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ABBREVIATIONS

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						(Summaries may not reflect content of most recent committee action)	ACTION	ACTION	FY24	FY25
191	289	2/14			An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Business Equipment Tax Benefits	This bill excludes from eligibility for the BETE and BETR a person that, based on 3rd-party certifications, bans, boycotts or otherwise restricts or prevents the sale or distribution of any product that is legally produced, harvested or grown in the Maine. Current law: BETR: 1. Eligible business property 1st placed in service after 4/1/95 and on or before 4/1/05. 2. Certain retail sales facility property placed in service after 4/1/95 BETE: 1. Eligible property 1st placed in service on or after 4/1/05 MRS has administrative and Constitutional concerns. 1. "3rd party certification" needs to be clarified. 2. Constitutional "Commerce Clause" concerns		CO-T		
			1/11/24				OTP/ ONTP			

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457	2184			Chipman		This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill would amend Maine's tax laws.	COR	СО-Т		
		2/20								
499	1756			Chipman	An Act to Amend Maine's Tax Laws	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill would amend Maine's tax laws.	COR	СО-Т		
		1/30	2/13			Sponsor presented proposed amendment at PH 1/30/24 Bill provides that employer with more than 20 employees must, in accordance with rules to be adopted, offer to those employees a pretax commuter benefit not to exceed \$300 per month MRS needed time to review and indicate its concerns.				
633	445			Madigan	Revenue from Alcohol Tax to Alcohol Use Disorder Treatment	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill would dedicate a portion of the revenue from the taxes imposed on alcohol to funding for alcohol use disorder treatment programs.	COR	СО-Т		
643	1665	3/28	4/6 4/19	Terry		This bill increases the research expense tax credit by: 1. increasing the amount of expenditures eligible for the credit, 2. doubling the rate by which the credit is calculated from 5% to 10% of the excess of qualified research expenses over the base	4/6 not taken up 4/19/2023 tabled	СО-Т	Admin costs: M Revenue loss(annua	estimates arginal, absorbed 1) \$7.5 million e of revenue loss of

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						recent committee action)				
						amount and from 7.5% to 15% of the base				
						research payments under the IRC,	COR		FY 25 \$3,240,00	0
						3. <u>doubling the maximum amount of the</u>				
						credit that may be claimed from 100% of				
						the corporation's first \$25,000 tax due to				
						the first \$50,000 of tax due and 75% of the amount over \$50,000 and				
						4. halving the base amount used to determine				
						the credit from 100% to 50% of the				
						average amount per year spent by the				
						taxpayer on qualified research expenses				
						over the previous 3 years.				
						Unused credit that exceeds the tax due for the year				
						may be carried over for up to 15 years.				
						MRS notes:				
						1. Bill does not have application date				
						2. Benefits highly concentrated on small				
						number of large corps				
						3. Consider 3/11/22 OPEGA report.				
	-		1/24			Bill needs to be coordinated with technical change	tabled			
			2/14			made in PL 2023, c. 360, §B-11	taoicu			
			2/14			Bill needs application date (1/1/24TYs?)				
						Bill needs approached and (1/1/2/1715.)				
803	1817			Perry J	An Act Regarding	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule		CO-T		
					Taxation	208.	COR			
						This bill would make changes to the laws governing				
						<u>taxation</u> .				
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916	2374			O'Neil	An Act to Establish a	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule		CO-T		
						208.				
					Electric Utilities to Assist		COR			
						This bill proposes to establish a windfall profits tax				
					Costs	on electric utilities and dedicate the revenue from				

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						this tax to a fund to provide assistance with heating costs to the residents of this State.				
							LVWD			
996	2326			Gramlich		This bill allows a municipality to impose a seasonal or year-round local option sales tax on the sale of any goods or services allowed to be taxed at the statewide level by vote of the legislative body of the municipality or by municipal referendum.	COR	СО-Т		
1010	370			Terry	An Act to Provide Tax Relief for Working Families	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to provide tax relief to working families by reforming the imposition of the service provider tax, especially on nonprofit organizations, schools, religious institutions and hospitals, and by adjusting the income tax brackets to make them fairer.	COR	СО-Т		
				-			LVWD			
1027	762			Perkins	An Act to Prohibit Local Sales Taxes	This bill prohibits a municipality from imposing a local sales tax that is not authorized by Title 36, chapter 213 (Sales Tax).	COR	СО-Т		
		1/9/24	1/16/24			2d Reg: Maine Revenue Services raises Constitutional and technical issues. Article IX, §9 of the Maine Constitution provides: The Legislature shall never, in any manner, suspend or surrender the power of taxation."	ONTP			
1075	800	4/13	4/20	Daughtry	An Act to Promote Economic Growth Through Increased Film Incentives	This bill makes <u>multiple changes to the tax credits</u> and reimbursement available to visual media <u>production companies operating in the State</u> . The bill:	tabled COR	СО-Т		

