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A	Appropriations and Allocations
B	Reclassifications
C	GPA - Provides FY 16 GPA allocation.
D	Repeals the excise tax on telecommunications equipment and repeals the telecommunications equipment exemption from local property taxation.
E	Removes the full exemption from property taxation on properties owned by certain nonprofit organizations with an assessed value in excess of \$500,000 and reduces the exemption to 50% on the portion of the value in excess of \$500,000.
F	Amends the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption to restrict the exemption to residents 65 or older and to increase the exemption from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for property tax years beginning on or after April 1, 2015.
G	Phases out and eliminates the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement program as of April 1, 2015 and transitions to BETE.
H	Extends the current sales tax rate through December 31, 2015, sets new rates effective January 1, 2016 and extends the sales tax to various new services.
I	Amends the service provider tax in order to increase the rate effective January 1, 2016 and expands the tax to certain services.
J	Eliminates the Maine estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2017. The exclusion amount for estates of decedents dying in calendar year 2016 is increased from \$2 million to \$5.5 million, the amount estimated to be the federal exclusion amount for the estates of 2016 decedents.
K	Phases in rate reductions for individual and corporate taxes.
L	Fixes state-municipal revenue sharing to \$62.5M in FY16 and repeals state-municipal revenue sharing July 30, 2016.
M	Adjusts LD1 spending limitation calculation and GF cascade.
N	Additional MGFA Borrowing of \$112M for the state's capital needs
O	Caps amount of real estate transfer tax transferred to Maine State Housing Authority, transfers to GF, amounts of \$6,291,740 in FY16 and \$6,090,367 in FY17.
P	Verifies that funding is continued for individual tax expenditures
Q	Recognizes an increase in the attrition rate from 1.6% to 3.0% for the executive and judicial branches only for the 2016-2017 biennium. The section reflects the value of the incremental savings.
R	Lease purchase authorization - Central Fleet Vehicles
S	Lease purchase authorization, State Police, Department of Public Safety
T	Continuation of the Voluntary Employee Incentive Program for the 2016-2017 Biennium
U	One-time Transfer from GF unappropriated surplus to Fund for Efficient Delivery- Local and Regional Services of \$5M in each fiscal year of the 2016-2017 biennium
V	Removes positions from list of major policy influencing positions in the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Conservation (ACF)
W	Removes Director of the Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning in ACF
X	Repeal surcharge on petfood gradually over the 2016-2017 biennium in ACF
Y	Creates the Bureau of Conservation, reduces number of bureaus from 4 to 3 in ACF
Z	Increase fee paid to municipal fire wardens from \$100 to \$400- ACF
AA	Expands the Forest Ranger duties with respect to detecting and monitoring conditions potentially injurious to the health of the forest resources of the state. All law enforcement duties are reassigned to Natural Resources Law Enforcement officers within ACF.
BB	Modifications to forest management program requirements in Tree Growth- ACF

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CC	Adjusts the number of foresters from 16 to 10- ACF
DD	Eliminates training exemption for representatives of the Bureau of Forestry- ACF
EE	Repeals prohibition on purchase of firearms- ACF
FF	Carrying balances, Division of Forestry to be used for overhaul of existing helicopters- ACF
GG	Rename various ACF programs- ACF
HH	Adjusts responsibility from the Attorney General's office to the Dept. Health and Human Services for Assault Panel
II	Allow transfers from all line categories between accounts to fund overtime expenses in the Department of Corrections (COS)
JJ	Allows PS balances to carry to for Capital Expenditures in the following year (COS)
KK	Authorizes position transfers between July 1 and December 1 (COS)
LL	Authorizes transfers of the all other line category upon approval of the Governor for food, fuel and utilities (COS)
MM	Provides a \$350k working capital advance from GF unappropriated surplus for the Maine Emergency Agency
NN	One-time transfer to GF unappropriated surplus of \$1,537,761 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the Office of Innovation program, Maine Technology Institute, Department of Economic and Community Development
OO	Reorganizes positions in the Commissioners office in the Department of Education (EDU)
PP	Lease purchase authorization for Maine Learning Technology Initiative-EDU
QQ	One-time transfer from GF unappropriated surplus of \$5M in each year of the biennium to the Fund for Efficient Delivery of Educational Service- EDU
RR	Rename PK 20, Adult Education and Federal Program Team to Learning Systems Team program- EDU
SS	Standardizes licensing fees for adult and childrens residential treatment centers, children's residential facilities and licensed mental health services.
