

Weekly **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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BILLS ENACTED

Public Laws

Signed by the Governor
Friday, June 7, 2019

Ch. 231 - An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Taxation of Marijuana. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1188, L.D. 1652)

Ch. 232 - An Act To Create a Minimum Age To Hold a Limited-purpose Aquaculture License. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 574, L.D. 1725)

Ch. 233 - An Act To Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1243, L.D. 1744)

Ch. 234 - An Act To Require Disclosure at the Sale or Transfer whether Methamphetamine Is Present or Has Been Removed from Real Estate. (H.P. 82, L.D. 96)

Ch. 235 - An Act To Improve Attendance at Public Elementary Schools. (S.P. 37, L.D. 150)

Ch. 236 - An Act To Update the Family Planning Statutes. (S.P. 159, L.D. 494)

Ch. 237 - An Act To Update the Criminal Animal Welfare Laws. (S.P. 322, L.D. 1090)

Ch. 238 - An Act To Protect Patients and the Prudent Layperson Standard. (H.P. 844, L.D. 1155)

Ch. 239 - An Act To Clarify the Oversight of the Family Development Account Program. (S.P. 379, L.D. 1217)

Ch. 240 - An Act To Simplify Municipal Collective Bargaining by Removing the 120-Day Notice Required Prior to Certain Negotiations. (H.P. 898, L.D. 1237)

Ch. 241 - An Act To Allow Funds from the Federal E-Rate Program To Be Applied to Maine Preschool Programs. (S.P. 382, L.D. 1262)

Ch. 242 - An Act To Create Transportation Corridor Districts for the Purpose of Funding Transportation and Transit Services. (S.P. 386, L.D. 1266)

Ch. 243 - An Act To Ensure Funding for Certain Essential Functions of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Pesticide Safety Education Program. (S.P. 393, L.D. 1273)

Ch. 244 - An Act To Establish Transparency in Primary Health Care Spending. (S.P. 421, L.D. 1353)

Ch. 245 - An Act To Ensure Nondiscriminatory Treatment of Public, Educational and Governmental Access Channels by Cable System Operators. (S.P. 426, L.D. 1371)

Ch. 246 - An Act Regarding the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. (H.P. 1024, L.D. 1411)

Ch. 247 - An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Penalties for Violations of the Freedom of Access Act. (H.P. 1027, L.D. 1414)

Ch. 248 - An Act To Expand Application of the Maine Agricultural Marketing and Bargaining Act of 1973 to Harvesters and Haulers of Forest Products. (S.P. 444, L.D. 1459)

Ch. 249 - An Act To Amend Maine Fireworks Laws To Include Flame Effects. (H.P. 1117, L.D. 1534)

Ch. 250 - An Act To Establish "Ballad of the 20th Maine" as the Official State Ballad. (H.P. 1124, L.D. 1541)

Ch. 251 - An Act To Require the Public Utilities Commission To Permit the Public Advocate To Access Certain Information Related to a Management Audit. (S.P. 494, L.D. 1559)

Ch. 252 - An Act To Amend and Clarify the Maine Uniform Securities Act and To Make a Technical Correction in the Law Concerning Financial Planners. (S.P. 566, L.D. 1712)

Became law without the Governor's Signature
Sunday, June 9, 2019

Ch. 253 - An Act To Limit the Number of Students and Prevent the Addition of Grade Levels at Virtual Public Charter Schools. (H.P. 370, L.D. 513)

Ch. 254 - An Act To Enhance Highway Safety by Strengthening the So-called Move Over Law. (S.P. 168, L.D. 546)

Ch. 255 - An Act Increasing Municipal Agent Fees for Motor Vehicle Registrations. (S.P. 272, L.D. 917)

Ch. 256 - An Act To Allow Maine Medical Marijuana Caregivers To Measure Cultivation Limits by Plant Canopy Size. (H.P. 878, L.D. 1218)

