

STATE OF MAINE
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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Accessory Dwelling Units

Not Enacted	LD 1272	An Act to Address the Housing Crisis by Reducing Barriers to Building More Accessory Dwelling Units	ONTP
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Bonds

Enacted	LD 678	An Act to Provide for the 2025 and 2026 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds	P & S 3
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Bridging Rental Assistance Program

Not Enacted	LD 748	An Act to Increase Bridging Rental Assistance Program Housing Voucher Funding to Reduce the Current Partial Waiting List and Increase Housing Vouchers for Persons Living with Mental Health Challenges	CARRIED OVER
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Building Code

Enacted	LD 427	An Act to Regulate Municipal Parking Space Minimums	PUBLIC 374
	LD 603	An Act to Ensure That the Exemption of Certain Agricultural Buildings from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Includes Maple Sugarhouses	PUBLIC 46
Not Enacted	LD 445	An Act to Stimulate Housing Production by Increasing the Threshold Before Participation in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Is Mandatory	ONTP
	LD 659	An Act to Reduce Housing Costs by Not Requiring Fire Sprinkler Systems for Single-family Homes and Duplexes	ONTP
	LD 741	An Act to Increase Preparedness for Solar Power Adoption in Maine	Majority (ONTP) Report

Business Regulation

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	LD 414	An Act to Prohibit Deceptive Pricing in the Rental of Short-term Lodging and in the Sale of Tickets	PUBLIC 311
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	LD 1296	An Act to Amend the Law Governing Watercraft Franchisor Warranty Reimbursements	PUBLIC 284
	LD 1391	An Act to Update the Maine Self-service Storage Act	PUBLIC 164
	LD 1642	An Act to Protect Maine Consumers by Simplifying Subscription and Health Club Membership Cancellations	PUBLIC 376
Not Enacted	LD 188	An Act to Permit the Sale of Motor Vehicles on Sundays	ONTP
	LD 277	An Act to Amend the Law Prohibiting Places of Business from Being Open to the Public on Sundays and Holidays	Died Between Houses
	LD 292	An Act to Implement the Automotive Right to Repair Working Group Recommendations	CARRIED OVER
	LD 442	An Act to Amend the Automotive Repair Statute	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 992	An Act to Protect Consumers from Hidden Fees and Ensure Transparent Pricing for Live Event Tickets and Short-term Lodging	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1226	An Act to Protect Consumers by Licensing Residential Building Contractors	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1227	An Act to Repeal the Requirement That Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Equip Vehicles with a Standardized Data Access Platform	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1228	An Act to Clarify Certain Terms in and to Make Other Changes to the Automotive Right to Repair Laws	HELD BY GOVERNOR
	LD 1324	An Act to Protect Maine Consumers Shopping for Electric Vehicles from Deceptive Advertising and Marketing Practices	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1394	An Act to Support Maine's Electric Vehicle Adoption Goals by Providing an Exclusion for Electric Vehicles from Certain Requirements of the Right to Repair Law	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1467	An Act to Ensure Accountability for Repairs Conducted by Independent Repair Facilities on Motor Vehicles Under Warranty	Died Between Houses

LD 1468	An Act to Establish Standards for Independent Motor Vehicle Repair Facilities in Maine	ONTP
LD 1597	An Act to Prohibit the Use of Dynamic Pricing for Certain Consumer Goods	ONTP
LD 1894	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Consumer Grocery Pricing Fairness	CARRIED OVER
LD 1907	An Act to Protect Consumers from Unfair Dynamic Pricing in Grocery Stores	ONTP
LD 1908	An Act to Require the Cooperation of Original Manufacturers of Electronic Devices to Facilitate the Repair of Those Devices by Device Owners and Independent Repair Providers	CARRIED OVER

Climate Resiliency

Enacted	LD 1	An Act to Increase Storm Preparedness for Maine's Communities, Homes and Infrastructure	PUBLIC 33
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Consumer Protections

Enacted	LD 414	An Act to Prohibit Deceptive Pricing in the Rental of Short-term Lodging and in the Sale of Tickets	PUBLIC 311
	LD 913	An Act to Amend the Law Regulating the Resale of Tickets	PUBLIC 354
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	LD 1226	An Act to Protect Consumers by Licensing Residential Building Contractors	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1324	An Act to Protect Maine Consumers Shopping for Electric Vehicles from Deceptive Advertising and Marketing Practices	Majority (ONTP) Report

Economic Development - Initiatives

Enacted	LD 1637	An Act to Reform the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority	PUBLIC 412
	LD 1864	An Act to Facilitate the Reconstruction of Storm-damaged Commercial Fisheries Facilities and Infrastructure	PUBLIC 286
Not Enacted	LD 364	An Act to Promote Economic Development in Maine	CARRIED OVER

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LD 629	An Act to Restore Matching Funding to the Maine Development Foundation	CARRIED OVER
LD 1238	An Act to Establish a Small-cap Loan Guarantee Program for Affordable Housing Investments	ONTP
LD 1500	An Act to Establish the Maine Community Development Financial Institution Fund to Support Small Businesses, Rural Economic Development and Affordable Housing	HELD BY GOVERNOR
LD 1643	An Act to Establish the Maine Life Science Innovation Center	HELD BY GOVERNOR
LD 1845	An Act to Establish the Working Waterfront Advisory Council	ONTP

Economic Development - Planning

Enacted	LD 945	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Powers and Responsibilities of the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority	PUBLIC 120
	LD 1170	An Act to Make the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority Responsible for the Transfer and Development of State-owned Surplus Land	PUBLIC 264
	LD 1819	An Act Regarding the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment Financing Fund	PUBLIC 299
Not Enacted	LD 1336	An Act to Establish the Maine-Aomori Sister-state Advisory Council	HELD BY GOVERNOR
	LD 1338	Resolve, Directing State Agencies and Semiautonomous State Agencies to Provide a List of Surplus Properties and Properties Eligible for Redevelopment to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310

Economic Development - Research

Enacted	LD 788	An Act to Promote an Innovation-driven Economy by Increasing Research and Development Spending	PUBLIC 146
	LD 1023	Resolve, to Reestablish the Blue Economy Task Force to Support Maine's Emergence as a Center for Blue Economy Innovation and Opportunity in the 21st Century	RESOLVE 114
Not Enacted	LD 1943	Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Study the Role of Private Equity in Maine's Economy and in Key Economic Sectors	CARRIED OVER

Energy Assistance Programs

Not Enacted	LD 996	An Act to Create the Weatherization Plus Program and Weatherization Plus Fund	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1075	An Act to Require Annual Reporting Regarding the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program	ONTP
	LD 1585	Resolve, to Direct the Maine State Housing Authority to Amend Its Rules Governing the Fuel Assistance Program Regarding Benefit Payments for Wood Fuel	Majority (ONTP) Report

Eviction Prevention

Enacted	LD 1287	An Act to Support Workforce Development by Establishing the Housing Stability Fund	PUBLIC 498
Not Enacted	LD 1522	An Act to Establish the Maine Eviction Prevention Program	CARRIED OVER

Finance Authority of Maine

Enacted	LD 1208	An Act to Amend the Statutory Balance Limit on the Finance Authority of Maine's Loan Insurance Reserves for General Fund Transfers	PUBLIC 475
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Growth Management

Enacted	LD 1751	An Act to Improve the Growth Management Program Laws	PUBLIC 393
Not Enacted	LD 1940	An Act to Revise the Growth Management Program Laws	Died Between Houses

Homelessness

Enacted	LD 698	An Act to Sustain Emergency Homeless Shelters in Maine	PUBLIC 460
	LD 747	An Act to Provide Funds to Reduce Student Homelessness	PUBLIC 461
	LD 1681	An Act to Consider Municipal Shelter Facilities and Housing Projects Essential for Public Health, Welfare and Safety by Updating the Definition of "Public Service Infrastructure"	PUBLIC 250
Not Enacted	LD 641	An Act to Support Diversion Efforts to Prevent Homelessness in Maine	CARRIED OVER

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LD 1190	An Act to Increase State Funding for Emergency Shelters	ONTP
LD 1328	An Act to Create Culturally Appropriate and Trauma-informed Housing and Recovery Services	Veto Sustained
LD 1476	An Act to Support Maine's Homeless Shelters by Imposing a Fee for Booking Hotels, Short-term Rentals and Recreational Vehicle Camping Reservations	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1910	An Act to Strengthen Housing Stability Services by Increasing Support and Outreach	CARRIED OVER

Homeownership

**Not
Enacted**

LD 845	An Act to Establish a First-time Home-buyer Program Administered by the Finance Authority of Maine	ONTP
LD 1486	An Act to Provide Financing Assistance for Down Payments for First-generation Homeowners	ONTP
LD 1569	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Economic and Community Development to Form a Stakeholder Group to Analyze and Improve Home Repair Funding Programs in the State	ONTP

Housing Construction / Development

Enacted

LD 546	Resolve, to Require the Preparation of Preapproved Building Types	RESOLVE 48
LD 970	An Act to Support Affordable Housing Development	PUBLIC 262
LD 1184	An Act to Require Municipal Reporting on Residential Building Permits, Dwelling Units Permitted and Demolished and Certificates of Occupancy Issued	PUBLIC 495
LD 1375	Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Address Regulatory Barriers to Housing Construction	RESOLVE 64
LD 1453	Resolve, to Establish the Housing Production Innovation Working Group	RESOLVE 105
LD 1829	An Act to Build Housing for Maine Families and Attract Workers to Maine Businesses by Amending the Laws Governing Housing Density	PUBLIC 385