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						 makes the available tax credits refundable and transferable, increases the credits for certain expenses incurred in Maine and for hiring residents of Maine and offers additional credits for visual media productions that are located in certain Maine counties, are set in Maine or have a lead cast member, writer or director who is a Maine resident. reduces the total expenditures needed to qualify for the credits, extends the time period for visual media production companies to certify with the DECD and sets a \$500,000 limit on the total value of the tax credits that increases to \$1,000,000 after January 1, 2027. bill makes other changes necessary for these provisions. 				
		2/6/24	2/20							
1153	1513	4/5	4/12		An Act to Allow Municipalities to Tax Personal Solar Energy Equipment Under 5 Megawatts	Current law provides a property tax exemption for solar and wind energy equipment that generates heat or electricity IF: 1. all of the energy is used on the site where the property is located, or 2. the energy is transmitted through the facilities of a transmission and distribution utility, and a utility customer or customers receive a utility bill credit for the energy generated by the equipment. This bill removes wind energy equipment from the exemption.	tabled COR	CO-T		

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			1/11/04			recent committee action)	. 11 1			
			1/11/24 1/23/24			Tabled at WS on 1/23/24. Related to another bill???	tabled			
			2/7/24			<u> </u>				
			2/14/24							
1184	312	4/26		Jackson	An Act to Exempt Certain	Current law:	COR	CO-T		
					Prescribed Home Medical	STE for prosthetic and orthotic devices prescribed				
					Supplies from Sales Tax	by a health care practitioner; crutches and wheel				
						chairs for sick, injured or disabled persons.				
						This bill provides a sales tax exemption for medical				
						equipment and supplies prescribed by a health care				
						provider for medical purposes when payment is				
						made by an insurance company or				
						Medicare/Medicaid.				
			1/31			Ouestion: Is definition needed for "medical	1/31			
			2/27			equipment and supplies?"	tabled			
			2,2,			equipment and supplies.	tablea			
						MRS indicates need for several clarifications.				
1222	784	4/11	5/2	Stewart		This bill repeals the section of law governing the	COR	CO-T	MRS	estimates
						former employer-assisted day care income tax credit, which by its own terms, since 2015 has not			Admin costs	\$33,000
						appled to tax years beginning on or after January 1,			rumm costs	One time
						2016.				
									Revenue loss (annua	1) \$5,000,000
						The bill <u>creates a new refundable tax credit for an</u>				
						employer that pays or provides in-kind resources to build or subsidize child care for the children of its				
						employees. or				
						Contracts for the provision of child care services for				
						its employees				
						The amount of the annual <u>credit is the lesser of</u> :				
						1. 50% of the amount expended by the				
						employer or 2. \$3,000 per child				
						2. \$5,000 per ennu				
						MRS has technical concerns				

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			1/31 2/15				1/31 tabled			
1231	1161	5/3	5/17 5/31		in Income Taxes to Maine Families by Adjusting the Tax Brackets	CONCEPT DRAFT: This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill would change the income tax brackets for imposition of the individual Maine income tax but retain the same tax rates.	COR	СО-Т		
			1/25 2/14			1/25/24 WS scheduled; not taken up	not taken up			
1298					Option Sales Tax on Short-term Lodging to Fund Affordable Housing	This bill allows a municipality to impose a local option sales tax of 1% on short-term lodging that is subject to the state sales and use tax if approved by referendum of the voters in that municipality. The revenue from the local option sales tax must be distributed to the municipality imposing the local option sales tax. The distributed revenue must be used in municipal programs that support affordable housing development in that municipality, including rental assistance for lower income households or moderate income households. Revenue received by a municipality may not be used to reduce or eliminate funding otherwise due the municipality under other provisions of law. The local option sales tax may not take effect before July 1, 2024.		CO-T		
		2/13/24	2/27/24	1						
1335	1376	4/12	4/27 5/25 6/1	2	An Act to Amend the Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens Law	This bill; 1. provides that <u>eligible individuals who are</u> <u>married to each other may not receive property</u> <u>tax stabilization for more than one homestead</u> ,	COR	СО-Т		

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						2. allows homesteads held in trust to qualify for stabilization and 3. requires each application after the application upon which the stabilization was originally based to contain information indicating any additions or improvements that have been made to the eligible homestead since the previous application. MRS has technical concerns. PL 2023, c. 412, Part S addressed the stabilization program: 1. Stabilization program ends after 2023 tax year. 2. Expands property tax fairness credit (PTFC) by increasing benefit base to persons aged 65+for persons age 65+. 3. Doubles the income and liquid asset thresholds for state deferral program persons age 65+ to be able to defer property taxes Income from \$40,000 to \$80,000 Liquid assets from \$50,000 to \$100,000 or joint filer \$75,000 to \$150,000.				
			1/11/24				ONTP			
1337	1529	4/13	4/20		Corporation That Files a Tax Return in the State to File a Tax Disclosure Statement	This bill requires a corporation (includes a domestic corporation, a foreign corporation and a financial institution that files a tax return with the State) to file a tax disclosure statement with the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services. (Does Not include a "qualified personal service corporation as defined by the IRC) The bill requires MRS to: adopt major substantive rules for the procedures to provide public access to the tax	COR	CO-T		

