

**132nd Maine State Legislature**  
**First Regular Session**  
**Agency and Department Bills**  
**As of Friday, January 24, 2025**

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**Department of Administrative and Financial Services**

- LR 154      An Act to Make Technical Changes to Maine's Tax Laws
- LR 155      An Act to Amend the State Tax Laws
- LR 156      An Act to Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes
- LR 157      Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory
- LR 158      An Act to Amend the Membership of the State Employee Health Commission and Make Referential Changes to the Office of Employee Health, Wellness and Workers' Compensation
- LR 159      An Act to Protect the Health of Medical Cannabis Patients and Streamline the Mandatory Testing of Cannabis
- LR 236      An Act to Address the Effect of Changes to Federal Income Tax Laws on Maine Income Tax Laws
- LR 237      An Act to Update and Clarify Certain Provisions of State Liquor and Lottery Laws
- LR 238      An Act to Increase the Expenditure Limit for the Informal Bidding Process for the Selection of Professional, Architect and Engineer Services
- LR 239      An Act to Amend the Mining Excise Tax Laws

**Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

- LR 147      An Act to Reorganize and Simplify Certain Exceptions in the Use Regulation Law
- LR 148      Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Convey Public Land Parcels in Lincoln Plantation and Sandy River Plantation
- LR 149      An Act Regarding Penalties for Violating the Laws Governing Agriculture and Animals and the Maine Weights and Measures Law
- LR 150      An Act to Require Forest Landowners to Report the Registration or Sale of Their Forest Carbon Credits
- LR 151      An Act to Establish the PFAS Response Program and to Modify the Fund To Address PFAS Contamination
- LR 152      An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Land for Maine's Future Program and to Authorize the Use of Options to Purchase at Agricultural Value
- LR 153      An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Commercial Large Game Shooting Area License Transfer Process
- LR 361      An Act Regarding Confidential Information Gathered for Forest Fire Emergency Response and Planning

**Department of the Attorney General**

- LR 144      An Act Regarding the Disposal of Abandoned Human Remains
- LR 145      An Act to Update Certain Medical Examiner Fees
- LR 146      An Act to Rename the Administrator of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner the Director of Medical Examiner Operations

**Department of Corrections**

- LR 170      An Act Regarding the Bind-over and Detention of Juveniles

- LR 171 An Act Allowing the Department of Corrections to Offset Some of the Costs of Technology Provided to Residents of Correctional Facilities
- LR 172 An Act to Facilitate the Improvement of Credit Scores of Residents of Department of Corrections Facilities
- LR 178 An Act to Further Protect Victims from Contact Prohibited by Probation Conditions
- LR 180 An Act to Allow the Department of Corrections to Increase Health Care Fees and Use the Proceeds from Those Fees to Offset the Costs of Client Medical Care Support Workers
- LR 181 An Act to Designate the Warden of the Maine State Prison as Chief Administrative Officer of the Bolduc Correctional Facility
- LR 183 An Act to Notify the Public of Juveniles Who Are Wanted Persons
- LR 493 An Act to Explicitly Allow the Department of Corrections to Charge Room and Board to Residents Who Perform Remote Work

**Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management**

- LR 135 An Act to Include the Declaration of an Emergency by the President of the United States as a Basis to Allow the Governor to Provide Disaster Relief to Local Governments
- LR 136 An Act to Establish Certain Positions Within the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services
- LR 137 An Act to Expand the Use of the Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Partnership Fund
- LR 138 An Act to Authorize the Release of Military Records to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the Purposes of Suicide Reporting and Prevention
- LR 184 An Act to Expand the Membership of the Homeland Security Advisory Council
- LR 185 An Act to Enable Maine National Guard Commanders to More Efficiently Effect Disciplinary Measures Through the Maine Code of Military Justice
- LR 492 An Act to Expand the Definition of "Terrorism" in the Laws Governing the Maine Emergency Management Agency

**Department of Education**

- LR 129 An Act to Update the Laws Governing Education in the Unorganized Territory
- LR 130 An Act to Update the System of Learning Results Review Timeline
- LR 131 An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Education
- LR 173 An Act to Update the Provision of Law Concerning Student Codes of Conduct in Order to Reflect Best Practices Regarding Behavioral Threat Assessment and Response
- LR 174 An Act to Include School Counselors in the Educators for Maine Program
- LR 175 An Act to Foster Innovation in Maine Schools by Updating the Requirements of School Innovation Waivers
- LR 179 An Act to Clarify Information Sharing Between the Department of Health and Human Services and Schools with Respect to Investigations of Child Abuse or Neglect

**Department of Environmental Protection**

- LR 160 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund Wastewater Treatment Facility Planning and Construction of Infrastructure Projects
- LR 161 An Act to Update Funding for the Board of Environmental Protection
- LR 162 An Act to Clarify Processes of the Board of Environmental Protection
- LR 163 An Act to Update the Definition of "Coastal Wetlands" Under the Natural Resources Protection Act
- LR 164 An Act to Support Municipal and County Actions on Dam Ownership
- LR 165 An Act to Update Waste Discharge License Fees