**Not
Enacted**

LD 1167	Resolve, to Create a Pilot Program to Assist Nonprofit Housing Developers in Rehabilitating Existing Aging Housing Stock for First-time Home Buyers	CARRIED OVER
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LD 1247	An Act to Restrict Municipal Ordinance Requirements Regarding Housing Developments	CARRIED OVER
LD 1396	An Act to Amend Maine's Municipal Subdivision Standards to Increase the Number of Dwelling Units on or Divisions of a Tract of Land Before the Tract is Considered a Subdivision	ONTP
LD 1921	An Act to Create a Statewide Housing Resolution Board	CARRIED OVER
LD 1926	An Act to Require Increased Housing Density or Lower Minimum Lot Sizes for Workforce Housing	CARRIED OVER

Impact Fees

Enacted	LD 1246	Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development to Convene a Working Group to Review the Process of Setting Impact Fees	RESOLVE 85
	LD 1498	An Act to Address Maine's Housing Crisis by Limiting Municipal Impact Fees on Housing Development	PUBLIC 480

Land Use Ordinances

Not Enacted	LD 1662	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Zoning and Land Use Restrictions to Limit Certain Requirements to Municipalities with Populations of More than 10,000	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1926	An Act to Require Increased Housing Density or Lower Minimum Lot Sizes for Workforce Housing	CARRIED OVER

Maine Development Foundation

Enacted	LD 1516	An Act to Strengthen the Maine Development Foundation	PUBLIC 325
Not Enacted	LD 629	An Act to Restore Matching Funding to the Maine Development Foundation	CARRIED OVER

Manufactured Housing Communities / Mobile Home Parks

Enacted	LD 949	An Act to Clarify Licensing Jurisdiction for Manufactured Housing Communities	PUBLIC 428
	LD 1016	An Act to Establish the Manufactured Housing Community and Mobile Home Park Preservation and Assistance Fund	PUBLIC 398

	LD 1145	An Act to Protect Residents Living in Mobile Home Parks	PUBLIC 394
	LD 1183	An Act to Ensure Rent-to-own Protections Apply to Mobile Home Park Tenants	PUBLIC 92
	LD 1723	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Manufactured Housing Communities to Prevent Excessive Rent and Fees Increases	PUBLIC 399
	LD 1765	An Act to Ensure Affordability and Stability in Residential Housing and in Manufactured Housing Communities	PUBLIC 365
Not Enacted	LD 255	An Act to Support Mobile Home Residents in Purchasing Their Mobile Home Parks	CARRIED OVER
	LD 365	An Act to Establish a Moratorium on the Sale of Mobile Home Parks	Emergency Enactment Failed
	LD 1067	An Act to Improve the Process for Mobile Home Owners to Purchase Their Mobile Home Park	Majority (ONTP) Report

Miscellaneous

Enacted	LD 271	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 12: Fees for Kickboxing Contests and Authorized Participants, a Major Substantive Rule of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine	RESOLVE 23
	LD 272	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 2: Fees for Muay Thai Contests and Authorized Participants, a Major Substantive Rule of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine	RESOLVE 25
	LD 413	An Act Regarding Disclosure by Sellers of Residential Real Property of Notices of Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Violations	PUBLIC 69
	LD 901	Resolve, Directing the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority to Take Appropriate Actions to Identify Opportunities for the Beneficial Reuse of the Buildings and Land Commonly Known as the Bangor Mall	RESOLVE 80
	LD 1179	An Act Regarding Safety from Fire for Recreational Vehicles	PUBLIC 245
	LD 1184	An Act to Require Municipal Reporting on Residential Building Permits, Dwelling Units Permitted and Demolished and Certificates of Occupancy Issued	PUBLIC 495
	LD 1637	An Act to Reform the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority	PUBLIC 412
	LD 1863	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Space Corporation	PUBLIC 258

Not Enacted	LD 760	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Need to Codify or Recodify Laws Regarding Residential Community Ownership Associations by Adopting the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act	CARRIED OVER
	LD 876	An Act to Support the Maine Service Fellows Program	CARRIED OVER
	LD 916	An Act to Promote Investment in Housing	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1106	An Act to Provide Funds for the Redevelopment of the Island Nursing Home in Hancock County into Affordable Senior Housing	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1232	An Act to Require Radon Testing for Certain Commercial and Residential Construction	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1385	An Act to Consider Municipalities Meeting Regional Housing Goals in Awarding Transportation Grants	ONTP
	LD 1569	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Economic and Community Development to Form a Stakeholder Group to Analyze and Improve Home Repair Funding Programs in the State	ONTP
	LD 1585	Resolve, to Direct the Maine State Housing Authority to Amend Its Rules Governing the Fuel Assistance Program Regarding Benefit Payments for Wood Fuel	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1914	An Act to Address Housing Density Requirements in Sole Source Aquifer Island and Peninsular Communities	ONTP
	LD 1921	An Act to Create a Statewide Housing Resolution Board	CARRIED OVER

Public Infrastructure

Enacted	LD 1681	An Act to Consider Municipal Shelter Facilities and Housing Projects Essential for Public Health, Welfare and Safety by Updating the Definition of "Public Service Infrastructure"	PUBLIC 250
Not Enacted	LD 287	An Act to Require and Encourage Safe and Interconnected Transportation Construction Projects	CARRIED OVER

Rent Control

Enacted	LD 1723	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Manufactured Housing Communities to Prevent Excessive Rent and Fees Increases	PUBLIC 399
	LD 1765	An Act to Ensure Affordability and Stability in Residential Housing and in Manufactured Housing Communities	PUBLIC 365

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Not Enacted	LD 1534	An Act Enabling Municipalities to Protect Tenants and Stabilize Rents	ONTP
	LD 1806	An Act to Create a Residential Rental Unit Registry	CARRIED OVER

Short Term Rentals

Not Enacted	LD 1181	An Act Regarding the Designation of Short-term Rental Units as Commercial or Residential in Use	Minority (ONTP) Report
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Site Location of Development

Enacted	LD 997	An Act to Allow Residential Use Development in Commercial Districts	PUBLIC 364
Not Enacted	LD 128	An Act to Support Permitting of Certain Multifamily Housing Developments Under the Site Location of Development Laws	CARRIED OVER

Subdivisions

Not Enacted	LD 161	Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Convene a Stakeholder Group Tasked with a Comprehensive Overhaul and Modernization of the State Subdivision Laws	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1396	An Act to Amend Maine's Municipal Subdivision Standards to Increase the Number of Dwelling Units on or Divisions of a Tract of Land Before the Tract is Considered a Subdivision	ONTP

Subsidized Housing

Enacted	LD 733	Resolve, to Require the Maine State Housing Authority to Submit a Report on the Pilot Project to Improve Access to Credit for Low-income Individuals	RESOLVE 40
	LD 1041	An Act to Preserve Affordability in Publicly Assisted Housing Developments	PUBLIC 381
Not Enacted	LD 824	An Act Regarding Pet Fees in Rental Housing	ONTP
	LD 963	An Act to Standardize Subsidized Housing Application Forms	ONTP
	LD 1036	An Act to Protect Recipients of Public Assistance from Housing Discrimination	Died Between Houses
	LD 1806	An Act to Create a Residential Rental Unit Registry	CARRIED OVER

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Tax Credits

Enacted	LD 1664	An Act to Amend the Dirigo Business Incentives Program	PUBLIC 372
	LD 1733	An Act to Provide Reduced Interest Rates for Logging and Fishing Operations	PUBLIC 413
Not Enacted	LD 195	An Act to Create the Small Business Capital Savings Account Program	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1812	An Act to Establish the Loans for Trade Tools Program	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1865	Resolve, to Create a Tax Incentive Pilot Project to Encourage Businesses to Adopt a 4-day Workweek	CARRIED OVER

Tax Expenditures

Not Enacted	LD 195	An Act to Create the Small Business Capital Savings Account Program	CARRIED OVER
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Workforce Investment and Development

Enacted	LD 1245	An Act to Establish a Fund and Council to Support Working Waterfronts	PUBLIC 265
	LD 1829	An Act to Build Housing for Maine Families and Attract Workers to Maine Businesses by Amending the Laws Governing Housing Density	PUBLIC 385
Not Enacted	LD 967	An Act to Reinvigorate Maine's Workforce and Ensure Student Job Readiness by Providing Funds for the Career Exploration Program	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1465	An Act to Create the Office of Workforce Advancement Within the Department of Economic and Community Development and Establish Statewide Workforce Advancement Goals	ONTP
	LD 1812	An Act to Establish the Loans for Trade Tools Program	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1926	An Act to Require Increased Housing Density or Lower Minimum Lot Sizes for Workforce Housing	CARRIED OVER

Zoning

Enacted	LD 907	An Act to Amend the Law Governing Zoning Ordinance Variances for Persons with Permanent Disabilities	PUBLIC 103
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	LD 997	An Act to Allow Residential Use Development in Commercial Districts	PUBLIC 364
	LD 1143	An Act to Update Language on Setback Variances for Single-family Dwellings	PUBLIC 263
	LD 1375	Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Address Regulatory Barriers to Housing Construction	RESOLVE 64
	LD 1829	An Act to Build Housing for Maine Families and Attract Workers to Maine Businesses by Amending the Laws Governing Housing Density	PUBLIC 385
Not Enacted	LD 319	An Act to Allow Residential Housing on Church Property Located in Commercial Zones	ONTP
	LD 1247	An Act to Restrict Municipal Ordinance Requirements Regarding Housing Developments	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1662	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Zoning and Land Use Restrictions to Limit Certain Requirements to Municipalities with Populations of More than 10,000	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1926	An Act to Require Increased Housing Density or Lower Minimum Lot Sizes for Workforce Housing	CARRIED OVER