TT	Reduces income limits to federal minimums required in the Medicare savings program
UU	Asset test of no more than \$50,000 per person or \$75,000 per couple in eligibility determinations for the DEL program
VV	DHHS emergency rulemaking authority
WW	Carrying language for the Consumer Directed Services program and Bridging Rental Assistance programs
XX	Establishes new program, Bridging Rental Assistance
YY	Authorizes transfers from supplemental security program to the DHHS Department wide account
ZZ	Repeals food supplement, supplemental security and TANF for legal non-citizens
AAA	Authorizes transfer of funds Developmental Community Services to Consumer Outreach
BBB	Changes disability determination cut-off from 45 days to 90 days
CCC	Authorizes transfer funds between the General Fund accounts of the MaineCare related appropriations for the 2016-2017 biennium
DDD	Eliminates General Assistance to non-citizens
EEE	Authorizes transfer of dedicated family assistance funds to Developmental Services- Community program
FFF	Authorizes transfer of funds from the Nursing facilities program to the Money Follows the Person program
GGG	This part authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer appropriations between the programs within the Office of Child and Family Services related to the child welfare program.

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HHH	Authorizes a reimbursement rate change to critical access hospitals from 109% to 101%
III	Changes the salary of one Deputy Commissioner in the Department of Health and Human Services from range 38 to range 90.
JJJ	Authorizes transfer of personal services appropriations for MaineCare cycle payments and transfers to fund a electronic medical records systems in the state psychiatric hospitals.
KKK	Technical correction to the state valuation amount recorded in state reimbursement to municipalities for municipal general assistance, changes the method of reimbursement methodology and requires monthly reporting for any municipality expected to receive more than \$10,000 in the current fiscal year.
LLL	Transfers funds from IF&W Carrying account balances to purchase replacement aircraft in fiscal year 2015-16.
MMM	Transfers funds from IF&W Carrying account balances to purchase replacement aircraft engines in each fiscal year
NNN	Change authorizes transfer of exactly 5% of funds from the Lifetime License program to a transfer up to 5% of funds from the Lifetime License program
OOO	Delays increase IF&W appropriations by 18% over requested amounts - Fiscal Stability
PPP	Raises the per diem compensation for active retired judges from \$300/day to \$500/day. It fixes the per diem compensation for active retired family law magistrates at 75% of the per diem compensation paid to active retired judges. It also provides for the same limitations on compensation and benefits as exists for other retired state employees who retire and return to work under 5 MRSA, section 17859.
QQQ	Makes the mileage rate paid to jurors pursuant to Title 5 section 8 begin in FY2017 and increases the daily rate paid to jurors from \$10 per day to \$15 per day.
RRR	Eliminates the municipality of Madawaska as a place to hold district court.
SSS	Authorizes a range change for the Administrator, Office of Securities from range 88 to range 90 in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation.
TTT	Transfers Criminal History Record Check program from the Department of Education to Public Safety
UUU	Authorizes the Archives program to carry for the 2016-2017 biennium
VVV	Transfers from GF unappropriated surplus for the Callahan Mine, \$900,000 in fiscal year 2015-16, and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2016-17
WWW	This removes the media and public information officer in the Department of Corrections. This position is proposed to be eliminated effective in fiscal year 2015-16.
XXX	Continues limited period positions set to expire June 2015 through August 1, 2015