitments Concerning Certain Public Service Retirement Benefits. (H.P. 808, L.D. 1104)

**Ch. 541** - 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. (H.P. 871, L.D. 1207)

**Ch. 542** - An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include Detectives in the Office of the Attorney General. (H.P. 872, L.D. 1208)

**Ch. 543** - An Act To Prohibit Infringing on the Rights of Association of Dependent Adults. (H.P. 910, L.D. 1249)

**Ch. 544** - An Act Regarding the Sale of Dogs and Cats at Pet Shops. (S.P. 407, L.D. 1311)

**Ch. 545** - An Act Regarding the Determination of the Prevailing Wage Rate for Public Works Projects. (S.P. 430, L.D. 1386)

**Ch. 546** - An Act To Improve Oral Health and Access to Dental Care for Maine Children. (H.P. 1014, L.D. 1399)

**Ch. 547** - An Act To Provide for Court-appointed Advocates for Justice in Animal Cruelty Cases. (H.P. 1054, L.D. 1442)

**Ch. 548** - An Act To Establish a Fund for Portions of the Operations and Outreach Activities of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory. (H.P. 1111, L.D. 1518)

**Ch. 549** - An Act To Create a Victims' Compensation Fund for Victims of Property Crimes. (S.P. 487, L.D. 1550)

**Ch. 550** - An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Purchases Made by Nonprofit Youth Camps. (H.P. 1156, L.D. 1597)

**Ch. 551** - An Act To Exempt Purchases by Pet Food Pantries from Sales Tax. (S.P. 567, L.D. 1718)

**Ch. 552** - An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Certain Nonprofit Charitable Organizations. (H.P. 1288, L.D. 1808)

### Resolves

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**Ch. 108** - Resolve, Establishing a Task Force To Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System and Increased Crosswalks for Academic Credit between Secondary Schools and Career and Technical Education Programs. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 766, L.D. 1036)

**Ch. 109** - Resolve, Regarding African-American Student Data Analyses. (H.P. 1215, L.D. 1700)

**Ch. 110** - Resolve, To Increase Funding for Evidence-based Therapies for Treating Emotional and Behavioral Problems in Children. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1289, L.D. 1809)

**Ch. 111** - Resolve, Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services To Examine Options for Upper Payment Limit Adjustments for MaineCare Services. (H.P. 1309, L.D. 1838)

(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, JANUARY 17, 2020

**L.D. 2008, H.P. 1429**

An Act Making Technical Changes to the Maine Tax Laws. (Presented by Representative TIPPING of Orono)

**L.D. 2009, H.P. 1430**

An Act To Permit the Expansion of Municipal Membership of the Greater Portland Transit District. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport)

**L.D. 2010, H.P. 1431**

An Act To Update References Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative TIPPING of Orono)

**L.D. 2011, H.P. 1432**

An Act To Update Certain Provisions in the Income Tax and Service Provider Tax Laws. (Presented by Representative TIPPING of Orono)

**L.D. 2012, H.P. 1433**

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory. (Presented by Representative TIPPING of Orono)

**L.D. 2013, H.P. 1434**

An Act To Extend Arrearage Management Program Requirements for Transmission and Distribution Utilities for One Year. (Presented by Representative RILEY of Jay)

**L.D. 2014, H.P. 1435**

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine State Grant Program. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick)

**L.D. 2015, H.P. 1436**

An Act To Provide for Leave from Work for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking. (Presented by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick)

**L.D. 2016, H.P. 1437**

An Act Regarding School Discipline for Maine's Youngest Students. (Presented by Representative MORALES of South Portland)

**L.D. 2017, H.P. 1438**

An Act To Promote Renewable Energy Resources by Establishing an Energy-to-Gas Pilot Project. (Presented by Representative RILEY of Jay)

**L.D. 2018, H.P. 1439**

An Act To Require That Parking Lots for State Agencies Meet the Standards Set Forth in the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative RILEY of Jay)

**L.D. 2019, S.P. 709**

An Act To Extend to Other Public Sector Employees the Same Protections Provided to State Employees upon the Expiration of Contracts. (Presented by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

**L.D. 2020, S.P. 710**

An Act To Strengthen Maritime Education by Amending the Laws Governing the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering. (Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo)

**L.D. 2021, S.P. 711**

An Act To Provide Funding for Broadband Internet Infrastructure in Unserved and Underserved Areas. (Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo)

**L.D. 2022, S.P. 712**

An Act To Provide Funding for Capital Improvements and Equipment for Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions. (Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo)

**L.D. 2023, S.P. 713**

An Act Regarding the Experience Requirement for Auditors Working in the Office of the State Auditor Who Are Seeking Licensure as Certified Public Accountants. (Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo)

**L.D. 2024, S.P. 714**

An Act To Remove from the Calculation of the Cost of Education the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Teacher Plan Unfunded Actuarial Liability. (Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland)

**L.D. 2025, S.P. 715**

An Act To Authorize Emergency Medical Services Personnel To Provide Treatment within Their Scope of Practice in a Hospital Setting with the Permission of the Hospital. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

**L.D. 2026, S.P. 716**

An Act To Revise Certain Financial Regulatory Provisions of the Maine Insurance Code. (Presented by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland)