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HED	1	An Act to Increase Storm Preparedness for Maine's Communities, Homes and Infrastructure	Daughtry, Matthea		4/7/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	33		S1
HED	128	An Act to Support Permitting of Certain Multifamily Housing Developments Under the Site Location of Development Laws	Pierce, Teresa		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
HED	161	Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Convene a Stakeholder Group Tasked with a Comprehensive Overhaul and Modernization of the State Subdivision Laws	Ducharme, Jack		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
HED	188	An Act to Permit the Sale of Motor Vehicles on Sundays	Morris, Joshua	ONTP	3/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
HED	195	An Act to Create the Small Business Capital Savings Account Program	Stewart, Trey	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/3/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HED	255	An Act to Support Mobile Home Residents in Purchasing Their Mobile Home Parks	Baldacci, Joseph	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/20/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HED	271	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 12: Fees for Kickboxing Contests and Authorized Participants, a Major Substantive Rule of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine		OTP-AM	4/4/2025		Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	23		S1
HED	272	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 2: Fees for Muay Thai Contests and Authorized Participants, a Major Substantive Rule of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine		OTP-AM	4/4/2025		Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	25		S1
HED	277	An Act to Amend the Law Prohibiting Places of Business from Being Open to the Public on Sundays and Holidays	Morris, Joshua	OTP-AM	5/21/2025		Died Between Houses				S1

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HED	287	An Act to Require and Encourage Safe and Interconnected Transportation Construction Projects	Lee, Adam		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
HED	292	An Act to Implement the Automotive Right to Repair Working Group Recommendations	Collamore, Amanda		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
HED	319	An Act to Allow Residential Housing on Church Property Located in Commercial Zones	Gere, Traci	ONTP	5/22/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HED	337	An Act to Repeal the Sunday Amateur Sports Law, the Law Allowing Municipalities to Permit the Operation of Movie Theaters on Sundays and the Law Imposing a Fine or Imprisonment for Playing Games and Sports with Admission Charges on Memorial Day	Morris, Joshua	OTP	4/11/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	43		S1
HED	364	An Act to Promote Economic Development in Maine	Curry, Chip		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
HED	365	An Act to Establish a Moratorium on the Sale of Mobile Home Parks	Curry, Chip	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/5/2025		Emergency Enactment Failed				S1
HED	413	An Act Regarding Disclosure by Sellers of Residential Real Property of Notices of Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Violations	Ducharme, Jack	OTP-AM	4/22/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	69		S1
HED	414	An Act to Prohibit Deceptive Pricing in the Rental of Short-term Lodging and in the Sale of Tickets	Roeder, Amy	OTP-AM	5/21/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	311		S1

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HED	427	An Act to Regulate Municipal Parking Space Minimums	Roeder, Amy	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/3/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	374		S1
HED	442	An Act to Amend the Automotive Repair Statute	Roberts, Tiffany	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/17/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HED	445	An Act to Stimulate Housing Production by Increasing the Threshold Before Participation in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Is Mandatory	Ducharme, Jack	ONTP	3/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
HED	546	Resolve, to Require the Preparation of Preapproved Building Types	Gere, Traci	OTP-AM	5/20/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	48		S1
HED	603	An Act to Ensure That the Exemption of Certain Agricultural Buildings from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Includes Maple Sugarhouses	Cooper, Mark	OTP	4/11/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	46		S1
HED	629	An Act to Restore Matching Funding to the Maine Development Foundation	Roberts, Tiffany	OTP-AM	4/15/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HED	641	An Act to Support Diversion Efforts to Prevent Homelessness in Maine	Malon, II, Marc	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/20/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HED	659	An Act to Reduce Housing Costs by Not Requiring Fire Sprinkler Systems for Single-family Homes and Duplexes	Crafts, Lydia	ONTP	5/1/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HED	678	An Act to Provide for the 2025 and 2026 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds	Curry, Chip	OTP-AM	4/9/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPS	3		S1
HED	698	An Act to Sustain Emergency Homeless Shelters in Maine	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	5/20/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	460		S1
HED	733	Resolve, to Require the Maine State Housing Authority to Submit a Report on the Pilot Project to Improve Access to Credit for Low-income Individuals	Zager, Sam	OTP-AM	5/20/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	40		S1
HED	741	An Act to Increase Preparedness for Solar Power Adoption in Maine	Skold, Charles	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/29/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HED	747	An Act to Provide Funds to Reduce Student Homelessness	Brennan, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/20/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	461		S1
HED	748	An Act to Increase Bridging Rental Assistance Program Housing Voucher Funding to Reduce the Current Partial Waiting List and Increase Housing Vouchers for Persons Living with Mental Health Challenges	Golek, Cheryl	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/20/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HED	760	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Need to Codify or Recodify Laws Regarding Residential Community Ownership Associations by Adopting the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act	Lawrence, Mark	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	5/20/2025	Carried on Study Table					S1
HED	788	An Act to Promote an Innovation-driven Economy by Increasing Research and Development Spending	Pierce, Teresa	OTP-AM	5/20/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	146		S1

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HED	824	An Act Regarding Pet Fees in Rental Housing	Bailey, Donna	ONTP	4/29/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HED	845	An Act to Establish a First-time Home-buyer Program Administered by the Finance Authority of Maine	Fredette, Kenneth	ONTP	4/3/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HED	876	An Act to Support the Maine Service Fellows Program	Rielly, Morgan	OTP-AM	5/29/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HED	901	Resolve, Directing the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority to Take Appropriate Actions to Identify Opportunities for the Beneficial Reuse of the Buildings and Land Commonly Known as the Bangor Mall	Baldacci, Joseph	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/29/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	80		S1
HED	907	An Act to Amend the Law Governing Zoning Ordinance Variances for Persons with Permanent Disabilities	Libby, James	OTP-AM	5/6/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	103		S1
HED	913	An Act to Amend the Law Regulating the Resale of Tickets	Daughtry, Matthea	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/6/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	354		S1
HED	916	An Act to Promote Investment in Housing	Gere, Traci		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
HED	945	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Powers and Responsibilities of the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority	Sachs, Melanie	OTP-AM	4/30/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	120		S1
HED	949	An Act to Clarify Licensing Jurisdiction for Manufactured Housing Communities	Golek, Cheryl	OTP-AM	6/4/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	428		S1

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HED	963	An Act to Standardize Subsidized Housing Application Forms	Collins, Alicia	ONTP	4/3/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HED	967	An Act to Reinvigorate Maine's Workforce and Ensure Student Job Readiness by Providing Funds for the Career Exploration Program	Eder, John	OTP-AM	4/30/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HED	970	An Act to Support Affordable Housing Development	Malon, II, Marc	OTP-AM	6/3/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	262		S1
HED	992	An Act to Protect Consumers from Hidden Fees and Ensure Transparent Pricing for Live Event Tickets and Short-term Lodging	Nangle, Tim	ONTP/OTP	5/20/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HED	996	An Act to Create the Weatherization Plus Program and Weatherization Plus Fund	Malon, II, Marc	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/29/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HED	997	An Act to Allow Residential Use Development in Commercial Districts	Malon, II, Marc	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/12/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	364		S1
HED	1016	An Act to Establish the Manufactured Housing Community and Mobile Home Park Preservation and Assistance Fund	Reny, Cameron	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/3/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	398		S1
HED	1023	Resolve, to Reestablish the Blue Economy Task Force to Support Maine's Emergence as a Center for Blue Economy Innovation and Opportunity in the 21st Century	Duson, Jill	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	6/5/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	114		S1

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HED	1036	An Act to Protect Recipients of Public Assistance from Housing Discrimination	Rana, Ambureen	OTP/ONTP	6/2/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
HED	1041	An Act to Preserve Affordability in Publicly Assisted Housing Developments	Lookner, Grayson	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/16/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	381		S1
HED	1067	An Act to Improve the Process for Mobile Home Owners to Purchase Their Mobile Home Park	Bradstreet, Dick	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/30/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HED	1075	An Act to Require Annual Reporting Regarding the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program	Perkins, Chad	ONTP	4/15/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HED	1106	An Act to Provide Funds for the Redevelopment of the Island Nursing Home in Hancock County into Affordable Senior Housing	Eaton, Holly	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/20/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HED	1143	An Act to Update Language on Setback Variances for Single-family Dwellings	Libby, James	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/3/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	263		S1
HED	1145	An Act to Protect Residents Living in Mobile Home Parks	Nangle, Tim	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	6/5/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	394		S1
HED	1159	An Act to Prohibit Governmental Entities That Charge a Fee for In-person Credit Card Purchases from Refusing to Accept Cash	Rollins, David	OTP-AM/.ONTP/OTP-AM	5/20/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	209		S1