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						disclosure statements at least 3 calendar years following the tax year of the filing and to adopt major substantive rules for oversight and penalties for failing to file or filing an inaccurate tax disclosure statement.				
						The bill permits a corporation that files a tax disclosure statement to submit supplemental information that could facilitate proper interpretation of the information included in the tax disclosure statement.				
						It requires a corporation that files an amended tax return or with a tax liability that is changed as the result of an uncontested audit adjustment or final determination by the bureau, the Maine Board of Tax Appeals or Superior Court to file a revised tax disclosure statement within 60 calendar days of filing the amended return or the final determination.				
						It requires the bureau to make the tax disclosure statement available to the public on an ongoing basis in the form of a searchable database accessible through the Internet.				
						It requires the chief operating officer of a corporation to attest in writing to the accuracy of the tax disclosure statement.	;			
						It requires the bureau to audit a corporation's tax disclosure.				
						It requires the bureau to publish the name of and penalty imposed upon a corporation subject to a penalty for failing to file or filing an inaccurate tax disclosure statement.				
			1/30 2/22	_		1/30/24/ Sponsor submitted amendment.	tabled			

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1345	812	4/12	4/27 5/25 6/1 6/7	Moriarty		This bill permits municipalities to establish a program by ordinance for seniors that provides for: 1. partial stabilization of property taxes 2. accompanied by deferral of the amount of taxes due in excess of the stabilized amount. Residents of a municipality that participate in the State's property tax deferral or stabilization programs may not participate in a municipal program. MRS has technical concerns.	Tabled 6/1 tabled table carry over	CO-T		
			1/11/24			2d Regular: Sponsor has proposed amendment Technical changes and changes to address MRS comments.	OTPA/ ONTP			
1405	1636	4/26	5/31	Boyer	Adult Use Cannabis Excise Tax Is Calculated	Beginning January 1, 2024, this bill changes the basis for the calculation of the adult use cannabis excise tax on cannabis flower from the weight of product sold to the average market rate of cannabis flower sold. The average market rate would be determined annually by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. The bill also decreases the excise tax on cannabis trim from \$94 per pound to \$25 per pound.	ОТРА	CO-T		
			1/25				OTPA/ ONTP/ OTPA			
1454	1717			Chipman	from the Real Estate	This bill changes the distribution of revenue from the real estate transfer tax on property transfers by deeds to provide that beginning in fiscal year 2023- 24 revenue received by the State would be	COR	CO-T		

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						distributed entirely to the Maine State Housing Authority for deposit in the Housing Opportunities				
						for Maine Fund after the transfer of funds identified				
						to be used by the Maine State Housing Authority for				
						deposit in the Maine Energy, Housing and				
						Economic Recovery Fund to meet the authority's				
						obligations relating to bonds issued or planned to be issued by the authority for the Maine Energy,				
						Housing and Economic Recovery Program. For				
						fiscal years 2025-26 to 2030-31, as long as the				
						revenue to the Maine State Housing Authority does				
						not fall below the level of available revenues of				
						fiscal year 2021-22, 50% of the remaining funds received in the Housing Opportunities for Maine				
						Fund must be used to support the creation of new				
						housing units that are affordable to low income				
						households.				
		1/25	1/30	_			ONTP/			
		1/23	1/30				OTPA			
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1538	142	5/10	5/17		An Act to Provide Tax	This bill requires	COR	CO-T	MRS	estimates
					Benefits to Persons	1. reimbursement by the State to the taxpayer			A 1	:11 : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
					Constructing Accessory Dwelling Units	for up to 10 years 2. to an owner of single family or multifamily				fill require significant State resources.
					Dwelling Ollits	residence			amount of k	state resources.
						3. of a percentage of property taxes paid due				
						to an increase in the taxes (on value				
						increase due to construction of ADU up to				
						\$200,000) 4. ADU (accessory dwelling unit) defined as				
						an attached or detached dwelling unit on				
						the same lot or parcel as an existing or				
						proposed single-family or multifamily				
						residence that allows for independent living for one or more persons and contains				
						kitchen and bathroom facilities and				
						sleeping accommodations.				

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						The percentage of reimbursement is 100% of the increase in PT in the first 5 years declining scale to 5% in the 10 th year. MRS has identified several areas in the bill where clarification is needed.				
			1/11/24	1			ONTP			
1648	1490	5/17			An Act to Make Changes to the Farm and Open Space Tax Law	This bill establishes a new method for the valuation of land under the farm and open space tax law. It extends eligibility for a reduced valuation to land managed under a carbon conservation management plan, which is a written agreement between the landowner and DACF that describes strategies to be used on a parcel of land at least 10 acres in size to increase carbon storage or improve carbon conservation. It removes the requirement that wildlife habitat land meet specific criteria to be eligible for a reduced valuation, such as being designated by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as supporting important wildlife habitat or identified by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry as supporting a natural vegetation community. Instead, such land is eligible for a reduced valuation if the landowner establishes and complies with a written management agreement between the landowner and either the DIFW or DACF to ensure that the habitat benefits provided by the land are not lost. This bill establishes specific criteria for management plans, including requiring them to contain specific strategies for compliance, be sworn to and complied with by the landowner and renewed at least once every 10 years.		CO-T		

