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This *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* provides the disposition of all LDs and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed during the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Maine Legislature. Please note that all LDs and proposed amendments may be found through the Legislature's webpage, and each includes a summary of what the bill or amendment proposed.

The *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* is arranged alphabetically by committee. Within each committee section is a subject index of all LDs considered by that committee as well as a digest of the LDs, arranged by LD number. Also included are enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed. Brief analyst notes on certain LDs are also included: a committee digest will indicate if additional notes are provided for an LD. These notes add information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this *Digest*; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance. A separate section of the *Digest* provides a digest of the relatively few LDs that were not referred to a committee or reported from a committee as a committee bill; enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed are provided. Finally, an appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

The final disposition of each LD is noted in the relevant summary digest and index. The following describes the various final actions.

<i>AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL</i>	<i>automatically withdrawn pursuant to Joint Rules</i>
<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagreed; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>action incomplete when session ended; legislation died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment</i>
<i>FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>failed to receive final majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>HELD BY GOVERNOR</i>	<i>Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session</i>
<i>LEAVE TO WITHDRAW</i>	<i>sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>indefinitely postponed; legislation died</i>
<i>ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X</i>	<i>ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted private & special law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted public law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of finally passed resolve</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's veto</i>

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	LD 2004	An Act to Enhance Support of Local Nutrition Incentive Programs by Modifying the Eligibility Requirements of the Fund to Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives	PUBLIC 543
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Not Enacted	LD 415	An Act to Support Hunger Prevention in Maine	Died On Adjournment
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Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Committee	LD	Title	Sponsor	Committee Vote	Disposition	Law	Ch #	Analyst Note
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ACF	299	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Support Maine's Agricultural and Forestry Sectors and Expand Grant Eligibility Under the Farmers Drought Resilience Program Fund	Pluecker, Bill	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
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ACF	510	An Act to Require the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to Maintain the Weld to Byron Road in Township 6 North of Weld	Black, Russell	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
ACF	593	An Act to Extend Funding for the Land for Maine's Future Program	Black, Russell	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
ACF	761	An Act to Support the Maintenance, Preservation and Promotion of State Historic Sites	Grohoski, Nicole	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
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ACF	1043	An Act to Provide Free Admission to State Parks and Historic Sites for the Immediate Family Members of Veterans and Active Military Personnel	Hepler, Allison	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
ACF	1054	An Act to Amend Certain Definitions in the Laws Governing Conservation Easements	Dill, Jim	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	609	

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Committee	LD	Title	Sponsor	Committee Vote	Disposition	Law	Ch #	Analyst Note
ACF	1093	An Act to Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to Prevent the Use of the Term "State Park" by Nonstate Parks	Warren, Sophia	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
ACF	1141	An Act to Increase the Procurement of Maine Foods by Certain State Institutions	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	521	
ACF	1252	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Agriculture, Food System and Forest Products Infrastructure Investment Advisory Board	Hepler, Allison	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
ACF	1297	Resolve, to Establish the Committee to Study the Use of Sunflower Crops to Produce Biofuels and Other Products	Stewart, Trey	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
ACF	1528	An Act to Support Farmland Conservation	Bennett, Richard	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
ACF	1547	An Act to Fund Maine's Snowmobile Trail Programs	Black, Russell	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	676	
ACF	1605	An Act to Support Farmers and Food Banks Affected by Federal Funding Cuts to Their Existing Contracts	Brenner, Stacy	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
ACF	1661	Resolve, Requiring a Review and Assessment of the State's Invasive Species Management Efforts	Frost, Sharon	OTP-AM	Finally Passed	Resolve	174	
ACF	2004	An Act to Enhance Support of Local Nutrition Incentive Programs by Modifying the Eligibility Requirements of the Fund to Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives	Ingwersen, Henry	OTP	Enacted	PL	543	
ACF	2006	Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Make Certain Land Transactions in Aroostook and Somerset Counties	Bernard, Sue	OTP-AM	Finally Passed	Resolve	134	
ACF	2026	An Act Regarding Distributions from the Stipend Fund for Agricultural Fair Competitions and Events	Pluecker, Bill	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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Committee	LD	Title	Sponsor	Committee Vote	Disposition	Law	Ch #	Analyst Note
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ACF	2040	Resolve, to Study Food Insecurity Measures in Maine	Pluecker, Bill	OTP-AM	Finally Passed	Resolve	144	
ACF	2096	An Act Regarding Scheduling of Agricultural Fairs and Pulling Events	Mitchell, Christina	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	582	
ACF	2118	An Act to Eliminate the Natural Areas Program and Reassign Certain Responsibilities Under the Program to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and to Amend the Law Governing Administration of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Resource Management	Dill, Jim	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	706	
ACF	2238	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 348: Exemption for On-farm Raising, Slaughter, and Processing of Less than 1,000 Ready-to-cook Whole Poultry, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry		OTP	Emergency Finally Passed	Resolve	159	

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LD 14 An Act to Provide Indigenous Peoples Free Access to State Parks

Public Law 2025, chapter 707 provides that a member of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in Maine is not required to pay a fee for admission to any state-owned park, historic site, camping area or beach managed by the State. The law also specifies that to qualify for free admission, a person is required to present a qualifying tribal identification, as approved by the respective tribal government, to the park attendant or other designee of the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

LD 468 An Act to Address Food Insecurity by Helping Maine Residents Access Locally Produced Food

Public Law 2025, chapter 745 provides one-time funding in the amount of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 to the Fund To Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives to be used to match contributions from private and public sources.

LD 473 Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Enter into Rulemaking Regarding Rule Chapter 30: Quarantine (Potato)

Resolve 2025, chapter 172 directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to temporarily prohibit the importation of seed potatoes from the State of Colorado until the department has finally adopted an amended version of rule Chapter 30: Quarantine (Potato), a routine technical rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The law directs the department to initiate rulemaking on or before May 31, 2026 and to continue to collaborate with representatives of the potato industry to prevent, to the extent practicable, the introduction of harmful potato pests that may affect the health, yield and marketability of the State's potato crops.

The law requires the department to submit a report, no later than February 2, 2027, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters on current standards for certification of seed potatoes in the State, including, but not limited to, importation requirements, testing requirements and existing quarantines prohibiting or restricting the transportation of seed potatoes capable of carrying plant disease or insect infestation. It also authorizes the joint standing committee to submit legislation to the 133rd Legislature in 2027 based on the subject matter of the report.

Resolve 2025, chapter 172 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 21, 2026.

LD 870 An Act Regarding Membership of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission

Public Law 2025, chapter 534 amends the membership of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission by increasing the number of members from nine to 11 with the Governor appointing two members. The law directs the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of

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Representatives to jointly appoint one member to the commission and adds qualifications to be considered by the Governor when appointing members to the commission.

Public Law 2025, chapter 534 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 as an emergency measure but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 534 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1054 An Act to Amend Certain Definitions in the Laws Governing Conservation Easements

Public Law 2025, chapter 609 changes the definitions of “conservation easement” and “holder” in the provisions of law governing property and the conveyance of real estate. “Conservation easement” means a nonpossessory interest of a holder in real property imposing limitations or affirmative obligations for certain purposes. This law adds preserving the historical, architectural, archaeological or cultural aspects of real property as one of those purposes. The law also clarifies that “holder” includes a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State.

LD 1141 An Act to Increase the Procurement of Maine Foods by Certain State Institutions

Public Law 2025, chapter 521 clarifies existing state policy governing food procurement by state institutions to require rather than encourage the procurement of Maine foods and food products by state institutions.

The law defines “state institutions” as the Department of Corrections; the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and the Riverview Psychiatric Center within the Department of Health and Human Services; and the Maine Veterans’ Homes for the purpose of the Maine foods procurement program. It also specifies the responsibilities of the institutional food procurement coordinator within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The law also authorizes the coordinator to convene an annual meeting to the extent practicable and within existing resources.

The law provides that state institutions may negotiate directly with Maine food producers and execute agreements for off-contract purchases of food by commodity type and provides that food or food products purchased under an off-contract purchase agreement may be priced up to 15% higher than the same food or food product available under contract.

Public Law 2025, chapter 521 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 as an emergency measure but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 521 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

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LD 1547 An Act to Fund Maine’s Snowmobile Trail Programs

Public Law 2025, chapter 676 makes the following changes to the laws governing snowmobile registration fees, effective July 1, 2027.

1. It increases from \$55 to \$70 the snowmobile registration fee for a registration issued December 16th of each year to June 30th of the following year.
2. It increases from \$119 to \$150 the nonresident seasonal registration fee for a registration issued December 16th of each year to June 30th of the following year.
3. It also increases from \$74 to \$94 the nonresident 3-consecutive-day registration fee and from \$99 to \$119 the nonresident 10-consecutive-day registration fee.
4. It requires that snowmobile registration fees collected December 16th of each year to June 30th of the following year must be transferred to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The law specifies how the funds must be allocated, with a portion of the funds allocated to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands and a portion of the funds allocated to a special fund administered by the Off-road Recreational Vehicle Office of the bureau.

LD 1661 Resolve, Requiring a Review and Assessment of the State’s Invasive Species Management Efforts

Resolve 2025, chapter 174 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Marine Resources, other state agencies and local units of government and nongovernmental organizations, to conduct a review and assessment of the State’s invasive species management efforts. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry are required to submit a report detailing the results of the review and assessment to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters; inland fisheries and wildlife matters; marine resources matters; and environment and natural resources matters by January 31, 2027. Each joint standing committee may submit legislation based on the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 2004 An Act to Enhance Support of Local Nutrition Incentive Programs by Modifying the Eligibility Requirements of the Fund to Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives

Public Law 2025, chapter 543 makes funds from the Fund To Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives more readily available to local nutrition incentive programs by removing language that specifies federal food and nutrition assistance programs.

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LD 2006 Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Make Certain Land Transactions in Aroostook and Somerset Counties

Resolve 2025, chapter 134 authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to implement land transactions. The bureau is authorized to convey approximately seven acres under an existing road in the Town of Westmanland to the town. The bureau is also authorized to sell approximately 0.25 acres of land in Seboomook Township and to exchange less than 0.25 acres in the City of Presque Isle to resolve a long-standing encroachment on the state land.

LD 2039 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 1: Fee Schedule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Land Use Planning Commission

Resolve 2025, chapter 139 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 1: Fee Schedule, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Land Use Planning Commission.

Resolve 2025, chapter 139 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2026.

LD 2040 Resolve, to Study Food Insecurity Measures in Maine

Resolve 2025, chapter 144 directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to study opportunities to assess and evaluate food insecurity measures in the State and the State's progress in its strategic plan to end hunger by 2030. The law requires the commissioner to seek input from the advisory committee for the strategic plan, outside organizations and other state agencies as necessary in conducting the study and authorizes the commissioner to contract with external agencies to conduct the study. Results of the study must be published and made available on a publicly accessible website.

The law also requires the commissioner to submit a report with findings and recommendations as a result of the study to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters; health and human services matters; and education and cultural affairs. Each joint standing committee may submit legislation based on the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 2096 An Act Regarding Scheduling of Agricultural Fairs and Pulling Events

Public Law 2025, chapter 582 clarifies that an agricultural fair licensee holding an event within one week of a fair's assigned fair dates is considered to be operating a fair outside of the fair dates assigned by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The law authorizes a fair licensee to host an exhibition up to 48 hours prior to the assigned fair dates for the purposes

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of displaying and awarding premiums. The law also provides that the commissioner may suspend the license of a licensee that violates these provisions.

It amends the law governing the distribution of funds from the Stipend Fund to agricultural fair licensees by allowing prizes paid by a licensee at any competition or event judged up to 48 hours prior to the licensed fair dates to be considered in calculating the distribution. The law also provides that this provision does not apply to livestock and poultry competitions or events, youth livestock and pulling competitions or events, pulling competitions or events or educational agricultural talks, workshops and demonstrations.

It also authorizes the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to use funds from the Stipend Fund to provide allowances to licensees for payments made for educational agricultural talks, workshops and demonstrations without regard to premiums paid for competitions or events in this category.

The law directs the commissioner, in consultation with the State Harness Racing Commission, to review rules regarding standards for setting harness racing dates to determine if rule changes are necessary and to report the commissioner's findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters.

Public Law 2025, chapter 582 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 23, 2026.

LD 2118 An Act to Eliminate the Natural Areas Program and Reassign Certain Responsibilities Under the Program to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and to Amend the Law Governing Administration of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Resource Management

Public Law 2025, chapter 706 repeals the laws governing the Natural Areas Program administered by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and reassigns certain responsibilities under the program to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The law updates relevant definitions in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12 and cross-references in Titles 36 and 38 to reflect these changes. The law also reestablishes the Natural Areas Conservation Fund, which is administered by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

The law repeals on September 30, 2029 the provision that prohibits the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from adopting rules to protect plants and plant communities except when required for the conservation of rare fish or wildlife species, threatened fish or wildlife species or endangered fish or wildlife species.

It also directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to provide a report, including any findings and recommendations, to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters and agriculture, conservation and forestry matters regarding the effect of this prohibition. Each joint standing committee may submit legislation based on the report to the 134th Legislature in 2029.

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LD 2238 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 348: Exemption for On-farm Raising, Slaughter and Processing of Less than 1,000 Ready-to-cook Whole Poultry, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve 2025, chapter 159 authorizes final adoption of Chapter 348: Exemption for On-farm Raising, Slaughter, and Processing of Less than 1,000 Ready-to-cook Whole Poultry, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Resolve 2025, chapter 159 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2026.

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AFA	506	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Research and Development and Commercialization	Pierce, Teresa		Died On Adjournment			
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AFA	608	An Act Making Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government	Gattine, Drew		Died On Adjournment			
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AFA	705	An Act to Correct Technical Errors in Public Law 2025, Chapter 650	Gattine, Drew	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	752	
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AFA	1014	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Develop Maine Talent and Innovation by Improving the Infrastructure of the University of Maine System	Pierce, Teresa		Died On Adjournment			
AFA	1140	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Strengthen the Resilience and Growth of Maine's Agricultural Economy	Daughtry, Matthea		Died On Adjournment			
AFA	1312	An Act to Provide a Source of Revenue for School Construction and for the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund	Pierce, Teresa	TABLED	Died On Adjournment			
AFA	1389	An Act to Create the Building Opportunity Through Out-of-school Time Program	Cloutier, Kristen	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	501	
AFA	1424	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Investment in Workforce Housing and Raise Certain Income Eligibility Limits in the Affordable Homeownership Program	Daughtry, Matthea		Died On Adjournment			
AFA	1521	An Act to Require All State Agencies to Provide a Zero-based Budget Once Every 10 Years	Ducharme, Jack	TABLED	Died On Adjournment			
AFA	1636	Resolve, to Study Changing the Start of the State Fiscal Year to October 1st	Bennett, Richard	ONTP/OTP-AM	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			

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AFA	1775	An Act to Authorize the Issuance of a Revenue Bond to Upgrade County Jails to Meet the Corrections Needs of Maine's Counties	Ducharme, Jack	TABLED	Died On Adjournment			
AFA	1912	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Address Maine's Housing Shortage	Bennett, Richard		Died On Adjournment			
AFA	2094	An Act to Authorize General Fund Bond Issues to Support Maine's Agricultural and Forestry Sectors	Pluecker, Bill	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
AFA	2212	An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027	Gattine, Drew	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	650	

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LD 705 An Act to Correct Technical Errors in Public Law 2025, Chapter 650

Public Law 2025, chapter 752 makes the following corrections and clarifications to Public Law 2025, chapter 650.

1. It clarifies that the standard deduction for tax year 2025 is \$15,000.
2. It clarifies that the application date for the pass-through entity tax applies only to the Part of Public Law 2025, chapter 650 that enacts the pass-through entity tax.
3. It includes reimbursement rates subject to rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 28, Section 97 Appendix B and Section 97 Appendix D in the 3.07% cost-of-living adjustment for essential support workers. It provides a one-time transfer from the MaineCare Stabilization Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Health and Human Services to the General Fund to fund the General Fund portion of the cost-of-living adjustments for the essential support workers for fiscal year 2026-27.
4. It provides that the funding appropriated in Public Law 2025, chapter 650 to address unmet needs of older adults through community-based services and programs must be distributed to area agencies based on priorities identified by local advisory councils to meet regional needs through the intrastate funding formula to develop programs and deliver services to older adults.
5. It provides appropriations and allocations. It changes the funding provided for grants in the early childhood nutrition grant program in Public Law 2025, chapter 650 from one-time to ongoing. It also changes the funding provided for low-income electric ratepayer assistance in Public Law 2025, chapter 650 from one-time to ongoing funding. It also includes the appropriations and allocations necessary for the cost-of-living adjustments.

LD 1389 An Act to Create the Building Opportunity Through Out-of-school Time Program

Public Law 2025, chapter 501 establishes the Building Opportunity Through Out-of-school Time Program within the Department of Health and Human Services as a competitive grant program to expand out-of-school programming opportunities for school-age youth by increasing or enhancing current programming, reducing barriers for access to out-of-school programming and creating new programming. It provides a base allocation of \$500 to establish the Building Opportunity Through Out-of-school Time Program Fund. It specifies that the Department of Health and Human Services may not take steps to implement the program until the Legislature provides sufficient funds to issue grant awards under the program.

Public Law 2025, chapter 501 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 501 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

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LD 2212 An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027

Public Law 2025, chapter 650 does the following.

Part A makes appropriations and allocations of funds for fiscal year 2026-27.

Part B makes appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes for fiscal year 2026-27.

Part C establishes the total cost of education from kindergarten to grade 12, the state contribution, the annual target state share percentage and the mill expectation for the local contribution for fiscal year 2026-27.

Part D authorizes limited-period positions funded with Federal Expenditure Funds - ARP State Fiscal Recovery funds to be extended through May 31, 2027, and authorizes the transfer of Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery funds within or between departments or agencies during fiscal year 2026-27.

Part E repeals the provision of law that requires that the cost of administration for the state employee health insurance program established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 13, subchapter 2, be funded from an administrative allowance negotiated by the State Employee Health Commission with the health benefit carrier. It also repeals the provision of law establishing a separate dedicated revenue account for the administration of the program, the State Employee Assistance Program and the workers' compensation unit. This Part removes the cross-reference to this fund from the provision of law establishing the State Employee Assistance Program and specifies that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services must receive and disburse funds made available to the State Employee Assistance Program through the state employee health insurance program. This Part also specifies that the reserve fund for the state employee health insurance program established in Title 5, section 286 is created within the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund.

Part F changes from \$400,000 to \$4,000,000 the amount that the Governor, during a declared state of emergency and in accordance with rules adopted by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, may distribute from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to nonprofit entities, including food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens, that provide or distribute food to low-income, indigent or unemployed individuals or households without charge. This Part also authorizes the Governor, during a declared state of emergency, to distribute without charge from the stabilization fund up to \$1,500,000 to the Maine State Housing Authority for administration of benefit payments for emergency heating assistance. This Part requires the Maine State Housing Authority to return any of the funds distributed if federal funding later becomes available. This Part authorizes the Governor, during a declared state of emergency, to distribute from the stabilization fund up to \$30,000,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services for administration of benefit payments for the Women, Infants and Children Special Supplemental

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Food Program of the federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966 and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Part G requires any remaining balances of appropriations in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Information Services program and Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board program to carry forward each fiscal year.

Part H clarifies that interest earned on investments of money from internal service funds must be credited to the General Fund, unless otherwise specified.

Part I requires state postal services to be available to all departments and agencies of State Government and allows postal services to be available to the University of Maine System and political subdivisions, educational institutions or qualifying nonprofit organizations in the State. This Part also codifies the long-standing state purchasing card program as a component of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services, Central Services Division.

Part J extends the authority for payments to the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund from 2026 to 2031 and increases from 50% to 100% the amount of the employment tax increment the State Tax Assessor is required to deposit into the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund.

Part K makes the following changes to tax laws.

1. It updates references to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 contained in Title 36 to refer to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended through December 31, 2025.
2. It phases in Maine conformity with the federal deduction for domestic research or experimental expenditures over the period of 2026 to 2030, except that, for small businesses that meet the federal gross receipts test, conformity applies fully.
3. It decouples Maine tax law from federal tax law provisions that allow corporate taxpayers to immediately claim an income tax deduction for certain qualified production property constructed after January 19, 2025 and before January 1, 2029 and placed in service before January 1, 2031, by creating an addition modification to reflect the additional federal depreciation claimed as an income tax deduction in the first year, and by allowing subtraction modifications in subsequent years to reflect the depreciation taxpayers would have been eligible to claim as an income tax deduction in those years had they not elected to claim it as an income tax deduction in the first year.
4. It decouples Maine tax law from the federal qualified small business stock exclusion for stock acquired after July 3, 2025, and from the federal opportunity zone gain deferral and basis increases for investments in a qualified opportunity zone after December 31, 2026.
5. It maintains the current Maine standard deduction for tax year 2025, increases the standard deduction for tax year 2026 and conforms the Maine standard deduction with the federal

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standard deduction for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2027. It also repeals expired standard deduction and personal exemption provisions. In addition, it maintains the current references in the Maine dependent exemption tax credit to the federal child tax credit going forward and repeals provisions referencing the personal exemptions that are no longer needed after the federal enactment of Public Law 119-21.

6. It updates a reference to global intangible low-taxed income to net CFC tested income, as defined in federal law, to align with the federal income tax change.
7. It repeals the employer credit for family and medical leave for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

Part L amends the base year for the hospital tax from the hospital fiscal year ending in calendar year 2022 to the hospital fiscal year ending in calendar year 2024. This change applies retroactively to hospital tax due for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.

Part M consolidates and reorganizes the property tax exemptions for homesteads, veterans and persons who are legally blind into one-tiered homestead exemption beginning on or after April 1, 2027 as follows.

1. It provides a base exemption amount of up to \$25,000 of the just value of the homestead, with additional exemption amounts for veterans and individuals who are legally blind.
2. It provides additional exemptions for veterans based on age and disability ratings. The additional exemption for veterans eliminates complex service period requirements and age and disability requirements that exist in the current exemption for veterans, with all veterans eligible for at least a partial exemption.
3. It discontinues the existing property tax exemptions for veterans and individuals who are legally blind.
4. It reorganizes the administrative provisions for the homestead exemption.
5. It requires municipal reimbursement for all veterans and individuals who are legally blind at the existing homestead reimbursement rate of 76%.
6. It amends the abatement and the municipal veterans' assistance program to reflect the new veterans' exemption language.
7. It removes a reference to the existing veterans' exemption and adds a definition of "veteran" to the laws regarding the property tax fairness credit.

Part M also directs the State Tax Assessor to develop and make publicly available guidance regarding the consolidated homestead exemption, including the transition and continuation of eligibility provisions.

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Part N enacts a pass-through entity tax for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026. The tax applies to each taxable year that the pass-through entity elects to be subject to the tax. The tax is equal to the distributive share of income of all qualified members multiplied by the highest marginal individual income tax rate, which is currently 7.15%, but does not include the 2% income tax surcharge. Qualified members may claim a refundable income tax credit equal to 90% of their distributive share of the pass-through entity tax paid.

Part O phases out reimbursement of taxes under the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement program for property located at a retail sales facility and used primarily in retail sales activity. Reimbursement is reduced by 50% for taxes paid on retail property during calendar year 2027 and reimbursement may not be made taxes paid on retail property during calendar year 2028 and after.

Part P suspends the General Fund appropriation limitation for fiscal year 2026-27.

Part Q directs the State Controller to transfer \$6,678,121 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund from the interest earnings on the Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery fund and the Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP fund on or before June 30, 2026.

Part R directs the State Controller to transfer \$2,500,000 from available balance in the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Part S authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to transfer up to \$812,630 for fiscal year 2026-27 of available balances of Personal Services appropriations to the All Other line category in the Information Services program, General Fund to fund stabilization of geographic information system functions, including latency.

Part T does the following.

1. It establishes the Affordability Payment Program to provide a one-time \$300 payment to eligible recipients and transfers funds from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to fund the affordability payments.
2. It provides one-time funding through a transfer from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to the Department of Education, Maine School Safety Center program for safety measures including retrofitting buses with crossing arms and antipinch door sensors.
3. It provides one-time funding through a transfer from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Family Independence program and to the Office of MaineCare Services program for one-time technology adjustments and compliance with federal Public Law 119-21.
4. It provides one-time funding through transfers from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority, Emergency Housing Relief Fund Program for the Community Aging in Place grant program and programs to provide emergency, transitional and permanent housing responses to homelessness and to the Housing Authority - State program to create affordable homes for ownership and rental across the state.

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5. It provides one-time funding through a transfer from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to the Maine Office of Community Affairs for a 3-year pilot project to provide regionalized building code enforcement.
6. It provides one-time funding through a transfer from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, MaineCare Stabilization Fund to prevent a loss of services or increased cost of services to a MaineCare member due to a loss of state or federal funds or a change in state or federal law or policy.

Part U changes the name of the Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program to the Farmers Drought Resilience Program. It also changes the name of the Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund to the Farmers Drought Resilience Program Fund.

Part V creates two new trusts within the land management and planning program to enable the investment of funds to provide perpetual funding for conservation easement monitoring and enforcement and the management of certain public reserved lands. It directs the State Controller to carry forward up to \$550,000 of unexpended balance in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund Account, All Other line category at the end of fiscal year 2025-26 to the next fiscal year to be used to replace the feed, seed and fertilizer database.

Part X directs the State Controller to carry forward up to \$1,500,000 of unexpended balance in the Capital Expenditures line category in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund account at the end of fiscal year 2025-26 to the Capital Expenditures line category for the next fiscal year in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund account to be used to replace the licensing and inspection database for the division of quality assurance and regulations.

Part Y directs the State Controller to carry forward up to \$750,000 of unexpended balance in the Capital Expenditures line category in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund account at the end of fiscal year 2025-26 to the Capital Expenditures line category for the next fiscal year in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund account to be used to upgrade the Cony Road facility in Augusta.

Part Z does the following.

1. It establishes the Fund to Maintain Access to Statewide Family Planning Services within the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a grant to one qualified provider to provide management and oversight of the delivery of family planning services in the State.
2. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide funding to family planning services providers in the State if funding under Title X of the federal Public Health Service Act has been reduced or eliminated by the Federal Government or a provider has withdrawn from Title X funding due to the imposition of conditions attached to the funding.

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3. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse with state funds for family planning services provided to MaineCare members by a provider that may not be paid using federal funds pursuant to any federal law, including any services provided between July 1, 2025 and the effective date of this law.

Part AA authorizes the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to transfer available balances of appropriations from the Personal Services to the All Other line category in order to fund early detection and rapid response to eradicate invasive stilt grass, stakeholder engagement in preparation for updating the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, an update to Maine's Official List of Threatened and Endangered Plants and an upgrade to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission Geographically Oriented Action Tracker database, geographic information system expenses, equipment and licenses needed to access the human resource management system.

Part BB directs the Department of Education to administer an early childhood nutrition grant program to eligible preschools.

Part CC authorizes the Department of Corrections to transfer balances from Personal Services appropriations to the General Fund, All Other line category within various Department of Corrections programs to fund rising electricity costs, Maine Criminal Justice Academy training costs, rising water and sewer utility costs and rising costs of contracting with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP and Siemens Industry, Inc.

Part DD authorizes the Office of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to transfer available balances of Personal Services to the All Other line category to fund rising electricity costs.

Part EE directs the Department of Health and Human Services to provide support for federally qualified health centers to develop or expand the centers' capacity to provide access to affordably priced prescription drugs to patients by increasing the centers' ability to deliver pharmacy services to those patients. This Part provides that initial awards of funding must be made by December 15, 2026 and that the selection process must be performed by an evaluation team, the majority of whose members must be persons with training or experience in the operation and management of federally qualified health centers.

Part FF does the following.

1. It changes the membership of the Essential Support Workforce Advisory Committee to include a representative of the long-term care ombudsman program and a representative of an organization that provides personal care services in the home.
2. It applies a one-time cost-of-living adjustment of 3.07% for direct care services provided under certain sections of the MaineCare Benefits Manual and state-funded home and community-based services. The adjustment is applied beginning January 1, 2027.
3. It requires the Maine Health Data Organization and the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan to measure the State's care gap, defined as the difference between

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the home and community-based services individuals are authorized to receive and services that individuals actually receive. It requires the organization to submit an annual report on the care gap to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and over appropriations and financial affairs beginning November 15, 2027.

Part GG requires a school board to adopt and implement a policy prohibiting student use of personal electronic devices, including cellular telephones, for the duration of the school day. This Part also directs the Department of Education, in coordination with the Maine School Management Association and other relevant stakeholders, to make available a model policy for school boards regarding this prohibition.

Part HH repeals Title 20-A, chapter 114-A, which establishes and governs the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services. This Part also repeals provisions that reference that chapter or that fund.

Part II increases the maximum age allowed for enrollment in a public elementary or secondary school from 19 years of age at the start of a school year to 21 years of age at the start of a school year.

Part JJ includes as an allowable use of the Preschool Special Education Program Fund paying costs attributed to professional and administrative staff support to implement the provision of special education services to children eligible under Part B, Section 619 of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 United States Code, Section 1400 et seq. It also clarifies that a school administrative unit's unexpended funds from an allocation of this fund at the end of a fiscal year must be carried forward to reduce the net preschool expenses in the next fiscal year.

Part KK moves the funding to support students 16 years of age or older and under 20 years of age who are no longer enrolled in public education from the essential programs and services funding calculation to the adult education program where these students are taking courses to attain high school equivalency diplomas.

Part LL adds an alternate data set to determine teacher eligibility for a national board certification salary supplement. The alternate data set is based on the percentage of students identified as economically disadvantaged for subsidy purposes under Title 20-A, chapter 606-B.

Part MM moves principal and interest costs for approved major capital projects from payment within the essential programs and services funding calculation to payment as targeted education funds. This action allows the essential programs and services funding calculation for each school administrative unit to be determined prior to inclusion of debt service costs and attributes debt service costs only to those school administrative units with approved major capital projects.

Part NN repeals the provision of law that authorizes the Commissioner of Education to expend and disburse funds from the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services.

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Part OO requires that remaining General Fund balances in the Department of Education, Special Services Team program be carried forward for use in the next fiscal year for the same purpose.

Part PP directs the transfer of \$16,651,457 in unencumbered balance forward from the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program to the Child Development Services program within the Department of Education.

Part QQ authorizes the Department of Education to transfer Personal Services appropriations to the All Other line category within three programs to fund maintenance and licensing costs for an Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals, annual hosting and maintenance costs for the department's grant management system and rising costs related to the adult education data system.

Part RR requires that remaining General Fund balances in the Department of Energy Resources, Department of Energy Resources program be carried forward for use in the next fiscal year.

Part SS authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to transfer available balances of Personal Services appropriations to the Air Quality program, General Fund account, Capital Expenditures line category in order to fund the purchase of two ozone calibrator instruments, one ozone monitor instrument, one continuous, real-time air quality monitoring instrument, one zero air generator, two hydrogen sulfide analyzers, two trace-level dilution calibrators and two data loggers.

Part TT allows the Finance Authority of Maine to issue revenue obligation securities for energy distribution system projects or energy generating system projects that have been issued a certificate of approval by the authority before January 1, 2040, as opposed to current law, which prohibits the authority from issuing securities for such projects unless the project was issued a certificate prior to January 1, 2020. This Part also restores the authority of the Public Utilities Commission to issue a certificate of approval for an electric rate stabilization agreement under the Electric Rate Reform Act by extending the date after which no additional certificates may be issued from July 31, 1998 to July 31, 2040.

Part UU requires the State Controller to carry forward any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025-26 in the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission, Maine Fire Protection Services Commission program, General Fund account, All Other line category from a Public Law 2023, chapter 459 appropriation into the next fiscal year to be used for fire service training facilities.

Part VV allows the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to accept donations or grants for the Maine Child Care Affordability Program from any source and provides that funds to support the program are nonlapsing.

Part WW requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish reimbursement rates for Maine Veterans' Homes nursing facility services covered by the MaineCare program. It requires the MaineCare program to reimburse veterans' facilities for covered nursing home services on a per resident daily rate basis that is reasonable and adequate to cover the total

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MaineCare allowable costs of operating veterans' facilities. The per diems developed must be adjusted for inflation to the same extent that reimbursement rates for nonveterans' nursing facilities are adjusted. This Part also requires the department to make a one-time supplemental payment to Maine Veterans' Homes residential care facilities in fiscal year 2026-27 to cover the difference between MaineCare payments and actual allowed MaineCare costs. This Part directs the department to use funds previously allocated or appropriated for supplemental payments to Maine Veterans' Homes nursing facilities for the purposes of this Part.