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HED	1167	Resolve, to Create a Pilot Program to Assist Nonprofit Housing Developers in Rehabilitating Existing Aging Housing Stock for First-time Home Buyers	McCabe, Julie	OTP-AM	6/4/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HED	1170	An Act to Make the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority Responsible for the Transfer and Development of State-owned Surplus Land	Julia, Cassie	OTP-AM	6/3/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	264		S1
HED	1179	An Act Regarding Safety from Fire for Recreational Vehicles	Macias, Rafael	OTP-AM	6/2/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	245		S1
HED	1181	An Act Regarding the Designation of Short-term Rental Units as Commercial or Residential in Use	Gere, Traci	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/3/2025		Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
HED	1183	An Act to Ensure Rent-to-own Protections Apply to Mobile Home Park Tenants	Gere, Traci	OTP	4/29/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	92		S1
HED	1184	An Act to Require Municipal Reporting on Residential Building Permits, Dwelling Units Permitted and Demolished and Certificates of Occupancy Issued	Gere, Traci	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	5/30/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	495		S1
HED	1190	An Act to Increase State Funding for Emergency Shelters	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP	4/3/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HED	1208	An Act to Amend the Statutory Balance Limit on the Finance Authority of Maine's Loan Insurance Reserves for General Fund Transfers	Curry, Chip	OTP-AM	6/3/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	475		S1

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HED	1226	An Act to Protect Consumers by Licensing Residential Building Contractors	Roberts, Tiffany	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	5/29/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HED	1227	An Act to Repeal the Requirement That Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Equip Vehicles with a Standardized Data Access Platform	Roberts, Tiffany	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/17/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HED	1228	An Act to Clarify Certain Terms in and to Make Other Changes to the Automotive Right to Repair Laws	Roberts, Tiffany	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	6/17/2025		Held by Governor				S1
HED	1232	An Act to Require Radon Testing for Certain Commercial and Residential Construction	Rudnicki, Shelley	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/12/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HED	1238	An Act to Establish a Small-cap Loan Guarantee Program for Affordable Housing Investments	Archer, Marshall	ONTP	5/22/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HED	1245	An Act to Establish a Fund and Council to Support Working Waterfronts	Rielly, Morgan	OTP-AM	6/3/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	265		S1
HED	1246	Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development to Convene a Working Group to Review the Process of Setting Impact Fees	Gere, Traci	OTP-AM	5/30/2025		Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	85		S1
HED	1247	An Act to Restrict Municipal Ordinance Requirements Regarding Housing Developments	Gere, Traci		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1

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HED	1272	An Act to Address the Housing Crisis by Reducing Barriers to Building More Accessory Dwelling Units	Fecteau, Ryan	ONTP	5/22/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HED	1287	An Act to Support Workforce Development by Establishing the Housing Stability Fund	Daughtry, Matthea	OTP-AM	5/30/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	498		S1
HED	1296	An Act to Amend the Law Governing Watercraft Franchisor Warranty Reimbursements	Reny, Cameron	OTP-AM	6/3/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	284		S1
HED	1324	An Act to Protect Maine Consumers Shopping for Electric Vehicles from Deceptive Advertising and Marketing Practices	Beck, Matthew	ONTP/OTP	5/29/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HED	1328	An Act to Create Culturally Appropriate and Trauma-informed Housing and Recovery Services	Osher, Laurie	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/10/2025		Veto Sustained				S1
HED	1336	An Act to Establish the Maine-Aomori Sister-state Advisory Council	Sato, Ellie	OTP-AM	5/20/2025		Held by Governor				S1
HED	1338	Resolve, Directing State Agencies and Semiautonomous State Agencies to Provide a List of Surplus Properties and Properties Eligible for Redevelopment to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority	Sachs, Melanie	LTW	4/28/2025		Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HED	1375	Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Address Regulatory Barriers to Housing Construction	Curry, Chip	OTP-AM	6/2/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	64		S1

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HED	1385	An Act to Consider Municipalities Meeting Regional Housing Goals in Awarding Transportation Grants	Gere, Traci	ONTP	5/22/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HED	1391	An Act to Update the Maine Self-service Storage Act	Ducharme, Jack	OTP	5/14/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	164		S1
HED	1394	An Act to Support Maine's Electric Vehicle Adoption Goals by Providing an Exclusion for Electric Vehicles from Certain Requirements of the Right to Repair Law	Roberts, Tiffany	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/17/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HED	1396	An Act to Amend Maine's Municipal Subdivision Standards to Increase the Number of Dwelling Units on or Divisions of a Tract of Land Before the Tract is Considered a Subdivision	Roberts, Tiffany	ONTP	5/22/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HED	1453	Resolve, to Establish the Housing Production Innovation Working Group	Bennett, Richard	OTP-AM	6/3/2025		Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	105		S1
HED	1465	An Act to Create the Office of Workforce Advancement Within the Department of Economic and Community Development and Establish Statewide Workforce Advancement Goals	Rana, Ambureen	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HED	1467	An Act to Ensure Accountability for Repairs Conducted by Independent Repair Facilities on Motor Vehicles Under Warranty	Collamore, Amanda	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/9/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
HED	1468	An Act to Establish Standards for Independent Motor Vehicle Repair Facilities in Maine	Collamore, Amanda	ONTP	5/20/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HED	1476	An Act to Support Maine's Homeless Shelters by Imposing a Fee for Booking Hotels, Short-term Rentals and Recreational Vehicle Camping Reservations	Copeland, Lynn	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/3/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HED	1486	An Act to Provide Financing Assistance for Down Payments for First-generation Homeowners	Yusuf, Yusuf	ONTP	4/29/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HED	1498	An Act to Address Maine's Housing Crisis by Limiting Municipal Impact Fees on Housing Development	Faulkingham, Billy Bob	OTP-AM	6/16/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	480		S1
HED	1500	An Act to Establish the Maine Community Development Financial Institution Fund to Support Small Businesses, Rural Economic Development and Affordable Housing	Sachs, Melanie	OTP-AM	6/3/2025		Held by Governor				S1
HED	1516	An Act to Strengthen the Maine Development Foundation	Roberts, Tiffany	OTP-AM	5/29/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	325		S1
HED	1522	An Act to Establish the Maine Eviction Prevention Program	Rana, Ambureen	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/5/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HED	1534	An Act Enabling Municipalities to Protect Tenants and Stabilize Rents	Bailey, Donna	ONTP	5/22/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HED	1569	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Economic and Community Development to Form a Stakeholder Group to Analyze and Improve Home Repair Funding Programs in the State	Kessler, Christopher	ONTP	4/29/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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HED	1585	Resolve, to Direct the Maine State Housing Authority to Amend Its Rules Governing the Fuel Assistance Program Regarding Benefit Payments for Wood Fuel	Drinkwater, Gary	ONTP/OTP	5/29/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HED	1597	An Act to Prohibit the Use of Dynamic Pricing for Certain Consumer Goods	Malon, II, Marc	ONTP	5/20/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HED	1637	An Act to Reform the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority	Daughtry, Matthea	OTP-AM	6/5/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	412		S1
HED	1642	An Act to Protect Maine Consumers by Simplifying Subscription and Health Club Membership Cancellations	Nangle, Tim	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/9/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	376		S1
HED	1643	An Act to Establish the Maine Life Science Innovation Center	Pierce, Teresa	OTP-AM	6/2/2025		Held by Governor				S1
HED	1662	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Zoning and Land Use Restrictions to Limit Certain Requirements to Municipalities with Populations of More than 10,000	Soboleski, Mike	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/2/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
HED	1664	An Act to Amend the Dirigo Business Incentives Program	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/30/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	372		S1
HED	1681	An Act to Consider Municipal Shelter Facilities and Housing Projects Essential for Public Health, Welfare and Safety by Updating the Definition of "Public Service Infrastructure"	Lookner, Grayson	OTP	5/29/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	250		S1

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HED	1723	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Manufactured Housing Communities to Prevent Excessive Rent and Fees Increases	Golek, Cheryl	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/12/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	399		S1
HED	1733	An Act to Provide Reduced Interest Rates for Logging and Fishing Operations	Bennett, Richard	OTP-AM	6/5/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	413		S1
HED	1751	An Act to Improve the Growth Management Program Laws	Roberts, Tiffany	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/17/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	393		S1
HED	1765	An Act to Ensure Affordability and Stability in Residential Housing and in Manufactured Housing Communities	Julia, Cassie	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/12/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	365		S1
HED	1806	An Act to Create a Residential Rental Unit Registry	Rana, Ambureen		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
HED	1812	An Act to Establish the Loans for Trade Tools Program	White, Russell	OTP-AM	6/3/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
HED	1819	An Act Regarding the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment Financing Fund	Ankeles, Dan	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/4/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	299		S1
HED	1829	An Act to Build Housing for Maine Families and Attract Workers to Maine Businesses by Amending the Laws Governing Housing Density	Fecteau, Ryan	OTP-AM	6/16/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	385		S1

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HED	1845	An Act to Establish the Working Waterfront Advisory Council	Rielly, Morgan	ONTP	5/20/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HED	1863	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Space Corporation	Daughtry, Matthea	OTP	5/29/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	258		S1
HED	1864	An Act to Facilitate the Reconstruction of Storm-damaged Commercial Fisheries Facilities and Infrastructure	Daughtry, Matthea	OTP-AM	6/3/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	286		S1
HED	1865	Resolve, to Create a Tax Incentive Pilot Project to Encourage Businesses to Adopt a 4-day Workweek	Bennett, Richard		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
HED	1894	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Consumer Grocery Pricing Fairness	Sayre, Dan	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/3/2025	Carried on Study Table					S1
HED	1907	An Act to Protect Consumers from Unfair Dynamic Pricing in Grocery Stores	Daughtry, Matthea	ONTP	5/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HED	1908	An Act to Require the Cooperation of Original Manufacturers of Electronic Devices to Facilitate the Repair of Those Devices by Device Owners and Independent Repair Providers	Tipping, Michael		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
HED	1910	An Act to Strengthen Housing Stability Services by Increasing Support and Outreach	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/9/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1

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HED	1914	An Act to Address Housing Density Requirements in Sole Source Aquifer Island and Peninsular Communities	Stover, Holly	ONTP	5/22/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
HED	1921	An Act to Create a Statewide Housing Resolution Board	Gere, Traci		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
HED	1926	An Act to Require Increased Housing Density or Lower Minimum Lot Sizes for Workforce Housing	Stover, Holly		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
HED	1940	An Act to Revise the Growth Management Program Laws	Sachs, Melanie	OTP-AM/ONTP/ OTP-AM	6/17/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
HED	1943	Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Study the Role of Private Equity in Maine's Economy and in Key Economic Sectors	Pugh, Dylan	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/16/2025	Carried on Study Table					S1

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LD 1 An Act to Increase Storm Preparedness for Maine's Communities, Homes and Infrastructure

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 33 makes the following changes in law.