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						This bill requires the State Tax Assessor to				
						reimburse municipalities for revenue lost as a result				
						of being enrolled under the farm and open space tax				
						law in a amount equal to the reduction in valuation multiplied by "tax burden" in the tax jurisdiction."				
						inutiplied by tax builden in the tax jurisdiction.				
						This bill also removes the provision limiting to no				
						more than 15,000 acres the amount of land that may				
						be enrolled by a landowner under the farm and open				
						space tax law.				
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			1/23			At WS on 1/23/24 indicating that the nature of	OTPA/			
			2/7			the bill was changing and that Interested parties	ONTP			
						trying to gather more information				
1685	1518	5/11	5/24	Matlack	An Act to Increase	This bill amends the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law	COR	CO-T		
1005	1310	3/11	3/21		Acreage Eligibility and	by:	Con	001		
					Change Requirements for					
					Filing Plans Under the	1. <u>increasing the acreage eligibility requirement</u>				
					Maine Tree Growth Tax	from 10 to 25 acres of forested land beginning				
					Law	April 1, 2025.				
						2. Authorizing municipal assessors and the State				
						Tax Assessor to retain copies of required forest management and harvest plans and with				
						assistance from the Director of the Bureau of				
						Forestry within the Department of Agriculture,				
						Conservation and Forestry to determine the				
						sufficiency of a plan to meet the requirements				
						of the law. Forest management and harvest				
						plans retained by a municipal assessor or the				
						State Tax Assessor are confidential and not				
						public records.				
						MRS has technical concerns.				
			1/23				ONTP			

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1737	2103	5/17	5/24 5/25 5/31	Hymes	An Act to Provide up to \$5,000 in Property Tax Relief to Veterans	Current law provides 1. up to a \$6,000 exemption in just value for veterans who are at least 62 years of age and who served during a federally recognized war period or veterans who were disabled during active military service; and 2. up to \$50,000 for paraplegic veteran receiving veterans benefit for special accessible housing. This bill provides a complete exemption from property taxes for eligible veterans, except that the dollar amount of the reduction in taxes due because of the exemption is limited to \$5,000 or the amount of taxes actually due for that property tax year, whichever amount is less. Sponsor description of proposed amendment: 1. Veterans age 62+ will still have wartime provision, not dishonorably discharged and served at least 10 years (working on amount of exemption) 2. Veterans under age 62 would be eligible if disabled. Amount of exemption would be based on % disability perhaps declining from \$50,000 to \$5,000 as % of disability declines to 60% 3. Maximum exemption of total \$5,000 off of total property tax assessed on estate MRS has constitutional and administrative concerns (Details may need to be worked out. Sponsor working on basing exemption on valuation, rather than amount of taxes paid.		CO-T		
			1/11/24				Tabled			
			1/23/24				OTPA/			
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1774	1077	5/9	5/24	Arata	Emergency Distributions and Emergency Savings	This bill provides for an IT deduction of the following amounts from FAGI for purposes of calculating MAGI gross income (subtraction modification): 1. An amount constituting an emergency personal expense distribution from an eligible retirement plan allowed under the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, Public Law 117-328, Division T, Section 115; and 2. Any capital gains, dividends or interest earned in pension-linked emergency savings accounts described under the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, Public Law 117-328, Division T, Section 127. Sponsor provided text of relevent federal laws with her testimony	COR	CO-T		
			1/25/24	1			ONTP			
1804	898	5/11	5/16	Bennett	An Act to Provide Transparency and Accountability for Corporate Tax Expenditures	This bill expands info required to be reported in annual reports by the Commissioner of DECD and STA regarding several tax expenditures 1. Commissioner of DECD to TAX and IDEAB on Pine Tree Development Zones (PTDZ) and 2. STA or local assessor? to TAX and IDEAB to on BETE 3. Commissioner of DECD to TAX on info related to employment tax increment financing (ETIF)	COR	СО-Т		S estimates 26,000 to \$300,000 Revenue neutral

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						4. <u>STA to TAX on</u> BETR				
						5. STA to TAX on shipbuilding facility credits				
						Reports required under <u>CURRENT LAW</u> : <u>PTDZ</u> : 6/1 annually Commissioner DECD report to TAX and IDEAB specified info. Pursuant to PL 2023, c. 412 Part J, PTDZ program is being replaced by Dirigo Business Incentive Program (contains report by STA to DECD and TAX and IDEAB Committees.				
						<u>BETE:</u> Current law reporting requirement not found. <u>OPEGA BETR/BETE TER report</u> issued Feb. 2020.				
						ETIF: Pursuant to PL 2023, c. 412,Part J entry into ETIF ends 12/1/24. Benefits are available for 10 years after entry (12/2034. Reporting requirement not found. OPEGA ETIF TER report issued Jan. 2019.				
						BETR: STA Reporting requirement repealed in 2017 in MRS bill. OPEGA BETR/BETE TER report issued Feb. 2020.				
						Shipbuilding Credit: STA reports to TAX biennially employment levels and qualified investment.				
			1/30/2- 2/14/2-			Sponsor submitted proposal for amendment in 1/11/24 1. Add Dirigo Business Incentive Program 2. Add application date and timing of annual reports 3. Update Shipbuilding language	tabled for sponsor to bring info to TAX?			