**L.D. 2027, S.P. 717**

An Act To Clarify Insurance Requirements under the Peer-to-peer Car Sharing Insurance Act. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland)

**L.D. 2028, S.P. 718**

An Act Regarding the Sale of Information by the Secretary of State. (Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York)

**L.D. 2029, S.P. 719**

An Act To Make March Maine Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. (Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

**L.D. 2030, S.P. 720**

An Act To Provide an Appeals Process for Administrative Suspensions of Provisional Driver's Licenses. (Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

**L.D. 2031, H.P. 1441**

An Act To Require a Cable System Operator To Provide a Pro Rata Credit When Service Is Cancelled by a Subscriber. (Presented by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham)

**L.D. 2032, H.P. 1442**

An Act To Reduce Financial Burdens on Small Water Utilities. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham)

**L.D. 2033, H.P. 1443**

An Act To Ensure Proper Closure of Oil Terminal Facilities. (Presented by Representative CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth)

**L.D. 2034, H.P. 1444**

An Act Concerning Name Changes for Minors. (Submitted by the Family Law Advisory Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 354, subsection 2.)

**L.D. 2035, H.P. 1445**

An Act To Modify Teacher Certification Expiration Dates for Teachers Who Use Family Medical Leave. (Presented by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta)

**L.D. 2036, H.P. 1446**

Resolve, To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission To Continue Studying and Recommend Funding Solutions for the State's Transportation Systems. (EMERGENCY) (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 97, section 7.)

**L.D. 2037, H.P. 1447**

An Act To Amend the Maine Criminal Code. (Submitted by the Criminal Law Advisory Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection 2.)

**L.D. 2038, H.P. 1449**

An Act To Ensure the Safety of State Employees by Allowing Disclosure of Certain Information in Limited Circumstances. (Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville)

**L.D. 2039, H.P. 1450**

An Act To Provide for Judicial Review in Compliance with the Federal Legislation Known as the Family First Prevention Services Act. (Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville)

**L.D. 2040, H.P. 1451**

An Act To Eliminate the Requirement That Municipalities Retain Paper Copies of Certain Vital Statistics Records. (Presented by Representative BAILEY of Saco)

**L.D. 2041, H.P. 1452**

An Act To Allow Access to and Ensure the Confidentiality of Records of Child Advocacy Centers. (Presented by Representative BAILEY of Saco)

**L.D. 2042, H.P. 1453**

Resolve, To Allow the Department of Public Safety To Transfer Certain Property to the LifeFlight Foundation. (Presented by Representative WARREN of Hallowell)

**L.D. 2043, H.P. 1454**

An Act To Reclassify Certain Offenses under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws and Motor Vehicle Laws and Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System. (Presented by Representative WARREN of Hallowell)

**L.D. 2044, H.P. 1455**

An Act To Increase the Death Benefit for Firefighters, Law Enforcement Officers and Emergency Medical Services Personnel. (Presented by Representative ACKLEY of Monmouth)

**L.D. 2045, H.P. 1456**

An Act Relating to the Valuation of Certain Retail Property. (Presented by Representative TIPPING of Orono)

**L.D. 2046, H.P. 1457**

An Act Regarding Immunizations. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative TIPPING of Orono)

**L.D. 2047, H.P. 1458**

An Act To Amend the State Tax Laws. (Presented by Representative TIPPING of Orono)

**L.D. 2048, H.P. 1459**

Resolve, Authorizing Certain Land Transactions by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands. (Presented by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop)

**L.D. 2049, S.P. 721**

An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program. (Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin)

**L.D. 2050, S.P. 723**

An Act To Establish the Central Aroostook County Emergency Medical Services Authority. (Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook)

**L.D. 2051, S.P. 724**

An Act To Amend the Qualifications for the State Nuclear Safety Inspector. (Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot)

**L.D. 2052, S.P. 725**

An Act To Enact Restrictions on Electronic Smoking Devices and New Tobacco Products. (Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland)

**L.D. 2053, S.P. 726**

An Act To Remove the Application of the Maine Background Check Center Act to Facilities That Provide Services to Children. (Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot)

**L.D. 2054, S.P. 727**

An Act To Consolidate Certain Reporting Requirements of the Department of Health and Human Services. (Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot)

**L.D. 2055, S.P. 728**

An Act To Require State Agencies To Use Renewable and Sustainable Energy and Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions. (Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin)

**L.D. 2056, H.P. 1460**

Resolve, To Create the Frequent Users System Engagement Collaborative. (Presented by Representative MORALES of South Portland)

**L.D. 2057, H.P. 1461**

An Act To Ensure an Efficient Contracting Process for the Department of Health and Human Services. (Presented by Representative HYMANSON of York)

**L.D. 2058, H.P. 1462**

An Act To Strengthen Protections for Incapacitated and Dependent Adults from Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation. (Presented by Representative HYMANSON of York)

**L.D. 2059, H.P. 1463**

An Act To Clarify the Provision for Care of Infants after Birth. (Presented by Representative HYMANSON of York)

**L.D. 2060, S.P. 730**

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide a New Dormitory Facility at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

**L.D. 2061, S.P. 731**

An Act Regarding the Transportation of Products in the Forest Products Industry. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

(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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