1. It creates the Home Resiliency Program within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to provide grants to homeowners for the purpose of performing home resiliency projects designed to make a home more resistant to damage from severe weather events. The program is funded by a one-time transfer of \$15,000,000 from the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance's Other Special Revenue Funds account.
2. It establishes the Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency to improve statewide and regional disaster communications systems, provide additional hazard mitigation capacity and provide matching funds from the State for two federal disaster programs. The fund is funded by a transfer from the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance's Other Special Revenue Funds account. Specifically, the Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund will accomplish the following:
 - A. It supports improved statewide emergency communications systems, communications system training and education to improve communication regarding disaster events;
 - B. It provides state matching funds for United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency grants to the State's Disaster Recovery Fund;
 - C. It establishes and funds a new account to provide state matching funds to leverage competitive grants from the federal Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund program; and
 - D. It establishes a limited-period position to implement the new Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund and a limited-period emergency communications system manager.
3. It establishes the State Resilience Office within the Maine Office of Community Affairs and provides funding through a \$9,633,040 transfer from the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance's Other Special Revenue Funds account to create an online community risk reduction data hub, update flood maps, reduce community flood risk and increase participation in the National Flood Insurance Program through a regional certified floodplain manager program.
4. It requires an annual transfer from the available balances of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance's Other Special Revenue Funds account to the

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State Resilience Fund and requires the State Resilience Office to make an annual report to the Bureau of Insurance and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance matters on the uses, activities and outcomes supported by funds from that annual transfer of funds.

5. It transfers the responsibility for administering the Community Resilience Partnership Program from the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to the State Resilience Office within the Maine Office of Community Affairs.
6. It clarifies that the State Resilience Office is responsible for administering the floodplain management program and the State Floodplain Mapping Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, sections 408 and 409, respectively.
7. It requires the Superintendent of Insurance to certify that surplus funds exist in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance's Other Special Revenue Funds account prior to the State Controller transferring funds out of the account to the State Resilience Fund.
8. It allows the Bureau of Insurance to establish two or more tiers of eligibility for the Home Resiliency Program based on the income or financial means of the applicant.
9. It allows, but does not require, the Bureau of Insurance to adopt rules to implement the Home Resiliency Program.

Public Law 2025, chapter 33 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 22, 2025.

LD 271 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 12: Fees for Kickboxing Contests and Authorized Participants, a Major Substantive Rule of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 23 authorizes final adoption of Chapter 12: Fees for Kickboxing Contests and Authorized Participants, a major substantive rule of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine.

Resolve 2025, chapter 23 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 2, 2025.

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LD 272 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 2: Fees for Muay Thai Contests and Authorized Participants, a Major Substantive Rule of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 25 authorizes final adoption of Chapter 2: Fees for Muay Thai Contests and Authorized Participants, a major substantive rule of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine.

Resolve 2025, chapter 25 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 2, 2025.

LD 337 An Act to Repeal the Sunday Amateur Sports Law, the Law Allowing Municipalities to Permit the Operation of Movie Theaters on Sundays and the Law Imposing a Fine or Imprisonment for Playing Games and Sports with Admission Charges on Memorial Day

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 43 repeals the Sunday Amateur Sports Law, the law allowing for a municipal vote to permit the operation of movie theaters on Sundays between the hours of 1 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. and the law imposing a fine or imprisonment for playing games and sports with admission charges before 3:30 p.m. on Memorial Day.

LD 413 An Act Regarding Disclosure by Sellers of Residential Real Property of Notices of Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Violations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 69 specifies the information a seller of residential real property must disclose related to violations and enforcement and court actions with respect to shoreland zoning ordinances.

LD 414 An Act to Prohibit Deceptive Pricing in the Rental of Short-term Lodging and in the Sale of Tickets

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 311 requires a person that is renting short-term lodging or selling an entertainment event ticket to clearly disclose the total price of the short-term lodging or ticket and display the total price more prominently than other information in advertisements or displays. Public Law 2025, chapter 311 prohibits the misrepresentation of any fee or charge associated with a short-term lodging rental or ticket sale and directs the Office of the Attorney General to enforce

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the law. Any person that violates the law commits an unfair and deceptive act in violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

LD 427 An Act to Regulate Municipal Parking Space Minimums

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 374 establishes limits on minimum parking space requirements by establishing requirements for parking in growth areas and for off-site parking agreements and authorizes the Maine Office of Community Affairs to adopt rules to administer and enforce the law.

LD 546 Resolve to Require the Preparation of Preapproved Building Types

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 48 directs the Maine Office of Community Affairs to contract with an appropriate consultant to establish a set of building types that municipalities may adopt as preapproved building types to reduce the cost and time associated with processing building permit applications. The consultant must ensure that the preapproved building types can be developed at a cost that enables rents for some units in the building to not exceed 30% of the median income in the county where the building will be located. The consultant is required to seek input from a postsecondary institution in the State with a program that uses new technologies to produce materials and develop building methods designed to make housing more efficient and affordable.

The Maine Office of Community Affairs is required to submit a report no later than November 4, 2026, to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development. The committee is authorized to report out legislation relating to the subject matter of the report to the First Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

LD 603 An Act to Ensure That the Exemption of Certain Agricultural Buildings from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Includes Maple Sugarhouses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 46 exempts buildings used primarily to process or store maple sap or syrup from the provisions of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.

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LD 678 An Act to Provide for the 2025 and 2026 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 3 establishes the allocations of the state ceiling on issuance of tax-exempt private activity bonds for calendar years 2025 and 2026 among the state-level issuers of tax-exempt bonds.

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 3 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 25, 2025.

LD 698 An Act to Sustain Emergency Homeless Shelters in Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 460 supports the operation of emergency homeless shelters in the State by transferring from the real estate transfer tax revenue, for fiscal year 2025-26 only, \$2,982,000 of the revenue available to the Maine State Housing Authority for the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund and \$1,491,000 of the revenue available to the Department of Health and Human Services for the Housing First Fund into the Maine State Housing Authority Shelter Operating Subsidy Fund.

LD 733 Resolve, to Require the Maine State Housing Authority to Submit a Report on the Pilot Project to Improve Access to Credit for Low-income Individuals

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 40 requires the Maine State Housing Authority to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development, by June 30, 2026, about its pilot project to collect and report tenant rent payment histories to appropriate credit reporting agencies with the purpose of improving the credit ratings of low-income residential tenants. The committee has the authority to report out legislation based upon the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 747 An Act to Provide Funds to Reduce Student Homelessness

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 461 makes permanent the pilot program administered by the Maine State Housing Authority to provide rental assistance for homeless students in elementary and secondary schools. It appropriates ongoing General Funds in the amount of \$125,000 for each of fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27.

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LD 788 An Act to Promote an Innovation-driven Economy by Increasing Research and Development Spending

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 146 amends the laws governing the Maine Economic Growth Council by adding to the responsibilities of the Maine Economic Growth Council supporting the goal of increasing research and development spending as a percentage of the State's economy to meet the national average by 2030. The law directs the council to track the progress toward the research and development spending goal and submit an annual accountability update by December 1st each year that includes data from the most recently available year on the commercialization of laboratory-based innovation projects that occurred in the annual accountability update year to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over research and economic development matters and appropriations and financial affairs. Each joint standing committee may report out legislation upon review of the annual accountability report.

LD 901 Resolve, Directing the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority to Take Appropriate Actions to Identify Opportunities for the Beneficial Reuse of the Buildings and Land Commonly Known as the Bangor Mall

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 80 requires the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority to work with the City of Bangor to develop a comprehensive plan for the redevelopment of the property in the City of Bangor commonly known as the Bangor Mall. The plan must include a mix of uses for the property that promotes the economic revitalization of the Bangor Mall as a vital hub in the City of Bangor and creates affordable housing for the city and surrounding regions. By January 15, 2026, the authority must submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development on the plan. The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

LD 907 An Act to Amend the Law Governing Zoning Ordinance Variances for Persons with Permanent Disabilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 103 amends the municipal land use law governing zoning adjustments by removing the weight limit on the vehicle a homeowner with a permanent disability or a responsibility to transport a person with a permanent disability may park and store on their property. Public Law 2025, chapter 103 also removes the size restriction on the structure the homeowner may build on the property to store and park the vehicle.