Ch. 257 - An Act To Create a System Using the Permit for Disposition of Human Remains To Track the Burial of Cremated Remains in a Public Cemetery. (H.P. 1086, L.D. 1484)

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Monday, June 10, 2019

Ch. 258 - An Act To Increase Electric Vehicles in Maine. (H.P. 442, L.D. 614)

Ch. 259 - An Act To Allow a Class III Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holder To Engage More Crew Members. (H.P. 497, L.D. 676)

Ch. 260 - An Act To Improve Tax Incentives for Broadband Service. (H.P. 628, L.D. 854)

Ch. 261 - An Act To Provide Career and Technical Training Options for Electricians. (H.P. 901, L.D. 1240)

Ch. 262 - An Act To Authorize Certain Health Care Professionals To Perform Abortions. (H.P. 922, L.D. 1261) (Governor's Bill)

Ch. 263 - An Act To Create a Limited Fish Stocking Permit. (H.P. 1141, L.D. 1579)

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Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Ch. 264 - An Act To Increase Funding To Contain and Manage the Spread of Invasive Aquatic Species. (H.P. 198, L.D. 235)

Ch. 265 - An Act To Establish the Right To Practice Complementary and Alternative Health Care Act. (S.P. 104, L.D. 364)

Ch. 266 - An Act To Protect the Integrity of the MaineCare Program. (H.P. 443, L.D. 615)

Ch. 267 - An Act To Strengthen Maine's Endangered Species Laws. (H.P. 518, L.D. 713)

Ch. 268 - An Act To Adopt Eastern Daylight Time Year-round. (H.P. 659, L.D. 885)

Ch. 269 - An Act To Allow Acupuncture Detoxification Specialists To Administer an Auricular Acupuncture Treatment for Substance Use and Co-occurring Disorders. (H.P. 809, L.D. 1105)

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Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Ch. 270 - An Act To Require That Hospital Liens Be Satisfied on a Just and Equitable Basis. (H.P. 822, L.D. 1133)

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Ch. 271 - An Act To Enact the Maine Death with Dignity Act. (H.P. 948, L.D. 1313)

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Thursday, June 13, 2019

Ch. 272 - An Act Concerning Spousal Support. (S.P. 144, L.D. 479)

Ch. 273 - An Act Regarding the Process for Obtaining Prior Authorization for Health Insurance Purposes. (S.P. 218, L.D. 705)

Ch. 274 - An Act To Prevent Discrimination in Public and Private Insurance Coverage for Pregnant Women in Maine. (H.P. 594, L.D. 820)

Ch. 275 - An Act To Reduce Youth Cancer Risk. (H.P. 940, L.D. 1297)

Ch. 276 - An Act To Provide for Consistency Regarding Persons Authorized To Conduct Examinations for Involuntary Hospitalization and Guardianship. (S.P. 420, L.D. 1352)

Ch. 277 - An Act To Protect the Environment and Public Health by Further Reducing Toxic Chemicals in Packaging. (H.P. 1043, L.D. 1433)

Ch. 278 - An Act To Authorize Project Labor Agreements for Public Works Projects. (S.P. 499, L.D. 1564)

Ch. 279 - An Act To Exempt Auctioneers from Certain Record-keeping Requirements. (S.P. 530, L.D. 1640)

Ch. 280 - An Act To Place Funds for the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program into a Trust. (S.P. 541, L.D. 1664)

Ch. 281 - An Act To Authorize Common Consumption Area Licenses for the Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages within Designated Entertainment Districts. (S.P. 551, L.D. 1680)

Ch. 282 - An Act To Create a Postsecondary Educational Institution Sampling License. (S.P. 576, L.D. 1734)

Ch. 283 - An Act To Align the Harness Racing Laws with Current Policies. (H.P. 1230, L.D. 1728)

Ch. 284 - An Act To Amend and Clarify the Laws Concerning American Sign Language Interpreters. (H.P. 1246, L.D. 1751)