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						4. Include confidentiality exception provisions				
						Maine Revenue Services identifies several administrative concerns and need for statutory changes.				
1810	1684	5/9		Terry		This bill amends the IT credit for historic properties by 1. Increasing the tax credit from 25% to 30% of the certified qualified rehabilitation expenditures of a taxpayer for a certified historic structure if the taxpayer does not claim a credit under IRC, Section 47; 2. Increasing the allowable certified qualified rehabilitation expenditures of a taxpayer from a maximum of \$250,000 to a maximum of \$1,000,000 for a certified historic structure if the taxpayer does not claim a credit under the IRC, Section 47; 3. Increasing the increased tax credit for a certified affordable housing project from 30% to 35% of certified qualified rehabilitation expenditures for which a credit is claimed under the Code, Section 47; and 4. Increasing the increased tax credit for a certified affordable housing project from 30% to 45% of certified qualified rehabilitation expenditures if the taxpayer does not claim a credit under the Code, Section 47. 5. The bill establishes a credit for rehabilitation and weatherization of historic homes equal to 25% of the qualified exterior rehabilitation expenditures of a taxpayer who incurs at least \$5,000 and not more than \$62,500 in		CO-T	Adn \$3 Rever	estimates nin costs 33,000 nue impact et available

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						expenditures for a certified historic home. It also provides for an increased credit of 30% of expenditures up to \$75,000 under certain circumstances. It requires the Director of Maine Historic Rehabilitation Commission to determine eligibility. 6. The bill adds the credit for rehabilitation and weatherization of historic homes to the biennial report that the Maine Historic Preservation Commission provides to the Legislature				
			1/24/2 ² 2/14/2 ²			Proposed amendment provided by Maine Preservation (Tara Kelly) 5/9/23 testimony (red/black type) MRS identifies many administrative concerns Needs application date Sec. 6 of bill inconsistency Clarification of year credit may first be claimed (placed in service) Other technical changes for credit to be administrable.	tabled			
						NG recommendations 1. Technicalities need to be addressed 2. Meet with MRS RE: technicalities 3. Address OPEGA report recommendations				
1873	1495	5/18	5/24	Brakey	An Act to Provide Heating Relief with Tax-free Home Energy Savings Accounts	This bill establishes the Home Energy Savings Account Program, to be administered by FAME to allow individuals and married couples to open a home energy savings account into which annual deposits of up to \$2,500 for an individual and \$5,000 for a married couple may be made to be used	COR	СО-Т		

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						for home weatherization and heating or electricity				
						cost of a residence in Maine. Balances in an				
						account carry forward each year.				
						The amount deposited is exempt from Maine				
						income tax but may be used only for the				
						weatherization of the account holder's residence or				
						the payment of fuel or electricity costs incurred for				
						heating the account holder's residence. If used for				
						another purpose are subject to income tax.				
						5/24 Consider Carryover				
			1/25/24				ONTP/			
			1/23/24	•			OTPA			
1891	2189			Terry	An Act to Support Maine	Part A of this bill establishes a pass-through entity	COR	CO-T		
1071	210)				Businesses Through a	tax on the income of partners and shareholders of S	Con			
					Child Care Tax Credit and					
					a Pass-through Entity Tax					
						to permit certain entities to elect to pay Maine				
						income tax at the entity level.				
						The effect of this is to allow a taxpayer who elects				
						to become a pass through entity to deduct Maine				
						income taxes paid on the taxpayer's federal income				
						tax return.				
						AT PH, Mike Saxl presented an amendment for the				
						pass-through entity income tax option. Small				
						differences in draft				
						Part B of this bill creates a child care tax credit to				
						provide to an employer that provides early child				
						care and education services to children of its				
						employees,				
						• either by expending funds to build, furnish,				
						license, staff, operate or subsidize a child care				
						facility licensed by the Department of Health				
						and Human Services or				

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						• to contract with a child care facility licensed by or registered with the department.				
						The credit is equal to the <u>lower of \$10,000 or</u> \$1,000 per child of an employee for whom the employer provides early child care and education services.				
			1/31/2 2/15/24					1/31 tabled		
1893	224		S		Municipality to Impose a Fee on Short-term Rentals for the Benefit of That Municipality	This bill allows a municipality to impose, if approved by referendum of the voters in that municipality, a local option fee on short-term rentals of living quarters in any hotel, rooming house or tourist or trailer camp currently subject to the 9% sales tax on lodging, including a short-term accommodation rental rented through a transient rental platform. Long-term rentals currently exempt from sales tax are not subject to the short-term rental fee. The revenue from the local option fee is distributed to the municipality imposing the fee. Revenue received by a municipality from a local option fee imposed on short-term may not be used to reduce or eliminate funding otherwise due to the municipality under other provisions of law. The local option fee may not take effect before July 1, 2024. (Date may need to be adjusted)		CO-T		
		1/23	1/31			General distinction between a tax and a fee: "Taxes are imposed for the primary purpose of raising revenue, with the resultant funds spent on general government services. Fees are imposed for the primary purpose of covering the cost of providing a service, with the funds raised directly	ONTP			