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LD 913 An Act to Amend the Law Regulating the Resale of Tickets

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 354 amends the laws governing the resale of tickets to include provisions that regulate price disclosures and the refund of tickets and establishes consumer protections to prohibit speculative ticket sales, the use of deceptive website addresses and bots to circumvent online sales limitations and charging of more than 10% of the total price of the original ticket, including taxes and fees as a service charge for the resale of a ticket. The law directs the Attorney General to enforce these provisions.

LD 945 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Powers and Responsibilities of the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 120 amends the laws governing the powers of the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority.

1. It provides the authority with powers possessed by a corporation.
2. It changes the authority's ability to acquire property by removing the requirement of needing an agreement with a public entity and changing its authority to enter into an agreement with a federal agency.
3. It allows the authority to enter into an agreement with a private party, which, if the agreement is for the acquisition of property, must have the consent of the municipality in which the property is located or, if the property is located in an unorganized or deorganized township of the State, the consent of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission.
4. It clarifies the types of properties that are eligible for acquisition by the authority.
5. It removes the requirement that the authority use the best practices adopted by the Development Ready Advisory Committee when providing assistance to entities in the State engaged in redevelopment activities.

LD 949 An Act to Clarify Licensing Jurisdiction for Manufactured Housing Communities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 428 requires a municipality accept a license issued by the Manufactured Housing Board as evidence a manufactured housing community meets the requirements to operate found in Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, chapter 951, subchapter 6. A municipality is prohibited from charging an additional fee for the operation of the housing community.

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LD 970 An Act to Support Affordable Housing Development

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 262 exempts from site location of development review by the Department of Environmental Protection the construction of dwelling units at an existing development that has been permitted under Maine's site location of development law, Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 6.

LD 997 An Act to Allow Residential Use Development in Commercial Districts

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 364 requires a municipality to allow residential units within buildings located in an area zoned for commercial use except when a municipality determines that flooding or other natural hazards in the zone makes the area unfit for residential use.

An ordinance adopted by a municipality that regulates the establishment of residential units in an area zoned for commercial use may: limit the number of residential units in a commercial development; restrict the ground floor of a building containing residential units for commercial use; and regulate the siting and design of the residential or mixed-use development provided the regulation is not unreasonably expensive or results in unreasonable delays.

An ordinance adopted by a municipality that regulates the establishment of residential units in an area zoned for commercial use may not contain restrictions more stringent than those contained in Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, sections 4364, 4364-A and 4364-B applicable to dwelling units, including affordable housing and accessory dwelling units.

A municipality must comply with the requirements of this legislation by July 1, 2027.

LD 1016 An Act to Establish the Manufactured Housing Community and Mobile Home Park Preservation and Assistance Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 398 creates the Manufactured Housing Community and Mobile Home Park Preservation and Assistance Fund to be administered by the Maine State Housing Authority. The fund's purpose is to support ownership of manufactured housing communities and mobile home parks by owners of the homes in these communities and parks. To support the fund, buyers of manufactured housing communities and mobile home parks must pay a fee equal to \$10,000 for each manufactured housing community lot or mobile home park lot in the community or park purchased. The Maine State Housing Authority, a municipal housing authority, and an entity and affiliate and related entities with a net worth of less than \$50,000,000 are not required to pay the fee.

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The fee is due to the registry of deeds when the deed is offered for recordation. The registry keeps 5 % of the fee collected as reimbursement for services rendered by the registry of deeds in collection the fee. The remaining fee is sent to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the fund.

The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation is required to establish by rule the method and required evidence and documentation a purchaser must provide to the register of deeds to support a claim of exemption from the fee.

LD 1023 Resolve, to Reestablish the Blue Economy Task Force to Support Maine's Emergence as a Center for Blue Economy Innovation and Opportunity in the 21st Century

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 114, directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to convene the Blue Economy Task Force to develop recommendations for the establishment of the Center for the Blue Economy and to make other recommendations. The task force is directed to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development no later than December 3, 2025, and the committee may report out legislation relating to the report. The law also provides an appropriation of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 to the Maine Technology Capacity Fund to provide matching funds in support of blue economy-related research, economic development and education and training.

LD 1041 An Act to Preserve Affordability in Publicly Assisted Housing Developments

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 381 amends the notice an owner of low-income rental housing must provide to a person or family renting housing from the owner in the following ways.

1. It requires the owner to provide notice to a tenants' organization for the property, if any.
2. It requires the owner to provide notice when a limitation of the rent amount an owner may charge based on the income of the person or family renting the unit is likely to end, whether due to a sale or transfer of the property, termination of state or federal financial assistance or other actions taken by the owner.
3. If the end of the limitation of the rent amount is due to the termination of state or federal financial assistance, it requires the owner to provide notice two years prior to the termination of financial assistance, or November 30, 2025, if the termination will occur less than two years from the effective date of Public Law 2025, chapter 381.

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LD 1143 An Act to Update Language on Setback Variances for Single-family Dwellings

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 263 allows a municipality to grant a setback variance for a “dwelling” and not just a “single-family dwelling” when strict application of the zoning ordinance would cause undue hardship.

LD 1145 An Act to Protect Residents Living in Mobile Home Parks

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 394 amends current law on the rights of a group of mobile home owners or a mobile home owners' association to purchase a mobile home park when the owner of the mobile home park has accepted an offer to purchase the park or intends to sell the park as follows.

1. It requires a mobile home park owner accept an offer to purchase a mobile home park from a group or association of mobile home owners living in the park if the offer matches the price and otherwise has substantially equivalent terms and conditions as an offer the mobile home park owner has conditionally accepted or plans to accept, even if the offer includes a financing contingency.
2. It requires the group or association of mobile home secure appropriate financing within 90 days after the execution of a purchase and sale agreement with the mobile home park owner.
3. It requires that the sale of the mobile home park occur within a commercially reasonable time after the receipt of the commitment for appropriate financing.
4. It relieves the mobile home park owner of further obligations with respect to a purchase and sale agreement entered into with a group or association of mobile homeowners if appropriate financing is not secured within 90 days or the sale does not close within a commercially reasonable time.
5. It allows the group or association of mobile home owners to assign their first option to purchase rights to the Maine State Housing Authority, a municipal housing authority, a municipality where the park is located, or a nonprofit organization provided the entity agrees to continue operating the property as a mobile home park.
6. It requires a mobile home park owner who intends to accept an offer to purchase the mobile home park as part of an investment portfolio by the purchaser, include the price, terms and conditions specific to the mobile home park in the notice provided to the mobile homeowners.
7. It provides the group or association of mobile home owners with the first option to purchase for any subsequent offer a mobile home park owner accepts or intends to accept if the offer is at a different price or different terms and conditions.

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LD 1159 An Act to Prohibit Governmental Entities That Charge a Fee for In-person Credit Card Purchases from Refusing to Accept Cash

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 209 prohibits a municipality or other governmental entity that charges a credit card fee on the purchase of goods or services for sale at retail from refusing payment in the form of cash for those goods and services.

LD 1170 An Act to Make the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority Responsible for the Transfer and Development of State-owned Surplus Land

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 264 authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, through the Bureau of General Services, to annually inventory all land owned by state agencies and semiautonomous state agencies. The law also replaces the Maine State Housing Authority with the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority as the state agency responsible for the transfer and development of state-owned surplus land. It requires the department to annually provide the land inventory to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters. Public Law 2025, chapter 264 also clarifies that the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority may acquire property that is determined to be surplus by a state, federal, municipal or other governmental entity.

LD 1179 An Act Regarding Safety from Fire for Recreational Vehicles

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 245 requires the Commissioner of Public Safety to adopt rules governing safety from fire in or around recreational vehicles as defined in National Fire Protection Association standard 1192. A violation of any rule adopted pursuant to the requirement is a strict liability crime as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 34, subsection 4-A.

If the Department of Public Safety proposes to adopt through rulemaking the National Fire Protection Association standard 1192, the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal must notify the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters.

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LD 1183 An Act to Ensure Rent-to-own Protections Apply to Mobile Home Park Tenants

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 92 clarifies that mobile homes qualify as real property for the purposes of entering into a rent-to-own agreement for real property under Maine Revised Statutes, Title 14, section 6203-H.

LD 1184 An Act to Require Municipal Reporting on Residential Building Permits, Dwelling Units Permitted and Demolished and Certificates of Occupancy Issued

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 495 requires a municipality with 4,000 or more residents to submit an annual report to the Maine Office of Community Affairs containing the certain housing data including the number of residential building permit applications submitted, the number of dwelling units permitted and demolished, the number of certificates of occupancy issued and the number of certificates of occupancy issued to households broken down by household income.

The Maine Office of Community Affairs is required to assist a municipality meet its reporting obligation and must reimburse a municipality for 90% of the actual expenses a municipality incurs if collection or reporting of the data is a modification or expansion of municipal activity that necessitates additional expenditures from local revenues.

LD 1208 An Act to Amend the Statutory Balance Limit on the Finance Authority of Maine's Loan Insurance Reserves for General Fund Transfers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 475 increases from \$50,000,000 to \$65,000,000 the combined amount that the Finance Authority of Maine may have in its Loan Insurance Reserve and Finance Authority of Maine Mortgage Insurance Fund and still receive a statutory transfer from the General Fund. Below this amount, a transfer of up to \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund is allowed under certain circumstances.