Part XX permits the Department of Health and Human Services to directly issue an annual heating assistance payment to households receiving assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Part YY removes the requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to provide \$3,000,000 annually to the Maine State Housing Authority to provide heating assistance for low-income families with children.

Part ZZ authorizes an extension of the expiration date to November 1, 2026 for all limited-period positions in State Government that are set to expire in June 2026 but are funded through fiscal year 2025-26 and are proposed to continue in the 2026-2027 biennium.

Part AAA clarifies that under Public Law 2025, chapter 388, Part II total payment amounts to private psychiatric hospitals may not exceed the lower of the total amount appropriated for supplemental payments to psychiatric hospitals and the amount exceeding federal payment limits.

Part BBB authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt emergency rules to implement any provisions of this law over which it has specific authority that have not been addressed by some other Part without the necessity of finding that immediate adoption is necessary to avoid a threat to public health, safety or welfare.

Part CCC lapses \$1,000,000 of unencumbered balance forward within the Department of Health of Human Services, State Supplement to Federal Supplemental Security Income program, General Fund account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2027.

Part DDD lapses \$3,600,000 of the unencumbered balance forward in the General Fund carrying accounts of the Department of Health and Human Services in the All Other line category to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026.

Part EEE authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer Personal Services appropriations to the All Other and Capital Expenditures line categories within General Fund accounts in certain programs to fund the replacement of the camera and access control system at Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and rate determinations for MaineCare services.

Part FFF establishes the Inland Fisheries Conservation and Enhancement Program within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Resource Management to prioritize native inland fish conservation and the research, management and enhancement of the State's native inland fish populations; to implement actions to enhance native inland fish production and

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stocking; and to conserve, protect and enhance sport fish fisheries. It requires the program, to the extent resources allow, to support additional research, investment and collaborative activities to support native inland fish and certain fisheries. It also requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit an annual report to the Legislature summarizing the program's activities and expenditures from allocated funds.

Part GGG repeals and replaces the existing statute regarding the fish hatchery maintenance fund to provide that the fund must be used to support the engineering design, construction, maintenance and repair of current and additional fish hatcheries and feeding stations owned by the State. It provides that the fund may be used to pay for overtime personnel services costs for fish stocking and other hatchery-related work when operationally required. This Part also requires that \$2 from each fishing license sold be deposited into the fund and that money deposited pursuant to Title 29-A, section 456-C, subsection 3, paragraph A, subparagraph (1) must be credited to the fund.

Part HHH amends Public Law 2025, chapter 388, Part FF by increasing the amount of funding that the Judicial Department is authorized to transfer in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 from available balances in the Personal Services line category to the All Other line category within the General Fund from \$750,000 to \$1,250,000 in each year to fund temporary clerk services, marshal services contracts, guardians ad litem, interpreters and mental health services.

Part III authorizes the Judicial Department to transfer available Personal Services balances to the All Other line category in the Courts - Supreme, Superior and District program, General Fund account in order to fund iPad replacements and licensing fees, rising contract costs related to case management services, rising utility costs, rising interpreter costs, rising travel costs and the implementation of a new records management system. This Part also authorizes the Judicial Department to transfer available Personal Services balances to the All Other line category in the Courts - Supreme, Superior and District program, General Fund account to fund general facility improvements, additional file storage costs and increased lease costs at the Lincoln District Court location.

Part JJJ amends the law establishing the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired to clarify its organizational structure, reflecting what has been in place since its creation within the Department of Labor. The division is part of the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services and the director of the division is not an appointee of the Commissioner of Labor.

Part KKK transfers \$38,409,609 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Part LLL establishes the Marine Science Research and Boat Operations and Maintenance Fund within the Department of Marine Resources to provide funding to support marine science research, boat operations and boat maintenance.

Part MMM directs the State Controller to carry forward the remaining balance up to \$400,000 in the Department of Marine Resources, Bureau of Marine Science program, General Fund account, Capital Expenditures line category at the end of fiscal year 2025-26 to the next fiscal year until

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fully expended to support the State's obligation related to costs for federal Public Assistance 406 Mitigation funding related to storm damages from January 2024.

Part NNN increases from 44 to 46 the number of judges the Governor must appoint to the District Court.

Part OOO directs the Department of Public Safety to establish, operate and maintain a sexual assault forensic examination kit tracking system. The system must provide relevant information for victims, both those who choose to report to a law enforcement agency and those who choose not to report, and other approved users regarding the processing, custody, analysis and destruction of evidence. The department is required to submit an annual report beginning January 1, 2028 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters and the Governor concerning information related to the status of sexual assault forensic examination kits reported in the tracking system. This Part provides requirements for the tracking system and requires the department to adopt routine technical rules, including rules regarding participation in the tracking system, confidentiality and the operation of the tracking system.

Part OOO also directs that, by October 1, 2027, a law enforcement agency that receives, maintains, stores or preserves sexual assault forensic examination kits must complete an inventory of all kits in its possession and report its findings to the Department of Public Safety. The department must compile all agency reports and present findings of the inventory by January 1, 2028 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters and at the same time post the report on the department's publicly accessible website. This Part amends a provision in Title 24 to require law enforcement agencies to store sexual assault forensic examination kits for 20 years for consistency with Public Law 2023, chapter 236 which changed a provision in Title 25 to require law enforcement agencies to store sexual assault forensic examination kits for 20 years.

Part PPP authorizes the Department of Public Safety to transfer Personal Services appropriations to the All Other and Capital Expenditures line categories within General Fund accounts in certain programs in order to fund a Maine Information and Analysis Center contract for firearms examiner services, eight 40-millimeter launchers, consoles at three emergency communications centers, a roof replacement at the K-9 office, a heat pump and generator for the Pittsfield barracks, an update to the security system at the Bangor barracks and rising food service costs.

Part QQQ repeals language related to tuition waivers for certain community college students and replaces it with language that establishes the Maine Free Community College Program. It requires the Maine Community College System to submit an annual report regarding the program to the Governor and the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and appropriations and financial affairs.

Part RRR transfers the statutory responsibilities for the oversight of manufactured housing manufacturers and manufactured housing communities currently held by the Manufactured Housing Board and administered by the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Services to the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

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It eliminates the Manufactured Housing Board and transfers related accounts and balances to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. It provides transition authority to the Maine Office of Community Affairs to continue administering the related programs of Title 10, chapter 951 under current rules and authorizes the Maine Office of Community Affairs to develop and implement new rules in replacement. It also increases the surcharge on plan review fees collected through the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to fund the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board with respect to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, the Division of Building Codes and Standards and the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

Part SSS authorizes an incremental increase in the minimum salary for certified teachers and career and technical education teachers from fiscal year 2027-28 to fiscal year 2029-30 and updates the statutory reference regarding minimum teacher salaries.

Part TTT directs the State Controller to transfer funding from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Adult Use Cannabis Public Health and Safety and Municipal Opt-in Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the Department of Labor, Maine Apprenticeship Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to support the continuation of one limited-period Career Center Consultant position through June 18, 2028.

Part UUU adjusts how the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund's interest earnings are distributed. It requires when the fund is below its statutory limitation of 18% that 50% of investment earnings are credited to the stabilization fund, 25% to the Irrevocable Trust Funds for Other Post-employment Benefits state employee plan and 25% to the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund. It requires when the stabilization fund is at its statutory limitation of 18%, that 75% of the interest earnings are credited to the Irrevocable Trust Funds for Other Post-employment Benefits state employee plan and 25% to the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund.

Part VVV requires the State Controller to carry forward at the end of fiscal year 2025-26 up to \$750,000 in unexpended balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions program, after all financial commitments for obligations and budgetary adjustments have been made, to the next fiscal year in the All Other line category in the Department of Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions program. These funds are to be used to continue the modernization of systems and services provided to the public.

Part WWW authorizes the Child Development Services System to assess fees for supports, assistance and resources provided to school administrative units by regional support and service hubs and to bill school administrative units for those services. It also authorizes the Department of Education to adopt rules to establish billing rates for those services.

Part XXX provides that commercial wood haulers are eligible for the refund of sales tax or exemption from sales tax on the purchase or lease of depreciable machinery and equipment for use in commercial wood harvesting.

Part YYY requires the Department of Health and Human Services to distribute a one-time supplemental payment to acute care hospitals and to seek approval to implement a cost-of-living

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adjustment for inpatient diagnosis-related group reimbursement rates under MaineCare. This Part also requires that any supplemental payments and increases to hospital inpatient reimbursement rates provided for in this Part with funding made available due to changing the base year of the hospital tax are contingent upon the Department of Health and Human Services seeking and being approved for any applicable Medicaid provider tax waivers from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Part ZZZ transfers \$13,029,115 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unallocated balance of the Highway Fund.

Part AAAA authorizes the State Controller to carry forward funding appropriated for debt service costs associated with the bonding authority granted in Public Law 2021, chapter 635, Part X in the Department of Education, Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways program, General Fund account, All Other line category to the next fiscal year.

Part BBBB authorizes the State Controller to keep open the official system of general accounts of State Government for fiscal year 2025-26 to make post-closing entries and adjustments to carry out the provisions of this legislation. This provision is retroactive to the end of fiscal year 2025-26.

Part CCCC increases, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, the amount of the property tax fairness credit for individuals under 65 years of age from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Part DDDD imposes an income tax surcharge of 2% on that portion of a taxpayer's Maine taxable income in excess of \$1,000,000 for single filers, \$1,500,000 for heads of households and \$1,500,000 for married persons filing jointly or surviving spouses and 1/2 of the applicable amount for married persons filing jointly or surviving spouses for married persons filing separately, which for 2026 is \$750,000. The dollar amounts are subject to cost-of-living adjustments beginning in 2027.

Part EEEE defines “low-income household” for the law regarding needs-based assistance for electricity customers and clarifies that funds appropriated in Part A for low-income electric ratepayer assistance are in addition to funds allocated for that purpose by the Public Utilities Commission.

Part FFFF provides that the 1998 Special Plan of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System applies to employees of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner within the Department of the Attorney General on August 1, 2026 or hired thereafter. It also provides that the 1998 Special Plan applies to persons in the employment of the Department of Health and Human Services on August 1, 2026 or hired thereafter who provide crisis outreach and crisis services to adults with developmental disabilities or intellectual disabilities in a community-based or residential setting and who have the job classification of Community Response Worker.

Part GGGG establishes the Maine Eviction Prevention Program as a permanent program within the Maine State Housing Authority. Public Law 2023, chapter 643, Part KKKK, section 3 established an eviction prevention pilot program within the authority.

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Part HHHH transfers funds from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the MaineCare Stabilization Fund and the Education Stabilization Fund.

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CJPS	1784	An Act to Require Police Departments to Publish and Make Accessible Their Policies and Procedures and Require Training of Officers	Warren, Sophia	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	510	
CJPS	1848	An Act to Implement Recommendations for Improved Dam Safety	Milliken, Nina	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
CJPS	1888	Resolve, to Study the Establishment of a New Crime of Racketeering for Drug Offenses and Sex Trafficking	Arata, Amy	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
CJPS	1916	An Act to Automatically Seal Criminal History Record Information for Class D and Class E Crimes Relating to Marijuana Possession and Cultivation		ONTP/OTP-AM	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
CJPS	1917	An Act to Allow the Sealing of Criminal History Record Information Related to Convictions for Conduct That Is No Longer a Crime in the State and to Clarify Dissemination of Sealed Criminal History Record Information to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation		OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
CJPS	1918	An Act to Clarify the Criminal History Record Information Act with Respect to Criminal Charges Dismissed as the Result of a Plea Agreement and to Clarify Dissemination of Sealed Criminal History Record Information to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation		OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
CJPS	1919	An Act to Expand the Types of Convictions Eligible for Sealing Through a Post-judgment Motion to Seal Criminal History Record Information		ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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CJPS	1923	An Act to Update Juvenile Justice System Reporting Requirements and to Direct the Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Human Services to Study Modifying the Long Creek Youth Development Center	Brennan, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	624	
CJPS	1962	An Act to Increase Legislative Access to Department of Corrections Facilities and to Direct the Commissioner to Establish Rules Regarding Legislator Access to Correctional and Detention Facilities	Duson, Jill	OTP-AM/ONTP/OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	765	
CJPS	1980	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Stakeholder Group to Examine and Improve the Recruitment, Retention and Wellness of Law Enforcement Officers		OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
CJPS	2012	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Carbon Monoxide Detectors	Bunker, Stephan	OTP-AM	Died Between Houses			
CJPS	2016	An Act to Eliminate the Thermal Imaging Camera Program	Bunker, Stephan	OTP	Enacted	PL	549	
CJPS	2058	An Act to Clarify the Requirement That Municipal and County Jails Be Available at All Times for Detention of Arrested Persons	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	671	
CJPS	2073	An Act to Add Positions to the Maine State Police Executive Protection Unit	Moonen, Matt	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
CJPS	2076	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Reporting of Incidents by Municipal Fire Chiefs	Bunker, Stephan	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	603	
CJPS	2081	An Act to Provide Health Care Cost Reimbursement for Retired Law Enforcement Canines	Bishop, Steven	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	670	

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CJPS	2086	An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Authority of the Governor to Set Salary Rates for State Police Command Staff	Bunker, Stephan	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
CJPS	2090	An Act to Modify Probationary Periods for Dispatchers	Bunker, Stephan	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	669	
CJPS	2100	An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Fuel Gas Detector Requirements	Bunker, Stephan	OTP-AM	Died Between Houses			
CJPS	2132	An Act to Amend the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982 to Modify Penalties for Unauthorized Operation or Practice of Emergency Medical Services, to Direct Maine Emergency Medical Services to Evaluate Improvements to Maine's Trauma System Reporting and to Make Certain Technical Changes	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	693	
CJPS	2157	An Act to Prohibit the Unauthorized Use of Drones on or over the Premises of Correctional Facilities and Jails	Perkins, Chad	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	689	
CJPS	2161	An Act to Modify Certain Statutes Governing Revocation of Probation, Victim Confidentiality and the Commissioner of Corrections	Salisbury, Suzanne	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	694	
CJPS	2165	An Act to Change Supervisory Authority over the Capitol Police	Fecteau, Ryan	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died Between Houses			
CJPS	2223	An Act to Increase Funding for Construction Plan Reviews and Clarify Rule-making Authority for Municipal Reviews of Development		OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	658	

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CJPS	2232	An Act to Increase County Jail Funding		OTP-AM/ONTP	Emergency Enacted	PL	721	
CJPS	2235	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Corrections to Study Alternative Methods for Operating County Jails		ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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LD 102 An Act to Notify the Public of Juveniles That Have Escaped a Department of Corrections Facility and to Direct the Department of Corrections to Study the Further Release of Juvenile Intelligence and Investigative Record Information

Public Law 2025, chapter 622 allows the Commissioner of Corrections, or the commissioner's designee, to publicly disclose certain juvenile information for the purpose of identifying and apprehending a juvenile who has escaped from a Department of Corrections facility when there is probable cause to believe that the juvenile presents a serious risk to the juvenile's own safety or public safety. The law also directs the Department of Corrections to convene a working group to examine best practices for apprehending juveniles for whom a warrant of arrest has been issued, who have escaped from arrest or who have escaped from arrest during transport following arrest. The working group shall submit a report based on the study to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters no later than January 1, 2027. The joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 245 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State

Public Law 2025, chapter 520 implements certain recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State as follows.

1. It establishes a permanent Maine Emergency Medical Services Commission to monitor and evaluate the State's emergency medical services system on a continuing basis and to provide recommendations to the appropriate state agencies and to the Legislature regarding necessary changes in the emergency medical services system.
2. It requires the municipal officers of a municipality to adopt and post a plan stipulating the method by which transporting emergency medical services will be delivered within the municipality. A municipality is not required to directly or indirectly provide or fund the delivery of transporting emergency medical services within the municipality.
3. It directs the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services to conduct a funding needs analysis of communities seeking to engage in regional collaboration or the adoption of a regional model in the delivery of emergency medical services and to submit a report describing the findings of its analysis and any associated recommendations on or before December 3, 2025 to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee may report out related legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.
4. It directs the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services to submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by December 3, 2025 a proposal, including draft legislation, regarding the reorganization of the Emergency Medical Services' Board consistent with the document titled "Maine EMS: Two-Year Action Plan"

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published by Maine Emergency Medical Services on October 27, 2023. The committee may report out related legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

5. It directs the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services, as resources allow, to develop and, not later than July 1, 2026, implement a public information campaign designed to enhance the public's understanding and appreciation of the delivery of emergency medical services, the design and funding of the emergency medical services system in the State and the essentiality of the services provided by emergency medical services entities. On or before December 3, 2025, Maine Emergency Medical Services is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety regarding its development and anticipated implementation of the public information campaign. The committee may report out related legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Public Law 2025, chapter 520 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 520 became law without the Governor's signature, and as an emergency measure, effective January 11, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 520 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 by making changes to the dates of certain required actions as follows.

1. The date by which Maine Emergency Medical Services is required to submit its proposal regarding the reorganization of the Emergency Medical Services' Board to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public safety matters was changed from December 3, 2025 to December 15, 2026.
2. The date by which the Maine Emergency Medical Services Commission is required to submit its first annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public safety matters was changed from January 1, 2026 to January 1, 2027.
3. The date by which Maine Emergency Medical Services must develop and implement its public information campaign was changed from July 1, 2026 to July 1, 2027 and the date that Maine Emergency Medical Services is required to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public safety matters regarding the progress of implementing the public information campaign was changed from December 3, 2025 to December 15, 2026.
4. The date by which Maine Emergency Medical Services is required to submit its report regarding its funding need analysis of regional models to deliver emergency medical services to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public safety matters was changed from December 3, 2025 to December 15, 2026.

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LD 484 An Act to Authorize Certain Emergency Medical Services Providers to Procure, Possess, Administer and Furnish Controlled Substances

Public Law 2025, chapter 654 authorizes certain emergency medical services providers and personnel that are licensed or authorized to provide advanced emergency medical treatment or community paramedicine by the Emergency Medical Services' Board to procure, possess, administer and furnish controlled substances in accordance with rules adopted by the board. The law also defines "community paramedicine service" and "community paramedicine clinician."

Public Law 2025, chapter 654 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2026.

LD 496 An Act Regarding the Issuance of Silver Alerts

Public Law 2025, chapter 709 requires that Silver Alerts activated on behalf of missing endangered persons be issued to all hospitals and homeless shelters in the State and to a statewide association of libraries.

LD 533 An Act to Allow Residents of the Department of Corrections to Opt In to Additional Restitution for Their Victims

Public Law 2025, chapter 528 establishes a mechanism for individuals or organizations convicted of a crime to voluntarily make reparations to the victims of their crimes.

Public Law 2025, chapter 528 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 528 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 666 An Act to Prevent Domestic Violence by Providing Adequate Funding Support for Court-ordered Certified Domestic Violence Intervention Programs

Public Law 2025, chapter 748 requires the State Controller to transfer \$500,000 from the Administration - Attorney General, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of the Attorney General from funds received from settlement agreements to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. The law also provides \$500,000 in one-time funding in fiscal year 2026-27 from the General Fund for certified domestic violence intervention programs and provides for the reallocation of existing funds allocated to the Department of Corrections, Office of Victim Services for the purpose of funding partial reimbursement of certified domestic violence program indigent participant fees.

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LD 679 An Act to Increase the Funding to the Live Fire Service Training Facilities Fund

Public Law 2025, chapter 750 provides \$500,000 in one-time funding for the Maine Fire Services Institute for the construction and repair or replacement of regional fire service training facilities in the State for fiscal year 2026-27.

LD 740 Resolve, to Study Methods for Improving Youth Community Supervision and Increasing Juvenile Diversion from Formal Judicial Processing

Resolve 2025, chapter 175 directs the Department of Corrections to convene a task force to study methods for diverting youths safely from formal judicial processing and to recommend improvements to existing community supervision practices. By January 1, 2028, the department must provide an update to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters. The joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the update to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

LD 882 An Act to Protect Communication with Providers of Critical Incident Stress Management and Peer Support

Public Law 2025, chapter 678 makes changes to the laws regarding critical incident stress management and peer support for providers of emergency care and critical incident response services as follows.

1. It repeals provisions of law regarding critical incident stress management teams.
2. It defines “peer support” as a type of service distinct from critical incident stress management services and broadens the scope of the communications protected as confidential to include communications related to the provision of either type of service to an affected person, which is defined as a member or employee of an organization or agency providing certain safety or emergency care or response services. Under prior law, only communications related to critical incident stress management were protected.
3. It designates communications of providers of critical incident stress management and peer support services as confidential communications.
4. It authorizes providers of critical incident stress management and peer support services to disclose information that is otherwise confidential if the disclosure is required by law or the provider of critical incident stress management or peer support services reasonably believes, in the provider’s judgment, that an affected person presents a danger to the affected person or to others.
5. It requires that a peer support person be trained in accordance with accepted best practices and that a peer team be trained through an organized peer support training program that meets or exceeds peer support training standards adopted by the International Association of

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Firefighters or the International Association of Chiefs of Police, or their successor organizations. It removes certain requirements that a volunteer team coordinator be trained in accordance with best practices and standards established by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

LD 981 An Act to Facilitate the Establishment of an Automated Crime Victim Notification System

Public Law 2025, chapter 755 establishes requirements for an automated crime victim notification system as follows.

1. It establishes minimum standards to be implemented by any facility that is required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 2106 to provide notification to a victim of a defendant's release or escape or that is required by Title 17-A, section 2107 to provide notification to a victim of a defendant's release on preconviction bail and that provides such notification using an automated crime victim notification system.
2. It directs county sheriffs, collectively through a statewide association of sheriffs, to establish an automated crime victim notification system for use in jails, county correctional facilities and regional correctional facilities, which must be designed to provide victims and other registrants the option of receiving automated notices of information available to victims pursuant to Title 17-A, sections 2106 and 2107.
3. It directs county sheriffs, collectively through a statewide association of sheriffs, to convene an advisory committee to support, coordinate and monitor the implementation of that automated crime victim notification system. On or before November 4, 2026, the sheriffs, collectively through a statewide association of sheriffs, are required to submit a report outlining the findings and recommendations of that advisory committee to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters, which may report out legislation related to the report.
4. It requires the State Controller to transfer \$140,000 from the Administration - Attorney General, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of the Attorney General from funds received from settlement agreements to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2027. It provides \$140,000 in one-time funding to support activities by county sheriffs to develop support and maintain an automated crime victim notification system.

LD 1187 An Act to Include Certain Mental Health Assessment Data in Firearm Fatalities and Hospitalizations Reports

Public Law 2025, chapter 711 requires that the annual report on firearm fatalities and hospitalizations provided by the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention within the Department of Health and Human Services include the number of mental health risk

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assessments performed by a medical practitioner on individuals in protective custody, the number of individuals who received a referral for mental health treatment and services and any aggregate demographic information about those individuals that can be released without risking individual identification.

LD 1749 Resolve, Directing the Department of Corrections to Study Achieving Gender Equality

Resolve 2025, chapter 130 directs the Department of Corrections to study the extent of gender inequality present in the programs, services, facilities and policies administered or overseen by the department and recommend potential solutions to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety for eliminating gender inequality in those areas by December 3, 2025. The committee may report out a bill based on the study to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Resolve 2025, chapter 130 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Resolve 2025, chapter 130 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

Resolve 2025, chapter 130 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to change the report date from December 3, 2025 to January 15, 2027.

LD 1773 An Act to Criminalize Certain Offenses Related to Gift Card Thefts

Public Law 2025, chapter 714 creates a definition for "retail merchandise" to include the theft of gift cards, among other things, in the crime of organized retail theft.

LD 1784 An Act to Require Police Departments to Publish and Make Accessible Their Policies and Procedures and Require Training of Officers

Public Law 2025, chapter 510 requires certain law enforcement agencies, including the State Police, sheriff's departments and municipal police departments, to publish and make accessible their policies, procedures and agency rules currently required by law on the agencies' publicly accessible websites and in printed paper form. The law permits a law enforcement agency to charge a reasonable fee for the costs of producing printed copies of policies and procedures. The law also requires that all law enforcement officers of a law enforcement agency receive orientation and training on the policies and procedures and for the chief administrative officer of the law enforcement agency to certify annually to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy that the agency is in compliance with the law.

Public Law 2025, chapter 510 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor.

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Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 510 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 510 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to change the date law enforcement agencies are required to publish their policies and procedures from January 1, 2026 to January 1, 2027.

LD 1923 An Act to Update Juvenile Justice System Reporting Requirements and to Direct the Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Human Services to Study Modifying the Long Creek Youth Development Center

Public Law 2025, chapter 624 directs the Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Human Services to jointly convene a working group to examine the current programming and use of facilities at the Long Creek Youth Development Center. The working group must provide recommendations for modifying the use of land and facilities at the center and reinvesting corrections funds currently designated for youth incarceration into a continuum of community-based services over the next five years. The working group is required to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters that includes the working group's findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation related to the working group's duties. The joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature. The law also requires the Department of Corrections to update juvenile justice data on its publicly accessible website monthly, beginning August 15, 2026.

LD 1962 An Act to Increase Legislative Access to Department of Corrections Facilities and to Direct the Commissioner to Establish Rules Regarding Legislator Access to Correctional and Detention Facilities

Public Law 2025, chapter 765 requires the Commissioner of Corrections to provide notice to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives within 5 days of a vacancy on a board of visitors. If the vacancy is not filled by the Governor within 90 days, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives must jointly appoint a member to fill the vacancy. The law also requires the commissioner to adopt major substantive rules governing a Legislator's access to correctional facilities and detention facilities. The rules must be submitted to the Legislature by January 31, 2027.

LD 2016 An Act to Eliminate the Thermal Imaging Camera Program

Public Law 2025, chapter 549 eliminates the Thermal Imaging Camera Program under the direction of the Department of Public Safety.

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LD 2058 An Act to Clarify the Requirement That Municipal and County Jails Be Available at All Times for Detention of Arrested Persons

Public Law 2025, chapter 671 gives municipal and county jails the authority to be unavailable for detention of persons who are detained solely for a civil violation of federal immigration laws. Prior to the enactment of this law, municipal and county jails were required to be available at all times for detention of persons arrested by state or any other law enforcement officers.

LD 2076 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Reporting of Incidents by Municipal Fire Chiefs

Public Law 2025, chapter 603 requires that, until January 1, 2026, incident reports submitted by municipal fire chiefs to the State Fire Marshal within the Department of Public Safety be submitted in a manner consistent with a national fire incident reporting system or, as available, a national emergency response information system. On or after January 1, 2026, those reports must be submitted in a manner consistent with a national emergency response information system or a successor system as determined by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, United States Fire Administration. These provisions apply retroactively to January 1, 2026. The law also authorizes the State Fire Marshal to adopt rules to collect statewide incident response data and facilitate the transition from a national fire incident reporting system to a national emergency response information system.

Public Law 2025, chapter 603 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

LD 2081 An Act to Provide Health Care Cost Reimbursement for Retired Law Enforcement Canines

Public Law 2025, chapter 670 establishes the Retired Law Enforcement K-9 Health Care Fund, administered by the Department of Public Safety, to reimburse up to \$5,000 for veterinary expenses for eligible retired law enforcement canines who served on a state law enforcement agency. To be eligible, canines must have served a minimum of five years in active state law enforcement duty or been retired prior to serving five years in active state law enforcement duty due to medical necessity. A law enforcement agency head may, at the agency head's sole discretion, provide additional reimbursement from the budget of that agency without limit. The fund may also receive private donations, grants and other sources of funding.

LD 2090 An Act to Modify Probationary Periods for Dispatchers

Public Law 2025, chapter 669 requires municipal and county employee dispatchers to complete an employment probationary period that lasts for at least six months except as otherwise provided for in a collective bargaining agreement. The law also requires state employee dispatchers to complete a probationary period of at least six months which may be extended as determined by the director or commissioner of the agency, except as otherwise provided for in a collective

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bargaining agreement. The law requires an agency that employs dispatchers to adopt a written policy regarding the length of the probationary period for dispatchers and disclose the policy to the dispatcher at the time of hire.

LD 2132 An Act to Amend the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982 to Modify Penalties for Unauthorized Operation or Practice of Emergency Medical Services, to Direct Maine Emergency Medical Services to Evaluate Improvements to Maine’s Trauma System Reporting and to Make Certain Technical Changes

Public Law 2025, chapter 693 requires emergency medical services educators and emergency medical services training centers to be licensed by the Emergency Medical Services’ Board. Under existing law, a person who operates or practices without a license commits a Class E crime. This law clarifies that a person must intentionally, knowingly or recklessly operate or practice without a license to commit a Class E crime. The law also establishes a civil violation for operating or practicing without a license.

Public Law 2025, chapter 693 also requires the Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services to convene the State Trauma Prevention and Control Advisory Committee to enhance the State’s trauma care system and to share uniform quality data as it related to injury-related incidents. The director shall submit a report with the findings of the advisory committee to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over emergency medical services matters by September 1, 2027. The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

LD 2157 An Act to Prohibit the Unauthorized Use of Drones on or over the Premises of Correctional Facilities and Jails

Public Law 2025, chapter 689 prohibits the unauthorized use of a drone on or over the premises of a correctional facility or jail, which is defined as intentionally or knowingly flying a drone over the premises of a correctional facility or jail at or below a height of 400 feet above the ground, landing a drone on the premises or flying a drone from the premises. A person who violates this provision commits a civil violation, subject to a maximum fine of \$500. A person who violates this provision and has been previously adjudicated of violating this provision commits a Class D crime.

LD 2161 An Act to Modify Certain Statutes Governing Revocation of Probation, Victim Confidentiality and the Commissioner of Corrections

Public Law 2025, chapter 694 modifies certain statutes governing revocation of probation, victim confidentiality and the Commission of Corrections as follows.

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1. It corrects an oversight regarding the need for prosecutor approval for a probation revocation motion and clarifies the persons who may withdraw probation revocation motions and file motions to transfer hearings on probation revocation motions.
2. It provides that information from a victim obtained by the Department of Corrections for the purpose of evaluating the ability of a person in the custody or under the supervision of the department to participate in a community-based program is privileged from disclosure. It adds a cross-reference in a victims' rights statute to a Department of Corrections confidentiality provision.
3. It provides that the deputy commissioner of the Department of Corrections may exercise the powers of the Commissioner of Corrections when the office of the commissioner is vacant or the commissioner is absent or disabled.

LD 2223 An Act to Increase Funding for Construction Plan Reviews and Clarify Rule-making Authority for Municipal Reviews of Development

Public Law 2025, chapter 658 permits the Commissioner of Public Safety to adopt rules regarding registering municipalities that have authority to issue construction permits and requires that a municipality must comply with these rules as a condition of their registration. The law also modifies the permitting requirement for fire sprinkler contractors. Under prior law, a fire sprinkler contractor was required to obtain a permit from the commissioner prior to construction. The law adds the option of obtaining that permit from a registered municipality. The law also increases the fee for new construction, reconstruction, repairs or renovations permits from 1.5/10 of 1% of the cost to construct or reconstruct the portion of the project that is subject to State Fire Marshal review to 1/5 of 1% of that cost. The law also provides funding for four public safety inspector positions within the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

LD 2232 An Act to Increase County Jail Funding

Public Law 2025, chapter 721 requires the State Controller to credit \$4,000,000 of investment earnings on the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to the County Jail Operations Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Corrections for distributions to counties for jail operations costs. The law provides a one-time \$4,000,000 allocation to the County Jail Operations Fund for distribution to counties for jail operations costs in fiscal year 2025-26.

Public Law 2025, chapter 721 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 16, 2026.