- LR 166 An Act to Add an Inflation Adjustment to the Maximum Amount of Funding Disbursed from the Maine Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up and Response Fund for Certain Personal Services of the Department of Environmental Protection
- LR 167 An Act to Support Permitting of Certain Multifamily Housing Developments Under the Site Location of Development Laws
- LR 168 An Act to Support Removal of Overboard Discharge Systems
- LR 169 An Act to Allow for Rescission of a Site Location of Development Permit When a Development Is Decommissioned

**Finance Authority of Maine**

- LR 139 An Act to Provide for the 2025 and 2026 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds
- LR 182 An Act to Increase the Total Amount of Credits Authorized Under the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program

**Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices**

- LR 294 An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Disclosure

**Department of Health and Human Services**

- LR 253 An Act to Reduce Cost and Increase Access to Disease Prevention by Expanding the Universal Childhood Immunization Program to Include Adults
- LR 254 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Licensing of Certain Types of Establishments and Professions by the Department of Health and Human Services
- LR 255 An Act Concerning the Filing of Marriage Licenses and the Recording of Intentions as Part of the Electronic Vital Records System
- LR 257 An Act to Repeal Certain Provisions Regarding Department of Health and Human Services Reporting and Other Requirements
- LR 258 An Act to Clarify the Laws Relating to the Licensure of Certain Programs by the Department of Health and Human Services
- LR 260 An Act to Update the Laws Governing the Licensing of Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities
- LR 261 An Act to Improve the Efficiency of Certain Department of Health and Human Services Licensing Investigations
- LR 262 An Act to Ensure Quality in Personal Care Agencies
- LR 263 An Act to Increase Oversight of Fatalities of and Serious Injuries to Adults Subject to Public Guardianship
- LR 264 An Act Regarding Access to Behavioral Health Supports for Adults with Certain Disabilities
- LR 265 An Act to Establish the Respite for ME Program
- LR 266 An Act to Support Implementation of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects
- LR 267 An Act to Expand Access and Reduce Barriers to Access to Naloxone Hydrochloride and Other Opioid Overdose-reversing Medications
- LR 268 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program
- LR 269 An Act to Improve the Coordination of Health Care for Minors in State Care
- LR 270 An Act to Update Certain Laws Regarding Extended Care and Adoption
- LR 271 An Act to Improve Notifications Related to Substance-exposed Infants
- LR 272 An Act to Revitalize the Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council
- LR 285 An Act to Establish Minimum Standards for Certain Urgent Care Facilities
- LR 491 An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the State's Background Check Center

## **Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife**

- LR 243 An Act to Allow Use of the Fish Hatchery Maintenance Fund to Compensate Hatchery Staff When Certain Operational Needs Require Overtime
- LR 244 An Act to Amend Certain Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws
- LR 245 An Act to Provide an Exception to a Fishing Prohibition near the Crooked Brook Dam
- LR 247 An Act to Move the Natural Areas Program from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and to Amend the Law Governing Administration of the Bureau of Resource Management Within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
- LR 248 An Act to Amend and Simplify Certain Wildlife Laws
- LR 249 An Act to Amend and Simplify Certain Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Licensing and Permitting Laws
- LR 250 An Act Regarding Public Records and Fees for Requesting Public Records from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
- LR 251 An Act to Stabilize and Sustainably Fund the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Fisheries and Hatcheries Division by Increasing the Inland Fishing License Fees and Establishing the Inland Fisheries Conservation and Enhancement Fund

## **Department of the Judiciary**

- LR 279 An Act Regarding the First Judicial District and the District Court Locations in the Judicial Divisions of Androscoggin and Western Aroostook
- LR 280 An Act Regarding the Term of Appointment of Judicial Officers
- LR 455 An Act to Amend the Procedure for Filing Certain Family Matters Petitions
- LR 526 An Act Regarding the Appointment and Payment of Counsel for Indigent Parents
- LR 527 An Act to Establish Bail Officers to Administer the Maine Bail Code

## **Department of Labor**

- LR 140 An Act Regarding the Laws Relating to Unemployment Insurance
- LR 141 An Act to Expand Access to the Maine Wage Assurance Fund
- LR 142 An Act Regarding the State Workforce Board
- LR 143 An Act Regarding the Taxation of Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits
- LR 296 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Paid Family and Medical Leave

## **Maine Health Data Organization**

- LR 530 An Act to Change the Size and Composition of the Board of Directors of the Maine Health Data Organization

## **Maine Human Rights Commission**

- LR 451 An Act to Provide Limited Immunity to Maine Human Rights Commission Mediators
- LR 452 An Act to Update Major Policy-influencing Positions Within the Maine Human Rights Commission
- LR 453 An Act to Correct Outdated References in and Related to the Maine Human Rights Act