Ch. 285 - An Act To Amend the Geologist and Soil Scientist Licensing Laws. (H.P. 1249, L.D. 1754)

Ch. 286 - An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Department of Environmental Protection Regarding the State's Mercury-added Lamp Law. (H.P. 1194, L.D. 1668)

Ch. 287 - An Act To Update the Licensing Laws for Occupational Therapy Practice. (H.P. 1227, L.D. 1716)

Ch. 288 - An Act To Clarify Recounts in Municipal Elections. (H.P. 1078, L.D. 1476)

Ch. 289 - An Act Regarding Telehealth. (S.P. 383, L.D. 1263)

Ch. 290 - An Act To Strengthen Supports for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism in Crisis. (H.P. 1088, L.D. 1486)

Ch. 291 - An Act To Implement Changes to Maine's Solid Waste Laws Pursuant to a Review of the State Waste Management and Recycling Plan. (H.P. 94, L.D. 112)

Ch. 292 - An Act To Require Recovery Residences for Persons with Substance Use Disorder Be Equipped with Naloxone and To Exempt from Criminal Liability Persons Administering Naloxone. (H.P. 227, L.D. 303)

Ch. 293 - An Act To Encourage Public Participation in School Board Meetings. (H.P. 526, L.D. 721)

Ch. 294 - An Act To Prohibit Offshore Oil and Natural Gas Drilling and Exploration. (H.P. 710, L.D. 955)

Ch. 295 - An Act To Provide Protections for Maine Patients Facing Step Therapy. (H.P. 751, L.D. 1009)

Ch. 296 - An Act To Increase Transparency with Regard to Pawnshops. (H.P. 933, L.D. 1290)

Ch. 297 - An Act To Protect Teachers from Unfair Evaluations. (H.P. 966, L.D. 1338)

Private and Special Laws

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Friday, June 7, 2019

Ch. 9 - An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2020. (H.P. 863, L.D. 1189)

Resolves

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Friday, June 7, 2019

Ch. 58 - Resolve, To Continue until August 3, 2019 Limited-period Positions Expiring in June 2019. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1310, L.D. 1840) (Governor's Bill)

Ch. 59 - Resolve, To Examine Issues Relating to the School Transportation Workforce. (S.P. 531, L.D. 1641)

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Sunday, June 9, 2019

Ch. 60 - Resolve, Concerning the Adoption of Rules To Carry Out the Purpose of the Bridging Rental Assistance Program. (H.P. 441, L.D. 613)

Ch. 61 - Resolve, To Require Professional Licensure for Home Inspectors. (H.P. 492, L.D. 671)

Ch. 62 - Resolve, To Direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services To Conduct a Surplus Property Inventory. (H.P. 1008, L.D. 1394)

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Monday, June 10, 2019

Ch. 63 - Resolve, To Improve Maine's Response to Childhood Trauma. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 851, L.D. 1168)

Ch. 64 - Resolve, To Coordinate a Plan To Expand Cellular Telephone Service. (S.P. 509, L.D. 1603)

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Ch. 65 - 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) (H.P. 925, L.D. 1283)

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Thursday, June 13, 2019

Ch. 66 - Resolve, To Improve Access to Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services for Children from Birth to 8 Years of Age. (S.P. 524, L.D. 1635)

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Thursday, June 6, 2019

Ch. 67 - Resolve, To Clarify the Good Cause and Sanction Process in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment Programs. (H.P. 908, L.D. 1247)

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Thursday, June 13, 2019

Ch. 68 - Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory. (H.P. 1237, L.D. 1739)

(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, JUNE 14, 2019**L.D. 1841, S.P. 625**

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Create a Working Group To Study Barriers to Credentialing. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business pursuant to Joint Order 2019, S.P. 435.)

L.D. 1842, S.P. 627

An Act Relating to the Computation of Benefits for Correctional Officers in the 1998 Special Retirement Plan. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing pursuant to Joint Order 2019, S.P. 584.)

(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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