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	LD 1098	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Review the Use of Abbreviated School Days	RESOLVE 127
	LD 1202	Resolve, Requiring the Department of Education to Develop Professional Opportunities for Educators in African American Studies	RESOLVE 169
	LD 1474	An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools	PUBLIC 762
Not Enacted	LD 78	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Collect Data on Cursive Instruction in Maine Public Schools	Died On Adjournment
	LD 437	An Act Directing the Department of Education to Develop Pilot Programs to Place Child Care Facilities in Selected School Administrative Units	Died On Adjournment

LD 2020	An Act to Update Department of Education Reporting Requirements	ONTP
LD 2034	An Act to Support Funding for Educational Programs and Opportunities	ONTP
LD 2045	An Act to Amend the Education Laws Regarding the State Board of Education's Authority Concerning Degree-granting Institutions	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310

Early Childhood and Public Preschool Programs

Enacted	LD 2114	An Act Regarding Public Preschool Programs Serving Children Who Are 3 Years of Age	PUBLIC 633
Not Enacted	LD 437	An Act Directing the Department of Education to Develop Pilot Programs to Place Child Care Facilities in Selected School Administrative Units	Died On Adjournment
	LD 2064	An Act to Expand Access to Early Childhood Nutrition by Establishing a Grant Program for Public Preschools	Died On Adjournment

Early College Programs

Enacted	LD 2192	An Act Regarding School Employee Investigations	PUBLIC 697
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Education - Other

Not Enacted	LD 281	An Act to Provide Support for Certain Maine Discovery Museum Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Educational Programming Throughout the State	Died On Adjournment
	LD 295	An Act Regarding Education	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 354	An Act to Improve Education in Maine	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 361	An Act to Support the Francis Malcolm Science Center	Died On Adjournment
	LD 823	An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Provide for Statewide and Equitable Access to Experiential Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Competition Programs	Died On Adjournment
	LD 973	An Act to Establish the Community Partnerships with Public School Systems Grant Program	Died On Adjournment

LD 1740	An Act to Establish the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics Education Matching Grant Program	Died On Adjournment
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Enrollment Eligibility and Student Transfers

Not Enacted	LD 1588	An Act to Ensure Transparency in Student Transfer Requests	Died On Adjournment
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Essential Programs and Services and School Finance

Enacted	LD 2226	An Act to Amend the Essential Programs and Services School Funding Formula	PUBLIC 737
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Not Enacted	LD 2014	An Act to Update the Funding Method for Career and Technical Education Programs	ONTP
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Health, Nutrition and Safety

Enacted	LD 587	An Act to Require School Boards to Adopt a Policy on Automated External Defibrillator Access at School-sponsored Athletic Events	PUBLIC 529
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	LD 858	An Act to Ensure Behavioral and Mental Health Services Are Available to Students by Providing Grants to Schools That Contract for Those Services	PUBLIC 533
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	LD 2017	An Act to Update Certain Statutes Governing School Nutrition	PUBLIC 717
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	LD 2046	An Act to Update Certain Duties Regarding Student Health Related to Communicable and Infectious Disease	PUBLIC 627
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Not Enacted	LD 577	An Act to Maximize Federal Funding and Protect Maine's School Meals Programs	Died On Adjournment
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	LD 1123	An Act to Provide Funding for MaineCare-related Services for Public Schools	Died On Adjournment
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	LD 2064	An Act to Expand Access to Early Childhood Nutrition by Establishing a Grant Program for Public Preschools	Died On Adjournment
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High School Diplomas and Graduation Requirements

Enacted	LD 370	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Collect Data on Secondary School Mathematics Requirements	RESOLVE 122
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Magnet Schools

Enacted	LD 2008	An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics	PUBLIC 726
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Postsecondary Education - General

Enacted	LD 1558	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education	RESOLVE 120
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	LD 2098	An Act to Update Certain Higher Education Statutes and Laws	PUBLIC 630
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	LD 2099	An Act to Amend Certain Eligibility Requirements for Secondary Students Receiving State Subsidies for Postsecondary Courses	PUBLIC 631
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Not Enacted	LD 2091	An Act to Continue Training Programs for Emergency Medical Services	ONTP
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	LD 2147	An Act to Provide Funding to Improve the College and Career Readiness of Certain Students in Androscoggin and Oxford Counties	Died On Adjournment
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Postsecondary Education Finance and Student Aid

Enacted	LD 46	An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Increase Postsecondary Educational Opportunities for Students with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder	PUBLIC 519
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Not Enacted	LD 457	An Act to Fund Climate Resiliency Projects Related to the Repair of Campus Infrastructure Used for Active Transportation and Outdoor Recreation	Died On Adjournment
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	LD 681	An Act Regarding Public Higher Education Funding in the State	Died On Adjournment
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	LD 696	An Act to Bolster the Maine Teacher Residency Program	Died On Adjournment
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	LD 700	An Act to Promote Student Enrollment and Degree Completion in the University of Maine System by Awarding Waivers of Tuition and Fees to Eligible Students	Died On Adjournment
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	LD 1219	An Act to Increase State Funding for the Campuses of the University of Maine System	Died On Adjournment
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Private Schools

Enacted	LD 2109	An Act to Define "Public Education" and Clarify That a Private School Receiving Approval for Public Tuition Must Be Located in the State	PUBLIC 632
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Safe Schools and Student Conduct

Enacted	LD 1097	Resolve, to Require the Department of Education to Convene a Group to Develop Best Practices for De-escalation and Behavior Intervention	RESOLVE 126
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	LD 2172	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 33: Rule Governing Physical Restraint and Seclusion, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education, State Board of Education	RESOLVE 151
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Not Enacted	LD 2204	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Develop Guidance for School Leaders to Ensure Supportive Measures for Young Students Involved in Challenging, Disruptive or Unsafe Behaviors	Died On Adjournment
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School Construction, Facilities and Transportation

Not Enacted	LD 1892	An Act Regarding Funding for School Construction	Died On Adjournment
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School District Organization

Enacted	LD 1992	An Act to Create a Process for the Residents of a Municipality to Withdraw from a School Union	PUBLIC 548
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	LD 2050	An Act to Dissolve the Great Salt Bay Community School District	P & S 12
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	LD 2111	An Act to Amend the Charter of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District	P & S 18
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School Support Staff

Not Enacted	LD 1626	An Act to Improve Professional Development for Educational Technicians and School Support Staff	Died On Adjournment
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Special Education

Enacted	LD 1098	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Review the Use of Abbreviated School Days	RESOLVE 127
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Summer and After School Educational Programs

Not Enacted	LD 1624	An Act to Provide Funding for Summer School Programming	Died On Adjournment
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Teacher Certification and Professional Development

Enacted	LD 470	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Review Teacher Mentoring Programs in Maine Public Schools	RESOLVE 124
	LD 2175	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education, State Board of Education	RESOLVE 160

Teachers and Administrators

Enacted	LD 470	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Review Teacher Mentoring Programs in Maine Public Schools	RESOLVE 124
	LD 2015	An Act to Require Superintendents of School Administrative Units to Report Data Related to Educator Vacancies	PUBLIC 626
	LD 2192	An Act Regarding School Employee Investigations	PUBLIC 697
Not Enacted	LD 34	An Act to Increase the Minimum Salary for Teachers	Died On Adjournment

Workforce Development and Career Options

Enacted	LD 1691	An Act to Expand Access to Justice in Rural Maine by Incentivizing Attorneys to Practice in Underserved Areas	PUBLIC 508
Not Enacted	LD 471	Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Program to Expand Intensive English Language Learner Programs	ONTP
	LD 581	An Act to Fund the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program	Died On Adjournment
	LD 884	Resolve, to Establish the Criminal Justice Legal Aid Clinic Pilot Project at the University of Maine School of Law	Died On Adjournment

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Committee	LD	Title	Sponsor	Committee Vote	Disposition	Law	Ch #	Analyst Note
EDU	34	An Act to Increase the Minimum Salary for Teachers	Pierce, Teresa	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	46	An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Increase Postsecondary Educational Opportunities for Students with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder	Murphy, Kelly	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	519	
EDU	78	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Collect Data on Cursive Instruction in Maine Public Schools	Underwood, Joseph	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	109	Resolve, Directing the Maine Arts Commission to Study Federal and National Efforts to Protect Artists from Copyright Infringement by Artificial Intelligence Companies and Users and to Monitor Educational Use	Dodge, Jan	OTP-AM/ONTP	Finally Passed	Resolve	121	
EDU	281	An Act to Provide Support for Certain Maine Discovery Museum Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Educational Programming Throughout the State	Baldacci, Joseph	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	295	An Act Regarding Education	Murphy, Kelly	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
EDU	323	An Act to Fund Staff Support for the State Board of Education	Brennan, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	773	
EDU	324	An Act Regarding Funding for Educational Programs and Opportunities	Brennan, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	527	
EDU	354	An Act to Improve Education in Maine	Rafferty, Jr., Joseph	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
EDU	361	An Act to Support the Francis Malcolm Science Center	Bernard, Sue	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	370	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Collect Data on Secondary School Mathematics Requirements	Libby, James	OTP-AM	Finally Passed	Resolve	122	
EDU	437	An Act Directing the Department of Education to Develop Pilot Programs to Place Child Care Facilities in Selected School Administrative Units	Golek, Cheryl	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			

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EDU	457	An Act to Fund Climate Resiliency Projects Related to the Repair of Campus Infrastructure Used for Active Transportation and Outdoor Recreation	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	470	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Review Teacher Mentoring Programs in Maine Public Schools	Rafferty, Jr., Joseph	OTP-AM/ONTP	Finally Passed	Resolve	124	
EDU	471	Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Program to Expand Intensive English Language Learner Programs	Rafferty, Jr., Joseph	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
EDU	577	An Act to Maximize Federal Funding and Protect Maine's School Meals Programs	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	581	An Act to Fund the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program	Bennett, Richard	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	587	An Act to Require School Boards to Adopt a Policy on Automated External Defibrillator Access at School-sponsored Athletic Events	Rafferty, Jr., Joseph	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	529	
EDU	681	An Act Regarding Public Higher Education Funding in the State	Grohoski, Nicole	ONTP/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	696	An Act to Bolster the Maine Teacher Residency Program	Pierce, Teresa	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	700	An Act to Promote Student Enrollment and Degree Completion in the University of Maine System by Awarding Waivers of Tuition and Fees to Eligible Students	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	783	An Act to Continue Support for the Maine Multicultural Center	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	743	
EDU	823	An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Provide for Statewide and Equitable Access to Experiential Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Competition Programs	Haggan, David	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	858	An Act to Ensure Behavioral and Mental Health Services Are Available to Students by Providing Grants to Schools That Contract for Those Services	Gramlich, Lori	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	533	
EDU	884	Resolve, to Establish the Criminal Justice Legal Aid Clinic Pilot Project at the University of Maine School of Law	Ankeles, Dan	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			

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EDU	957	An Act to Integrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander History into the Statewide System of Learning Results	Sato, Ellie	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	535	
EDU	973	An Act to Establish the Community Partnerships with Public School Systems Grant Program	Brennan, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	1069	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Review Personal Finance Course Offerings in Maine Schools and Convene a Working Group of Relevant Stakeholders	Daughtry, Matthea	OTP-AM/ONTP	Finally Passed	Resolve	125	
EDU	1097	Resolve, to Require the Department of Education to Convene a Group to Develop Best Practices for De-escalation and Behavior Intervention	Murphy, Kelly	OTP-AM/ONTP	Finally Passed	Resolve	126	
EDU	1098	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Review the Use of Abbreviated School Days	Murphy, Kelly	OTP-AM/ONTP	Finally Passed	Resolve	127	
EDU	1123	An Act to Provide Funding for MaineCare-related Services for Public Schools	Yusuf, Yusuf	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	1202	Resolve, Requiring the Department of Education to Develop Professional Opportunities for Educators in African American Studies	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM/ONTP	Finally Passed	Resolve	169	
EDU	1219	An Act to Increase State Funding for the Campuses of the University of Maine System	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	1282	An Act Regarding Eligibility for Historic Preservation Bond Proceeds	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	1474	An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools	Osher, Laurie	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	762	
EDU	1558	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education	Sargent, Holly	OTP-AM/ONTP	Emergency Finally Passed	Resolve	120	
EDU	1588	An Act to Ensure Transparency in Student Transfer Requests	Bagshaw, Barbara	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	1624	An Act to Provide Funding for Summer School Programming	Warren, Sophia	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	1626	An Act to Improve Professional Development for Educational Technicians and School Support Staff	Murphy, Kelly	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			

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EDU	1639	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Conduct a Statewide Survey Related to Instructional Time in Public Schools	Grohoski, Nicole	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	1691	An Act to Expand Access to Justice in Rural Maine by Incentivizing Attorneys to Practice in Underserved Areas	Kuhn, Amy	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	508	
EDU	1705	An Act Regarding Adult Education Funding and Oversight	Sargent, Holly	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	722	
EDU	1740	An Act to Establish the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics Education Matching Grant Program	Sayre, Dan	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	1764	An Act to Ensure Equitable Staffing Ratios Across the State for Career and Technical Education Programs in Areas with Smaller Student Populations	Fecteau, Ryan	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	1892	An Act Regarding Funding for School Construction	Brennan, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	1992	An Act to Create a Process for the Residents of a Municipality to Withdraw from a School Union	Rafferty, Jr., Joseph	OTP/ONTP	Enacted	PL	548	
EDU	2003	An Act to Improve Localization of Emergency Broadcast Messaging	Pierce, Teresa	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	725	
EDU	2008	An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics	Grohoski, Nicole	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	726	
EDU	2014	An Act to Update the Funding Method for Career and Technical Education Programs	Murphy, Kelly	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
EDU	2015	An Act to Require Superintendents of School Administrative Units to Report Data Related to Educator Vacancies	Sargent, Holly	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	626	
EDU	2017	An Act to Update Certain Statutes Governing School Nutrition	Murphy, Kelly	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	717	
EDU	2020	An Act to Update Department of Education Reporting Requirements	Murphy, Kelly	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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EDU	2034	An Act to Support Funding for Educational Programs and Opportunities	Brennan, Michael	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
EDU	2045	An Act to Amend the Education Laws Regarding the State Board of Education's Authority Concerning Degree-granting Institutions	Pierce, Teresa	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
EDU	2046	An Act to Update Certain Duties Regarding Student Health Related to Communicable and Infectious Disease	Rafferty, Jr., Joseph	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	627	
EDU	2050	An Act to Dissolve the Great Salt Bay Community School District	Crafts, Lydia	OTP	Emergency Enacted	P&S	12	
EDU	2052	Resolve, to Study the Use of Technology in Classrooms and Study Safeguards Related to Its Use	Sargent, Holly	OTP-AM	Emergency Finally Passed	Resolve	149	
EDU	2064	An Act to Expand Access to Early Childhood Nutrition by Establishing a Grant Program for Public Preschools	Daughtry, Matthea	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	2091	An Act to Continue Training Programs for Emergency Medical Services	Lookner, Grayson	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
EDU	2098	An Act to Update Certain Higher Education Statutes and Laws	Sargent, Holly	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	630	
EDU	2099	An Act to Amend Certain Eligibility Requirements for Secondary Students Receiving State Subsidies for Postsecondary Courses	Sargent, Holly	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	631	
EDU	2109	An Act to Define "Public Education" and Clarify That a Private School Receiving Approval for Public Tuition Must Be Located in the State	Brennan, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	632	
EDU	2111	An Act to Amend the Charter of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District	Stover, Holly	OTP-AM	Enacted	P&S	18	
EDU	2114	An Act Regarding Public Preschool Programs Serving Children Who Are 3 Years of Age	Murphy, Kelly	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	633	

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EDU	2147	An Act to Provide Funding to Improve the College and Career Readiness of Certain Students in Androscoggin and Oxford Counties	Duson, Jill	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	2172	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 33: Rule Governing Physical Restraint and Seclusion, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education, State Board of Education		OTP/OTP-AM	Emergency Finally Passed	Resolve	151	
EDU	2175	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education, State Board of Education		OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Finally Passed	Resolve	160	
EDU	2192	An Act Regarding School Employee Investigations	Rotundo, Margaret	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	697	
EDU	2204	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Develop Guidance for School Leaders to Ensure Supportive Measures for Young Students Involved in Challenging, Disruptive or Unsafe Behaviors	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
EDU	2226	An Act to Amend the Essential Programs and Services School Funding Formula		OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	737	

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LD 46 An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Increase Postsecondary Educational Opportunities for Students with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder

Public Law 2025, chapter 519 establishes a grant program in the Department of Education to increase postsecondary educational opportunities and support employability for students with intellectual or developmental disabilities or autism spectrum disorder. Under the grant program, the department awards competitive grants to institutions of higher education in the State to develop and implement program plans that offer students with intellectual or developmental disabilities or autism spectrum disorder, to the greatest extent possible, the same rights, privileges, experiences, benefits and outcomes in a higher education experience as students without disabilities.

Public Law 2025, chapter 519 requires that, in order to receive funding under the grant program, program plans developed by institutions of higher education must meet the requirements of a comprehensive transition and postsecondary program under the federal Higher Education Act of 1965 so that students enrolled in the program plan may be eligible for certain federal grants and work-study programs. The law requires institutions of higher education to use 25% of the funds received through the grant program for scholarships for students participating in the program plan. It also requires institutions of higher education that have been awarded grants to make periodic reports to the department concerning the progress and sustainability of their program plans and requires the department to annually report to the Legislature on the effectiveness of the grant program.

Public Law 2025, chapter 519 was enacted as an emergency measure in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 519 became law without the Governor's signature and as an emergency measure effective January 11, 2026.

LD 109 Resolve, Directing the Maine Arts Commission to Study Federal and National Efforts to Protect Artists from Copyright Infringement by Artificial Intelligence Companies and Users and to Monitor Educational Use

Resolve 2025, chapter 121 directs the Maine Arts Commission, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, to study federal and national efforts to protect artists from copyright infringement by artificial intelligence companies and users and federal and national efforts to monitor the educational use of copyrighted work. The commission is directed to report its findings, including any suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters, which may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature. Resolve 2025, chapter 121 provides that the commission may accept grants, private contributions and any additional outside funding for the study.

Resolve 2025, chapter 121 was finally passed in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Resolve 2025, chapter 121 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

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Resolve 2025, chapter 121 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to provide that the commission must report its findings, including any suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by January 15, 2027, and that the committee may report out a bill to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 323 An Act to Fund Support Staff for the State Board of Education

Public Law 2025, chapter 773 provides one-time funds of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 to the State Board of Education to contract for staffing services.

LD 324 An Act Regarding Funding for Educational Programs and Opportunities

Public Law 2025, chapter 527 authorizes the Commissioner of Education to raise and expend private funds to support a fund established for specific educational programs and opportunities.

Public Law 2025, chapter 527 was enacted as an emergency measure in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 527 became law without the Governor's signature and as an emergency measure effective January 11, 2026.

LD 370 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Collect Data on Secondary School Mathematics Requirements

Resolve 2025, chapter 122 directs the Department of Education to collect data on the number of mathematics classes required for a high school diploma in the State, estimated costs associated with raising the minimum number of mathematics classes for certain schools and the number of schools that accept credits from alternative mathematics classes toward the requirements for a high school diploma. The resolve also directs the department to submit a report based on the data collected to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by January 15, 2026. The committee is authorized to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature related to the report.

Resolve 2025, chapter 122 was finally passed in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Resolve 2025, chapter 122 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

Resolve 2025, chapter 122 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to provide that the department must submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by January 15, 2027, and that the committee is authorized to submit legislation related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

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LD 470 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Review Teacher Mentoring Programs in Maine Public Schools

Resolve 2025, chapter 124 directs the Department of Education to review teacher mentoring programs in public schools in the State. The review must include, but is not limited to, the number of teachers holding emergency teacher certificates, conditional teacher certificates and new teacher certificates with less than three years of experience employed at each school administrative unit, verification that those teachers are assigned mentors, interviews with principals about mentoring programs and a compilation of descriptions of basic requirements of mentoring programs throughout the State. The department is required to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters based on the findings of the review no later than February 15, 2026. The committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the report.

Resolve 2025, chapter 124 was finally passed in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Resolve 2025, chapter 124 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

Resolve 2025, chapter 124 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to provide that the department must submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by February 15, 2027, and that the committee may report out a bill to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 587 An Act to Require School Boards to Adopt a Policy on Automated External Defibrillator Access at School-sponsored Athletic Events

Public Law 2025, chapter 529 requires a school administrative unit to develop and implement a policy that provides access to automated external defibrillators at all school-sponsored events in which students are participating on school property, including team practices. The law also requires that an automated external defibrillator acquired by a school administrative unit must be tested and maintained according to the manufacturer's operational guidelines and that first aid and local emergency medical service providers be notified of the location and type of automated external defibrillator acquired.

Public Law 2025, chapter 529 also requires a school administrative unit to develop and implement an athletic emergency action plan based on recommendations from a nationally recognized heart health organization or nationally recognized athletic training organization that addresses the appropriate, venue-specific use of an automated external defibrillator by school personnel to respond to a cardiac arrest or similar emergency at an athletic event on school property, including a team practice.

Public Law 2025, chapter 529 was finally enacted in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor.

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Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 529 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 529 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to provide that the requirement for school administrative units to develop and implement a policy regarding access to automated external defibrillators at school-sponsored athletic events begins with the 2027-2028 school year, instead of the 2026-2027 school year as was provided in the originally-enacted law.

LD 783 An Act to Continue Support for the Maine Multicultural Center

Public Law 2025, chapter 743 provides one-time funds to the Maine Multicultural Center in Bangor for one or more positions to establish a comprehensive program for foreign-trained workers through the Maine Multicultural Center. The position or positions will develop and coordinate the comprehensive program, which must be designed to serve foreign-trained workers with an emphasis on serving foreign-trained professionals and seek private funds to support the center's programs and operations.

LD 858 An Act to Ensure Behavioral and Mental Health Services Are Available to Students by Providing Grants to Schools That Contract for Those Services

Public Law 2025, chapter 533 establishes a grant program within the Department of Education to provide grants to school administrative units that contract for behavioral and mental health services provided by licensed behavioral and mental health service providers. It limits the use of funds provided through the grant program to behavioral and mental health services that are not otherwise covered or reimbursable through the MaineCare program and provides that funds must be used in a manner that does not supplant qualified and available school administrative unit behavioral and mental health staff. The law also provides that the amounts of the grants must be based on a school administrative unit's population and provides ongoing funding for the grants starting in fiscal year 2025-26.

Public Law 2025, chapter 533 was finally enacted in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 533 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 957 An Act to Integrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander History into the Statewide System of Learning Results

Public Law 2025, chapter 535 includes instruction on Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander history in the Department of Education's required units of instruction on American history and Maine studies. The law requires the department to convene a volunteer advisory committee to collect information and prepare materials for teaching Asian American, Native

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Hawaiian and Pacific Islander history and to develop and provide guidance, best practices and exemplar modules to local school administrative units to integrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander history into their curriculum.

Public Law 2025, chapter 535 also requires the department to develop a process to enable a local school administrative unit to conduct an internal audit of its curriculum to ensure an equitable representation of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander voices and an accurate historical account of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander history and culture. The department is required to submit a report on the progress of the implementation of this legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters no later than April 1, 2030.

Public Law 2025, chapter 535 was finally enacted in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 535 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1069 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Review Personal Finance Course Offerings in Maine Schools and Convene a Working Group of Relevant Stakeholders

Resolve 2025, chapter 125 directs the Department of Education to survey school administrative units to collect data on the status of personal finance course offerings and integration into social studies curricula and submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by January 15, 2026 based on the results of the survey. The resolve also directs the department to convene a working group to develop recommendations on increasing accessibility to personal finance education for students in the State. The department is required to submit a report based on the findings and recommendations of the working group to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by March 1, 2026.

Resolve 2025, chapter 125 was finally passed in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Resolve 2025, chapter 125 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

Resolve 2025, chapter 125 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to provide that the department must submit the report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters related to the results of the survey by January 15, 2027 and the report based on the findings and recommendations of the working group by March 1, 2027.

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LD 1097 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Convene a Group to Develop Best Practices for De-escalation and Behavior Intervention

Resolve 2025, chapter 126 directs the Department of Education to convene a group of teachers and experts in de-escalation and behavior intervention to develop best practices for training to be distributed to all school administrative units by September 1, 2026.

Resolve 2025, chapter 126 was finally passed in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Resolve 2025, chapter 126 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

Resolve 2025, chapter 126 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to provide that the department must distribute the best practices for training in de-escalation and behavior intervention to all school administrative units by September 1, 2027.

LD 1098 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Review the Use of Abbreviated School Days

Resolve 2025, chapter 127 directs the Department of Education to review the use of abbreviated school day rule provisions in schools in the State and requires the department to submit a report on the findings of that review to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters. The report must include data on the use of abbreviated school day placements, stakeholder input and information on the impacts abbreviated school day placements may have on school funding and student outcomes. The joint standing committee may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Resolve 2025, chapter 127 was finally passed in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Resolve 2025, chapter 127 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

Resolve 2025, chapter 127 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to provide that the department must submit the report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by January 31, 2027, and that the joint standing committee may report out a bill based on the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 1202 Resolve, Resolve, Requiring the Department of Education to Develop Professional Opportunities for Educators in African American Studies

Resolve 2025, chapter 169 requires the Department of Education to develop professional development opportunities for educators in African American studies.

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LD 1474 An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools

Public Law 2025, chapter 762 establishes the position of Wabanaki studies specialist in the Department of Education to assist school administrative units and educators in the exploration of educational materials and resources related to Wabanaki studies and make recommendations to the department regarding Wabanaki curricula. The law also authorizes the State Board of Education to adopt rules to require a Wabanaki studies component for teacher certification and requires the board to evaluate whether to adopt such rules no later than July 1, 2027, and requires that the department begin study of the Wabanaki studies curricula at least biannually beginning July 1, 2027.

Public Law 2025, chapter 762 also requires Wabanaki studies to be included in the review of content standards and performance indicators of the Maine learning results.

LD 1558 Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education

Resolve 2025, chapter 120 establishes the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education to review all related laws and rules addressing the State's public policy on higher education and make recommendations for potential legislative changes. The commission is directed to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters no later than November 4, 2026 with findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

Resolve 2025, chapter 120 was finally passed as an emergency measure in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Resolve 2025, chapter 120 became law without the Governor's signature and as an emergency measure effective January 11, 2026.

LD 1691 An Act to Expand Access to Justice in Rural Maine by Incentivizing Attorneys to Practice in Underserved Areas

Public Law 2025, chapter 508 establishes the Access to Justice Loan Program and Access to Justice Loan Program Revolving Fund under the Finance Authority of Maine for the purpose of awarding loans to and entering into loan repayment agreements with eligible Maine residents. Eligibility is limited to Maine residents who demonstrate an interest in or commitment to providing legal services in an underserved area of the State and who are enrolled or intend to enroll in an accredited law school and demonstrate financial need or have graduated from an accredited law school within the prior five years, are licensed or eligible to be licensed to practice law in the State and have outstanding law school loans. The maximum amount of a loan to or loan repayment agreement with a program participant is \$25,000 per year for a period of up to four years.

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Public Law 2025, chapter 508 also directs the University of Maine System, to the extent sufficient funding is available, to establish at the University of Maine School of Law a rural practice track to support the practice of law in underserved areas in the State. Among other things, the rural practice track must be designed to meet the following requirements.

1. It must provide, in each academic year, a housing stipend sufficient to cover the cost of dormitory housing at the University of Southern Maine for up to six first-year or second-year law school students who reside in underserved areas in the State or who have demonstrated a commitment to and aptitude for practicing law in those areas upon graduation.
2. It must provide, in each semester of the academic year and over the summer, internship, externship or other professional opportunities with organizations and other entities that provide legal services to individuals in underserved areas in the State for up to six second-year or third-year law school students who reside in underserved areas in the State or who have demonstrated a commitment to and aptitude for practicing law in those areas upon graduation.

Public Law 2025, chapter 508 requires that, no later than January 1, 2026, the University of Maine System is required to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters outlining its plan for implementation of the rural practice track at the University of Maine School of Law, including any recommendations for legislative or other action. After reviewing the report, either committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Public Law 2025, chapter 508 was finally enacted in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 508 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 508 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to provide that the University of Maine System must submit the report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and judiciary matters by January 1, 2027, and that either joint standing committee may report out a bill based on the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 1705 An Act Regarding Adult Education Funding and Oversight

Public Law 2025, chapter 722 requires the Department of Education to annually assess adult education needs in the State relative to funding appropriated by the Legislature and requires the department to, by December 3, 2026 and annually thereafter, submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters detailing its assessment and recommendations. The law also requires the department to submit to the Legislature a detailed written explanation for any funding for adult education that is not disbursed in accordance with the reimbursement procedures described in the laws governing adult education. The department is also required to adopt guidelines for the use of state funds for adult education programs and to

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convene a stakeholder group to provide input on statewide goals for adult education, funding priorities and statewide program improvements.

Public Law 2025, chapter 722 prohibits the department from distributing funding attributable to adult education programs through a school administrative unit starting in fiscal year 2027-28. The department must distribute all funding associated with college transition programs directly to adult education programs through the subsidy outlined in Title 20-A, section 8607-A.

LD 1992 An Act to Create a Process for the Residents of a Municipality to Withdraw from a School Union

Public Law 2025, chapter 548 allows the residents of a participating municipality of a school administrative unit within a school union to petition and vote to withdraw from the school union in the same manner as a single municipality may withdraw from a regional school unit.

LD 2003 An Act to Improve Localization of Emergency Broadcast Messaging

Public Law 2025, chapter 725 requires the State Controller to transfer funds from the Administration - Attorney General, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of the Attorney General from funds received from settlement agreements to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. The law also provides \$600,000 in one-time funds in fiscal year 2026-27 to enable localization of public safety information and emergency alert messaging on the statewide radio network operated by Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation.

LD 2008 An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics

Public Law 2025, chapter 726 provides one-time funds of \$300,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics for infrastructure upgrades to the school's dormitory.

LD 2015 An Act to Require Superintendents of School Administrative Units to Report Data Related to Educator Vacancies

Public Law 2025, chapter 626 requires the superintendent of a school administrative unit to report to the commissioner of education annually the number and type of the unit's vacant teacher and educational technician positions. The law also provides that activities undertaken by the department using data reported to the commissioner of education related to teacher and educational technician vacancies must be done within existing resources.

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LD 2017 An Act to Update Certain Statutes Governing School Nutrition

Public Law 2025, chapter 717 amends provisions of education law governing applications for free or reduced-price school meals by removing the requirement that the Department of Education contract for the development and implementation of an Internet-based application for such school meals, instead simply permitting the department to take these actions. The law also changes requirements for making the application available on the department’s publicly accessible website and instead permits the department to make the application available on a publicly accessible website. It also removes the requirement that a public school is solely responsible for processing that school's online applications and add as an alternative recipient of the application, another agency making the eligibility determination for free or reduced-price meals.

Public Law 2025, chapter 717 modifies provisions governing alternative breakfast delivery service in schools by removing an exemption applying to certain school administrative units and removing the requirement that the department adopt rules related to the alternative breakfast delivery service, including rules establishing procedures to track health and academic outcomes of students and schools that participate in the service and schools’ annual increase in participation in the service.

LD 2046 An Act to Update Certain Duties Regarding Student Health Related to Communicable and Infectious Disease

Public Law 2025, chapter 627 clarifies the duties of school personnel, superintendents and parents with regard to reporting symptoms of communicable or infectious diseases and adds a requirement that a member of school personnel who has reason to believe that a student is showing symptoms of a communicable or infectious disease must inform a building administrator. The law requires that a building administrator informed by a member of school personnel that a student is showing symptoms of a communicable or infectious disease must consult with the school nurse and inform the superintendent upon recommendation of the school nurse.

Public Law 2025, chapter 627 also clarifies that the duty for school nurses to supervise and coordinate health-related activities must be carried out in accordance with the most recent school nursing practices and follow all applicable rules adopted by the State Board of Nursing. It also requires the guidelines on the provision of school health services and health-related activities to be based on state and national standards and updated at least every three years and updates the term “epinephrine autoinjector” to “epinephrine automated device.”

LD 2050 An Act to Dissolve the Great Salt Bay Community School District

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 12 dissolves the Great Salt Bay Community School District.

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 12 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 3, 2026.

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LD 2052 Resolve, to Study the Use of Technology in Classrooms and Study Safeguards Related to Its Use

Resolve 2025, chapter 149 directs the Maine Education Policy Research Institute to develop a survey to gather and analyze information from schools in the State regarding the use of technology in the classroom, safety policies and procedures in place and the means employed to ensure compliance with those policies and procedures and to gather information on current guidance about best practices from state and national experts for safe instructional technology use for children. The Institute must share the collected guidance with its steering committee.