## **Maine Public Employees Retirement System**

- LR 539 An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

## **Department of Marine Resources**

- LR 186 An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Elver Fishing
- LR 356 An Act to Create a For-hire Charter Boat Operator License and to Require Individuals Recreationally Fishing for Halibut in Coastal Waters to Register with the Saltwater Recreational Fishing Registry

- LR 357 An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Suspension of Licenses Issued by the Department of Marine Resources for Failure to Comply with Reporting Requirements
- LR 358 An Act to Eliminate the Cultchless American Oyster Growers License
- LR 359 An Act to Provide for the Sustainable Management of Marine Resources
- LR 360 An Act to Create a Limited Retail Seafood Harvester Certificate

**Department of Professional and Financial Regulation**

- LR 429 An Act to Update the Laws Governing Osteopathic Physician Licensing
- LR 430 Resolve, to Direct the Board of Licensure in Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Licensure to Conduct a Study Regarding the Feasibility of Combining Those Boards
- LR 621 An Act to Regulate Virtual Currency Kiosks
- LR 622 An Act to Make Technical Changes to the Laws Governing Financial Institutions and to Eliminate Administrative Fees Paid by Banks and Credit Unions Under the Consumer Credit Code
- LR 623 An Act Regarding Reciprocal Licensure for Professional Engineers
- LR 624 An Act to Amend the Provisions of the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 Governing Insurance by Assenting Employers and Requirements for Self-insurers
- LR 625 An Act to Eliminate the Provision of the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 That Allows an Employer Member of a Group Self-insurer to Insure Its Employees Through a Fronting Arrangement
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- LR 627 An Act to Strengthen the Requirements for Medical Payments Coverage
- LR 628 An Act to Amend the Laws Affecting Insurance
- LR 629 An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Accessing Non-Formulary Drugs and Drugs Used to Treat Serious Mental Illness
- LR 630 An Act to Amend the Authority of Licensing Boards Within the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation
- LR 631 An Act Regarding the Establishment of Fees and Fee Caps for Dental Provider Licensing and Permits
- LR 632 An Act to Exempt a Person Making Electrical Installations in the Person's Existing Bona Fide Personal Abode from Licensing and Permitting Requirements
- LR 633 An Act to Require the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure, Board of Dental Practice, Board of Speech, Audiology and Hearing and Board of Occupational Therapy Practice to Obtain Fingerprint-based Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Background Checks for Initial Applicants and Licensees Seeking Compact Privileges

**Office of the Public Advocate**

- LR 496 An Act to Dedicate the Revenue from the Sales Tax on Electricity to Low-income Ratepayer Assistance
- LR 533 An Act to Allow the Office of the Public Advocate Access to Competitive Electricity Provider Billing Data

**Department of Public Safety**

- LR 297 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Fantasy Contests
- LR 299 An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles and Traffic Law Governing Mandatory Driver's License Suspension for Refusing Testing for Drugs or a Combination of Drugs and Alcohol
- LR 300 An Act Regarding Licensure of Emergency Medical Services Persons
- LR 301 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Board of Emergency Medical Services and the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State

### **Public Utilities Commission**

- LR 549 An Act to Align the Schedules for Climate Change Protection Plans and Grid-enhancing Technology Reviews with the Integrated Grid Planning Process and Reduce Burdens on Consumer-owned Electric Transmission and Distribution Utilities
- LR 550 An Act to Protect the Confidentiality of Information of Individual Customers of a Public Utility
- LR 551 An Act to Update the Solar Energy Development Reporting Date Deadline
- LR 552 An Act to Clarify, Align and Correct Provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A
- LR 553 An Act to Establish Immunity for a Receiver Appointed by the Public Utilities Commission to Oversee the Operations of a Consumer-owned Water Utility
- LR 554 An Act to Clarify the Process to Transfer Funds Resulting from Unused Kilowatt-hour Credits to Be Used to Provide Assistance to Low-income Electricity Customers
- LR 555 An Act to Allow the Public Utilities Commission to Establish Performance-based Metrics and Rate-adjustment Mechanisms for a Public Utility in Any Proceeding
- LR 556 An Act to Modernize Provisions Related to 9-1-1 Services

### **Secretary of State**

- LR 515 An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws
- LR 516 An Act to Authorize the Department of Secretary of State Law Enforcement Officers to Initiate a Libel Proceeding
- LR 517 An Act to Eliminate Requirements for Drivers to Surrender Their Physical Driver's Licenses During a Temporary Suspension
- LR 560 An Act to Amend the Law Governing Dedimus Justices
- LR 564 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Elections and the Secretary of State
- LR 565 An Act to Modernize Deed Duplication from Microfilm to a Digital Image

### **Department of Transportation**

- LR 132 An Act to Amend the Transportation Laws
- LR 133 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Regarding the Rail Line from Portland to Yarmouth
- LR 134 Resolve, to Require the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Lower Road Rail Use Advisory Council

### **Office of the Treasurer of State**

- LR 562 An Act to Amend the Maine Revised Unclaimed Property Act