LD 1245 An Act to Establish a Fund and Council to Support Working Waterfronts

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 265 establishes the Working Waterfront Information and Technical Assistance Fund to be administered by the Maine Office of Community Affairs to support the production of working waterfront information campaigns and to offer technical assistance to encourage protection and development of working waterfronts. Public Law 2025, chapter 265 also

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creates the Working Waterfront Advisory Council to address issues affecting the State's working waterfronts and requires the council to submit a report by February 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic and community development matters and marine resources matters on the status of the condition of, the current and future challenges concerning and recommendations related to working waterfronts in the State. The law also requires the director of the Maine Office of Community Affairs to submit a report by February 1, 2026 and annually thereafter to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over matters related to the Maine Office of Community Affairs on the status of initiatives regarding working waterfronts, including information from coalitions, task forces and engagements with municipal and tribal governments.

LD 1246 Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development to Convene a Working Group to Review the Process of Setting Impact Fees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 85 requires the Department of Economic and Community Development, in collaboration with the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future and the Maine Office of Community Affairs to convene a working group to study the process by which municipalities impose impact fees under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 4354. The working group must include representatives of municipalities and developers associated with municipal infrastructure improvements and others with relevant experience. The state agency responsible for overseeing the Housing Opportunity Program must submit a report based on the study to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development. The committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Resolve 2025, chapter 85 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 18, 2025.

LD 1287 An Act to Support Workforce Development by Establishing the Housing Stability Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 498 establishes the Housing Stability Support Program within the Maine State Housing Authority to prevent the eviction of individuals whose household income is below 30% of the median income for the area. Services available under the program include financial assistance toward rent and security deposits, employment assistance, navigation service and essential stability and case management services. Rental assistance is limited to \$3,000 per household per calendar year and is paid directly to the participant's landlord in an amount not to exceed \$300 per month, except when the assistance payment is for a security deposit.

The Maine State Housing Authority is required to delegate administration of the program to a community action agency, municipal housing authority or other qualified entity with demonstrated experience administering similar programs and providing job-seeking assistance to program

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participants. An entity administering the program must limit the cost of delivery and administering the program to 25% or less of the total allocation, with 10% or less of that amount used to cover administrative costs.

Public Law 2025, chapter 498 provides, in each of fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27, a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the program.

Public Law 2025, chapter 498 reduces the amount of the real estate transfer tax retained by the register of deeds to reimburse counties for collecting the transfer tax, from 10% to 9.2% in each of fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27.

LD 1296 An Act to Amend the Law Governing Watercraft Franchisor Warranty Reimbursements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 284 amends the law governing watercraft franchisor warranty reimbursements by requiring the franchisor to compensate the franchisee for parts used by the franchisee to conduct a specific warranty repair and, for a part provided by the franchiser, the difference between the cost of a part and the retail price of a part, which may not exceed 100% of the reimbursement cost of the labor to perform the repair. The law also requires that labor billed by a franchisee to perform a warranty repair be reasonable and supported by the franchisee's records.

Public Law 2025, chapter 284 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 12, 2025.

LD 1375 Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Address Regulatory Barriers to Housing Construction

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 64 requires the Office of Policy, Innovation and the Future to convene a working group to examine and recommend solutions for regulatory barriers to housing construction in Maine. The working group must include individuals and representatives of organizations with building experiences, engineering expertise and experience with state and local building codes. The office must submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development by December 31, 2025. The committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature. The cost of the working group must be done within the office's existing resources.

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LD 1391 An Act to Update the Maine Self-service Storage Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 164 updates the Maine Self-service Storage Act in the following ways.

1. It amends the definition of abandoned leased space to include space containing personal property more than 15 days after the date given in a notice to terminate or not renew the rental agreement.
2. It permits the electronic delivery and acceptance of rental agreements.
3. It allows notices to be sent electronically and deeming accepted rental agreements that have been sent to but not signed by the occupant if the occupant continues to pay rent or occupy the space.
4. It permits online sales of personal property that has had a lien placed on it by the operator.
5. It allows notices to be sent to the operator at an address specified in the rental agreement.

LD 1453 Resolve, to Establish the Housing Production Innovation Working Group

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 105 establishes the Housing Production Innovation Working Group to study the potential for innovative housing construction technologies to reduce housing production costs and accelerate housing production in the State. Innovative housing construction technologies may include modular housing, componentized housing, three-dimensional printing or other approaches to residential construction. The working group shall also consider regulatory and financial solutions to barriers meeting the State's housing crisis.

The resolve directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to convene and staff the eleven-member working group. The working group must submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development by December 3, 2025. The committee is authorized to report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Resolve 2025, chapter 105 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 1, 2025.

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LD 1498 An Act to Address Maine’s Housing Crisis by Limiting Municipal Impact Fees on Housing Development and Transferring Oversight of the Housing Opportunity Program to the Maine Office of Community Affairs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 480 allows a municipality to enact an ordinance that assesses an impact fee for a development project or that requires the construction of infrastructure improvements necessary as the result of a development project. A municipality must create a policy document describing how the municipality determines a development needs an infrastructure improvement and how the developer's share of the cost of that improvement is determined. The policy document must be accessible to the public at the municipal office or on the municipality’s publicly accessible website. The developer's share of the cost of infrastructure improvement must be proportionate to the development's use of the infrastructure. The money collected for an infrastructure improvement must be encumbered by the municipality within 360 days of receipt.

LD 1516 An Act to Strengthen the Maine Development Foundation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 325 revises the terms of the Board of Directors of the Maine Development Foundation to limit the election of a director to no more than two successive terms.

LD 1637 An Act to Reform the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 412 amends the laws governing the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority by the amending the authority’s goals, changing the composition of the Board of Trustees and removing the exemption of the authority from the site location of development laws currently granted to former military bases. Public Law 2025, chapter 412 also provides that all property held by the authority is subject to the Uniform Environmental Covenants Act and requires that its trustees enter into covenants under the Act no later than January 1, 2027 for all property held by the authority.

LD 1642 An Act to Protect Maine Consumers by Simplifying Subscription and Health Club Membership Cancellations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 376 amends the law regulating automatic subscription renewals to include health club memberships and to clarify the disclosure requirements for sellers offering

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such subscriptions, including by requiring a seller to obtain a consumer's express consent for automatic subscription renewal prior to enrollment through a check box, electronic signature requirement or other affirmative action by the consumer agreeing to the renewal offer; by requiring the seller to provide for cancellation of such subscriptions by a consumer using the same method and in the same manner by which the consumer initially agreed to the subscription; and by prohibiting a seller from misrepresenting a material fact regarding an automatic subscription renewal offer in the marketing, offering or selling of such subscriptions.

Public Law 2025, chapter 376 also requires a seller to provide notice of an extended automatic subscription renewal to a consumer no more than 30 days before the renewal date and directs the Attorney General to enforce the provisions of the law regulating automatic subscription renewals, to bring necessary actions for violations of that law and to adopt rules necessary for the enforcement of that law. It also provides that, in addition to damages or penalties authorized pursuant to the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act, a person found in violation of that law based on unauthorized subscription or other charges billed to or paid by a consumer is required to provide to the consumer a refund or credit for three times the unauthorized amounts billed or paid.

Public Law 2025, chapter 376 applies only to offers or agreements entered into or renewed on or after January 1, 2026 under which a seller makes an automatic subscription renewal or extended automatic subscription renewal offer to a consumer.

LD 1664 An Act to Amend the Dirigo Business Incentives Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 372 amends the Dirigo Business Incentives Program by amending the definition of “layoff” to not include a reduction in workforce due to a restriction by the Department of Transportation on the weight or passage of any vehicle over any way under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 2395.

LD 1681 An Act to Consider Municipal Shelter Facilities and Housing Projects Essential for Public Health, Welfare and Safety by Updating the Definition of “Public Service Infrastructure”

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 250 adds municipal shelter facilities and housing projects managed and operated by a municipality or a municipal housing authority to the definition of “public service infrastructure.” Inclusion in this definition allows a municipality to apply for grants or loans from the Maine Municipal Bond Bank’s Municipal Investment Trust Fund to acquire, design, plan, construct, enlarge, repair, protect or improve a shelter facility or housing project.

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LD 1723 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Manufactured Housing Communities to Prevent Excessive Rent and Fees Increases

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 399 requires the owner of a manufactured housing community to provide written notice of a lot rent or fee increase to each owner of a manufactured home in the community. It provides an opportunity for the owners of manufactured homes in the community to request the owner of a manufactured housing community participate in, and pay for, mediation if at least 51% of the households in the community make such a request. If the manufactured housing community owner acts in bad faith with respect to the mediation, the proposed lot rent or fee increase does not go into effect for six months. If the owner of a manufactured housing community is not present at mediation or fails to send a representative with authority to reach agreement at the mediation, the owner of the manufactured housing community is deemed to have acted in bad faith.

LD 1733 An Act to Provide Reduced Interest Rates for Logging and Fishing Operations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 413 establishes the Improvements to Logging and Fishing Enterprises Loan Program within the Finance Authority of Maine to increase the availability of capital by financing loans to logging and fishing enterprises in this State. The interest rate for loans made under the program may not exceed 2%. Public Law 2025, chapter 413 provides that the Finance Authority of Maine may receive, invest and expend on behalf of the fund money in the Logging and Fishing Enterprise Loan Fund from gifts, grants and bequests as well as from state appropriations and allocations and that the authority may charge the fund its administrative costs. Public Law 2025, chapter 412 also directs the authority to incorporate certain information on the program into its annual report to the Legislature.