Resolve 2025, chapter 149 also directs the Maine Education Policy Research Institute to submit a report based on its analysis, including recommendations, to the Department of Education and suggested legislation, by December 1, 2026 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs, which is authorized to submit legislation related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

Resolve 2025, chapter 149 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

LD 2098 An Act to Update Certain Higher Education Statutes and Laws

Public Law 2025, chapter 630 repeals certain statutes related to correspondence schools and updates application requirements for degree-granting educational institutions in the following ways.

1. It requires a degree-granting educational institution to pay an application fee for the initial application that reflects the costs to the Department of Education for processing the application, as determined by the Commissioner of Education, and clarifies that temporary approval to use the name “community college,” “college” or “university” may not be used as a basis for a recommendation by the State Board of Education for permanent degree-granting authority.
2. It allows the state board to recommend an educational institution to the Legislature for degree-granting authority without additional review if the state board has approved or renewed approval for the institution to offer academic programs in the State within five years of the institution’s application for degree-granting authority and the institution has applied for degree-granting authority only for degrees for which the institution offers academic programs approved by the state board.
3. It requires the state board to provide any reports resulting from completed state board reviews of the applicant educational institution to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters upon recommending the institution for degree-granting authority.
4. It amends the College of the Atlantic’s Private and Special Law to broaden the college’s degree-granting authority.

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LD 2099 An Act to Amend Certain Eligibility Requirements for Secondary Students Receiving State Subsidies for Postsecondary Courses

Public Law 2025, chapter 631 updates certain eligibility and academic requirements for secondary school students receiving a state subsidy for postsecondary courses. The law amends the statutory provision regarding the required recommendation for a student to receive a state subsidy for a postsecondary course to provide that a student must receive a recommendation from the student's school to take a postsecondary course at a public postsecondary institution. It also clarifies that the recommendation may come from a school official with knowledge of the student's academic performance.

Public Law 2025, chapter 631 also requires the Department of Education, in collaboration with the public postsecondary institutions in the State, to provide a report regarding the effect of changes made by this legislation to eligibility requirements for a secondary school student to receive a state subsidy for postsecondary courses and regarding the imposition of lifetime credit caps on secondary school students and career and technical education students in a designated early college career pathway. By February 1, 2028, the department is required to submit a report, including any recommendations, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs, which may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

LD 2109 An Act to Define “Public Education” and Clarify That a Private School Receiving Approval for Public Tuition Must Be Located in the State

Public Law 2025, chapter 632 provides that a private school receiving approval for public funds for tuition purposes must be located within the State. It also defines the term “public education” and corrects a reference to the term.

Public Law 2025, chapter 632 provides that a private school approved for tuition purposes pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 5204, subsection 4 that is located outside of the State at which a student from the State is enrolled pursuant to Title 20-A, section 5204, subsection 4 as of the effective date of the legislation may continue to receive the tuition rate for that student calculated pursuant to Title 20-A, section 5806 until the student has completed secondary school, as long as the private school continues to meet all the requirements for approval.

LD 2111 An Act to Amend the Charter of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 18 clarifies that the board of trustees and district school committee of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District have distinct areas of responsibilities pursuant to the district charter and to statute. The law provides that the board of trustees and the district school committee must create joint bylaws in the event of issues related to overlapping responsibilities.

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Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 18 also directs the board of trustees to prepare the revenues and expenditures for the capital portion of the budget and the district school committee the operating portion. The district school committee is directed to integrate those portions and submit the budget to the budget meeting for the budget validation referendum procedure.

LD 2114 An Act An Act Regarding Public Preschool Programs Serving Children Who Are 3 Years of Age

Public Law 2025, chapter 633 expands the definition of “public preschool program” to include a program that provides instruction to children who are three years of age and provides that, in addition to allowing start-up funds for the operation of public preschools for children who are four years of age, the State, beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, may provide start-up funding for the allowable costs to operate public preschool programs for children who are both three years of age and identified as a child with a disability. The law specifies that public preschool students who are three years of age and have not been identified as a child with a disability are not subsidizable pupils for the purposes of state subsidy calculations under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 606-B.

Under Public Law 2025, chapter 633, a child who is three years of age on October 15th and does not have an identified disability may still attend a public preschool program that offers instruction to children who are three years of age and have not been identified as a child with a disability. A person who is at least three years of age and is identified as a child with a disability may enroll in an available public preschool program at any time prior to enrolling in kindergarten.

LD 2172 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 33: Rule Governing Physical Restraint and Seclusion, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education, State Board of Education

Resolve 2025, chapter 151 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 33: Rule Governing Physical Restraint and Seclusion, a major substantive rule of the Department of Education, State Board of Education.

Resolve 2025, chapter 151 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

LD 2175 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education, State Board of Education

Resolve 2025, chapter 160 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a major substantive rule of the Department of Education, State Board of Education, notwithstanding that the filing period for written statements and arguments concerning the proposed rule closed nine days after the public hearing, only if the following changes to the rule are made.

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1. In the rule Part II: Requirements for Specific Certificates and Endorsements, Section 1: Teachers and Educational Specialists: General Certificates and Endorsements, the rule must be amended to add a new Section 1.19 establishing a Mathematics Specialist Certificate.
2. In the rule Part II: Requirements for Specific Certificates and Endorsements, Section 2.1: Endorsement 282: Teacher of Children with Disabilities, the rule must be amended to establish grade level specifications of birth to school age five, preschool through grade 8 and grades 6 through 12.
3. In the rule Part II: Requirements for Specific Certificates and Endorsements, Section 2.1: Endorsement 282: Teacher of Children with Disabilities, the rule must be amended to add a transitional pathway to allow holders of an endorsement 282 with a grade span inclusive of kindergarten to earn an endorsement 282 with a grade span inclusive of preschool and elementary grades without the need for additional coursework.
4. In the rule, any existing certificate or endorsement established for grades 7 through 12 must be amended to grades 6 through 12.

LD 2192 An Act Regarding School Employee Investigations

Public Law 2025, chapter 697 does the following.

1. It expands the definition of “covered investigation” of a school employee to include misconduct that is harassment as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 337-A; sexual assault as described in Title 17-A, chapter 11; stalking as described in Title 17-A, section 210-A; sexual exploitation of a minor as described in Title 17-A, chapter 12; or similar behavior that endangers the health, safety or welfare of a student or another school employee. The definition captures misconduct of all school employees and captures misconduct of a school employee against another school employee, as well as misconduct against students.
2. Upon receipt of a complaint of alleged misconduct, it requires a superintendent of a school entity to conduct a covered investigation. It provides that school entities must put anyone who is the subject of a covered investigation on paid leave, must complete covered investigations once they’ve begun, and superintendents must notify the Department of Education immediately of the outcome of a covered investigation.
3. Upon receipt of notification from a school entity of the initiation of a covered investigation of a school employee, it requires the Department of Education to enter a notation on a school employee’s educator credentialing records or other school employee records maintained by the department for that school employee indicating that a covered investigation is pending. The notation must be visible to superintendents and other school administrators authorized to review educator credentialing records and school employee records maintained by the department. Upon receipt from a school entity of the outcome of a covered investigation, the department shall update the notation on the school employee’s file. If the school employee is found to have committed the misconduct, the department must update the notation to reflect

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that finding; if the school employee is found to have not committed the misconduct, the department must remove the notation from the file.

4. It requires that prior to offering employment to an applicant, a school entity must review the applicant's educator credentialing records or other school employee records maintained by the department to determine whether the applicant holds a valid and active certification appropriate for the position or is otherwise eligible for employment and whether any notation regarding a covered investigation has been entered on the applicant's records, and, if so, the current status of that notation.
5. It requires that, notwithstanding any confidentiality clause or any agreement between the school entity and a school employee, if, by a preponderance of the evidence, a school entity determines through its covered investigation that the school employee committed misconduct, the information pertaining to that covered investigation and findings of misconduct must be disclosed to the department and to any school entity that requests that information.

Public Law 2025, chapter 697 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 15, 2026.

LD 2226 An Act to Amend the Essential Programs and Services School Funding Formula

Public Law 2025, chapter 737 amends school funding laws as follows.

1. It updates the method for calculating the regional adjustment beginning in fiscal year 2027-28, to be based on a nationwide cost-of-living index, and provides that the regional adjustment must align with the salary matrix. It also corrects cross-references related to the regional adjustment calculation.
2. It provides that a school administrative unit's ability to pay must be adjusted by 10% for relative income.
3. It provides that, beginning in fiscal year 2027-28 and until fiscal year 2030-31, the State may not reduce the portion of a school administrative unit's state subsidy attributable to the regional adjustment and local contribution calculation and provides a three-year transition period beginning in fiscal year 2030-31.

Public Law 2025, chapter 737 also directs the Maine Education Policy Research Institute to study the components of the essential programs and services school funding formula and report back to the Legislature by January 15, 2027.

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Committee	LD	Title	Sponsor	Committee Vote	Disposition	Law	Ch #	Analyst Note
EUT	32	An Act Regarding the Interconnection Ombudsman Position at the Public Utilities Commission	Guerin, Stacey	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	680	
EUT	307	An Act to Establish the Maine Data Center Coordination Council and Place a Temporary Limitation on Certain Data Centers	Sachs, Melanie	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	Veto Sustained			
EUT	343	An Act to Incorporate the Assessment of Emerging Energy Technologies into the Comprehensive State Energy Plan	Paul, Reagan	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	558	
EUT	596	Resolve, to Provide Legislative Approval of Northern Maine Transmission Infrastructure	Lawrence, Mark	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
EUT	694	An Act to Require Petitions for Interstate Transmission Lines to Include Provisions for Conservation Funding	Pierce, Teresa	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
EUT	838	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Options for Public Financing of Transmission and Distribution Infrastructure, Generation Projects and Energy Storage Projects	Lawrence, Mark	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
EUT	839	An Act to Create the Net Energy Billing Cost Stabilization Fund	Stewart, Trey	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	532	
EUT	897	An Act Regarding the Nonwires Alternative Process and Required Negative Pricing Provisions in Contracts for Energy Resulting from Competitive Solicitations Conducted by the Public Utilities Commission	Lawrence, Mark	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	681	
EUT	995	An Act to Provide Funding for Low-income Electric Ratepayer Assistance	Sachs, Melanie	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
EUT	1420	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Ensure a Just and Equitable Energy Transition for Maine's Workforce	Lawrence, Mark	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
EUT	1730	An Act to Make Small Plug-in Solar Generation Devices Accessible for All Maine Residents to Address the Energy Affordability Crisis	Grohoski, Nicole	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	644	

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EUT	1850	Resolve, to Improve Interagency Coordination and Information Accessibility Regarding Renewable Energy Construction Projects	Webb, Kilton	OTP-AM/ONTP	Finally Passed	Resolve	131	
EUT	1936	An Act Regarding the Allocation of Net Energy Billing Costs and Long-term Contract Costs and Benefits	Grohoski, Nicole	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	555	
EUT	1949	An Act Regarding Energy Fairness	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	588	
EUT	1964	An Act to Establish Additional Requirements Related to the Sale or Lease of Net Energy Billing Interests and Solar Energy Equipment	Black, Russell	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	575	
EUT	1966	An Act to Increase Disclosure of Utility Charges and Improve Access to Distributed Generation Resources in the State	Warren, Sophia	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	766	
EUT	1975	Resolve, Directing the Maine Connectivity Authority to Develop Recommendations to Transition Functions Performed by the ConnectMaine Authority to the Maine Connectivity Authority	Ducharme, Jack	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Finally Passed	Resolve	141	
EUT	2038	An Act to Require Maine Transmission and Distribution Utility Participation in a Regional Transmission Organization	Kessler, Christopher	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	646	
EUT	2041	An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the North Jay Water District	Lyman, Sheila	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	P&S	11	
EUT	2043	An Act to Raise the Ogunquit Sewer District Debt Limit	Lawrence, Mark	OTP	Enacted	P&S	13	
EUT	2112	An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Form Community Choice Aggregation Programs to Procure Electricity	Runte, Jr., Walter	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	665	
EUT	2113	An Act to Align Long-range Grid Strategy with the State Energy Plan and Strengthen Integrated Grid Planning	Runte, Jr., Walter	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
EUT	2140	Resolve, to Establish a Demand Response Program to Lower Electric Bills and Improve Grid Reliability	Tepler, Denise	OTP-AM/ONTP	Finally Passed	Resolve	162	

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EUT	2153	An Act to Transfer the Responsibilities of the Governor's Energy Office to the Department of Energy Resources		OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	597	
EUT	2203	An Act to Limit Rates Charged to Low-income Electricity Consumers		OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	640	
EUT	2220	An Act to Establish the Maine Home Energy Navigator and Coaching Resource Hub		OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	703	
EUT	2234	An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the Vinalhaven Water District	Eaton, Holly	OTP	Emergency Enacted	P&S	17	

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LD 32 An Act Regarding the Interconnection Ombudsman Position at the Public Utilities Commission

Public Law 2025, chapter 680 removes the requirement that the interconnection ombudsman be appointed by the Public Utilities Commission and instead requires that the commission designate an interconnection ombudsman. The law also clarifies the activities that may be funded by the interconnection ombudsman fund established within the Public Utilities Commission.

LD 343 An Act to Incorporate the Assessment of Emerging Energy Technologies into the Comprehensive State Energy Plan

Public Law 2025, chapter 558 requires the state energy plan prepared by the Department of Energy Resources to identify and assess emerging energy technologies.

LD 839 An Act to Create the Net Energy Billing Cost Stabilization Fund

Public Law 2025, chapter 532 establishes the Net Energy Billing Cost Stabilization Fund within the Public Utilities Commission. The law provides that the fund must be used to reimburse a transmission and distribution utility for any costs incurred as a result of the State's net energy billing programs that would have otherwise been paid by ratepayers. The law requires the commission to submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over electricity matters a report that includes information about funds received by the fund and used for reimbursements for any year in which the commission pays reimbursements through the fund. It authorizes the commission to adopt rules to implement the requirements of the law and includes a \$500 appropriation for the Net Energy Billing Cost Stabilization Fund.

Public Law 2025, chapter 532 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 532 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 897 An Act Regarding the Nonwires Alternative Process and Required Negative Pricing Provisions in Contracts for Energy Resulting from Competitive Solicitations Conducted by the Public Utilities Commission

Public Law 2025, chapter 681 requires an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility to submit a planning study for small transmission projects and distribution projects to the Public Utilities Commission in addition to the Office of the Public Advocate. The law also requires the nonwires alternative coordinator to identify in a proposed plan for procurement of the recommended nonwires alternatives whether the components are behind the meter or on the grid side of the meter and allows the commission to adopt rules relating to the nonwires alternatives investigation and recommendations.

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Public Law 2025, chapter 681 also changes the requirement for contract provisions governing negative pricing in contracts for energy resulting from competitive solicitations conducted by the commission by requiring the contract to include a provision that requires the reduction of payments under the contract by the absolute value of the applicable negative price multiplied by the energy produced and delivered under the contract.

LD 1730 An Act to Make Small Plug-in Solar Generation Devices Accessible for All Maine Residents to Address the Energy Affordability Crisis

Public Law 2025, chapter 644 exempts from certain requirements the installation and operation of one or more eligible plug-in photovoltaic systems and plug-in battery systems by retail electricity customers for offsetting on-site electricity consumption. The law establishes requirements for plug-in photovoltaic systems and plug-in battery systems to qualify for the exception, including safety standards and capacity limits, and prohibits the use of eligible systems for net energy billing. The law also establishes requirements for the retail customer's installation and removal of such systems on or in a structure the retail customer does not own.

LD 1850 Resolve, to Improve Interagency Coordination and Information Accessibility Regarding Renewable Energy Construction Projects

Resolve 2025, chapter 131 directs the Governor's Energy Office to coordinate with state agencies that permit, regulate or provide state assistance to renewable energy construction projects, including, but not limited to, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Labor, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Public Utilities Commission, to evaluate how to display and maintain data regarding renewable energy construction projects in an efficient, meaningful and publicly accessible manner for the purposes of identifying renewable energy trends in Maine, including through the development of a database. The evaluation must provide a method to make the data publicly available and, to the extent practicable, a method for obtaining information from renewable energy construction developers. The law establishes evaluation criteria that the office must use in conducting the evaluation and requires the office to submit a report on the evaluation to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by February 1, 2026. The committee may report out a bill based on the office's report.

Resolve 2025, chapter 131 was finally passed in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Resolve 2025, chapter 131 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

Resolve 2025, chapter 131 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to update references to the former Governor's Energy Office to the Department of Energy Resources, pursuant to Public Law 2025, chapter 476, and to change the date by which the Department of Energy Resources must submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having

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jurisdiction over energy, utilities and technology matters on the evaluation required by Resolve 2025, chapter 131.

LD 1936 An Act Regarding the Allocation of Net Energy Billing Costs and Long-term Contract Costs and Benefits

Public Law 2025, chapter 555 removes the requirement that the Public Utilities Commission allocate to each investor-owned transmission and distribution utility its pro rata share of certain costs and instead requires the commission, for post-restructuring stranded cost allocations and rate designs applicable on or after July 1, 2028, to allocate net energy billing costs and eligible costs and benefits associated with long-term contracts by aggregating similar classes of customers across investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities and ensuring that costs and benefits are distributed equitably. The law adds a cross-reference regarding beneficial electrification and amends the provision of law governing long-term contract costs to include costs associated with contracts entered into as a result of procurements by the Department of Energy Resources.

LD 1949 An Act Regarding Energy Fairness

Public Law 2025, chapter 588 requires the Public Utilities Commission, in executing its duties, powers and regulatory functions under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, while ensuring system reliability, to consider the impact on affordability for residential customers. Public Law 2025, chapter 588 also does the following.

1. It requires the commission to publish on its publicly accessible website data regarding credit and collection activities of a transmission and distribution utility with more than 50,000 customers that is submitted to the commission by the utility in accordance with commission rules. The commission must ensure that the data is provided in a clear and transparent manner.
2. It requires the commission to conduct a comprehensive review of each component of electric delivery rates. In conducting the review, the commission must consider, at a minimum, options that aim to contain customer costs in electric delivery rates, reduce transmission and distribution utility bill volatility and increase transmission and distribution utility bill transparency. By January 31, 2027, the commission must submit an interim report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters informing the committee of its work to date on the comprehensive review. The commission must submit a final report to the committee by December 15, 2027.
3. It requires the commission to develop an affordability metric to be used to assess the impact of electricity bills on the overall energy burden for residential customers of an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility. By January 15, 2027, the commission must submit an interim report regarding the development of the affordability metric to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters. The commission must submit a final report to the committee by December 15, 2027.

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LD 1964 An Act to Establish Additional Requirements Related to the Sale or Lease of Net Energy Billing Interests and Solar Energy Equipment

Public Law 2025, chapter 575 does the following.

1. It makes misrepresentation as a representative or affiliate of an electric utility or representative or official of a governmental agency or program when selling, offering to sell, leasing, installing or entering into any other financial arrangement regarding an electricity product a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.
2. It clarifies the definition of “merchandise” for the purposes of the laws governing consumer solicitation sales to specify that “merchandise” includes a contract for a shared financial interest in a distributed generation resource that has a net energy billing arrangement in the kilowatt-hour credit or commercial and institutional net energy billing program as well as solar energy equipment.
3. It clarifies the definition of “merchandise” for the purposes of the laws governing transient sellers of consumer merchandise to specify that “merchandise” includes a contract for a shared financial interest in a distributed generation resource that has a net energy billing arrangement in the kilowatt-hour credit or commercial and institutional net energy billing program as well as solar energy equipment.
4. Beginning June 1, 2026, it requires a person who sells or leases solar energy equipment that is installed on the customer side of the meter to provide a standard written disclosure to a customer prior to a sale or lease. A failure to provide the standard written disclosure as required by the law is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act. The Department of Energy Resources must develop two model standard written disclosure forms for the sale and for the lease of solar energy equipment and make the disclosure forms available on the department’s publicly accessible website.
5. By March 1, 2026, it requires each large, investor-owned transmission and distribution utility to annually provide the interconnection ombudsman with the average interconnection costs for the previous calendar year by project size. By May 1, starting in 2026, the interconnection ombudsman must annually publish the average interconnection costs by project size on the Public Utilities Commission’s website.

Public Law 2025, chapter 575 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2026.

LD 1966 An Act to Increase Disclosure of Utility Charges and Improve Access to Distributed Generation Resources in the State

Public Law 2025, chapter 766 does the following.

1. It requires a transmission and distribution utility with over 50,000 customers to disclose any administrative charges included in a customer bill for work funded directly by that customer.

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If any line item in a customer bill includes an administrative charge, the bill must specifically identify the charge and include a description.

2. It directs the Public Utilities Commission, by rule, to prohibit an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility that does not include all expenses that may be recovered in rates in a customer's delivery cost, from labeling such expenses or any combination thereof as public policy charges or a substantially similar term on customer bills. The rules must require the investor-owned transmission and distribution utility to label such expenses or combination of expenses in a way that the commission determines is objective and assists customers in understanding these expenses.
3. It directs the commission to adopt rules to establish billing and disclosure standards for distributed generation resources with customers who participate in a net energy billing arrangement based upon shared financial interest. The rules must include standardized methods for presenting savings rates in a clear and consistent manner and require identification of all charges.
4. It requires the commission, by September 1, 2026, to initiate a competitive solicitation to procure up to four megawatts of energy from one or more distributed generation resources. Eligible distributed generation resource projects must have a nameplate capacity of no more than 200 kilowatts; serve only low-income customers and moderate-income households; be wholly owned by its customer or customers or wholly owned by a cooperative corporation; provide discounts or payments to its customers to offset its customers' electricity bills in a manner similar to customers receiving kilowatt-hour credits as determined by the commission; be placed in service on or after August 1, 2026; and be connected to the electric grid of an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility in the State. The commission must select an eligible project for a contract if at least one bid is received that meets the requirements of the legislation and the bid price does not exceed a certain threshold. Contracts resulting from the procurement may not have a term greater than 20 years and must require the sale of all renewable energy credits generated by the project.
5. It directs the commission to amend rules establishing consumer protections in net energy billing arrangements to create exemptions to the otherwise applicable requirements related to subscription sizing and payments for unused kilowatt-hour credits for certain types of distributed generation resources. The law also directs the commission to amend its rule prohibiting participation in more than one shared financial interest net energy billing agreement per residential account to ensure that it does not apply to net energy billing agreements related to a distributed generation resource in which a customer has an ownership interest.

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LD 1975 Resolve, Directing the Maine Connectivity Authority to Develop Recommendations to Transition Functions Performed by the ConnectMaine Authority to the Maine Connectivity Authority

Resolve 2025, chapter 141 directs the Maine Connectivity Authority, in consultation with the ConnectMaine Authority, to review the laws governing the administration and activities of the ConnectMaine Authority and develop recommendations for any legislative changes necessary to transition functions performed by the ConnectMaine Authority to the Maine Connectivity Authority by October 1, 2027. On or before January 15, 2027, the Maine Connectivity Authority must submit a report containing the recommendations resulting from its review, including any proposed legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy, utilities and technology matters. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the Maine Connectivity Authority's recommendations to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 2038 An Act to Require Maine Transmission and Distribution Utility Participation in a Regional Transmission Organization

Public Law 2025, chapter 646 requires transmission and distribution utilities to participate in a regional transmission organization. The law provides an exception for consumer-owned utilities and for utilities located in an area of the State in which the retail electricity market is administered by the independent system administrator for northern Maine.

LD 2041 An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the North Jay Water District

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 11 increases the debt limit of the North Jay Water District from \$900,000 to \$15,000,000.

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 11 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 3, 2026.

LD 2043 An Act to Raise the Ogunquit Sewer District Debt Limit

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 13 raises the debt limit of the Ogunquit Sewer District from \$12,000,000 to \$17,000,000.

LD 2112 An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Form Community Choice Aggregation Programs to Procure Electricity

Public Law 2025, chapter 665 authorizes a municipality or a group of municipalities to establish a community choice aggregation program, which permits the aggregation of the electric load of residential and small commercial electricity customers within a municipality or group of

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municipalities for the purpose of procuring electricity on behalf of those customers. Electricity customers are enrolled in the plan on an opt-out basis except for customers participating in net energy billing or a front of the meter distributed energy resource program, customers receiving generation service from a competitive electricity provider and customers receiving low-income assistance. Prior to implementing a community choice aggregation program, the program plan must be approved by the voters in the municipality or municipalities, the legislative body or governing board of each municipality and the Public Utilities Commission. The law establishes requirements for customer notifications and protections and directs the commission to adopt rules to implement the legislation, including rules governing community choice aggregation program approvals, opt-in and opt-out procedures and consumer safeguards. Public Law 2025, chapter 665 also provides that federally recognized Indian tribes in the State may establish community choice aggregation programs.

LD 2140 Resolve, to Establish a Demand Response Program to Lower Electric Bills and Improve Grid Reliability

Resolve 2025, chapter 162 requires the Efficiency Maine Trust to establish the demand response program to encourage electricity customers to reduce their consumption of electricity during periods of peak demand to help lower their electric bills and improve grid reliability. The program must be designed to provide outreach and education to renters, low-income electricity customers and customers having the greatest potential for peak-demand electricity usage reductions, and the trust is required to prioritize outreach and education for low-income electricity customers. The trust must assess the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of the program and, by February 28, 2028, submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters regarding its assessment.

LD 2153 An Act to Transfer the Responsibilities of the Governor’s Energy Office to the Department of Energy Resources

Public Law 2025, chapter 597 transfers the responsibilities of the Governor’s Energy Office to the Department of Energy Resources. The law also does the following.

1. It includes the Department of Energy Resources within the list of agencies that are subject to review in accordance with the State Government Evaluation Act.
2. It provides that any All Other balance remaining in the department’s General Fund account at the end of any fiscal year must be carried forward for use in the next fiscal year.
3. It requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to consult with the department, instead of the Public Utilities Commission, in establishing rules related to energy efficiency standards for the construction of new or substantially renovated state-owned or state-leased buildings and buildings built with state funds.

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4. It includes the department within the definition of “agency” for the purposes of the Tribal-State Collaboration Act.
5. It requires the department, instead of the Public Utilities Commission, to adopt routine technical rules governing offshore wind energy procurements pursuant to the Maine Wind Energy Act.
6. It expands the definition of “primary storage facility” to specify that it includes a facility that receives petroleum products into the State by rail or truck.
7. It expands the department’s reporting requirement related to shortfalls in supply or anticipated deliveries of home heating oil or kerosene to include all petroleum products.
8. It clarifies the period of time in which the Public Utilities Commission must approve or reject a contract negotiated by the department for a competitive solicitation conducted by the department.
9. It clarifies the circumstances under which the department may share proposals and contract negotiation materials that are otherwise confidential.
10. It directs that certain activities of the Public Utilities Commission related to the carbon dioxide cap-and-trade program are to be undertaken by the Commissioner of Energy Resources.
11. It repeals a provision that directed the State Controller to transfer any unobligated balances related to the coastal zone management program remaining in the Bureau of Policy and Management program, Department of Marine Resources, Other Special Revenue Funds and federal funds to the Department of Energy Resources.
12. It requires the Department of Energy Resources to review the status of hydropower developments on the St. Croix River by January 1, 2028 and every 5 years thereafter and provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters regarding any significant developments or recommendations.

LD 2203 An Act to Limit Rates Charged to Low-income Electricity Consumers

Public Law 2025, chapter 640 prohibits a competitive electricity provider from providing to a customer receiving low-income assistance generation service at a rate that is greater than the standard-offer service rate that would otherwise be applicable to that customer. The law authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules to implement the law which may include, but are not limited to, rules governing the sharing of low-income assistance customer data by a transmission and distribution utility with a competitive electricity provider.

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LD 2220 An Act to Establish the Maine Home Energy Navigator and Coaching Resource Hub

Public Law 2025, chapter 703 establishes the Maine Home Energy Navigator and Coaching Resource Hub within the Department of Energy Resources. Through the resource hub, the department must make available standardized training curricula and program materials to support communities in implementing their own energy coaching programs. The law makes a one-time appropriation of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 to provide funding for the resource hub.

LD 2234 An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the Vinalhaven Water District

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 17 increases the debt limit of the Vinalhaven Water District from \$1,500,000 to \$4,000,000.

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 17 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

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ENR	846	An Act to Protect Natural Resources by Clarifying Hydropower Dam Removal Requirements	Blier, Mark	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
ENR	1111	An Act to Provide Water Service Infrastructure to Fairfield Residents Affected by Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Rudnicki, Shelley	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
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ENR	1519	An Act to Create a Stewardship Program for Electronic Smoking Devices and Related Products	Gramlich, Lori	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	769	
ENR	1696	Resolve, to Study Maine's Absolute Dominion and Beneficial Use Laws Relating to Water Rights	Gramlich, Lori	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			

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ENR	1870	Resolve, to Assess the Total Cost to the State of Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Brenner, Stacy	OTP-AM/ONTP	Finally Passed	Resolve	168	
ENR	1904	An Act to Establish the Municipal Shoreline Protection Legal Fund	Nangle, Tim	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	715	
ENR	2036	An Act to Clarify the Approval Process for and the Operation of the Commingling Program for the Management of Beverage Containers	Campbell, Dick	ONTP/OTP-AM	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
ENR	2037	An Act to Update the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Allowances	Kessler, Christopher	OTP/ONTP	Enacted	PL	550	
ENR	2063	An Act to Clarify Activities Allowed Under the Natural Resources Protection Act	Tepler, Denise	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	590	
ENR	2070	An Act to Improve the Management of Landfill Leachate and Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge at Solid Waste Landfills	Dill, Jim	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	651	
ENR	2115	An Act to Protect Private Wells from Hazardous Substances	Ankeles, Dan	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
ENR	2141	An Act Regarding Enforcement of the Annual Reporting Requirement of the Laws Governing Unclaimed Beverage Container Deposits	Brenner, Stacy	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	731	
ENR	2171	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule Standards and Portions of Chapter 335: Significant Wildlife Habitat, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Environmental Protection		OTP	Emergency Finally Passed	Resolve	150	
ENR	2174	An Act to Replace the Maine Waterway Development and Conservation Act with the Maine Renewable Energy and Associated Transmission Development and Conservation Act	Kessler, Christopher	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
ENR	2187	An Act to Update Certain Water Quality Standards and to Reclassify Certain Waters of the State		OTP/OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	616	
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ENR	2227	An Act to Update Financial Assurance Requirements for Certain Solid Waste Facilities		OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	621	

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LD 222 An Act to Establish a Take-back and Disposal Program for Firefighting and Fire-suppressing Foam to Which Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Have Been Added

Public Law 2025, chapter 525 requires the Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal, and when funds are available, to design and, by July 1, 2027, implement a take-back and disposal program for firefighting and fire-suppressing foam to which perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances have been intentionally added that is located in the State and that is in the possession of a person located in the State. The program must provide for the collection of such firefighting or fire-suppressing foam from a person that voluntarily requests collection and for the safe and contained disposal of the collected foam. The department may contract with a 3rd-party entity to implement and administer the program, may adopt rules as necessary for the implementation and administration of the program and may receive funds, grants or contributions from public or private sources to design and implement the program.

Public Law 2025, chapter 525 was finally enacted in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 525 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 474 An Act to Establish a Stewardship Program for Primary and Rechargeable Batteries

Public Law 2025, chapter 608 requires producers of primary batteries and rechargeable batteries and of products that contain those batteries to individually, collectively or through a battery stewardship organization submit to the Department of Environmental Protection for review and approval a plan for the establishment of a battery stewardship program to manage primary and rechargeable batteries sold by producers in the State. One hundred and eighty days after such a battery stewardship plan is approved by the department, a producer of primary batteries, rechargeable batteries or products that contain those batteries may not sell, offer for sale or distribute for sale in or into the State a primary battery, rechargeable battery or product that contains those batteries unless the producer participates in an approved battery stewardship program, individually, collectively or through a battery stewardship organization.

LD 646 Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study Unmanaged Storm Water Pollution

Resolve 2025, chapter 166 establishes the Commission to Study Unmanaged Storm Water Pollution. The commission is directed to review, study and analyze existing scientific literature and data on storm water pollution and to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources by December 1, 2026, which is authorized to submit a bill to the 133rd Legislature in 2027 related to the subject matter of the report.