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						from those benefitting from a particular provided service." Tax Foundation				
						Sponsor suggested amending bill to require that 2% of the 9% lodging tax should be paid by the State to the local municipality where the lodging is located.				
1900	2209			Brakey	An Act to Establish a Tax Credit for Employers Who Employ Persons Recovering from Substance Use Disorder	This bill provides for an income tax credit for employers who: 1. Employ persons recovering from substance use disorder who are completing or have successfully completed a substance use disorder treatment program certified by DHHS. 2. DHHS is required to establish a certification process for employers. 3. A certified employer, in order to receive the tax credit, is required to apply to the State Tax Assessor for the tax credit. 4. The tax credit is available with respect to an employee who has been employed with the employer for at least 500 hours. 5. The credit is calculated by multiplying the number of hours, above the 500 hours from date of hire, worked by the employee, by \$1, except that the credit may not exceed \$2,000 for each eligible employee. The credit may be claimed only once per employee. The credit is further limited by a total allocation of credit of \$2,000,000 per year. 6. Credit is not refundable and may not be carried over.		CO-T		
		1/9/24	1/16				ONTP/ OTPA (fno)			

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1961	2321			Jackson	Processing in Maine	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to enact measures to support Maine's potato processing industry.	COR	CO-T		
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1974	818			Stewart	Maine's New Markets Tax Credit Program	This bill amends the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program and the new markets capital investment income tax credit to establish a new tax credit authority, referred to as "the program 2 tax credit authority," for tax credit authority allocated by the Finance Authority of Maine on or after January 1, 2023. This bill establishes an application process for community development entities recognized as Maine funds and diverse Maine funds to receive an allocation of tax credit authority. The effect of this change on the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program is to shorten the period, from 24 months to 6 months after receipt of the notice of allocation of the tax credit authority, by which a community development entity must issue the equity investments or debt securities and receive cash in the total amount of tax credits authorized. The limit on the amount of tax credits authorized is unchanged. The effect of this change on the new markets capital investment tax credit is to shorten the time, from 24 months to 12 months after issuance of the qualified equity investment, by which a community development entity must invest at least 85% of the purchase price of the qualified equity investment in qualified low-income community investments before recapture of the credit is allowed. This bill makes conforming changes to the new markets capital investment tax credit provisions to	COR	CO-T		

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		1/9/24				integrate impact qualified equity investments into the existing provisions governing the eligibility for an allocation of tax credits under the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program. The amount of impact qualified equity investments is \$30,000,000, which may be made in exchange for tax credits, to be invested in historically disadvantaged groups located anywhere in this State. Fifty percent of impact qualified 24equity investments must be reserved for diverse Maine funds, which are community development financial institutions that have their principal place of business in this State and are more than 50% owned and controlled by individuals who are racial or ethnic minorities or members of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in this State or are governed by a board of directors more than 50% of which are individuals who are racial or ethnic minorities or members of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in this State. The maximum amount of an investment made with a qualified equity investment by a qualified community development entity in a qualified active low-income community business is \$5,000,000.	1/30 not			
			2/14				taken up			
1999	2509				An Act to Ensure the Equitable Treatment of Military Retirement Plan Income	CURRENT LAW: provides an exemption (subtraction modification) from state income tax for military retirement plan benefits. This bill provides, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, a state income tax exemption (subtraction modification) for military retirement plan benefits that are included in a federal retirement plan. Intent is to include the portion of civil federal retirement plan benefits that are attributable to military service.	COR	CO-T		

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		1/9/24	1/16/24			MRS identifies administrative concerns.	ONTP		MRS estimates: Revenue impact: Less than !,000,000 Admin costs: Not yet available.	per year
2000	1653			·	An Act to Change the Taxation of Rental Tangible Personal Property to Make It Consistent with the Predominant Method in Other States' Rental Industry Laws for Sales and Use Tax	CURRENT LAW: In the current system of taxation for the rental or lease of tangible personal property, the rental or leasing company property is taxed at acquisition or when brought into Maine from out of state, but rental and lease receipts are exempt from sales and use tax. This bill amends Maine sales and use tax law to make it more consistent with the predominant method of taxation in other states by allowing rental and leasing companies to purchase exempt from taxation all rental fleet and tangible personal property for resale and requiring the rental and leasing companies to collect sales tax from the customer. The bill includes a limited refund opportunity for use tax paid on the purchase of rental fleet and tangible personal property by rental and leasing companies prior to January 1, 2024.	COR	CO-T		