LD 1751 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Manufactured Housing Communities to Prevent Excessive Rent and Fees Increases

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 393 changes the laws governing municipal preparation of a comprehensive plan and a growth management program under Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2 in the following ways.

1. It updates terminology and adds a definition for “place type”.
2. It adds the following to the list of state goals for planning and regulatory actions of all state and municipal agencies affecting natural resource management, land use and development:
 - A. The protection of working lands, natural resources, and natural resource-based industries;

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- B. The prevention of development sprawl-associated impacts on public health, safety and welfare;
 - C. The planning, financing, and development of an efficient system of transportation infrastructure;
 - D. The removal of barriers to housing production; and
 - E. The promotion of housing development in proximity to jobs and services.
3. It requires the inventory for a comprehensive plan include environmental systems mapping information.
 4. It requires the analysis section of the comprehensive plan include the best available projection of trends in economic activity.
 5. It requires the needs assessment section of the comprehensive plan identify conditions within the municipality or multi-municipal region that are necessary to support housing, economic growth and development, protect public health, safety and welfare of the community; and protect the environment and critical resources.
 6. It requires the comprehensive plan include a map of existing conditions that identifies areas in the municipality where development would be inconsistent with the plans and those areas considered suitable for development. It requires the map, at a minimum, include data related to the environment, the natural resource-based economy, local or regional water supplies and natural hazards. The map is required only if the department provides data and tools that allow municipalities to produce the map at a minor cost or less.
 7. It requires that the comprehensive plan describe the public input received to determine the needs assessment.
 8. It requires the comprehensive plan include a local goals and policy development section that relates the findings in the inventory and analysis section to local goals.
 9. It requires the policies in the comprehensive plan promote consistency with the State's climate action plan under Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 577.
 10. It requires the implementation strategies and timetable in the comprehensive plan guide a capital investment plan for the replacement and expansion of public facilities and services required to meet projected growth and development.
 11. It requires a comprehensive plan include a future land use plan.
 12. It requires a municipality or multi-municipal region, when developing the implementation program for growth areas, employ the following guidelines:

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- A. Establish development standards;
 - B. Establish timely permitting procedures;
 - C. Ensure that needed public services are available; and
 - D. Prevent inappropriate development in natural hazard areas, including floodplains and areas of high erosion.
13. It requires a municipality or multi-municipal region, when developing the implementation program for rural areas, employ the following guidelines:
- A. Discourage incompatible development;
 - B. Identify which rural areas qualify as critical rural areas; and
 - C. Give priority consideration for proactive strategies to enhance rural industries, manage wildlife and fisheries habitats and preserve sensitive natural area in critical rural areas.
14. It clarifies that a comprehensive plan adopted or amendment by a municipality or multi-municipal region remains in effect until amended or repealed in accordance with the procedures, goals and guidelines established under subchapter 2.
15. It extends the term of a certified growth management plan from 10 years to 12 years.
16. It states that the Act does not apply to a comprehensive plan submitted for consistency review within 24 months after the final adoption of rules necessary to implement the Act unless the municipality requests otherwise.
17. It shortens the time within which the state agency responsible for growth management programs must determine whether a submitted comprehensive plan is complete from 35 days to 10 days.
18. It shortens the comment period on any proposed comprehensive plan from 25 days to 20 days.
19. It increases the time within which the state agency responsible for growth management programs must issue findings on the comprehensive plan from 10 days to 35 days.
20. It requires the state agency responsible for the growth management program develop and maintain a catalog of implementation strategies appropriate for various place types.
21. It requires the state agency responsible for the growth management program to convene a stakeholder group to solicit input on the rules to be adopted to implement this Act.
22. It requires the state agency responsible for growth management programs to adopt rules that:

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- A. Establish a tiered framework for the inventory requirements based on municipal and regional conditions;
 - B. Allow flexibility in the timing and quantity of data collected to allow for iterative rounds of public participation, data collection and data generation;
 - C. Require the comprehensive plan include a map of existing conditions that identifies areas in the municipality where development would be inconsistent with the plan and areas that may be considered suitable for development; and
 - D. Define the term “downtown” in rule.
23. It states that the initial rules proposed by the state agency responsible for the administration of the growth management program are major substantive rules.
24. It requires the state agency responsible for the administration of the growth management program to:
- A. Develop guidance materials on public participation in the comprehensive planning process;
 - B. Prepare a guide to help municipalities choose among the various approaches to comprehensive planning;
 - C. Prepare technical assistance materials on place types; and
 - D. Partner with at least three communities to acquire information on how place types and similar planning tools are used.
25. It requires the state agency responsible for the administration of the growth management program to provide an interim progress report on the implementation of the Act to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development.
26. It authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development to report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

LD 1765 An Act to Ensure Affordability and Stability in Residential Housing and in Manufactured Housing Communities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 365 requires additional information to be submitted by the applicant for a license to operate a manufactured housing community under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, chapter 951. It requires the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to complete tasks

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designed to further protect affordable housing in the State and to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development by December 31, 2025, on those tasks. The committee has the authority to report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

LD 1819 An Act Regarding the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment Financing Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 299 amends the law regulating the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment Financing Fund by extending payments to the that fund until January 2035 and increasing the threshold for legislative review of the fund based on the number of net new jobs created. Public Law 2025, chapter 299 also directs the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority to include in its annual financial report for fiscal year 2025-2026 to include a strategic plan for the transfer of properties from the possession of the authority to a public or private party.

LD 1829 An Act to Build Housing for Maine Families and Attract Workers to Maine Businesses by Amending the Laws Governing Housing Density

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 385 amends Maine law on municipal land use decisions as follows.

1. It requires a municipality to allow a certain number of dwelling units per lot depending on whether the lot is in a designated growth area or is served by public water and sewer.
2. It establishes lot size and density allowances for residential dwelling units based on whether the lot is in a designated growth area and served by public water and sewer, outside a designated growth area and served by public water and sewer or within a designated growth area but not served by public water and sewer.
3. It prevents a municipality from establishing dimensional requirements for multiple residential units that are greater than the dimensional requirements for single-family dwelling units.
4. It exempts the creation of four or fewer dwelling units within a structure from planning board review.
5. It prevents a municipality from requiring the owner of a lot where an accessory dwelling unit is located to reside on the lot.
6. It clarifies that a municipality is prohibited from requiring additional review or documentation about the adequacy of the water and wastewater service connection to a housing structure beyond a written verification from a local plumbing inspector.

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7. It requires a municipality to allow an affordable housing development to exceed height restrictions by no less than one story or 14 feet, subject to review by a municipal fire official or designee.
8. It amends the definition of a subdivision of a structure from a division into three or more units to a division into five or more units within a five-year period.
9. It requires individuals who serve on a municipal reviewing authority or a municipal body that hears zoning appeals to attend a training on land use planning.

The law also enacts a provision that fire suppression sprinklers are not required for an accessory dwelling unit unless the unit is within or attached to a structure of more than two dwelling units.

A municipality is required to amend or adopt an ordinance to effectuate the law by July 1, 2026 if the municipal officers are able to amend or adopt an ordinance without further action or approval of the voters, and by July 1, 2027, for all other municipalities.

LD 1863 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Space Corporation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 258 amends the provisions of law governing the Maine Space Corporation by designating the Maine Space Corporation a nonprofit corporation with public and charitable purposes and the powers and duties of a nonprofit corporation under state law. The law specifies that the duties, activities and operations of the Maine Space Corporation must align with the requirements of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Section 501(c)(3). The law also provides that the tax-exempt status of the Maine Space Corporation extends to property taxes.

Public Law 2025, chapter 258 also clarifies that the Maine Space Corporation is a quasi-independent state entity and when exercising the powers conferred to it under state law, the corporation is deemed to act as an instrumentality of the State conducting an essential governmental function. Public Law 2025, chapter 258 requires that the corporation's organizing document contain a provision that requires, upon its dissolution, that funds, assets and other property of the corporation be used for an exempt purpose under the United States Internal Revenue Code 43 of 1986, Section 501(c)(3) or transferred to the State for a public purpose. The law establishes a provision that allows certain records of the corporation containing trade secrets or proprietary information to be exempt from public records requirements and to be held confidential and clarifies what information is subject to and what information is exempt from the Freedom of Access Act. Public Law 2025, chapter 258 also clarifies that as long as the quorum and voting requirements are met, a vote of the board of the Maine Space Corporation is not invalidated due to a vacancy on the board.

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LD 1864 An Act to Facilitate the Reconstruction of Storm-damaged Commercial Fisheries Facilities and Infrastructure

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 286 provides a time-limited exemption to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 4353, subsection 4, paragraph A to allow any person in the State whose dock, pier or wharf was damaged by the severe storms and flooding that occurred from January 9, 2024 to January 13, 2024, to, no later than December 31, 2027, petition a municipality's board of appeals for and be granted a variance from a municipal shoreland zoning ordinance or a municipal floodplain management ordinance, even if the land on which the structure is located was not damaged to such an extent that it yields no reasonable return, so that the person may conduct repairs on those structures and may do so in time to take advantage of federal funds available pursuant to an emergency declaration.

Public Law 2025, chapter 286 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 12, 2025.