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LD 1519 An Act to Create a Stewardship Program for Electronic Smoking Devices and Related Products

Public Law 2025, chapter 769 requires that, on or before November 1, 2027, a producer of electronic smoking devices, individually, collectively or through a stewardship organization, must submit to the Department of Environmental Protection for review and approval a plan for the establishment of a stewardship program to manage unwanted electronic smoking devices sold by the producer at the end of the device's life. One hundred eighty days after a stewardship plan is approved by the department, a producer of electronic smoking devices may not sell or offer for sale in the State an electronic smoking device unless the producer participates, individually, collectively or through a stewardship organization, in an approved electronic smoking device stewardship program.

LD 1870 Resolve, to Assess the Total Cost to the State of Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Resolve 2025, chapter 168 directs the Department of Environmental Protection to conduct an assessment of the costs to the State of the emission of greenhouse gases for the period that began on January 1, 1995 and ended on December 31, 2024. The department may contract with a consultant to conduct that assessment. On or before January 1, 2028, the department is required to submit a report containing the results of that assessment to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters, labor matters, judiciary matters and energy, utilities and technology matters. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters may report out a bill relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

LD 1904 An Act to Establish the Municipal Shoreline Protection Legal Fund

Public Law 2025, chapter 715 establishes the Municipal Shoreline Protection Legal Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection to provide financial assistance to municipalities that have incurred or expect to incur legal costs in pursuing shoreland zoning violations. In accordance with rules adopted by the department, a municipality that receives financial assistance from the fund may be required to reimburse the fund following the settlement or final adjudication of the legal claim for which the financial assistance was received.

Public Law 2025, chapter 715 also amends the Natural Resources Protection Act to direct that, of the total penalties paid by all persons found to have violated that Act in any fiscal year, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall ensure that \$100,000 of that amount, or the total amount of penalties paid in the fiscal year if that amount is less than \$100,000, is deposited in the Municipal Shoreline Protection Legal Fund.

Public Law 2025, chapter 715 also directs the State Controller, on or before September 1, 2026, to transfer \$100,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of

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Environmental Protection, Municipal Shoreline Protection Legal Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account and provides a corresponding allocation.

LD 2037 An Act to Update the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Allowances

Public Law 2025, chapter 550 amends certain provisions governing the regional greenhouse gas initiative. The law amends the amount of carbon dioxide emissions allowances the State may auction as a participant in the regional greenhouse gas initiative for the year 2027 and each subsequent year. It also eliminates requirements for establishing and developing carbon dioxide offset project categories.

LD 2063 An Act to Clarify Activities Allowed Under the Natural Resources Protection Act

Public Law 2025, chapter 590 amends several provisions in the Natural Resources Protection Act.

1. It adds the hand planting of native vegetation, the hand planting of native dune vegetation and certain corrective actions to the list of activities for which a permit is not required.
2. It clarifies the provisions regarding the circumstances under which a permit is not required when an emergency activity is conducted to alleviate a threat caused by a flood event.
3. It adds great ponds and habitat for state endangered and state threatened species that is significant wildlife habitat to the list of areas under the Department of Environmental Protection's compensation program and provides the department with 3rd-party enforcement rights to enforce deed restrictions or conservation easements executed to meet a requirement under its compensation program.

LD 2070 An Act to Improve the Management of Landfill Leachate and Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge at Solid Waste Landfills

Public Law 2025, chapter 651 does the following.

1. It provides that a facility requiring an air emission license that processes or incinerates sludge must implement best available control technology for any new source and best practical treatment for any existing source to minimize emissions of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances from the facility to the ambient air.
2. It provides that, in accordance with a schedule approved by the Department of Environmental Protection, a new or expanded solid waste landfill that requires for its construction or expansion a permit under the Natural Resources Protection Act for the alteration of freshwater wetlands must incorporate a leak detection system into the landfill's engineering design; integrate into the landfill's water quality monitoring plan the use of that leak detection system and the sampling and analysis of groundwater on the landfill site for perfluoroalkyl and

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polyfluoroalkyl substances; and provide the results of that groundwater sampling and analysis as part of the landfill's annual report.

3. It prohibits a licensed solid waste facility from processing, beneficially reusing or disposing of sludge at that facility unless the sludge has been characterized by the entity that generated the sludge in accordance with a plan approved by the department, which must include sampling and analysis of the sludge for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.
4. It prohibits the Commissioner of Environmental Protection from finding, for the purposes of a public benefit determination, that a new or expanded solid waste landfill owned by the State provides a substantial public benefit unless the landfill treats the leachate collected from the landfill to reduce the concentrations of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in the leachate in accordance with a license issued by the department.
5. It amends provisions of law regulating State-owned solid waste disposal facilities to provide that the Carpenter Ridge site may not be developed as or used for the operation of a State-owned solid waste disposal facility, including, but not limited to, a State-owned solid waste landfill. It prohibits the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services and other state agencies from applying for, and the Department of Environmental Protection from issuing, a new or expanded license or an amendment to or renewal of an existing license for the operation of a State-owned solid waste disposal facility at the Carpenter Ridge site. It also prohibits the bureau and other state agencies from operating or contracting for the operation of a State-owned solid waste disposal facility at the Carpenter Ridge site. It also provides that the Penobscot Nation has the right of first refusal to purchase the Carpenter Ridge site, or any portion of the Carpenter Ridge site, that may be proposed for sale by the bureau or other state agency having ownership over the site, in a manner consistent with applicable laws or rules regulating the sale of State-owned property.
6. It directs the bureau to procure technical information from waste industry professionals regarding criteria and considerations for siting new solid waste facilities in the State and for the sustainable management of special wastes and municipal solid waste bypass to ensure that sufficient capacity is available for those wastes that are generated in the State until at least 2050. On or before March 1, 2027, the bureau is required to submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters a report setting forth the technical information procured by the bureau. The committee is authorized to report out related legislation to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.
7. It directs the Department of Environmental Protection to conduct an evaluation of its rules regulating solid waste facilities and identify opportunities to develop new or support or improve existing facilities, technologies, programs, initiatives or processes in a manner consistent with the State's solid waste management hierarchy. In conducting that work, the department is required to solicit input from and invite the participation of waste industry stakeholders and the general public. On or before January 15, 2028, the department is required to submit a report setting forth the results of the evaluation, including any recommendations for legislative action, to the committee. The committee is authorized to report out related legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

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Public Law 2025, chapter 651 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2026.

LD 2141 An Act Regarding Enforcement of the Annual Reporting Requirement of the Laws Governing Unclaimed Beverage Container Deposits

Public Law 2025, chapter 731 provides the Department of Environmental Protection with authority to enforce the requirement for annual data reporting regarding unclaimed deposits for beverage containers. Specifically, the law provides that an initiator of deposit that fails to submit an annual report regarding deposit transactions commits a violation of the beverage container redemption laws, is subject to applicable penalties under those laws and, as long as the violation exists, is prohibited from selling or distributing in the State any beverage container subject to the requirements of the beverage container redemption laws. A distributor or dealer may not sell or distribute in the State any containers of the initiator, and the department may remove from sale any such containers of the initiator.

LD 2171 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule Standards and Portions of Chapter 335: Significant Wildlife Habitat, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Environmental Protection

Resolve 2025, chapter 150 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule Standards and portions of Chapter 335: Significant Wildlife Habitat, provisionally adopted major substantive rules of the Department of Environmental Protection that were submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375.

Resolve 2025, chapter 150 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

LD 2187 An Act to Update Certain Water Quality Standards and to Reclassify Certain Waters of the State

Public Law 2025, chapter 616, which implements the recommendations of the Board of Environmental Protection resulting from its review of the State's water quality classification system and related water quality standards, implements specific updates to certain water quality standards and water quality classifications under state law based on water quality data and recommendations made by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Environmental Protection and other persons during the board's review.

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LD 2210 An Act to Clarify Board of Environmental Protection Procedures Regarding Appeals of Licensing or Permitting Decisions of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection

Public Law 2025, chapter 618 amends procedures of the Board of Environmental Protection regarding appeals of licensing or permitting decisions of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection as follows.

1. It specifies the composition of the record to be considered by the board in deciding an appeal of a final license or permit decision of the commissioner.
2. It clarifies that an appellant to a final license or permit decision must include in the appeal all information required by rule of the board.
3. It clarifies the persons that may offer proposed supplemental evidence in an appeal proceeding before the board and the circumstances under which that evidence may be submitted to the board and provides that it is the chair of the board that determines the admissibility of that evidence.
4. It codifies a longstanding practice of the Department of Environmental Protection to allow a licensee or permittee, if the licensee or permittee is not an appellant to a final license or permit decision, to submit to the board a written response to the merits of the appeal.

LD 2227 An Act to Update Financial Assurance Requirements for Certain Solid Waste Facilities

Public Law 2025, chapter 621 amends financial assurance requirements for certain solid waste processing facilities and solid waste disposal facilities to align with federal regulations governing financial assurance criteria for solid waste facilities adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. It also provides that a licensee subject to those financial assurance requirements must annually review and, as necessary and in accordance with Department of Environmental Protection rule, update its financial assurance mechanisms. The law also provides that the department may require an applicant or licensee subject to those financial assurance requirements to conduct and submit to the department an independent 3rd-party financial review of any proposed form of financial assurance.

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Reproductive Healthcare

Not Enacted LD 335 An Act to Safeguard Reproductive Rights Died On Adjournment

LD 1418 An Act to Protect Access to Reproductive Health Care, Including Fertility Treatments and Contraceptives ONTP

Sexual Assault Services and Trafficking

Enacted LD 2136 An Act to Support Victims of Trafficking in Maine in Response to Federal Funding Cuts PUBLIC 701

Substance Use Disorder

Enacted LD 1738 An Act to Establish the Biohazard Waste Disposal Grant Program to Support Public Health Efforts in the State PUBLIC 509

Not Enacted LD 604 An Act to Ensure Access to Concurrent Methadone Treatment and Intensive Outpatient Programs Died On Adjournment

Tobacco Sale and Use

Enacted LD 2134 An Act to Create an Exception to the Prohibition of Tobacco Sales in Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies for Certain Small Grocery Stores PUBLIC 580

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HHS	35	An Act to Strengthen Local Emergency Medical Services by Increasing the MaineCare Reimbursement Rate for Ambulance Services	Curry, Chip	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	52	Resolve, Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to Study Options for Allowing Children in the Department's Custody to Receive Federal Benefits	Roeder, Amy	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			√
HHS	169	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study MaineCare Estate Recovery	Hasenfus, Tavis	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	182	An Act to Provide Per Diem Payments for MaineCare Residents of the Maine Veterans' Homes	Supica, Laura	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			√
HHS	331	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Ensure Timely Reimbursement Under MaineCare Regarding Hospital Cost Reports	Drinkwater, Gary	ONTP/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			√
HHS	335	An Act to Safeguard Reproductive Rights	Kuhn, Amy	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			√
HHS	493	An Act to Expand Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Private Drinking Water Wells	Osher, Laurie	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	746	
HHS	500	An Act to Ensure Access to Safe Drinking Water from Household Wells in Rural Areas by Expanding Testing	Pluecker, Bill	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	540	An Act to Identify the State's Unidentified Human Remains	Boyer, Jr., David	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	555	An Act to Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services	Timberlake, Jeff	ONTP/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	561	An Act to Ensure Subsidy Reimbursements for Certain Child Care Providers	Baldacci, Joseph	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			√
HHS	562	An Act to Update Reimbursement Rates for Transportation of Deceased Persons by Funeral Homes When the Transport is at the Request of the Chief Medical Examiner	Baldacci, Joseph	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	742	
HHS	604	An Act to Ensure Access to Concurrent Methadone Treatment and Intensive Outpatient Programs	Supica, Laura	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	721	Resolve, to Support the Full Implementation of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics in the State	Graham, Anne	OTP-AM	Finally Passed	Resolve	170	

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HHS	766	An Act to Protect the Children of Maine	Meyer, Michele	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	814	An Act to Provide Funding to Area Agencies on Aging for Community-based Services and Programs to Support Older Adults	Cloutier, Kristen	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			√
HHS	834	An Act to Update the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	840	An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Removing Marriage Disincentives	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	753	
HHS	875	An Act to Fund Essential Services for Victims of Domestic Violence	Meyer, Michele	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			√
HHS	896	An Act to Provide Young Children Stable Access to Health Care	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	943	An Act to Require the ASPIRE-TANF Program to Be Administered by State Employees	Archer, Marshall	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	978	An Act to Increase General Assistance Reimbursement for Municipalities and Indian Tribes	Zager, Sam	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1017	An Act to Include Food Provided or Served at Emergency Shelters in General Assistance Reimbursement	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1060	An Act to Provide Funding to Reduce Stigma for Parents Seeking Support	Meyer, Michele	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1061	An Act to Increase Community Support for Families in Maine	Meyer, Michele	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1216	An Act to Improve Behavioral Health Crisis Services and Suicide Prevention Services	Nangle, Tim	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	610	
HHS	1261	Resolve, to Establish the Community Navigator Pilot Program to Support At-risk Families	Brennan, Michael	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1277	An Act Regarding Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Activities	Moonen, Matt	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	760	

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Committee	LD	Title	Sponsor	Committee Vote	Disposition	Law	Ch #	Analyst Note
HHS	1311	An Act to Expand Maine's Health Care Workforce by Improving Educational Opportunities	Ingwersen, Henry	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1414	Resolve, to Improve the Availability of Child Care by Increasing Certain Reimbursements Under the Maine Child Care Affordability Program and Establishing a Grant Program to Facilitate Off-hours Care	Daughtry, Matthea	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1416	An Act to Establish a Commission to Study the Placement of Individuals Committed by a Court to the Custody of the Department of Health and Human Services and to Update a Cross-reference Regarding Such Placement	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1418	An Act to Protect Access to Reproductive Health Care, Including Fertility Treatments and Contraceptives	Nangle, Tim	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	1425	An Act to Improve Access to Sustainable and Low-barrier Trauma Recovery Services	Rotundo, Margaret	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1426	Resolve, to Expand Child Assertive Community Treatment	Gramlich, Lori	OTP-AM	Emergency Finally Passed	Resolve	119	
HHS	1443	An Act to Ensure the Financial Stability of Behavioral Health Service Providers and Housing Assistance Providers	Bennett, Richard	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1540	Resolve, Directing the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council to Examine the Unmet Needs of Children Who Need Skilled Medical Care	Baldacci, Joseph	OTP-AM	Finally Passed	Resolve	128	
HHS	1583	An Act Regarding Home Health Care Services Ordered by a Physician Licensed Outside of Maine	Cloutier, Kristen	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	567	
HHS	1658	An Act to Preserve and Strengthen the Fund for a Healthy Maine	Graham, Anne	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1677	An Act to Establish the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Prevention and Support Program	Shagoury, Daniel	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	507	
HHS	1720	Resolve, Regarding Certified Nursing Assistant Examinations	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1728	An Act to Improve Affordability, Stability and Access in the Maine Child Care Affordability Program	Ingwersen, Henry	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	587	

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HHS	1737	An Act to Ensure the Future of Maine's Sporting Camp Heritage	Stewart, Trey	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	1738	An Act to Establish the Biohazard Waste Disposal Grant Program to Support Public Health Efforts in the State	Rana, Ambureen	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	509	
HHS	1745	An Act to Stabilize Residential Treatment Capacity for Children and Youth in Maine	Gramlich, Lori	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	522	
HHS	1746	An Act to Reduce Dental Disease and Ensure Access to Essential Preventive Dental Care Among Maine Children	Gramlich, Lori	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	723	
HHS	1772	An Act to Establish the Fund for a Healthy Maine Stabilization Fund	Bennett, Richard	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	641	
HHS	1835	An Act to Improve Nonemergency MaineCare Transportation	Bennett, Richard	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	1843	An Act to Provide Peer Respite for Individuals with Mental Health Care Needs	Roeder, Amy	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1859	An Act to Improve Access to Child Care and Early Childhood Education by Establishing Regional Resource Hubs	Ingwersen, Henry	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	1893	An Act to Establish an Independent Office of the Child Advocate	Gramlich, Lori	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	724	
HHS	1922	An Act to Support Workforce Development for Families That Were Involved in Child Protective Activities by Requiring the Sealing of Certain Records	Meyer, Michele	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HHS	1932	An Act to Support Essential Support Workers and Enhance Workforce Development	Fecteau, Ryan	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			√
HHS	1955	An Act to Increase Child Care Affordability	Daughtry, Matthea	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			√
HHS	1959	An Act to Prohibit the Department of Health and Human Services from Reducing General Assistance Reimbursement Maximums for Payment of Costs of Providing Emergency Shelter	Talbot Ross, Rachel	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			√

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HHS	1989	An Act to Increase Access to the Progressive Treatment Program Fund	Moore, Marianne	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	576	
HHS	1996	An Act to Clarify Responsibilities of the State in the Laws Governing General Assistance	Ingwersen, Henry	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	2001	An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Facilities for Children and Adults Under the Health and Human Services Laws	Ingwersen, Henry	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	594	
HHS	2021	An Act to Add an Online Option for Reporting of Suspected Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of Adults	Meyer, Michele	OTP	Enacted	PL	541	
HHS	2051	An Act to Ensure Access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in Maine	Pluecker, Bill	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	647	
HHS	2065	An Act to Provide One-time Funds to Support the Construction of a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for At-risk Youth	Ingwersen, Henry	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			√
HHS	2066	An Act to Establish the Child Care Employment Award	Ingwersen, Henry	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	2083	An Act to Expand Access to Certified Residential Medication Aide Training	Meyer, Michele	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	574	
HHS	2103	An Act Requiring Hospitals to Adopt Cybersecurity Plans	McCabe, Julie	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	668	
HHS	2105	An Act to Update Maine's Mandated Reporting Laws	Meyer, Michele	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	667	
HHS	2108	An Act to Establish the Suicide Mortality Review Panel	Stover, Holly	OTP	Emergency Enacted	PL	586	
HHS	2117	Resolve, Regarding the Process of Filling Vacancies in Certain Group Homes for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder	Sachs, Melanie	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	2119	Resolve, to Review Reimbursement for Certain Emergency Medical Services	DeBrito, Flavia	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	2122	An Act to Prevent Negative Impacts from Federal Funding Changes to and Fund Eligibility Determinations and Outreach for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Fecteau, Ryan	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	2123	Resolve, to Improve Dental Care Access by Modifying the MaineCare Reimbursement Methodology for the Provision of Certain Dental Services	Fecteau, Ryan	OTP-AM	Finally Passed	Resolve	164	

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HHS	2125	An Act to Sustain Access to Children's Residential Care Services	McCabe, Julie	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HHS	2131	Resolve, Regarding the Nursing Facility Reform Transition Fund	Grohoski, Nicole	OTP-AM	Emergency Finally Passed	Resolve	157	
HHS	2134	An Act to Create an Exception to the Prohibition of Tobacco Sales in Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies for Certain Small Grocery Stores	Curry, Chip	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	580	
HHS	2136	An Act to Support Victims of Trafficking in Maine in Response to Federal Funding Cuts	Nangle, Tim	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	701	
HHS	2144	Resolve, to Establish the Working Group to Prioritize Wellness and Mental Health Resources for Heritage Industries	Ingwersen, Henry	OTP-AM	Finally Passed	Resolve	147	
HHS	2154	An Act to Establish the Health Information Technology Fund to Support a State-designated Statewide Health Information Exchange	Gattine, Drew	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	732	
HHS	2177	An Act to Update and Improve the MaineCare Reimbursement System	Gattine, Drew	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	664	
HHS	2196	An Act to Lower Health Insurance Costs, Reduce Barriers to Health Care and Ensure Fair Prices for Health Care	Gattine, Drew	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			

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LD 493 An Act to Expand Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Private Drinking Water Wells

Public Law 2025, chapter 746 requires landlords of residential buildings supplied by private wells to test their well water for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. It also requires sellers of residential properties that are supplied by private wells to disclose any water tests indicating the presence of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. The law also adds perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances to the list of contaminants included in the Department of Health and Human Services uniform testing recommendations for private drinking water wells.

LD 562 An Act to Update Reimbursement Rates for Transportation of Deceased Persons by Funeral Homes When the Transport is at the Request of the Chief Medical Examiner

Public Law 2025, chapter 742 increases the transportation reimbursement rate for funeral establishments requested to transport a body for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner. It also establishes a reimbursement rate for employees required to wait during the course of transporting a body.

LD 721 Resolve, to Support the Full Implementation of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics in the State

Resolve 2025, chapter 170 provides one-time funding to support the full implementation of the five certified community behavioral health clinics certified by the State as part of the federal certified community behavioral health clinic Medicaid demonstration program. The law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to use the provided funds to support certified behavioral health centers in a manner that enables the department to access the designated enhanced federal match for the program.

LD 840 An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Removing Marriage Disincentives

Public Law 2025, chapter 753 amends the 1974 State Supplemental Income Act in the following ways.

1. It replaces provisions of law that provided that payments to couples, both of whom receive the supplement, are 150% of the benefit for an individual with provisions of law providing that payments to the couples are 200% of the benefit for an individual.
2. It requires that the standard used to determine need is the current annual budget at the lower level of living for an individual as most recently determined by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for Portland, Maine, or a budget consistent with such a budget taking into account budget variances by living arrangements permitted pursuant to Title XVI of the United States Social Security Act.

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3. It establishes that, in determining any increase according to the United States Consumer Price Index, consideration must be given to the goal of reaching, within a reasonable time, a benefit level equal to or consistent with the current budget at the lower level of living for an individual, rather than a retired couple, established by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for Portland, Maine.

LD 1216 An Act to Improve Behavioral Health Crisis Services and Suicide Prevention Services

Public Law 2025, chapter 610 repeals a section of law that requires crisis intervention services in four counties and replaces it with a requirement for crisis intervention support services to be made available by the Department of Health and Human Services in all 16 counties in the State. The law requires that a community-based telephone crisis intervention hotline be provided by crisis intervention support services. The hotline must coordinate with the national 9-8-8 suicide and crisis lifeline.

LD 1277 An Act Regarding Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Activities

Public Law 2025, chapter 760 removes anabolic steroids from the definition of “controlled substance” in the laws governing controlled substances prescription monitoring and directs the Department of Health and Human Services to purge from the records of the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program all information concerning the prescribing and dispensing of anabolic steroids. The law also provides funding for database maintenance to implement this exception of anabolic steroids from the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program.

LD 1426 Resolve, to Expand Child Assertive Community Treatment

Resolve 2025, chapter 119 requires that, by March 1, 2026, the Department of Health and Human Services issue a request for applications for a pilot program to develop child assertive community treatment team services in the Lewiston or Bangor geographic area. The request for applications must require the awardees of the grants to use workforce incentives designed to attract, train and retain child assertive community treatment team staff. The department is required to engage in a competitive process to determine the awardees. The term of the contract may not exceed two years. The law provides one-time funding for the child assertive community treatment team. Within 90 days following the conclusion of the pilot program, the department must submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters describing the outcomes and recommendations for continuation of the pilot programs.

Resolve 2025, chapter 119 was finally passed in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Resolve 2025, chapter 119 became law without the Governor’s signature, and as an emergency measure, effective January 11, 2026.

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Resolve 2025, chapter 119 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to change the date for the request for applications from March 1, 2026 to March 1, 2027.

LD 1540 Resolve, Directing the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council to Examine the Unmet Needs of Children Who Need Skilled Medical Care

Resolve 2025, chapter 128 requires the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council to convene a work group to examine the unmet needs of children who require skilled medical care and the families of those children. The council must submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 31, 2026. The committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Resolve 2025, chapter 128 was finally passed in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Resolve 2025, chapter 128 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

Resolve 2025, chapter 128 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to change the reporting date to January 31, 2027 and to authorize the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters to report out legislation in the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 1583 An Act Regarding Home Health Care Services Ordered by a Physician Licensed Outside of Maine

Public Law 2025, chapter 567 allows a home health care provider to deliver home health care to a patient who resides in this State based on an order from a physician in another state. It requires the home health care provider to be certified by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, in addition to being licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services. The physician issuing the order must be licensed in another state, prescribe services pursuant to an in-person physical exam in the jurisdiction where the physician is licensed and may order services for no more than 90 days. The physician licensed in another state may provide telehealth services only to the patient for whom the order has been issued and is exempt from licensure by the Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine or the Maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure for this limited purpose.

LD 1677 An Act to Establish the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Prevention and Support Program

Public Law 2025, chapter 507 establishes the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Prevention and Support Program, which the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention must administer in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services. The program's objectives

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include educating the public, supporting efforts for early detection and diagnosis, reducing cognitive decline and other negative outcomes and supporting care planning and management.

The law also creates the Healthy Brain Initiative Council as an advisory board composed of various stakeholders including, but not limited to, families affected by Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, medical professionals and medical facilities that treat individuals with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, research and advocacy organizations and employees of the Office of Aging and Disability Services. The council is responsible for studying and developing findings and recommendations on a series of topics including, but not limited to, the occurrence of Alzheimer's disease or related dementias in this State, the treatment and care available and policies that address public awareness, prevention and early detection, treatment and care, safety concerns, legal concerns, research and assistance to families.

By January 20, 2027, the council must submit to the Governor and the Legislature a five-year plan outlining its recommendations to address the concerns the council is tasked with studying. The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention is required to issue annual updates on the progress of the plan's implementation and the council is required to issue an updated plan every five years.

Public Law 2025, chapter 507 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 507 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1728 An Act to Improve Affordability, Stability and Access in the Maine Child Care Affordability Program

Public Law 2025, chapter 587 makes the following changes to the Maine Child Care Affordability Program.

1. It establishes a cap on copayments for families receiving subsidies under the program. A family with income up to 85% of the median family income in the State may not be required to pay more than 7% of the family's household income. The Department of Health and Human Services may further reduce or waive copayments for additional populations, including families with income up to 30% of the median family income in the State, children in foster care or kinship care, families experiencing homelessness and families with a child with a disability. Copayment information must be posted on the department's publicly accessible website.
2. It requires the department to reimburse child care providers for subsidies based on enrollment rather than attendance. Payment practices must promote the financial stability of child care providers and continuity of care for children.
3. It allows the department to reimburse child care providers receiving a subsidy at a rate that is higher than the amount charged for a child in a family that is not receiving a subsidy.

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LD 1738 An Act to Establish the Biohazard Waste Disposal Grant Program to Support Public Health Efforts in the State

Public Law 2025, chapter 509 establishes the Biohazard Waste Disposal Grant Program within the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The purpose of the program is to disseminate grant funds to community organizations seeking to develop or enhance community hypodermic apparatus mitigation and disposal efforts. The center is required to establish grant guidelines and selection requirements and to submit an annual report to the Legislature.

The law also requires a municipality that receives opioid settlement funds to contribute matching funds from its opioid settlement allocation and to provide documentation attesting to those matching funds.

Public Law 2025, chapter 509 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 509 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1745 An Act to Stabilize Residential Treatment Capacity for Children and Youth in Maine

Public Law 2025, chapter 522 adds the following requirements to the laws governing children's residential care services.

1. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to notify the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters whenever a children's residential care facility closes. The notification, which must be made within two weeks of closure, must include the name of the facility, the services provided, the number of beds and employees and the reasons for closure.
2. It adds requirements to the annual report on children's behavioral health services from the Department of Health and Human Services related to children in hospital emergency departments after they are cleared for discharge, out-of-state residential services and the cost of those services, lengths of stays in residential treatment facilities and denials of services.
3. It requires the department to convene a stakeholder group to identify the short-term and long-term staffing and resources needs to ensure the sustainability of child residential treatment providers. The report is due to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than December 3, 2025.
4. It requires the department to engage in outreach to providers of children's residential services, inpatient psychiatric services and community-based services to counsel those providers on resource needs to prevent closures and encourage the reopening of beds.

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5. It requires the department to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters, no later than December 3, 2025, with data and policy efforts related to children's behavioral health services.

Public Law 2025, chapter 522 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 522 became law without the Governor's signature, and as an emergency measure, effective January 11, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 522 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to change the dates for the two required reports from December 3, 2025 to January 15, 2027.

LD 1746 An Act to Reduce Dental Disease and Ensure Access to Essential Preventive Dental Care Among Maine Children

Public Law 2025, chapter 723 makes the following changes to the laws governing programming related to children's oral health.

1. It delays the requirement for oral health services to be available in all schools from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2027 and clarifies that the requirement applies only to public schools.
2. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop public-private partnerships to establish a model to provide for mobile dental services providers to provide additional preventive oral health and disease intervention services in schools based on the model in the Cumberland County School Oral Health Project. It requires the department to provide for at least one mobile dental services provider in each public health district per school year.
3. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide training and education by licensed dental health professionals to primary care providers on minimally invasive dental disease treatment for infants and small children using guidance from the From the First Tooth program or its successor program and the American Academy of Pediatrics. Pediatricians are encouraged to use silver diamine fluoride in primary care settings to reduce dental disease and prevent cavities.
4. It makes permanent two previously-established, limited-period positions related to the provision of oral health services in public schools within the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

LD 1772 An Act to Establish the Fund for a Healthy Maine Stabilization Fund

Public Law 2025, chapter 641 establishes the Fund for a Healthy Maine Stabilization Fund as a subaccount of the Fund for a Healthy Maine. It requires the State Controller to credit to the stabilization fund all nonparticipating manufacturer adjustments disputed for 2026 and 2027, 10%

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of nonparticipating manufacturer adjustments disputed for 2028 and thereafter and a proportionate share of interest or other investment income on balances in the Fund for a Healthy Maine. It provides that funds must be used to eliminate the need for the working capital advance before April 30, 2028. It requires that, if the need for a working capital advance is not eliminated before April 30, 2028, any funds in the stabilization fund remaining in subsequent years must be used to reduce reliance on those sources until all settlement payments can be allocated to the fiscal year following the year the settlement payments are received. Any remaining funds may be used for research and planning activities to supplement and connect current efforts among state agencies and stakeholders and for health promotion purposes allowable within the Fund for a Healthy Maine. If the stabilization fund is eliminated or dissolved for any reason, the State Controller must transfer the balance of funds back to the Fund for a Healthy Maine.

Public Law 2025, chapter 641 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 6, 2026.

LD 1893 An Act to Establish the Independent Office of the Child Advocate

Public Law 2025, chapter 724 eliminates the child welfare services ombudsman program and replaces it with the Office of the Child Advocate, beginning October 1, 2026. The Office of the Child Advocate is housed within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for administrative purposes only.

The Child Advocate is appointed for a five-year term that may be renewed. The Child Advocate must have a professional graduate degree in law, health care, public health, social work or a related field. The Child Advocate must also have knowledge of safety science and juvenile correctional practices or be willing to undergo training. The Child Advocate is subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and to confirmation by the Legislature.

The Office of the Child Advocate is established to provide independent oversight of state agencies and promote the best interests of children and ensure that children receive timely, safe and effective services in accordance with state and federal law. The office is required to review complaints and determine if it is necessary to investigate the actions of a state agency and make recommendations to address concerns, identify whether the issue is systemic and make recommendations on specific complaints. The office may complete case-specific reviews on the receipt of complaints or on the office's own initiative. The office may complete systems-wide or periodic review of policies, programs, rules, procedures or services offered to children and offer recommendations to address systemic concerns. The office is also required to provide information and referral assistance to families and the public and assist them in navigating and accessing services, provided that such information and assistance does not constitute legal representation. The office is also required to perform educational outreach and advocacy.

The Office of the Child Advocate is authorized to access to files and records from the Department of Health and Human Services and to the premises of the department. The office may also visit facilities and residential programs serving children. The office has access to juvenile information held by the Department of Corrections except for juvenile intelligence and investigative record

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information and personnel records. The office may enter the premises of the department as long as the entry does not create a safety and security concern. Information obtained, held or created by the office is confidential and may be disclosed only under certain circumstances.

The law also creates the Advisory Committee to the Child Advocate, an 11-member committee with members who serve three-year terms, except for legislative members whose terms are coterminous with their term in office. The duties of the advisory committee include: recommending at least three qualified candidates for the Child Advocate position to the Governor as well as determining whether to recommend reappointment of the Child Advocate; evaluating the Child Advocate's performance; recommending cost-of-living or salary increases for the Child Advocate and requesting the Governor to include any salary increase in the next budget; advising on the strategic direction of the office; working collaboratively with the Child Advocate to provide fiscal oversight and compliance with federal and state laws; and providing consultation to the office in its efforts to promote an effective, comprehensive and coordinated system of services and programs. Appointments to the advisory committee must be completed by March 15, 2027.