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						The bill does not affect the lease or rental of trucks and truck tractors from a person primarily engaged in the business of leasing or renting trucks and truck tractors				
		1/16	1/31 2/27			MRS testified that Administration supports the provisions and may include them in the budget. Some technical changes are needed.	1/31 tabled			
2005	2525				An Act to Eliminate the Aircraft Excise Tax	This bill repeals the annual excise tax imposed on aircraft and provides an explicit exemption from the excise tax for aircraft. Current excise tax: Maker's average equipped price multiplied by: 9 mills first year 7 mills second year 5 mills third year 4 mills fourth year 3 mills fifth and succeeding years		CO-T		
		1/9/24	1/16/2 ² 1/23/2 ²				ONTP			
2006	2534			Keim	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Adjustments for Sudden and Severe Disruption of Municipal Valuation	This bill provides that the amount of money that a municipality that qualifies for a reduction in its state valuation because of a sudden and severe disruption of valuation and that uses money from undesignated fund balances does not reduce the amount of money that municipality receives in state-municipal revenue sharing.		CO-T		
		1/9/24	1/16/24	1			OTPA			

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2022	2702	2/13	2/27		An Act Updating References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes	MRS annual bill: This bill updates references to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 contained in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36 to refer to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 2023, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023 and for any prior tax year as specifically provided by the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended				
2023	2703	2/8/24	2/8		Changes to Maine's Tax Laws	MRS annual bill to make technical changes i the tax laws: Part A makes changes to the property tax and benefit programs laws. Part A: 1. Updates outdated terms referencing municipalities and municipal officers; 2. Removes and replaces gender-specific language; 3. Corrects a conflict created by Public Law 2023 chapters 360 and 412, which affected the same provisions of law, by combining the provisions; 4. Removes an obsolete reference to an application and instructions in the law governing the sale of tax-acquired properties since they are no longer required; and 5. Makes other technical and grammatical changes to the laws affecting Maine property tax. Part B makes changes to the income tax law.		OTP		

^{2 .} Numbers may represent preliminary estimates and are subject to change. For more detail, please see fiscal note documents in LD file.

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						1. Includes the United States Space Force in references to the United States Armed Forces;				
						2. Corrects a cross-reference in the law regarding				
						the property tax fairness credit maximum benefit				
						base;				
						3. Clarifies that payment of taxes for a short				
						taxable year must be made in accordance with				
						existing due dates for estimated tax installments				
						that fall within the short taxable year;				
						4. Updates language in the law governing				
						information returns to be consistent with state statutes and rules; and				
						5. Makes other technical and grammatical				
						changes to the laws affecting Maine income tax				
						changes to the laws affecting frame income tax				
2024	2806	2/8/24	2/8	Grohoski	Resolve, to Authorize the	MRS annual bill to authorize the State Tax	OTPA			
					State Tax Assessor to	Assessor to convey the interest of the State in	fno			
						several parcels of real estate in the Unorganized				
					State in Certain Real	Territory that were acquired for nonpayment of				
					Estate in the Unorganized	property tax.				
					Territory					
2027	2653	2/6/24	2/27	Reny	An Act to Clarify the	This bill specifies that a facility that stores spent				
					Property Tax Exemption	nuclear fuel or radioactive waste classified by the			MRS Es	stimate
					for Air Pollution Control	United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission as			NI CO C	1.
					Facilities	greater-than-Class C waste may not be considered			No State fis	cal impact
						an air pollution control facility for purposes of eligibility for an exemption from property taxation.				
						engionity for an exemption from property taxation.				
						This bill also corrects a cross-reference.				
						This bill applies retroactively to property tax years				
						beginning on or after April 1, 2022 and to any				
						actions or proceedings pending at the time of				
						passage of the bill.				
2028	2807	2/8/24	2/8	Grohoski	An Act to Amend Certain	Annual MRS bill to mend tax laws				
					State Tax Laws					
						Part A				

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						Clarifies the circumstances under which a					
						taxpayer who has delinquent taxes on multiple					
						residential properties is disqualified from the					
						homestead property tax deferral program.					
						Part B makes changes to the state sales tax and					
						tobacco products tax law.					
						1. Removes the Tourism Marketing Promotion					
						Fund, the Multimodal Transportation Fund and					
						the ATV Recreational Management Fund					
						transfers from revenue subject to transfer to the					
						Passamaquoddy Sales Tax Fund, the Penobscot					
						Sales Tax Fund and the Maliseet Sales Tax					
						Fund, thereby preventing more than 100% of					
						the revenue from being transferred out of the					
						General Fund; and					
						2. Clarifies the tobacco products tax definition of					
						"tobacco products" as including any product					
						that contains nicotine.					
						Part C makes changes to the state income tax and					
						insurance premiums tax law.					
						1. Updates the calculation of payments made to					
						the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment					
						Financing Fund for businesses that are also part					
						of the Maine Employment Tax Increment					
						Financing Program to correspond with recent					
						law changes switching the employment tax					
						increment financing base from withholding to a					
						percentage of incremental gross wages; and					
						2. Generally aligns the insurance premiums tax					
						estimated tax payment due dates and amounts					
						with those of the corporate income tax and					
						makes other nonsubstantive changes to clarify					
						the law.					
20.15	0.60.5	0/10	2/2-								
2048	2695	2/13	2/27	Perry	An Act to Amend the	This bill removes a provision in the laws governing					
					Content of Notices	tax liens that requires a municipality, or the State			Preliminary fiscal	impact Statement	
					Provided with Respect to	Tax Assessor in the case of an unorganized territory			N. "	, .	
<u> </u>						to place language in a notice of lien on a property or	1		No fisca	I impact	