The Child Advocate is required to report annually to the Governor, the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and juvenile justice matters and the Advisory Committee to the Child Advocate. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters has oversight over the operations of the office and may make recommendations to the Governor and report out legislation related to the annual report.

The law transfers the funding and the positions from the current ombudsman contract to the Office of the Child Advocate as of October 1, 2026. The appointment of the first Child Advocate must be made by July 15, 2027. The new Child Advocate may hire staff as necessary, which may include staff that were transferred. Beginning April 1, 2027, funding is available for two additional staff, one of which is professional child advocate staff and one of which is administrative staff. The law also provides an additional \$100,000 in one-time funding for staffing, office expenses, training and contractual services. The Governor is required to appoint an interim Child Advocate by October 1, 2026, giving preference to the current ombudsman. The interim Child Advocate is required to prepare an in-depth report of resource needs, including staffing, equipment, travel and consultancies, to implement the new office. This report must be submitted by February 15, 2027 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters. The joint standing committee may report out legislation related to that report to make any necessary adjustments to the office.

LD 1989 An Act to Increase Access to the Progressive Treatment Program Fund

Public Law 2025, chapter 576 changes eligibility for reimbursement from the Progressive Treatment Program Fund by replacing the term "private entities" with a list of individuals eligible to receive reimbursements, including the superintendent or chief administrative officer of a private psychiatric hospital, the director of an ACT team, a private medical practitioner, a law enforcement officer or the legal guardian of the patient who is the subject of an application to a progressive treatment program. It also allows reimbursement for legal costs incurred to extend an existing

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progressive treatment program. It adds language stating that a private attorney representing an individual eligible to receive funds may also be reimbursed. It changes the cap for reimbursement from the fund from \$800 to an annual cap of \$3,500. It adds language stating that reimbursement is subject to available funds.

Public Law 2025, chapter 576 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2026.

LD 2001 An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Facilities for Children and Adults Under the Health and Human Services Laws

Public Law 2025, chapter 594 updates the laws governing the licensing and investigation of facilities for children and adults by clarifying the requirements regarding confidential abuse and neglect investigation records, requiring the Department of Health and Human Services, instead of the State Fire Marshal or other public safety inspectors, to inspect specialized children's homes and removing requirements for interagency licensing of children's homes between the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education and for licensing of nursery schools. The law also corrects outdated references to "residential child care facilities" with the current term, "children's residential care facilities."

LD 2021 An Act to Add an Online Option for Reporting of Suspected Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of Adults

Public Law 2025, chapter 541 adds the option of reporting the abuse, neglect or exploitation of adults to the Department of Health and Human Services using an online portal. This change aligns state law with federal regulations promulgated in June 2024 that require states to allow at least two methods of reporting, one of which must be online.

LD 2051 An Act to Ensure Access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in Maine

Public Law 2025, chapter 647 repeals language describing eligibility for the state Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. It adds language clarifying current eligibility and establishing eligibility for the program for individuals who became ineligible for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program under Public Law 119-21 (2025), commonly known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

LD 2083 An Act to Expand Access to Certified Residential Medication Aide Training

Public Law 2025, chapter 574 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to issue a certificate to an individual who has successfully completed a department-approved certified residential medication aide course that meets the medication administration training requirements for unlicensed assistive personnel in accordance with rules established by the department for

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certain facilities. The law also requires the department to review the course curriculum at least every five years and allows the department to establish by rule certification fees and sanction fees for certified residential medication aides and instructors.

LD 2103 An Act Requiring Hospitals to Adopt Cybersecurity Plans

Public Law 2025, chapter 668 requires hospitals, beginning January 1, 2027, to adopt a cybersecurity plan that is consistent with best practices established by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency; the United States Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology; and the Healthcare and Public Health Sector Coordinating Council or its successor organization. It establishes requirements regarding testing and revising such plans, training of employees, post incident review, auditing and confidentiality.

LD 2105 An Act to Update Maine’s Mandated Reporting Laws

Public Law 2025, chapter 667 makes the following changes to the mandated reporter law.

1. It replaces the list of mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1071, with a list that consolidates categories of mandated reporters and removes some categories from the list.
2. It removes the penalty for violations of the mandated reporter law and clarifies that the authority of an appropriate licensing board of a mandated reporter is not limited in taking action for a violation of the mandated reporter statutory requirements.
3. It requires a report of abuse or neglect to be made immediately but within no more than 24 hours.
4. It requires training for mandated reporters every two years instead of every four years.
5. It retains the current statutory structure of mandated reporters in institutions, agencies or facilities to use the designated agent system, although the person with first-hand information about suspected child abuse or neglect must make the report whenever possible. The institution, agency or facility may establish internal procedures to facilitate reporting. The person required to report may seek consultation to determine if a report is required.
6. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services, rather than the mandated reporter, to report to the appropriate district attorney’s office when the abuse or neglect is caused by a person not responsible for the child.

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LD 2108 An Act to Establish the Suicide Mortality Review Panel

Public Law 2025, chapter 586 establishes the Suicide Mortality Review Panel, a multidisciplinary panel established to review the trends in deaths by suicide of all residents of the State. The panel is charged with reviewing records of cases of confirmed or suspected deaths by suicide and deaths recorded as undetermined in which suicide cannot be ruled out to identify strengths and weaknesses of the system of care and to recommend to the Commissioner of Health and Human Services ways to decrease the rate of deaths by suicide and improve the system for preventing death by suicide, including modifications to law, rules, training, policies and procedures. The panel is required to submit a report by January 2nd of each year to the Governor, the commissioner and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

Public Law 2025, chapter 586 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 23, 2026.

LD 2123 Resolve, to Improve Dental Care Access by Modifying the MaineCare Reimbursement Methodology for the Provision of Certain Dental Services

Resolve 2025, chapter 164 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to make the following changes to its reimbursement for certain dental services provided to MaineCare members, which must be effective July 1, 2026.

1. It prohibits the department from requiring prior authorization for the provision of deep sedation or general anesthesia for dental services.
2. It establishes the reimbursement rate for deep sedation and general anesthesia for dental services at 67% of the commercial median benchmark, to be maintained until June 30, 2028, or until rates established pursuant to a dental rate determination conducted according to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3173-J are effective, whichever is sooner. It also requires the department to maintain temporary reimbursement rates for tooth extractions and dental caries arresting medicament applications until June 30, 2028 or until rates established pursuant to a dental rate determination conducted according to Title 22, section 3173-J are effective, whichever is sooner.

LD 2131 Resolve, Regarding the Nursing Facility Reform Transition Fund

Resolve 2025, chapter 157 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities, to require that the guardrails that are used in the three-year transition to new reimbursement rates be adjusted for inflation. The law also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a stakeholder group to examine issues related to the Nursing Facility Reform Transition Fund. The stakeholder group must submit a report, no later than January 15, 2027, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having

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jurisdiction over health and human services matters and the committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the report.

Resolve 2025, chapter 157 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2026.

LD 2134 An Act to Create an Exception to the Prohibition of Tobacco Sales in Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies for Certain Small Grocery Stores

Public Law 2025, chapter 580 creates an exception to the provision of law that prohibits a retail establishment that contains a pharmacy from obtaining a retail tobacco license. A grocery store containing a pharmacy remains eligible for a retail tobacco license if the store has no more than 26,000 square feet of customer-accessible sales area; the pharmacy was established in the grocery store at that location prior to July 7, 2025 and is independently licensed and operates in a separately leased space; all tobacco sales are made from the grocery store's independent inventory and point-of-sale system; and the grocery store complies with all other requirements under the provisions governing retail tobacco licenses. The law also removes references to the sale of tobacco through vending machines or the practice of giving away tobacco products in the course of trade, both of which were made illegal by Public Law 2025, chapter 367.

Public Law 2025, chapter 580 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2026.

LD 2136 An Act to Support Victims of Trafficking in Maine in Response to Federal Funding Cuts

Public Law 2025, chapter 701 provides one-time funding to support the Preble Street anti-trafficking services program to replace delayed federal funding.

LD 2144 Resolve, to Establish the Working Group to Prioritize Wellness and Mental Health Resources for Heritage Industries

Resolve 2025, chapter 147 creates the Working Group to Prioritize Wellness and Mental Health Resources for Heritage Industries, which is directed to review existing health and wellness resources available to individuals in Maine's heritage industries; consider the specific challenges for individuals with serious brain disorders and traumatic brain injuries working in heritage industries; identify gaps in the provision of services and barriers to accessing existing resources; identify issues facing migrant workers; examine successful models from other states and jurisdictions; develop recommendations for establishing sustainable funding mechanisms and service delivery models; and explore opportunities for public education to reduce stigma around mental health issues and increase awareness of mental health services. The resolve requires the working group to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters, marine resources matters and health and human services matters by December 1, 2026

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and authorizes each committee to submit legislation related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 2154 An Act to Establish the Health Information Technology Fund to Support a State-designated Statewide Health Information Exchange

Public Law 2025, chapter 732 establishes the Health Information Technology Fund within the Department of Health and Human Services to support the operation and sustainability of a state-designated statewide health information exchange and to meet the State's matching fund requirements to obtain available federal funding for that purpose. The fund is nonlapsing and consists of money appropriated or allocated by the Legislature, federal funds, grants, gifts and other funds from public or private sources. The law provides one-time funding of \$350,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 from the Administration - Attorney General, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of the Attorney General from funds received from settlement agreements to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

LD 2177 An Act to Update and Improve the MaineCare Reimbursement System

Public Law 2025, chapter 664 updates certain definitions and rule-making requirements related to the establishment of a MaineCare payment model and the determination of MaineCare reimbursements for covered services.

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LD 52 Resolve, Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to Study Options for Allowing Children in the Department's Custody to Receive Federal Benefits

Although this bill was not enacted, funding to offset the use of federal benefits to pay for or reimburse the Department of Health and Human Services for any costs of the child's care and to require the department to establish a special-needs trust to use and conserve the child's benefit was provided in Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. Funding was also provided for training to children receiving federal benefits, department staff and representative payees who receive the federal benefits on behalf of the child. Two positions were established to provide report creation and dissemination for annual accounting to the child, the child's attorney, or their guardian. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part A.

LD 117 An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services

This bill was enacted in 2025 as Public Law 2025, chapter 441. An additional \$2 million in one time funds for the same purposes was included in Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part A.

LD 182 An Act to Provide Per Diem Payments for MaineCare Residents of Maine Veterans' Homes

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to establish reimbursement rates for Maine Veterans' Homes nursing facility services covered by the MaineCare program, as well as one-time funding, was incorporated in Part A and Part WW of Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. It requires the MaineCare program to reimburse veterans' facilities for covered nursing home services on a per resident daily rate basis that is reasonable and adequate to cover the total MaineCare allowable costs of operating veterans' facilities. The per diems developed must be adjusted for inflation to the same extent that reimbursement rates for nonveterans' nursing facilities are adjusted. It also requires the department to make a one-time supplemental payment to Maine Veterans' Homes residential care facilities in fiscal year 2026-27 to cover the difference between MaineCare payments and actual allowed MaineCare costs. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Parts A and WW.

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LD 331 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Ensure Timely Reimbursement Under MaineCare Regarding Hospital Cost Reports

Although this bill was not enacted, Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session, included language in Part YYY-1 directing the Department of Health and Human Services to determine a consistent and reasonable allocation method to distribute a one-time supplemental payment to acute care hospitals. Part YYY-2 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to implement a cost-of-living adjustment for inpatient diagnosis-related group reimbursement rates subject to rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 45, effective July 1, 2026. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part YYY.

LD 335 An Act to Safeguard Reproductive Rights

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of this bill was incorporated into Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session in Part Z. Part Z does the following.

1. It establishes the Fund to Maintain Access to Statewide Family Planning Services to provide a grant to a single qualified provider to provide management and oversight of the delivery of family planning services. It is the intent of the Legislature that, beginning in fiscal year 2027-28, \$5,000,000 be appropriated from the General Fund to the fund each year.
2. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide funding to family planning services providers in the State if funding under Title X of the federal Public Health Service Act has been reduced or eliminated by the Federal Government or the provider has withdrawn from Title X funding due to the imposition of conditions attached to the funding.
3. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to cover family planning services for MaineCare members who receive services from a provider that is a prohibited provider under Section 71113 of federal Public Law 119-21 (2025) and any future similar federal law. Services provided after July 1, 2025 are reimbursed retroactively.

Public Law 2025, chapter 650 also provided one-time funding to offset the provider impact of the federal budget reconciliation law in federal Public Law 119-21, Section 71113, which prohibits federal payments to prohibited entities, as defined in federal Public Law 119-21, Section 71113, for items and services for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2025. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part Z.

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LD 389 Resolve, to Increase Transparency and Evaluate Emergency Response Through a COVID-19 Review Commission

Although this bill was not enacted, the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services directed the Department of Health and Human Services, as part of a scheduled State Government Evaluation Act review, to include an evaluation of its COVID-19 response in its submission. The department complied and included a COVID-19 response review in its State Government Evaluation Act report submitted to the committee.

LD 561 An Act to Ensure Subsidy Reimbursements for Certain Child Care Providers

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of this bill was incorporated in LD 1728, enacted as Public Law 2025, chapter 587. That law includes a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse child care providers for subsidies based on enrollment rather than attendance. See Enacted Law Summary, LD 1728.

LD 814 An Act to Provide Funding to Area Agencies on Aging for Community-based Services and Programs to Support Older Adults

Although this bill was not enacted, Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session, included a one-time appropriation of \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 to address unmet needs of older adults through services and programs delivered by the Area Agencies on Aging. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part A.

LD 875 An Act to Fund Essential Services for Victims of Domestic Violence

Although this bill was not enacted, Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session, included a one-time appropriation of \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 to fund services for victims of domestic violence. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part A.

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LD 1932 An Act to Support Essential Support Workers and Enhance Workforce Development

Although this bill was not enacted, its substance was included in Part FF of Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session and Public Law 2025, chapter 752. Part FF of Public Law 2025, chapter 650 does the following:

1. It changes the membership of the Essential Support Workforce Advisory Committee to include a representative of the long-term care ombudsman program and a representative of an organization that provides personal care services in the home.
2. It applies a one-time cost-of-living adjustment of 3.07% for direct care services provided under certain sections of the MaineCare Benefits Manual and state-funded home and community-based services. This adjustment is applied beginning January 1, 2027.
3. It requires the Maine Health Data Organization and the Department of Health and Human Services to work with the department’s vendors to allow for the organization to develop a plan to measure the care gap in essential support worker services paid by the MaineCare program or a similar state-funded program. “Care gap” is defined as the difference between the services individuals are authorized to receive and the services that they actually received. This change aligns with recommendations included in a legislative report submitted pursuant to Resolve 2025, chapter 113. It also requires the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters to determine which existing reports required by statute that are submitted by the department to the committee could be amended to include the ongoing care gap funding requirements.

Public Law 2025, chapter 752 amended Public Law 2025, chapter 650, Part FF to apply the one-time cost-of-living increase to additional essential care workers. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 705; Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part FF.

LD 1955 An Act to Increase Child Care Affordability

Although this bill was not enacted, ongoing funding of \$10,000,000 for the Maine Child Care Affordability Program, beginning in fiscal year 2026-27, was included in Public Law 2025, chapter 650, Part VV, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. Part VV also allows the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to accept donations or grants for the Maine Child Care Affordability Program from any source and provides that funds to support the program are nonlapsing. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part VV.

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LD 1959 An Act to Prohibit the Department of Health and Human Services from Reducing General Assistance Reimbursement Maximums for Payment of Costs of Providing Emergency Shelter

Although this bill was not enacted, a total of \$4,750,000 in one-time allocations to emergency homeless shelters was included in Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part A.

LD 2065 An Act to Provide One-time Funds to Support the Construction of a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for At-risk Youth

Although this bill was not enacted, a total of \$3,399,680 in one-time allocations to support the establishment of a youth psychiatric residential treatment facility was included in Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part A.

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Enacted	LD 1970	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Consent for HIV Testing and Disclosure of Related Medical Information for Insurance Purposes	PUBLIC 559
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	LD 1998	An Act to Authorize Registration of Certain Cash-dispensing Machines Through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry and to Limit the Use of Certain Cash-dispensing Machines as Virtual Currency Kiosks	PUBLIC 542
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	LD 2061	An Act to Clarify the Prohibition on Paper Billing Statement Fees	PUBLIC 579
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	LD 2209	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Develop Innovative Models for the Delivery of Dental Services to Expand Access to Oral Health Care Throughout the State	RESOLVE 156
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Not Enacted	LD 1119	An Act Regarding Reproductive Health Care	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
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	LD 1915	An Act to Regulate Earned Wage Access Services Providers	ONTP
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	LD 2208	An Act to Offset Federal Cuts to Health Insurance for Certain Maine Families and Seniors	Died On Adjournment
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Mortgage Lending

Enacted	LD 1901 An Act to Regulate Shared Appreciation Agreements Relating to Residential Property	PUBLIC 653
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Occupational and Professional Regulation, Health Professions

Enacted	LD 961 An Act to Address Maine's Health Care Workforce Shortage and Improve Access to Care	PUBLIC 540
	LD 1990 An Act to Update the Requirements for Psychology Licensure	PUBLIC 577
	LD 2019 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Licensure of Wholesalers and Manufacturers Under the Maine Pharmacy Act	PUBLIC 544
	LD 2030 An Act to Expand the Scope of Practice of Independent Practice Dental Hygienists	PUBLIC 601
	LD 2071 An Act to Expand Access to Vaccines Approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration by Allowing Pharmacists to Prescribe, Dispense and Administer Vaccines and Require Insurance Coverage	PUBLIC 683
	LD 2074 An Act to Update the Requirements for Social Worker Licensure	PUBLIC 584
	LD 2082 An Act to Regulate the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Providing Certain Mental Health Services	PUBLIC 687
	LD 2087 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Licensure of American Sign Language Interpreters	PUBLIC 585
	LD 2088 An Act to Increase Access to Primary Care Provided by Physician Associates	PUBLIC 604
	LD 2128 An Act to Reorganize the Emergency Medical Services' Board to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State	PUBLIC 596
	LD 2133 An Act Regarding Licensing of Community Paramedicine Services and Clinicians	PUBLIC 635
	LD 2166 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 6: Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, State Board of Nursing	RESOLVE 140

	LD 2200	An Act Relating to Noncompete Agreements Between Employers and Health Care Practitioners	PUBLIC 718
	LD 2209	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Develop Innovative Models for the Delivery of Dental Services to Expand Access to Oral Health Care Throughout the State	RESOLVE 156
	LD 2233	An Act to Combine the Board of Licensure in Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Licensure into a Single Licensing Board for All Physicians and Physician Associates	PUBLIC 738
	LD 2242	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 6: Standards Relating to Prescriptive Authorities and Collaborative Relationship for Naturopathic Doctors, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation	RESOLVE 158
Not Enacted	LD 105	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to Establish a Sponsorship Program for Internationally Trained Physicians	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1220	An Act to Allow Chiropractors to Treat Dogs and Equids	Minority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1803	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Optometric Practice	Died Between Houses
	LD 2199	An Act to Prohibit Interference with the Professional Judgment and Clinical Decisions of Licensed Health Care Professionals as Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State	ONTP
	LD 2206	An Act Expanding Access to Oral Health Care by Creating a New Path for Obtaining a License to Practice Dentistry	ONTP

Prescription Drugs

Enacted	LD 697	An Act to Direct the Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board to Assess Strategies to Reduce Prescription Drug Costs and to Take Steps to Implement Reference-based Pricing	PUBLIC 530
	LD 2005	An Act Regarding Mail Order Delivery of Prescription Drugs	PUBLIC 674
	LD 2011	An Act to Remove the MaineCare Program from the Prescription Drug Benefit Provisions in the Maine Insurance Code	PUBLIC 561
	LD 2146	An Act to Increase Access to Critical Vaccinations	PUBLIC 702
Not Enacted	LD 2151	Resolve, to Improve Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs in Underserved Areas	Died On Adjournment

Real Estate Practices

Enacted	LD 1901	An Act to Regulate Shared Appreciation Agreements Relating to Residential Property	PUBLIC 653
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Securities

Enacted	LD 2060	An Act to Make Technical Changes to the Maine Uniform Securities Act and to Clarify the Securities Administrator's Authority to Grant Licensing Exemptions for Broker-Dealers	PUBLIC 602
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Virtual Currency

Enacted	LD 1998	An Act to Authorize Registration of Certain Cash-dispensing Machines Through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry and to Limit the Use of Certain Cash-dispensing Machines as Virtual Currency Kiosks	PUBLIC 542
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Not Enacted	LD 1286	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Impact of Blockchain Technology and Cryptocurrency on Maine's Economy and the Risks of Fraud and Theft to Maine Consumers	Died On Adjournment
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Committee	LD	Title	Sponsor	Committee Vote	Disposition	Law	Ch #	Analyst Note
HCIFS	105	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to Establish a Sponsorship Program for Internationally Trained Physicians	Mathieson, Kristi	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HCIFS	107	An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Biomarker Testing	Zager, Sam	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HCIFS	355	An Act to Advance the Maine Retirement Savings Program	Bailey, Donna	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	744	
HCIFS	378	An Act to Clarify That Health Insurers Must Comply with Plan Sponsors' Statutory Rights to Audit Claims and Data Requests Related to Those Audits	Bailey, Donna	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	652	
HCIFS	519	An Act to Address the Long-term Sustainability of the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association	Morris, Joshua	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HCIFS	582	An Act to Require Health Insurance Carriers to Provide Coverage for Blood Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Brenner, Stacy	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	710	
HCIFS	663	An Act Regarding Health Care	Mathieson, Kristi	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HCIFS	697	An Act to Direct the Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board to Assess Strategies to Reduce Prescription Drug Costs and to Take Steps to Implement Reference-based Pricing	Reny, Cameron	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	530	
HCIFS	784	An Act to Create a Rebuttable Presumption Related to Specialized Risk Screening for First Responders	Bailey, Donna	OTP-AM/REFERRED	Enacted	PL	531	
HCIFS	893	An Act to Exempt Nonprofit Agricultural Membership Organizations from Insurance Requirements	Timberlake, Jeff	ONTP/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HCIFS	910	An Act to Collect Data to Better Understand the Consumer's Health Insurance Experience	Tepler, Denise	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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HCIFS	961	An Act to Address Maine's Health Care Workforce Shortage and Improve Access to Care	Mathieson, Kristi	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	540	
HCIFS	1119	An Act Regarding Reproductive Health Care	Moonen, Matt	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HCIFS	1220	An Act to Allow Chiropractors to Treat Dogs and Equids	Foley, Robert	OTP-AM/ONTP	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report			
HCIFS	1286	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Impact of Blockchain Technology and Cryptocurrency on Maine's Economy and the Risks of Fraud and Theft to Maine Consumers	Bradstreet, Dick	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HCIFS	1301	An Act to Prohibit the Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Denial of Health Insurance Claims	Tipping, Michael	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HCIFS	1496	An Act to Ensure Ongoing Access to Medications and Care for Chronic Conditions by Changing Requirements for Prior Authorizations	Zager, Sam	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HCIFS	1502	An Act to Update the Requirements for Health Insurance Coverage of Prostate Cancer Screening	Moonen, Matt	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	712	
HCIFS	1530	An Act to Improve the Sustainability of Emergency Medical Services in Maine	Curry, Chip	OTP-AM/ONTP/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HCIFS	1803	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Optometric Practice	Brenner, Stacy	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Died Between Houses			
HCIFS	1890	An Act to Facilitate the Development of Ambulatory Surgical Facilities by Increasing the Monetary Threshold for Certain Facilities Under the Requirement to Obtain a Certificate of Need and to Index the Threshold Annually Thereafter	Foley, Robert	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	599	
HCIFS	1901	An Act to Regulate Shared Appreciation Agreements Relating to Residential Property	Bell, Art	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	653	

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HCIFS	1915	An Act to Regulate Earned Wage Access Services Providers	Skold, Charles	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HCIFS	1970	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Consent for HIV Testing and Disclosure of Related Medical Information for Insurance Purposes	Osher, Laurie	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	559	
HCIFS	1990	An Act to Update the Requirements for Psychology Licensure	Bailey, Donna	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	577	
HCIFS	1998	An Act to Authorize Registration of Certain Cash-dispensing Machines Through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry and to Limit the Use of Certain Cash-dispensing Machines as Virtual Currency Kiosks	Bailey, Donna	OTP	Enacted	PL	542	
HCIFS	2005	An Act Regarding Mail Order Delivery of Prescription Drugs	Bailey, Donna	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	674	
HCIFS	2011	An Act to Remove the MaineCare Program from the Prescription Drug Benefit Provisions in the Maine Insurance Code	Mastraccio, Anne-Marie	OTP/ONTP	Enacted	PL	561	
HCIFS	2019	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Licensure of Wholesalers and Manufacturers Under the Maine Pharmacy Act	Mathieson, Kristi	OTP	Emergency Enacted	PL	544	
HCIFS	2030	An Act to Expand the Scope of Practice of Independent Practice Dental Hygienists	Mastraccio, Anne-Marie	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	601	
HCIFS	2056	An Act to Provide Additional Financing Options to Consumers in the State	Curry, Chip	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HCIFS	2060	An Act to Make Technical Changes to the Maine Uniform Securities Act and to Clarify the Securities Administrator's Authority to Grant Licensing Exemptions for Broker-Dealers	Bailey, Donna	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	602	
HCIFS	2061	An Act to Clarify the Prohibition on Paper Billing Statement Fees	Bailey, Donna	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	579	
HCIFS	2071	An Act to Expand Access to Vaccines Approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration by Allowing Pharmacists to Prescribe, Dispense and Administer Vaccines and Require Insurance Coverage	Cluchey, Sally	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	683	

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HCIFS	2072	An Act to Make Changes to the Laws Governing Financial Institutions and to Eliminate Certain Administrative Fees Paid by Banks and Credit Unions Under the Maine Consumer Credit Code	Mathieson, Kristi	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	565	
HCIFS	2074	An Act to Update the Requirements for Social Worker Licensure	Mastraccio, Anne-Marie	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	584	
HCIFS	2082	An Act to Regulate the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Providing Certain Mental Health Services	Kuhn, Amy	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	687	
HCIFS	2087	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Licensure of American Sign Language Interpreters	Mathieson, Kristi	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	585	
HCIFS	2088	An Act to Increase Access to Primary Care Provided by Physician Associates	Boyer, Michelle	OTP/OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	604	
HCIFS	2102	An Act to Clarify and Strengthen the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program	Mathieson, Kristi	OTP-AM/ONTP	Emergency Enacted	PL	583	
HCIFS	2128	An Act to Reorganize the Emergency Medical Services' Board to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State	Bailey, Donna	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	596	
HCIFS	2129	An Act to Prohibit Liens on Principal Residences and Wage Garnishments for Medical Debt	Bailey, Donna	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	649	
HCIFS	2133	An Act Regarding Licensing of Community Paramedicine Services and Clinicians	Bailey, Donna	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	635	
HCIFS	2146	An Act to Increase Access to Critical Vaccinations	Daughtry, Matthea	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	702	
HCIFS	2151	Resolve, to Improve Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs in Underserved Areas	Reny, Cameron	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			√
HCIFS	2162	An Act to Regulate and Prevent Children's Access to Artificial Intelligence Chatbots with Human-like Features and Social Artificial Intelligence Companions	Gramlich, Lori	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HCIFS	2166	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 6: Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, State Board of Nursing		OTP	Emergency Finally Passed	Resolve	140	

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Committee	LD	Title	Sponsor	Committee Vote	Disposition	Law	Ch #	Analyst Note
HCIFS	2167	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization		OTP	Emergency Finally Passed	Resolve	138	
HCIFS	2189	An Act to Require Prior Notification of Closures of Labor and Delivery Units and Changes in Maternity or Newborn Care Services by Hospitals as Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State		OTP-AM/ONTP	Emergency Enacted	PL	606	
HCIFS	2190	An Act to Implement Certain Changes in the Certificate of Need Laws Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State		ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HCIFS	2197	An Act to Prohibit the Sale and Leaseback of a Health Care Entity's Main Campus to a Real Estate Investment Trust as Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State		ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HCIFS	2198	An Act to Implement Certain Recommendations Related to the Ratio of Debt to Equity in Transactions Involving Health Care Entities from the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State		ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HCIFS	2199	An Act to Prohibit Interference with the Professional Judgment and Clinical Decisions of Licensed Health Care Professionals as Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State		ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HCIFS	2200	An Act Relating to Noncompete Agreements Between Employers and Health Care Practitioners		OTP-AM/OTP	Enacted	PL	718	

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Committee	LD	Title	Sponsor	Committee Vote	Disposition	Law	Ch #	Analyst Note
HCIFS	2201	An Act to Implement Certain Recommendations Related to the Regulatory Review and Approval of Certain Health Care Transactions Involving Private Equity Companies, Hedge Funds or Management Services Organizations from the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State		OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	690	
HCIFS	2202	An Act to Require Notice to the Attorney General Prior to the Merger of Certain Health Care Entities as Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State		OTP	Enacted	PL	661	
HCIFS	2206	An Act Expanding Access to Oral Health Care by Creating a New Path for Obtaining a License to Practice Dentistry		ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HCIFS	2208	An Act to Offset Federal Cuts to Health Insurance for Certain Maine Families and Seniors	Fecteau, Ryan	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HCIFS	2209	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Develop Innovative Models for the Delivery of Dental Services to Expand Access to Oral Health Care Throughout the State		OTP-AM/ONTP	Finally Passed	Resolve	156	
HCIFS	2233	An Act to Combine the Board of Licensure in Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Licensure into a Single Licensing Board for All Physicians and Physician Associates		OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	738	
HCIFS	2242	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 6: Standards Relating to Prescriptive Authorities and Collaborative Relationship for Naturopathic Doctors, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation		OTP/OTP-AM	Emergency Finally Passed	Resolve	158	

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LD 355 An Act to Advance the Maine Retirement Savings Program

Public Law 2025, chapter 744 provides one-time funding of \$625,000 to the Maine Retirement Savings Program Enterprise Fund by requiring that the State Controller transfer funds from the Administration - Attorney General, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of the Attorney General from funds received from settlement agreements.

LD 378 An Act to Clarify That Health Insurers Must Comply with Plan Sponsors' Statutory Rights to Audit Claims and Data Requests Related to Those Audits

Public Law 2025, chapter 652 clarifies current law to ensure that health insurers administering health plans on behalf of plan sponsors are considered administrators and must comply with a plan sponsor's statutory right to audit claims and data requests related to those audits. The law also clarifies the responsibilities of plan sponsors related to the security of data shared by an administrator for the purposes of an audit. The requirements take effect July 1, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 652 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2026.

LD 582 An Act to Require Health Insurance Carriers to Provide Coverage for Blood Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

Public Law 2025, chapter 710 requires carriers offering health plans in this State to provide coverage for blood testing for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, recommended by a provider as medically necessary health care in accordance with clinical guidelines established by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The requirements apply to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2027.

LD 697 An Act to Direct the Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board to Assess Strategies to Reduce Prescription Drug Costs and to Take Steps to Implement Reference-based Pricing

Public Law 2025, chapter 530 makes the following changes to the laws governing the Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board.

1. It adds to the board the executive director of the Maine Health Data Organization, or the executive director's designee, as an ex officio, nonvoting member and adds a member representing health insurance carriers to the advisory council to the board.
2. It removes the authority of the board to recommend that public payors pay an annual assessment to support the administration of the board.

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3. It changes the scope of the duties of the board from determining prescription drug spending targets to focusing on an assessment of strategies to reduce prescription drug costs, reduce the rate of growth in prescription drug spending and reduce cost barriers for consumers.
4. It requires the board to review how states with authority to establish upper payment limits have implemented that authority and their regulation of pharmacy benefits managers, to recommend whether the board should have comparable authority and to assess implementing reference-based pricing for the first 10 prescription drugs for which the Medicare program has negotiated maximum fair prices through the Medicare drug price negotiation program.
5. It requires the board to recommend annual spending targets for prescription drugs for public payors and implementing complementary purchasing strategies; annual spending targets and strategies for the commercial insurance market; transparency requirements and supply chain regulation; strategies to reduce out-of-pocket costs through insurance regulation; and aligning prescription drug payment with acquisition costs.
6. When conducting its work, it requires the board to use prescription drug spending data from the Maine Health Data Organization and publicly available data available for purchase or for free and, if there is additional prescription drug spending data required by the board and its staff, the law authorizes the board to recommend that the Maine Health Data Organization collect this data by rule. It also makes a related change to the provisions governing the Maine Health Data Organization to clarify that the Maine Health Data Organization may share data with board staff.
7. It establishes and provides funding for one position to support the Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board with strategic direction, government and stakeholder relations, research, writing and administrative work.

The law also directs the board to recommend a program to reduce the impact of prescription drug costs on the State's health care system, stem the rate of growth in prescription drug spending and reduce cost barriers for consumers based on data the board has collected. The board is directed to submit a preliminary report by January 30, 2026 and a final report by October 1, 2027. The joint standing committee having jurisdiction over health coverage, insurance and financial services matters is authorized to report out legislation based on either report.

Public Law 2025, chapter 530 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 530 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 784 An Act to Create a Rebuttable Presumption Related to Specialized Risk Screening for First Responders

Public Law 2025, chapter 531 establishes a rebuttable presumption in a cause of action that a health insurance carrier has failed to exercise ordinary care when making a health care treatment decision

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to deny coverage under a health plan for covered specialized risk screening for an enrollee who is a first responder and whose provider has determined the enrollee's receipt of specialized risk screening is medically appropriate and has meaningful potential for preventive clinical benefit to the enrollee. The law also clarifies that the rebuttable presumption applies if an enrollee files a wrongful death action instead of an action under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 4313.

Public Law 2025, chapter 531 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 530 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 961 An Act to Address Maine's Health Care Workforce Shortage and Improve Access to Care

Public Law 2025, chapter 540 provides that, once rules are adopted by the State Board of Nursing to establish practice standards, a certified nurse practitioner who qualifies as an advanced practice registered nurse is no longer required to practice for at least 24 months under the supervision of a licensed physician or supervising nurse practitioner or be employed by a clinic or hospital that has a medical director who is a licensed physician. The law directs the board to establish practice standards by rule for a certified nurse practitioner related to the length of time a certified nurse practitioner must practice as an advanced practice registered nurse; the minimum amount of time a certified nurse practitioner must practice with a supervising nurse practitioner as a mentor; the practice setting for a certified nurse practitioner, including any requirements for employment by a clinic or hospital that has a supervising nurse practitioner within the clinic or hospital serving in a mentorship role to a certified nurse practitioner; and any other factors determined necessary by the board.

The law directs the board to submit the proposed practice standards for certified nurse practitioners to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services for review no later than March 15, 2026 and authorizes the committee to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature relating to the practice standards for certified nurse practitioners. The law prohibits the board from adopting rules relating to the practice standards for certified nurse practitioners before May 1, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 540 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 17, 2026.

LD 1502 An Act to Update the Requirements for Health Insurance Coverage of Prostate Cancer Screening

Under prior law, health insurance coverage was required for annual prostate cancer screening, if recommended by a physician, to men 50 years of age or older until attaining 72 years of age. Public Law 2025, chapter 712 updates the annual screening requirements for prostate cancer to require coverage of these services at any age, if recommended by a physician, when supported by

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medical and scientific evidence according to the most recently published nationally recognized clinical practice guideline.

The requirements apply to individual and group health insurance policies and health maintenance organization contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2027.

LD 1890 An Act to Facilitate the Development of Ambulatory Surgical Facilities by Increasing the Monetary Threshold for Certain Facilities Under the Requirement to Obtain a Certificate of Need and to Index the Threshold Annually Thereafter

Under prior law, a new health care facility other than a nursing facility was required to obtain a certificate of need before it was established if it required a capital expenditure of more than \$3 million. Public Law 2025, chapter 599 increases that threshold amount to \$7.5 million and also requires that, beginning January 1, 2027 and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services update the threshold amount for review to reflect the change in the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index medical care services index, with an effective date of January 1st each year.

LD 1901 An Act to Regulate Shared Appreciation Agreements Relating to Residential Property

Public Law 2025, chapter 653 defines “shared appreciation mortgage loan” and imposes on such a loan similar requirements and limitations to those imposed on other mortgage loans issued in the State. The law requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection to report on compliance with these provisions to the 134th Legislature and authorizes the submission of legislation in response to the report.

Public Law 2025, chapter 653 also enacts into law the advisory ruling of the Superintendent of Consumer Credit Protection, which took effect October 29, 2025, stating that a shared appreciation mortgage loan is a “consumer credit transaction” and providers of these products are “supervised lenders” under the Maine Consumer Credit Code and provides that any shared appreciation mortgage loan entered into with a consumer that is secured by a dwelling or residential real estate in this State between October 29, 2025 and April 13, 2026 that does not comply with the provisions of that ruling is void and unenforceable.

Public Law 2025, chapter 653 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2026.

LD 1970 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Consent for HIV Testing and Disclosure of Related Medical Information for Insurance Purposes

Public Law 2025, chapter 559 clarifies that an HIV test may be undertaken only with a patient's informed consent. The law also removes the requirement that a patient's authorization of disclosure of confidential HIV test results to a designated health care provider must be in writing

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and provides that disclosure of information in a medical record for the purpose of seeking insurance reimbursement for HIV testing is not precluded.

LD 1990 An Act to Update the Requirements for Psychology Licensure

Public Law 2025, chapter 577 modifies licensure requirements for psychologists and psychological examiners by allowing the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to accept applications for licensure at any time after successful passage of the qualifying examination. Under prior law, the board was prevented from accepting such applications within 6 months of failure of the examination.

Public Law 2025, chapter 577 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2026.

LD 1998 An Act to Authorize Registration of Certain Cash-dispensing Machines Through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry and to Limit the Use of Certain Cash-dispensing Machines as Virtual Currency Kiosks

Public Law 2025, chapter 542 authorizes the Superintendent of Consumer Credit Protection within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to require registration of certain cash-dispensing machines through the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry. In all cases, whether registration is through the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry or otherwise, the law authorizes the superintendent to establish, by rule, requirements for registration of certain cash-dispensing machines. The law also provides that certain cash-dispensing machines may not operate as virtual currency kiosks unless the virtual currency kiosk operator is licensed as a money transmitter.

LD 2005 An Act Regarding Mail Order Delivery of Prescription Drugs

Public Law 2025, chapter 674 requires pharmacy benefits managers to allow for the dispensing of a covered person's prescriptions at a network pharmacy if the prescription is delayed by more than one day after the expected delivery date provided by a mail order pharmacy and provides that a covered person is entitled to no more than a 7-day supply or the smallest prepackaged unit supply of that prescription drug. If a prescription drug from a mail order pharmacy arrives in an unusable condition, the law provides that a covered person is entitled to have that prescription drug dispensed at a network pharmacy in accordance with the covered person's prescription. The law also prohibits a covered person from being subject to a payment that exceeds the total of one copayment, coinsurance payment or other out-of-pocket payment for the dispensing of the prescription drug in these circumstances.

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LD 2011 An Act to Remove the MaineCare Program from the Prescription Drug Benefit Provisions in the Maine Insurance Code

Public Law 2025, chapter 561 removes the MaineCare program from the definition of “carrier” for the purposes of the law governing health plans that provide prescription drug benefits under the Maine Insurance Code.

LD 2019 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Licensure of Wholesalers and Manufacturers Under the Maine Pharmacy Act

Public Law 2025, chapter 544 modifies the initial licensure qualifications for prescription drug manufacturers and wholesalers by allowing an applicant to apply for licensure before the applicant has obtained a registration number from the appropriate federal agencies but requires that a manufacturer or wholesaler licensed in this State file the applicable registration numbers with the Maine Board of Pharmacy once the registration numbers are obtained by the manufacturer or wholesaler. The law also provides that the board may deny a license, refuse to renew a license or impose disciplinary sanctions if the manufacturer or wholesaler fails to file the applicable registration numbers with the board once the registration numbers are obtained.

Public Law 2025, chapter 544 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 3, 2026.

LD 2030 An Act to Expand the Scope of Practice of Independent Practice Dental Hygienists

Public Law 2025, chapter 601 allows an independent practice dental hygienist to administer local anesthesia or nitrous oxide analgesia as long as the independent practice dental hygienist has the appropriate licensure authority.

Public Law 2025, chapter 601 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

LD 2060 An Act to Make Technical Changes to the Maine Uniform Securities Act and to Clarify the Securities Administrator's Authority to Grant Licensing Exemptions for Broker-Dealers

Public Law 2025, chapter 602 makes two technical changes to the Maine Uniform Securities Act by updating references to federal citations regarding nonpublic offerings and changing the word “registration” to “licensure” for consistency with the requirements that broker-dealers, agents, investment advisers and investment adviser representatives be licensed. The law also extends the authority of the Securities Administrator in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Securities to grant broker-dealer licensing exemptions to any person regardless of location, not just to those broker-dealers that have a place of business only outside of the State.

Public Law 2025, chapter 602 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

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LD 2061 An Act to Clarify the Prohibition on Paper Billing Statement Fees

Public Law 2025, chapter 579 clarifies the provisions of law prohibiting businesses from charging fees to customers that opt for a paper billing statement in place of an electronic statement to provide that a billing statement means a monthly or periodic account statement that a person is required to provide to a customer under federal or state law, regulation or rule. The law adds that charging a fee is not prohibited when providing a replacement billing statement, a statement covering a custom date range or a statement requested for financial or legal purposes or for any other labor-intensive or nonroutine requests to provide copies of statements.

The law also requires that, if a fee is charged for providing a replacement statement, a statement covering a custom date range or a statement requested for financial or legal purposes or for fulfilling any other labor-intensive or nonroutine request to provide copies of statements, the fee must be reasonable and disclosed to and authorized by a customer prior to providing the copies.

Public Law 2025, chapter 579 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2026.

LD 2071 An Act to Expand Access to Vaccines Approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration by Allowing Pharmacists to Prescribe, Dispense and Administer Vaccines and Require Insurance Coverage

Public Law 2025, chapter 683 allows pharmacists to prescribe, dispense or administer vaccines to a person 18 years of age or older, or a person over 6 months of age specifically for influenza and COVID-19 vaccines, and to dispense or administer other vaccines with a prescription to a person 3 years of age or older. Vaccines must be licensed by the federal Food and Drug Administration and may be recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices or be consistent with recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians or the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. The law also removes the prohibition on pharmacy interns administering drugs and vaccines to a person under 18 years of age, which will allow pharmacy interns with appropriate training to administer a drug or vaccine under a pharmacist's direct supervision.

The law removes the requirement that a pharmacist notify the person's primary care provider within 72 hours of administering a vaccine, as this information is required to be reported in the state immunization information reporting system.

Public Law 2025, chapter 683 also clarifies that insurance carriers are authorized to provide coverage for vaccines without any deductible, copayment, coinsurance or other cost-sharing reimbursement that have been licensed by the federal Food and Drug Administration and that are consistent with the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians or the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

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LD 2072 An Act to Make Changes to the Laws Governing Financial Institutions and to Eliminate Certain Administrative Fees Paid by Banks and Credit Unions Under the Maine Consumer Credit Code

Public Law 2025, chapter 565 makes the following changes to the laws regulating financial institutions and credit unions.

1. It eliminates certain administrative fees charged to financial institutions based on their volume of consumer loans.
2. It extends the deadline by which the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Institutions must publish a notice of a final order in a newspaper during the decision-making process on an application for a charter, branch, merger, acquisition, conversion, subsidiary formation or other similar request.
3. It eliminates the alternative approval process that allows the board of directors of a mutual financial institution, subject to written approval of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions, to fix the rate of the directors' own compensation.
4. It provides that when a credit union chartered in this State participates in a loan, the borrower must be a member of any one of the participating credit unions and any real estate securing the loan need not be located in this State.
5. It adds a provision to the bill that authorizes a state-chartered credit union to make loans to its members secured by real estate located in other states. Under prior law, loans were required to be secured by real estate located in Maine.
6. It aligns the laws that permit the disclosure of financial records to the Office of the Attorney General or a law enforcement agency when a financial institution or credit union has reasonable cause to believe that a disbursement requested by certain individuals may result in financial exploitation of an individual with the provisions in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 9-B, section 245 by clarifying that the required age of such an individual is 65 years of age or older and that individuals protected under the Adult Protective Services Act are included.
7. It changes the definition of “supervisory agency” for the laws governing confidential financial records by adding the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and providing that any successor agency to an agency listed in the definition is considered to be a supervisory agency.

LD 2074 An Act to Update the Requirements for Social Worker Licensure

Public Law 2025, chapter 584 changes the licensure requirements for social workers. It enacts definitions of conditional licensure categories, identifies qualifying degrees for licensure, streamlines the qualifications for licensure specific to consultation and social work experience requirements, removes requirements for initial licensure that have created barriers to entering or re-entering the social work profession, clarifies the consultant eligibility, removes the 2-tiered

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system for eligibility for Department of Health and Human Services social workers and social workers who are not employees of the department and expands the State Board of Social Worker Licensure's authority to consider consultation and social work experience gained in this State or another jurisdiction when seeking initial licensure, late renewal or reinstatement of licensure.

The law also requires the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, after consultation with the State Board of Social Worker Licensure and stakeholders, to continue review of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 83 and any laws associated with the provisions of that chapter that began before the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature to recommend changes to update the licensure provisions for the social work profession and to establish alternative pathways for licensure. The law requires the director to report any recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage, insurance and financial services matters on or before February 15, 2027, and it authorizes the committee to report out a bill to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

Public Law 2025, chapter 584 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 23, 2026.

LD 2082 An Act to Regulate the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Providing Certain Mental Health Services

Public Law 2025, chapter 687 prohibits any person from providing, advertising or otherwise offering therapy or psychotherapy services, including through the use of Internet-based artificial intelligence, to the public unless the therapy or psychotherapy services are provided by a licensed professional. The law provides an exception for an artificial intelligence-based intervention that is used solely within a research project conducted in compliance with all applicable federal protections for human subjects in research. A violation of the prohibition is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

Public Law 2025, chapter 687 also authorizes certain licensed professionals who are able to provide therapy or psychotherapy services within the scope of their license to use artificial intelligence to assist in providing administrative support or supplementary support in therapy or psychotherapy services. The law provides requirements for the use of artificial intelligence as well as prohibitions on its use. The law establishes that any violation by a licensed professional is subject to disciplinary action by the relevant licensing board and clarifies that the statutory language may not be construed to prohibit a client or a client's authorized representative from maintaining an action for harm caused to a client that is attributable to the use of artificial intelligence to assist in providing administrative or supplementary support as part of therapy or psychotherapy services; maintaining an action alleging professional negligence by a licensee; or seeking any other remedies available under other provisions of law. The law also requires that each respective licensing board adopt rules to implement these requirements and designates those rules as major substantive subject to legislative review and approval.

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LD 2087 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Licensure of American Sign Language Interpreters

Public Law 2025, chapter 585 authorizes an exemption to American Sign Language interpreter licensure during emergencies. The law provides that, for the purposes of an exemption to American Sign Language interpreter licensure, the determination of an emergency may be made by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation at the time an emergency occurs or afterward.

The law also creates a broader educational pathway to licensure and extends the period of conditional licensure from 4 to 5 years, with a 6th year granted in cases of extreme hardship.

Public Law 2025, chapter 585 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 23, 2026.

LD 2088 An Act to Increase Access to Primary Care Provided by Physician Associates

Public Law 2025, chapter 604 removes the requirement for a practice agreement with an active physician for a physician associate who is the principal clinical provider in a practice that does not include a physician. The law also makes optional consultations between a physician associate and a physician or other health care professional and removes the requirement that a physician be accessible at all times for purposes of consultation.

Public Law 2025, chapter 604 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

LD 2102 An Act to Clarify and Strengthen the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program

Public Law 2025, chapter 583 amends the laws governing the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program as follows.

1. It amends the provisions regarding eligibility for loans.
2. It authorizes an eligible financial institution to charge an origination fee that is the lesser of \$60 and 1% of the total loan amount and requires the financial institution to add the origination fee to the total amount of the loan.
3. It requires that the Finance Authority of Maine must stop approving claims for loan guarantee payments from eligible financial institutions on defaulted loans once the amount expended for loan guarantee payments equals or exceeds 50% of the total of all loans issued.
4. It requires that, if the total amount of funds expended for loan guarantee payments under the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program equals or exceeds \$200,000, the authority must immediately notify the Treasurer of State, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing committee

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of the Legislature having jurisdiction over financial services matters and requires the reporting out of legislation to address the funding needs of the program after that notification is received.

5. It provides one-time funding of \$250,000 to the program.

Public Law 2025, chapter 583 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 23, 2026.

LD 2128 An Act to Reorganize the Emergency Medical Services' Board to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State

Public Law 2025, chapter 596 makes the following changes to the laws governing the Emergency Medical Services' Board.

1. It reduces the number of members appointed to the Emergency Medical Services' Board, other than the members representing regional councils, from 12 to 5.
2. It provides for regular feedback and recommendations from each regional council to the board.
3. It requires the board to report annually by January 1st any recommended changes to the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982 or other necessary changes to improve the provision of emergency medical services to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over emergency medical services matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over emergency medical services personnel licensing matters and allows each committee to report out legislation based on the board's recommendations.

LD 2129 An Act to Prohibit Liens on Principal Residences and Wage Garnishments for Medical Debt

Public Law 2025, chapter 649 prohibits the placement of a lien on the principal place of residence of a consumer and prohibits the garnishment of salary or wages of a consumer when the related action is based on medical debt.

The law also requires a court, in any action to execute a judgment involving the attachment of a consumer's principal place of residence based on medical debt, to exclude any interest on medical debt that has accumulated on or after the effective date of the law.

LD 2133 An Act Regarding Licensing of Community Paramedicine Services and Clinicians

Public Law 2025, chapter 635 defines “community paramedicine,” “community paramedicine clinician,” “community paramedicine service” and “emergency medical services instructor.” The law requires community paramedicine clinicians and community paramedicine services to be licensed by the Emergency Medical Services' Board and establishes minimum requirements for

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licensure. As part of the mandatory minimum licensing qualifications for a community paramedicine service, the law clarifies that the individual identified by a community paramedicine service as the primary care medical director and emergency medical services medical director may not be limited to a physician only, that the individual may serve as a volunteer and that the same individual may serve in both capacities for a licensed community paramedicine service.

Public Law 2025, chapter 635 also directs the board to adopt rules to implement licensing standards for community paramedicine services and community paramedicine clinicians and provides that the initial rules adopted by the Emergency Medical Services' Board are major substantive rules subject to legislative approval before final adoption.

LD 2146 An Act to Increase Access to Critical Vaccinations

Public Law 2025, chapter 702 requires the Maine Vaccine Board to consider vaccines that are recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians or the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists or their successor organizations when making its annual determination of vaccines that must be made available through the Universal Immunization Program. If federal funding is not available for certain vaccines under the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Vaccines for Children Program, the law authorizes the Maine Vaccine Board to request state funding to cover the costs of vaccines for children who qualify for vaccines under the Vaccines for Children Program for those vaccines that are recommended by the Department of Health and Human Services or the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians or the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists or their successor organizations.

Public Law 2025, chapter 702 also provides a pharmacist licensed in this State with immunity from liability for negligence for administering a vaccine that is outside the guidelines recommended by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, or its successor organization, as long as the administration of the vaccine is in accordance with guidelines recommended by the State or the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians or the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists or their successor organizations.

LD 2166 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 6: Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, State Board of Nursing

Resolve 2025, chapter 140 authorizes final adoption of Chapter 6: Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses, a major substantive rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, State Board of Nursing.

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Resolve 2025, chapter 140 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2026.

LD 2167 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization

Resolve 2025, chapter 138 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, a major substantive rule of the Maine Health Data Organization.

Resolve 2025, chapter 138 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2026.

LD 2189 An Act to Require Prior Notification of Closures of Labor and Delivery Units and Changes in Maternity or Newborn Care Services by Hospitals as Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State

Public Law 2025, chapter 606 requires a hospital to provide at least 120 days' notice prior to the termination of maternity or newborn care services or of a change in the level of care a hospital provides for maternity and newborn care services.

Public Law 2025, chapter 606 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

LD 2200 An Act Relating to Noncompete Agreements Between Employers and Health Care Practitioners

Public Law 2025, chapter 718 prohibits an employer from requiring or permitting a health care practitioner to enter into a noncompete agreement with that employer unless the health care practitioner is employed by an entity in which the health care practitioner has an ownership interest. The law also requires that any noncompete agreement between an employer and a health care practitioner that is enforceable must recognize an individual's right to choose the individual's own health care practitioner.

LD 2201 An Act to Implement Certain Recommendations Related to the Regulatory Review and Approval of Certain Health Care Transactions Involving Private Equity Companies, Hedge Funds or Management Services Organizations from the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State

Public Law 2025, chapter 690 establishes a process for review and approval of certain transactions when a private equity company, hedge fund or management services organization acquires a majority ownership interest in a health care entity or when a private equity company, hedge fund or management services organization takes operational control over a health care entity. The law exempts material change transactions involving independent provider practices of 6 or fewer

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individual providers and material change transactions involving dental practices from the review process

Under the law, the material change transaction review process is concurrent with any review required under the certificate of need laws. When a comprehensive review of a material change transaction is required, the law requires that the Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Affordable Health Care consider specific criteria about the impact of the transaction on costs and the health care market, including the impact on the financial condition of a health care entity if the transaction involves a sale and leaseback of the main campus of the health care entity from a real estate investment trust and consideration of the health care entity's debt to equity ratio following the transaction. During the material change transaction review process, the law provides that proprietary information provided to the Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Affordable Health Care is confidential and may be disclosed publicly only if certain conditions are met. Any rules adopted to implement the provisions of the law are subject to legislative review and approval before final adoption.

Public Law 2025, chapter 690 also creates provisions governing reporting to the Maine Health Data Organization on the ownership and control of health care entities. The law requires health care entities subject to the reporting requirement to report once no later than July 1, 2027 and subsequently only upon the completion of a material change transaction. Independent provider practices with 6 or fewer individual providers are exempt from the reporting requirements. No later than January 1, 2029 and annually thereafter, the Maine Health Data Organization is required to post the information reported by health care entities on a publicly accessible website.

Public Law 2025, chapter 690 takes effect January 1, 2027.

LD 2202 An Act to Require Notice to the Attorney General Prior to the Merger of Certain Health Care Entities as Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State

Public Law 2025, chapter 661 requires a health care entity to provide notice to the Attorney General about a pending merger or acquisition at the same time the health care entity is required to notify the Federal Trade Commission or the United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division in accordance with federal laws and regulations.

LD 2209 Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Develop Innovative Models for the Delivery of Dental Services to Expand Access to Oral Health Care Throughout the State

Resolve 2025, chapter 156 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to consider the development of a hub-and-spoke model to expand access to dental services throughout the State and to explore options to establish dental specialist residency programs in the State, especially for pediatric dentists, oral surgeons and orthodontists, and education and training programs for dental

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therapists in the State. The law requires the department to invite the participation of stakeholders, including, but not limited to, representatives from the University of New England College of Dental Medicine, the Maine Public Health Association, the Board of Dental Practice, the Maine Dental Association, the Maine Dental Hygienists' Association, the Maine Oral Health Centers Alliance and dentists working in private practice who serve the oral health care needs of underserved and high-need populations. The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation must provide technical assistance to the Department of Health and Human Services on behalf of the Board of Dental Practice.

Resolve 2025, chapter 156 requires the department to submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage, insurance and financial services matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than February 15, 2027 and authorizes each joint standing committee to report out legislation to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 2233 An Act to Combine the Board of Licensure in Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Licensure into a Single Licensing Board for All Physicians and Physician Associates

Public Law 2025, chapter 738 combines the Board of Licensure in Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Medicine into a single licensing board, known as the Maine Board of Medicine, for all physicians and physician associates, effective January 1, 2027. Licenses issued by the Board of Licensure in Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Licensure remain in effect until their expiration and the authority over those licenses is transferred to the Maine Board of Medicine.

The law also requires the Board of Licensure in Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Medicine to report on the planning completed by the boards prior to the establishment of the Maine Board of Medicine, including recommendations for any suggested legislation necessary to further implement the merger, to the Governor and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over professional licensing board matters no later than January 31, 2027. The law authorizes the committee to report out a bill based on the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 2242 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 6: Standards Relating to Prescriptive Authorities and Collaborative Relationship for Naturopathic Doctors, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation

Resolve 2025, chapter 158 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 6: Standards Relating to Prescriptive Authorities and Collaborative Relationship for Naturopathic Doctors, a major substantive rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Complementary Health Care Providers.

Resolve 2025, chapter 158 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2026.

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ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this digest. Please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 2151 Resolve, to Improve Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs in Underserved Areas

Although this bill was not enacted, aspects of the substance of the bill were incorporated into Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part EE.

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LD 1926	An Act to Require Increased Housing Density or Lower Minimum Lot Sizes for Workforce Housing	ONTP
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LD 2164	An Act to Assist Communities with Converting Vacant School Buildings into Housing	Died On Adjournment
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LD 2230	An Act to Invest in the Construction of Industrialized Housing	Died On Adjournment
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Land Use Ordinances

Enacted

LD 2143	An Act Facilitating the Reconstruction or Replacement of Storm-damaged Commercial Fisheries Facilities and Infrastructure	PUBLIC 648
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LD 2173 An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Housing Developments and Accessory Dwelling Units PUBLIC 733

**Not
Enacted**

LD 1926 An Act to Require Increased Housing Density or Lower Minimum Lot Sizes for Workforce Housing ONTP

Maine Development Foundation

**Not
Enacted**

LD 629 An Act to Restore Matching Funding to the Maine Development Foundation Died On Adjournment

Maine State Housing Authority

Enacted

LD 2127 An Act to Increase the Cap on Bonds Issued by the Maine State Housing Authority to Reflect Current Housing Production Needs in the State PUBLIC 700

Manufactured Housing / Mobile Home

Enacted

LD 2149 An Act to Protect Affordability in Mobile Home Parks and Manufactured Housing Communities PUBLIC 688

LD 2231 An Act to Support Owners of Manufactured Housing, Mobile Homes and Tiny Homes PUBLIC 691

**Not
Enacted**

LD 255 An Act to Support Mobile Home Residents in Purchasing Their Mobile Home Parks Died On Adjournment

LD 2229 An Act Regarding Municipal Inspection of the Electrical and Plumbing Components of a Manufactured Home ONTP

Miscellaneous

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 RESOLVE 167

LD 876 An Act to Support the Maine Service Fellows Program PUBLIC 754

LD 916 An Act to Promote Investment in Housing PUBLIC 682

LD 1106 An Act to Provide Funds for the Redevelopment of the Island Nursing Home in Hancock County into Affordable Senior Housing PUBLIC 758

LD 2097 An Act to Modify the Law Governing Revocation of a Code Enforcement Officer's Certification PUBLIC 684

LD 2149 An Act to Protect Affordability in Mobile Home Parks and Manufactured Housing Communities PUBLIC 688

**Not
Enacted**

LD 1921 Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Pathways to Increase Efficiency in Resolving Legal Disputes Involving Housing Development Projects Died On Adjournment

Public Infrastructure

**Not
Enacted**

LD 287 An Act to Require and Encourage Safe and Interconnected Transportation Construction Projects Minority (ONTP) Report

Rent Control

**Not
Enacted**

LD 1806 An Act to Create a Residential Rental Unit Registry Majority (ONTP) Report

Site Location of Development

Enacted

LD 128 An Act to Support Permitting of Certain Multifamily Housing Developments Under the Site Location of Development Laws PUBLIC 554

Subdivisions

Enacted

LD 161 Resolve, Directing the Maine Office of Community Affairs to Convene a Working Group Tasked with a Comprehensive Overhaul and Modernization of Maine's Subdivision Laws RESOLVE 137

LD 1999 An Act to Exclude Agricultural Leases from the Definition of "Subdivision" Under the Planning and Land Use Regulation Laws PUBLIC 557

Tax Credits

**Not
Enacted**

LD 195 An Act to Create the Small Business Capital Savings Account Program Died On Adjournment

LD 1812 An Act to Establish the Loans for Trade Tools Program Died On Adjournment

Housing and Economic Development

LD 1865	Resolve, to Create a Tax Incentive Pilot Project to Encourage Businesses to Adopt a 4-day Workweek	Died Between Houses
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Tax Expenditures

Not Enacted	LD 195	An Act to Create the Small Business Capital Savings Account Program	Died On Adjournment
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Workforce Investment and Development

Not Enacted	LD 967	An Act to Reinvigorate Maine's Workforce and Ensure Student Job Readiness by Providing Funds for the Career Exploration Program	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1812	An Act to Establish the Loans for Trade Tools Program	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1926	An Act to Require Increased Housing Density or Lower Minimum Lot Sizes for Workforce Housing	ONTP

Zoning

Enacted	LD 2173	An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Housing Developments and Accessory Dwelling Units	PUBLIC 733
Not Enacted	LD 1247	An Act to Restrict Municipal Ordinance Requirements Regarding Housing Developments	ONTP
	LD 1926	An Act to Require Increased Housing Density or Lower Minimum Lot Sizes for Workforce Housing	ONTP

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Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development

Committee	LD	Title	Sponsor	Committee Vote	Disposition	Law	Ch #	Analyst Note
HED	128	An Act to Support Permitting of Certain Multifamily Housing Developments Under the Site Location of Development Laws	Pierce, Teresa	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	554	
HED	161	Resolve, Directing the Maine Office of Community Affairs to Convene a Working Group Tasked with a Comprehensive Overhaul and Modernization of Maine's Subdivision Laws	Ducharme, Jack	OTP-AM	Finally Passed	Resolve	137	
HED	195	An Act to Create the Small Business Capital Savings Account Program	Stewart, Trey	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HED	255	An Act to Support Mobile Home Residents in Purchasing Their Mobile Home Parks	Baldacci, Joseph	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HED	287	An Act to Require and Encourage Safe and Interconnected Transportation Construction Projects	Lee, Adam	OTP-AM/ONTP	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report			
HED	292	An Act to Implement the Automotive Right to Repair Working Group Recommendations	Collamore, Amanda	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HED	364	Resolve, Directing the Maine Office of Community Affairs to Submit Legislation and Take Other Actions to Effectuate the Transition of Responsibility for Regulating Manufactured Housing Communities and the Construction and Installation of Manufactured Homes from the Manufactured Housing Board to the Maine Office of Community Affairs	Curry, Chip	OTP-AM	Finally Passed	Resolve	171	
HED	629	An Act to Restore Matching Funding to the Maine Development Foundation	Roberts, Tiffany	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HED	641	An Act to Support Diversion Efforts to Prevent Homelessness in Maine	Malon, II, Marc	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
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	Died On Adjournment			

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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	Finally Passed	Resolve	167	
HED	876	An Act to Support the Maine Service Fellows Program	Rielly, Morgan	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	754	
HED	916	An Act to Promote Investment in Housing	Gere, Traci	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	682	
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	Died On Adjournment			
HED	996	An Act to Create the Weatherization Plus Program and Weatherization Plus Fund	Malon, II, Marc	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
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	Enacted	PL	758	
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	Died On Adjournment			
HED	1226	An Act to Protect Consumers by Licensing Residential Building Contractors	Roberts, Tiffany	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
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	Veto Sustained			
HED	1247	An Act to Restrict Municipal Ordinance Requirements Regarding Housing Developments	Gere, Traci	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HED	1336	An Act to Establish the Maine-Aomori Sister-state Advisory Council	Sato, Ellie	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	500	
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	Enacted	PL	502	
HED	1522	An Act to Establish the Maine Eviction Prevention Program	Rana, Ambureen	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HED	1643	An Act to Establish the Maine Life Sciences Innovation Center	Pierce, Teresa	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	643	

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HED	1806	An Act to Create a Residential Rental Unit Registry	Rana, Ambureen	ONTP/OTP-AM	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
HED	1812	An Act to Establish the Loans for Trade Tools Program	White, Russell	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HED	1865	Resolve, to Create a Tax Incentive Pilot Project to Encourage Businesses to Adopt a 4-day Workweek	Bennett, Richard	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died Between Houses			
HED	1894	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Consumer Grocery Pricing Fairness	Sayre, Dan	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
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	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Died Between Houses			
HED	1910	An Act to Strengthen Housing Stability Services by Increasing Support and Outreach	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HED	1921	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Pathways to Increase Efficiency in Resolving Legal Disputes Involving Housing Development Projects	Gere, Traci	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HED	1926	An Act to Require Increased Housing Density or Lower Minimum Lot Sizes for Workforce Housing	Stover, Holly	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
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	Died On Adjournment			
HED	1995	An Act to Require the Maine Office of Community Affairs to Establish a Technical Assistance Materials Hub	Curry, Chip	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	556	
HED	1999	An Act to Exclude Agricultural Leases from the Definition of "Subdivision" Under the Planning and Land Use Regulation Laws	Brenner, Stacy	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	557	
HED	2057	An Act to Support Rehabilitation and Development of Affordable Housing	Curry, Chip	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	614	
HED	2077	An Act to Reduce the Cost of Purchasing a Home by Providing Grants to Reduce Mortgage Rates	Farrin, Wayne	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			

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HED	2079	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Municipal Reporting on Residential Buildings	Gere, Traci	OTP/ONTP	Enacted	PL	591	
HED	2097	An Act to Modify the Law Governing Revocation of a Code Enforcement Officer's Certification	Gere, Traci	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	684	
HED	2104	An Act to Clarify Contractual Rights of Personal Sports Mobile Dealers	Julia, Cassie	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	592	
HED	2124	An Act to Support Emergency Shelter Funding Using Revenue from the Real Estate Transfer Tax	Gattine, Drew	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	729	
HED	2127	An Act to Increase the Cap on Bonds Issued by the Maine State Housing Authority to Reflect Current Housing Production Needs in the State	Curry, Chip	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	700	
HED	2143	An Act Facilitating the Reconstruction or Replacement of Storm-damaged Commercial Fisheries Facilities and Infrastructure	Daughtry, Matthea	OTP	Enacted	PL	648	
HED	2149	An Act to Protect Affordability in Mobile Home Parks and Manufactured Housing Communities	Reny, Cameron	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	688	
HED	2156	An Act to Provide for the 2026 and 2027 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds	Curry, Chip	OTP-AM	Enacted	P&S	19	
HED	2164	An Act to Assist Communities with Converting Vacant School Buildings into Housing	Gere, Traci	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HED	2173	An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Housing Developments and Accessory Dwelling Units	Collamore, Amanda	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	733	
HED	2182	An Act to Implement a Recommendation of the Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud in the State		ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HED	2211	An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Automotive Right to Repair Working Group	Curry, Chip	OTP/OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	660	
HED	2216	An Act to Establish the Maine Blue Economy Center		OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	735	
HED	2224	An Act to Reduce Certain Costs Associated with Residential Construction		OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	657	
HED	2225	An Act to Support Municipal Enforcement of Residential Construction Laws, Codes and Regulations		OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	736	

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Committee	LD	Title	Sponsor	Committee Vote	Disposition	Law	Ch #	Analyst Note
HED	2229	An Act Regarding Municipal Inspection of the Electrical and Plumbing Components of a Manufactured Home		ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HED	2230	An Act to Invest in the Construction of Industrialized Housing		OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HED	2231	An Act to Support Owners of Manufactured Housing, Mobile Homes and Tiny Homes		OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	691	

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LD 128 An Act to Support Permitting of Certain Multifamily Housing Developments Under the Site Location of Development Laws

Public Law 2025, chapter 554 amends the definition of “subdivision” for the purposes of the site location of development laws in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 6, to include a parcel of land divided into 15 or more lots in any five year period when all lots are for single detached residential housing structures containing up to four dwelling units, with or without one accessory dwelling unit. It excludes land or water areas located within lots used solely for single detached residential housing structures containing up to four dwelling units, with or without one accessory dwelling unit, from the 20-acre threshold calculation in the site location of development laws. It clarifies that rules adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection under the site location of developments laws are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

LD 161 Resolve, Directing the Maine Office of Community Affairs to Convene a Working Group Tasked with a Comprehensive Overhaul and Modernization of Maine's Subdivision Laws

Resolve 2025, chapter 137 directs the Maine Office of Community Affairs to convene a working group that includes representatives from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Department of Environmental Protection to overhaul and modernize Maine's subdivision laws found in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, chapter 206-A; Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 4; and Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 6. In consultation with persons with knowledge of and experience with the State’s subdivision laws, the working group is required, within existing resources, to complete the following tasks.