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					Tax Liens on Certain Property	which a homestead exemption is claimed that the taxpayer may contact the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection regarding options for finding an advisor to assist the taxpayer in working with the taxing entity to avoid tax lien foreclosure.					
2076	2852	2/6/24	2/20	Lemelin	An Act to Exempt from Excise Tax Vehicles of Active Duty Service Members Stationed Out- of-state	Current law provides an excise tax exemption from the excise tax imposed on motor vehicles owned by a person on active duty serving in the United States Armed Forces who is stationed in Maine. This bill expands eligibility by amending the provision of law establishing the exemption to include a person on active duty stationed outside the State or who is deployed for more than 180 days. It further amends the exemption to include members of the National Guard and the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces. Finally, the bill repeals the provision of law that establishes a local option for municipalities to pass an ordinance offering the exemption established by the bill.					
2102	2929				An Act to Support Municipalities by Repealing the Law Limiting the Municipal Property Tax Levy	This bill repeals the law limiting the municipal property tax levy	REREFER to SLG				
2106	2772	1/24	2/13	Rotundo	An Act to Accelerate the Production of Affordable Housing and Strengthen the Historic Property	This bill increases from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 the maximum tax credit allowed for certified historic property rehabilitation projects. It also allows nonprofit organizations that claim the historic preservation tax credit or the affordable housing tax credit to file their refund claims on a calendar year basis.			MRS EST Increase in maximum \$2,500,000 Nonprofit provisions	n tax credit:	

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						(Summaries may not reflect content of most recent committee action)	ACTION	ACTION	FY24	FY25	
						The changes in the bill apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.					
						MRS has technical concerns					
2111	2694	2/7/24	2/7		An Act Regarding the Timeline for Property Tax Abatement Based on Hardship or Poverty	This bill aligns the deadline for filing an application for property tax abatement based on hardship or poverty, which, under current law, may be filed up to 3 years from the date of commitment, with the timeline of the foreclosure process, in which liens automatically foreclose 18 months from the date of filing buy the municipality of a tax lien foreclosure certificate in the registry of deeds.	ONTP				
2143	2894	2/6/24	2/20		An Act to Dedicate the Revenue from the Sales Tax on Electricity to Low- income Ratepayer Assistance	This bill, beginning 10/1/24, dedicates the revenue from the sales tax on the sale of electricity as certified by the STA to the Low-Income Assistance Program administered by the Maine State Housing Authority to help low income homeowners and renters pay for electricity costs by providing a credit on the homeowners' and renters' electric bills. The bill does not affect the current exemptions from sales tax for certain residential and manufacturing electricity uses.					
2144		2/7/24	2/7		An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief by Increasing the Availability of the Property Tax Fairness Credit	Current law: A portion of Social Security benefits and railroad retirement benefits may be included in federal taxable income if you file as an individual and your total income is over \$24,000 or you file married joint and your combined income is over 32,000. One of the factors in determining a person's property tax fairness credit is the persons income including Social Security and railroad retirement benefits included in federal adjusted gross income.					

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						This bill amends the property tax fairness credit to increase, for tax years beginning in 2024 or after, the amount of the credit available to certain residents by excluding from the definition of "income," which is used in determining the amount of the tax credit, payments received under the federal Social Security Act and railroad retirement benefits if those payments or benefits are included in federal adjusted gross income.				
2162	2718	2/7/24	2/21	Ankeles	An Act Regarding the Homestead Property Tax Exemption and the Property Value Reassessment Process	This bill provides an additional homestead property tax exemption of \$15,000 for a homestead with an assessed value of less than \$100,000. The bill also amends the laws relating to the current use valuation of working waterfront land for property tax purposes. It amends the definition of "working waterfront land" and makes changes to the calculation of current use valuation for certain types of working waterfront land. It allows a delay of the withdrawal penalty payment if the property owner is affected by certain conditions that affect the ability of the property owner to pay a penalty assessed for withdrawal of working waterfront land from current use valuation. It also directs the State Tax Assessor to create an information bulletin regarding current use laws that apply to working waterfront lands that include any changes made to the current use laws after December 31, 2023.				
2198	2945	2/20	2/27	Talbot Ross	An Act to Remove the Exemption from Sales and Use Tax for Automobiles Purchased for Use as Rentals	This bill removes the exclusion from the definition of "retail sale" for the purposes of the sales and use tax laws for the sale, to a person engaged in the business of renting automobiles, of automobiles, integral parts of automobiles or accessories to automobiles, for rental or for use in an automobile rented for a period of less than one year.				

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						recent committee action)				
2207	3076			Perry	An Act to Establish	This bill establishes municipal cost components for				
					Municipal Cost	state and county services provided to the				
					Components for	unorganized territory that would normally be paid				
					Unorganized Territory	for by a municipality. The municipal cost				
					Services to Be Rendered	components constitute the property tax for the				
					in Fiscal Year 2024-25	unorganized territory.				