1. It must develop recommendations on how to overhaul and consolidate the subdivision laws in a manner that reduces inconsistencies and ambiguities.
2. It must develop recommendations on how to streamline the application processes under the subdivision laws.
3. It must identify policy conflicts, opportunities to clarify policies and ways to promote improved outcomes for housing, economic development, conservation and other matters.
4. It must draft a work plan on how it will accomplish the first three tasks and solicit public comments on the draft.
5. It must submit a final work plan to the joint standing committee of the 132nd Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters by November 4, 2026 and the joint standing committee of the 133rd Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters by January 1, 2027.

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6. It must submit a report with its findings, recommendations and any suggested legislation to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over subdivision law matters. The report is due by February 15, 2027.

If the working group is unable to achieve consensus on any issue identified in its work, the working group must include in its required report an explanation of the issue, the possible solutions to the issue and the areas of disagreement.

The committees that receive the report are authorized to introduce legislation related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 364 Resolve, Directing the Maine Office of Community Affairs to Submit Legislation and Take Other Actions to Effectuate the Transition of Responsibility for Regulating Manufactured Housing Communities and the Construction and Installation of Manufactured Homes from the Manufactured Housing Board to the Maine Office of Community Affairs

Resolve 2025, chapter 171 requires the Maine Office of Community Affairs to develop legislation that updates the laws regulating manufactured housing communities and the construction and installation of manufactured housing governed by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, chapters 951 and 953. In developing the legislation, the office is required to reduce conflicts and ambiguities in the existing law with a focus on placing the State in a better position to increase the supply of manufactured housing and industrialized housing in the State and to better balance the rights and responsibilities of owners and residents of manufactured housing communities. The Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes must assist the office with the technical drafting of the legislation for submission to the First Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

The law also requires the Maine Office of Community Affairs to take all steps necessary to be authorized by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to act as the state administrative agency pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 3282, Subpart G and 42 United States Code, Sections 5401 to 5426 and to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters by January 1, 2027, with specifics on the status of this authorization.

Resolve 2025, chapter 171 was enacted to further effectuate Public Law 2025, chapter 650, Part RRR, An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027. Part RRR transferred responsibility for oversight and regulation of manufactured housing communities and the construction and installation of manufactured housing from the Manufactured Housing Board in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

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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

Resolve 2025, chapter 167 establishes the Commission to Study the Need to Codify or Recodify Laws Regarding Residential Community Ownership Associations by Adopting the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act. The 12-member commission is directed to review data on existing condominium and noncondominium community ownership associations in the State, review state statutes and case law that affect condominium and noncondominium community ownership association developments, review efforts in other states to address problems with community ownership associations and consider the adoption of the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act. The commission must seek funding contributions to fully fund the costs of the study within 30 days of the resolve's effective date. Funding is subject to approval by the Legislature Council. If funded, the commission must submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing and economic development matters by December 1, 2026 with its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation. The committee may submit legislation related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 876 An Act to Support the Maine Service Fellows Program

Public Law 2025, chapter 754 provides a one-time allocation of \$90,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 for three program fellows to participate in the Maine Service Fellows Program.

LD 916 An Act to Promote Investment in Housing

Public Law 2025, chapter 682 establishes the Middle-income Housing Support Program and Middle-income Housing Support Fund in the Maine State Housing Authority. The program will provide loans or grants for the capital costs to construct new dwelling units or rehabilitate existing dwelling units. The dwelling units must be available for rent or ownership by individuals or households whose income does not exceed 200% of the area median income based on income limits published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Dwelling units must be available for rent by individuals and households whose income is at or below 120% of the area median income and for ownership by individuals and households whose income is at or below 180% of the area median income.

LD 1106 An Act to Provide Funds for the Redevelopment of the Island Nursing Home in Hancock County into Affordable Senior Housing

Public Law 2025, chapter 758 appropriates \$250,000 to the Maine State Housing Authority to support the conversion of the Island Nursing Home in Hancock County into 24 apartments for individuals 55 years of age or older whose household income does not exceed 80% of the median income for the area. It requires the authority to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs matters regarding the

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conversion of the nursing home. The report must include the following information on the conversion: a breakdown of how funds have been used to date; a progress update on the conversion; and a financial summary of additional funds raised and any additional funding needs. The report is due within 12 months of the authority receiving the \$250,000 general fund appropriation.

LD 1336 An Act to Maine-Aomori Sister-state Advisory Council

Public Law 2025, chapter 500 establishes the Maine-Aomori Sister-state Advisory Council to promote and cultivate a cooperative sister-state relation between the State and the Prefecture of Aomori, Japan, in order to benefit the citizens of the sister states. The council consists of the president of the Maine International Traded Center, or the president's designee, and 11 members appointed by the Governor. The council must submit an annual report to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters. The report must include recommendations the council considers appropriate to effectuate its purpose.

Public Law 2025, chapter 500 was finally enacted in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 500 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 500 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to change the date by which the council's first annual report to the Governor and the Legislature is due from February 1, 2026 to February 1, 2027.

LD 1500 An Act to Establish the Maine Community Development Financial Institution Fund to Support Small Businesses, Rural Economic Development and Affordable Housing

Public Law 2025, chapter 502 establishes the Maine Community Development Financial Institution Fund and the Maine Community Development Financial Institution Program within the Department of Economic and Community Development. The program provides loans and grants to community development financial institutions to provide financing to underserved communities in Maine.

Public Law 2025, chapter 502 was finally enacted in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 502 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

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LD 1643 An Act to Establish the Maine Life Sciences Innovation Center

Public Law 2025, chapter 643 establishes the Maine Life Sciences Innovation Center within the Maine Technology Institute to support life sciences innovation, research, entrepreneurship and workforce development in the State. The law directs the center to submit an interim report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters no later than 180 days after all members of the center have been appointed.

Public Law 2025, chapter 643 permanently establishes in law the Maine Life Sciences Innovation Center that was previously established by the Governor by executive order and does not establish a separate, duplicative entity.

LD 1995 An Act to Require the Maine Office of Community Affairs to Establish a Technical Assistance Materials Hub

Public Law 2025, chapter 556 requires the Maine Office of Community Affairs to establish and maintain a technical assistance materials hub on its publicly accessible website as a centralized source of information for Maine communities engaged in planning for such matters as housing development and climate resiliency. The office is required to regularly update the hub.

LD 1999 An Act to Exclude Agricultural Leases from the Definition of “Subdivision” Under the Planning and Land Use Regulation Laws

Public Law 2025, chapter 557 excludes from the definition of “subdivision” under the planning and land use regulation laws in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, a lease of a tract or parcel of land or a portion of a tract or parcel of land that is used primarily for farming or ranching and that does not convey fee simple ownership or allow for the construction of permanent residential dwellings.

LD 2057 An Act to Support Rehabilitation and Development of Affordable Housing

Public Law 2025, chapter 614 expands the ability of the Maine State Housing Authority to make construction loans to support any program authorized under the chapter of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A that governs the authority. Under prior law, construction loans were limited to projects for the purpose of land development and the construction of housing units or housing projects for persons of low income. The law also removes the requirement that a financial institution in the State participate in the construction loan.

LD 2079 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Municipal Reporting on Residential Buildings

Public Law 2025, chapter 591 amends the information municipalities with 4,000 or more residents must provide to the Maine Office of Community Affairs on residential housing in the municipality

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and the due date for the information. The law also directs the office to encourage municipalities with fewer than 4,000 residents to voluntarily report the information.

LD 2097 An Act to Modify the Law Governing Revocation of a Code Enforcement Officer's Certification

Public Law 2025, chapter 684 establishes criteria and a process by which the Maine Office of Community Affairs may investigate complaints against code enforcement officers and take action or impose sanctions in proportion to the nature of the complaint. Information and documentation acquired by the office in response to a complaint is confidential unless disclosure is required in a hearing or court proceeding related to the complaint. The law also allows the Maine Office of Community Affairs to extend a code enforcement officer's certification for up to 24 months between July 20, 2026 and July 20, 2028.

LD 2104 an Act to Clarify Contractual Rights of Personal Sports Mobile Dealers

Public Law 2025, chapter 592 modifies the provisions of law governing contractual relationships between manufacturers of personal sports mobiles and personal sports mobile dealers as follows.

1. It requires that manufacturers allocate new personal sports mobiles to dealers in a manner that is fair and equitable for each model of new personal sports mobile.
2. It provides that it is prima facie evidence that a determination to terminate a contractual relationship with a dealer based on poor sales performance or poor market penetration is not made with good cause when prior to the determination the manufacturer failed to provide the dealer a fair and adequate supply and mix of new personal sports mobiles.
3. It clarifies that the sale of new personal sports mobiles does not require an existing dealer to enter into a separate agreement with the manufacturer but the manufacturer may require the dealer to purchase necessary parts, tools, equipment and promotional materials and participate in necessary trainings.
4. It clarifies what behavior on the part of a manufacturer is considered coercion with respect to a dealer and provides a process by which a dealer may protest against any modifications to the dealer's franchise or contractual agreement made or proposed by the manufacturer through coercion.
5. It prohibits a manufacturer from requiring any substantial alterations or renovations to a personal sports mobile dealership's premises without written assurance of a sufficient supply of new personal sports mobiles to justify an expansion or from requiring a dealership to use a specific product or service provider unless the manufacturer reimburses the dealer for a substantial portion of the cost.

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6. It adds facilities renovation and market area penetration to the devices that a manufacturer may not use to lower the price of a personal sports mobile sold to a dealer causing the price to be lower than the price offered to any other dealer.
7. It requires that a manufacturer must provide written notice to a dealer no less than 180 days prior to the effective date of a termination, cancellation, nonrenewal or noncontinuance of a franchise agreement instead of only 90 days as required under current law.
8. It clarifies a dealer's rights when choosing to cancel, terminate, decline to renew or refuse to continue a franchise relationship.
9. It repeals and replaces the warranty section that governs certain duties and reimbursement for the cost of parts and labor by a franchisor to a franchisee, as it relates to a warranty or recall created by the franchisor.

LD 2124 An Act to Support Emergency Shelter Funding Using Revenue from the Real Estate Transfer Tax

Public Law 2025, chapter 729 requires the State Controller to credit to the Maine State Housing Authority's shelter operating subsidy program \$1,012,617 in fiscal year 2026-27 from the portion of the real estate transfer tax paid to the Maine State Housing Authority for the Housing Production Fund as required under existing law.

LD 2127 An Act to Increase the Cap on Bonds Issued by the Maine State Housing Authority to Reflect Current Housing Production Needs in the State

Public Law 2025, chapter 700 increases from \$3,000,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000 the cap on certain mortgage purchase bonds issued by the Maine State Housing Authority.

LD 2143 An Act Facilitating the Reconstruction or Replacement of Storm-damaged Commercial Fisheries Facilities and Infrastructure

Public Law 2025, chapter 648 amends the provisions of law governing a municipal board of appeals' authority to issue variances to local ordinances. The law provides that a petitioner seeking a variance from a municipal ordinance to make repairs to the person's dock, pier or wharf or structure thereon does not have to meet the requirement that the person's land cannot yield a reasonable return unless the variance is granted, as long as the dock, pier or wharf or structure thereon sustained substantial damage and is to be reconstructed or replaced for a functionally dependent use as defined in 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 59.1.

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LD 2149 An Act to Protect Affordability in Mobile Home Parks and Manufactured Housing Communities

Public Law 2025, chapter 688 makes the following changes to the laws imposing a transfer assessment fee on the purchaser of a manufactured housing community or mobile home park.

1. It adds an exemption from the transfer assessment fee for the purchase of a manufactured housing community or mobile home park from a family member or trust of which the beneficiary is a family member. It moves from the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the Maine State Housing Authority the rule-making authority governing the establishment of a method to determine the net worth of an entity claiming an exemption from the transfer assessment fee.
2. It increases the net worth exemption to the transfer assessment fee from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000 and defines “affiliated and related entities” for purposes of determining net worth.
3. It expands the exemption from the transfer fee assessment for municipal housing authorities to include any affiliate under the control of a municipal housing authority.
4. It establishes liability for damages for a person that knowingly or intentionally fails to pay the transfer assessment fee.

The law amends Maine’s Tax Code provisions that allow the federally adjusted gross income of a corporation or residential individual to be reduced by capital gains recognized on the sale to a cooperative affordable housing corporation, a municipal housing authority or an affiliate of a municipal housing authority of an ownership interest greater than 50% in a businesses that provides housing. The law expands the allowed deduction to include the sale of an ownership interest greater than 50% in real estate for which the primary purpose is housing when the property consists of one or more mobile home parks or manufactured housing communities.

Public Law 2025, chapter 688 also allows the Maine State Housing Authority to use up to 5% of the Manufactured Housing Community and Mobile Home Park Preservation and Assistance Fund to pay administrative costs associated with the use of outside contractors to accomplish the purpose of the fund.

LD 2156 An Act to Provide for the 2026 and 2027 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 19 establishes the allocations of the state ceiling on issuance of tax-exempt private activity bonds for calendar years 2026 and 2027 among the state-level issuers of tax-exempt bonds. The law also specifies the amounts and sources of the bond cap that were previously unallocated and amounts and sources that are now reallocated in the sections pertaining to the Finance Authority of Maine and the Maine State Housing Authority.

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LD 2173 An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Housing Developments and Accessory Dwelling Units

Public Law 2025, chapter 733 does the following.

1. It clarifies that an accessory dwelling unit is required to have fire suppression sprinklers when the unit is located within or attached to a mixed-use or nonresidential building or when sprinkler protection is otherwise required.
2. It amends the law governing rate of growth ordinances to specify that the limitations on those ordinances apply only to ordinances that affect designated growth areas and also changes some of the limitations applicable to ordinances affecting designated growth areas.
3. It clarifies that a municipality may enact rate of growth ordinances for areas outside a designated growth area.
4. It adds a requirement under the provision of law governing affordable housing density that to be eligible for an additional height allowance, an affordable housing development must be approved by the Office of the State Fire Marshal or a registered municipality under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2448-A and not a municipal fire official or designee.
5. It restricts the additional height allowance under the law regulating affordable housing density to a total building height of 55 feet.
6. It replaces the phrase “public, special district or other comparable sewer system” found in prior law governing affordable housing density, accessory dwelling units and density and lot size requirements for residential areas, with the term “public sewer system” and defines the term.
7. It replaces the phrase “public, special district or other centrally managed water system” found in prior law governing affordable housing density, accessory dwelling units and density and lot size requirements, with the phrase “water system delivering water drawn from a public water source as defined in Title 22, section 2641.”
8. It allows a municipality to adopt an ordinance to exempt, from the affordable housing density requirements, accessory dwelling unit requirements and density and lot size requirements for residential areas, lots or portions of lots within areas in the municipality that are identified as areas in a coastal barrier, areas in a coastal sand dune system and areas in a special flood hazard area.
9. It corrects conflicts in Title 30-A, section 4364, subsection 2 and section 4364-A, subsection 1 created by Public Law 2025, chapters 385 and 388 by repealing the conflicting provisions and replacing them with the chapter 385 versions, modified to remove the requirement that an affordable housing development must comply with the minimum lot size requirements in Title 12, chapter 423-A and to update terminology.
10. It changes the minimum lot size and density limits in certain areas in a municipality.

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11. It clarifies that planning board approval is not required for accessory dwelling units or solely because a project proposes to establish four or fewer dwelling units within a single structure on a lot.
12. It limits when an accessory dwelling unit in a residential use area must be allowed to situations in which the accessory dwelling unit is located on the same lot as a single-family dwelling or a two-unit or three-unit residential structure.
13. It subjects a family child care provider or small child care facility located in an area zoned for residential purposes to the same zoning requirements as a single-family dwelling unit.
14. It pauses the application of Public Law 2025, chapters 288, 374 and 385 from the effective date of chapter 733 until July 1, 2027.

LD 2211 An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Automotive Right to Repair Working Group

Public Law 2025, chapter 660 amends the automotive right to repair law to implement the recommendations of the automotive right to repair working group established pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 171 in the following ways.

1. It repeals the provision that established an independent entity and instead establishes the Motor Vehicle Right to Repair Commission, which is charged with, among other things, monitoring and assessing implementation of and motor vehicle manufacturers' compliance with the requirements of the automotive right to repair law.
2. It corrects a provision in current law that applies only to motor vehicles with a model year of 2002 by clarifying that the provision applies to motor vehicles with a model year of 2002 or later.
3. It replaces the term "authorized independent repair shop," with the term "owner-authorized independent repair facility," which means an independent repair facility that has been authorized by a motor vehicle owner to receive or access diagnostic and repair information or other mechanical data pertaining to the owner's vehicle in order to repair it.
4. It establishes a new deadline of September 1, 2027 for motor vehicle manufacturers to comply with the requirement that vehicles sold in this State be equipped with inter-operable and standardized owner-authorization access platforms.
5. It makes changes to the provision in current law governing enforcement by removing language that requires the Attorney General to bring any action or proceeding necessary to enforce the law upon notice from the independent entity that the right to repair law may have been violated and replaces it with language that allows but doesn't require the Attorney General to bring an action when the Attorney General receives a referral from the Motor Vehicle Right to Repair

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Commission or otherwise has reason to believe the right to repair law may have been violated. It also provides that the Attorney General may seek injunctive relief and a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 per violation.

6. It clarifies that in cases when the law requires motor vehicle manufacturers to share data or access to data with motor vehicle owners and owner-authorized independent repair facilities, those manufacturers are required to provide the same data or provide access to the same extent as provided to the manufacturers' authorized repair shops.
7. It excludes commercial motor vehicles and heavy duty vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 14,000 pounds from the law.

LD 2216 An Act to Establish the Maine Blue Economy Center

Public Law 2025, chapter 735 establishes the Maine Blue Economy Center within the Maine Technology Institute to serve as the State's central coordinating entity for blue economy sector initiatives and to support the sustainable development of ocean-based industries. Before the center's annual reporting begins in 2027, the law directs the center to submit an interim report within 60 days after all members have been appointed to its board of directors to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters and provides a \$160,000 one-time transfer from the Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of the Attorney General to support the operations of the center.

LD 2224 An Act to Reduce Certain Costs Associated with Residential Construction

Public Law 2025, chapter 657 makes changes to address certain statutory requirements associated with residential construction.

1. It directs the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to update state standards to comply with the 2025 edition of the National Fire Protection Association 72: National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code.
2. It directs the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to convene a working group to study the costs and life safety impacts of residential fire sprinklers and limited use limited application elevators and to submit a report on the stakeholder group's findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters.
3. It directs the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to report by January 15, 2027 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters on the status of the adoption of rules for the elevator and tramway safety program.

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4. It directs the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board to initiate rulemaking to remove any requirement in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code for smoke and draft protection assemblies for elevator hoistway doors and remove requirements for 2-way emergency video communication systems in elevators.

LD 2225 An Act to Support Municipal Enforcement of Residential Construction Laws, Codes and Regulations

Public Law 2025, chapter 736 implements the recommendations of the working group established pursuant to Resolve 2025, chapter 64, to address regulatory barriers to housing construction in the following ways.

1. It adds the International Code Council and Modular Building Institute 1200 Standard for Off-site Construction: Planning, Design, Fabrication and Assembly to the list of codes that make up the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.
2. It amends the training requirements for code enforcement officers to include training on industrialized housing.
3. It clarifies the service retirement benefits qualification requirements for state employees whose position was transferred from the Department of Public Safety, Division of Building Codes and Standards program to the Maine Office of Community Affairs by Public Law 2025, chapter 388.
4. It directs the Maine Office of Community Affairs, through the Housing Opportunity Program, to conduct a 3-year pilot project to promote, incentivize and support the adoption of regionalized approaches to code enforcement by municipalities.

LD 2231 An Act to Support Owners of Manufactured Housing, Mobile Homes and Tiny Homes

Public Law 2025, chapter 691 makes the following changes to the laws regarding manufactured housing, tiny homes and manufactured housing communities.

1. It prohibits the owner of a manufactured housing community from raising the lot rent more than once per calendar year.
2. It allows the owners of homes within a manufactured housing community to request the owner of the community engage in mediation if the community owner increases the lot rent or fees by more than the percentage change in the Consumer Price index for the Northeast Region during the previous 12-month period plus 1%.
3. It clarifies that if an owner of a manufactured housing community requires, requests or obtains a nondisclosure agreement or similar agreement from the owner of manufactured housing in

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the process of mediation between the community owner and housing owner, the community owner is acting in bad faith under the law.

4. It changes the minimum lot size required for a new manufactured housing community or the expansion of an existing manufactured housing community.
5. It amends the existing provision of law that allows the Office of the Secretary of State to cancel a certificate of title for manufactured housing or tiny homes. It allows, upon request, for the cancellation of the title to a manufactured housing or tiny home that is permanently affixed to real property, whether the real property is owned by the homeowner. Upon cancellation and fulfillment of certain filing requirements, the manufactured housing or tiny home is converted to residential real property.
6. It amends existing law governing security interests in manufactured housing and tiny homes to specify that if the owner of the manufactured housing or tiny home is not the owner of the real property upon which the manufactured housing or tiny home is permanently affixed, the manufactured housing or tiny home may be secured separately from the real property.
7. It amends the Short Form Deeds Act to allow certain language to be included in a deed that affects an interest in manufactured housing or tiny homes.

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LD 276 An Act Related to All-terrain Vehicle Registration

Public Law 2025, chapter 679 amends provisions of law related to the processes for all-terrain vehicle sales and registrations as follows.

1. It requires all-terrain vehicle dealers to supply all-terrain vehicle purchasers with a form with a check box indicating whether the all-terrain vehicle is oversized or not.
2. It directs all-terrain vehicle dealers to provide a copy of the signed form to the purchaser of the all-terrain vehicle and to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.
3. It establishes that an all-terrain vehicle owner must supply a copy of the signed form in order to register an all-terrain vehicle.

LD 350 Resolve, Directing the Landowners and Land Users Relations Advisory Board to Consider Issues Related to All-terrain Vehicles in the State

Resolve 2025, chapter 173 directs the Landowners and Land Users Relations Advisory Board to consider issues related to all-terrain vehicle weights, sizes and classifications and to report its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters by February 1, 2027. The committee is authorized to report out a bill based on the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 1343 An Act to Protect the Right to Harvest Fish and Wildlife

Public Law 2025, chapter 642 establishes that, pursuant to the right to food as declared in the Constitution of Maine, Article I, Section 25, the people of Maine have a right to harvest fish and wildlife by hunting, fishing or trapping for their own nourishment, sustenance, bodily health or well-being, subject to applicable laws, rules and regulations.

LD 2023 Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Identify Ways to Manage Moorings on Inland Waters

Resolve 2025, chapter 153 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a working group focused on identifying issues and solutions related to moorings on inland waters. The commissioner is directed to report the findings and conclusions of the working group, including any recommended legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters by November 4, 2026. The committee is authorized to submit a bill related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

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LD 2054 An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Moose Hunting Permits for Hunting Outfitters

Public Law 2025, chapter 727 amends the process by which moose hunting lodge permits are allocated and directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to make changes to the moose hunting lodge permit public chance drawing system to allow applicants to indicate a preference on the permit application for moose hunting season and wildlife management district to reduce the need for permit swaps.

LD 2055 An Act to Amend or Correct Certain Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws

Public Law 2025, chapter 563 makes the following changes to certain inland fisheries and wildlife laws.

1. It clarifies that a veteran transferee of a moose permit is subject to the 3-year ineligibility period to obtain another permit.
2. It reorganizes the statutes governing the use of lead jigs and lead sinkers and prohibits the use of certain lead jigs beginning September 1, 2026.
3. It replaces the term “fish eggs” and “fish spawn” with “gametes” in certain provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12 to clarify that the provisions apply to fish eggs and fish milt.

LD 2215 An Act Relating to Nonwater-dependent Floating Structures

Public Law 2025, chapter 566 makes the following changes to the laws governing nonwater-dependent floating structures.

1. It replaces the term “internal waters” with the term “waters of this State,” which is defined as all internal waters and all federal waters within the jurisdiction of the State.
2. It replaces the term “coastal waters” with the term “territorial waters.”
3. It provides that, for the owner of a homemade watercraft that is a houseboat or that is a nonwater-dependent floating structure capable of being used as a means of transportation on water to obtain a certificate of number from the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the homemade watercraft must meet all applicable operating visibility standards related to the field of vision from the helm position as recommended by the American Boat and Yacht Council or its successor organization.

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LD 2221 An Act to Amend the Composition of the Landowners and Land Users Relations Advisory Board

Public Law 2025, chapter 620 amends the composition of the Landowners and Land Users Relations Advisory Board as follows.

1. It increases the number of outdoor recreationists on the board and adds specificity regarding the requisite experience of those members.
2. It adds to the board a representative of an organization managing recreational access to the North Maine Woods.
3. It adds five nonvoting members to the board: two representatives of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Warden Service; one representative of the Department of Economic and Community Development; and two representatives of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

LD 2236 An Act Regarding Public Records Maintained by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Public Law 2025, chapter 692 repeals a provision in law that allows an applicant for a hunting or fishing license to indicate that the applicant's e-mail address is confidential and that requires that information be held confidential by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It also enacts a new section of law related to records held by the department and databases the department contributes to related to department licenses, permits, registrations and applications, which includes the following provisions.

1. It defines “data,” “commercial record,” “noncommercial record” and “personally identifiable information” within a noncommercial record and within a commercial record and provides that personally identifiable information made confidential must remain confidential until the records have been in existence for 100 years.
2. It authorizes the disclosure of confidential personally identifiable information for law enforcement purposes in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 16, section 805-A, for fish and wildlife management purposes, to other state and federal government entities and to the person who is the subject of the record or that person's agent.
3. It provides that data contained in a records database, whether individual or multiple records, maintained, administered or contributed to by the department that is considered confidential may not be publicly disseminated except as authorized by statute.
4. It authorizes the department to publicly disseminate nonpersonally identifiable data that is contained in a records database and may provide copies of individual records and whole or partial databases of records to individuals, businesses and other entities.

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5. It provides that the department may charge reasonable fees for both individual record requests and database requests at the expense of the person making the request. The cost of furnishing a copy of the record is not subject to the limitations of Title 1, section 408-A.

Public Law 2025, chapter 692 also establishes confidentiality provisions for all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile accident reporting system data that mirror the Department of Public Safety's provisions for motor vehicle crash report data that is held in the Maine Crash Reporting Online Search and Ordering Service. These provisions allow any nonpersonally identifiable all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile accident report data to be released to the public, and the cost to process these data requests and release the records is not subject to the limitations within Title 1, section 408-A. These provisions also create definitions for “data,” “nonpersonally identifiable accident report data” and “personally identifiable accident report data.”

Public Law 2025, chapter 692 also provides that all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile accident reports or statements contained within those records have specific uses for law enforcement purposes and authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to disseminate individual records or information within these records databases in accordance with this law. All-terrain vehicle and snowmobile registration numbers may be released only under certain conditions and failure to comply with reporting obligations related to all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile accidents is a Class E crime.

LD 2240 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 10: Significant Wildlife Habitat, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Public Law 2025, chapter 161 authorizes final adoption of Chapter 10: Significant Wildlife Habitat, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

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	LD 2207	An Act Regarding the Statute of Limitations for Certain Sexual Offenses Committed Against Minors	PUBLIC 617
Not Enacted	LD 549	An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Update Certain Requirements Regarding Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kits	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1816	An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Conduct an Inventory of Existing Forensic Examination Kits in the Possession of Law Enforcement	Died On Adjournment
	LD 2120	An Act to Enable Survivors of Abuse to Disable Connected Vehicle Services	ONTP

Criminal Records and Juvenile Records

Enacted	LD 259	An Act to Establish the Criminal Records Review Commission in Statute	PUBLIC 526
	LD 1871	An Act to Permit Sealing Criminal History Record Information of Victims of Sex Trafficking or Sexual Exploitation	PUBLIC 513
Not Enacted	LD 1805	An Act to Establish a Post-judgment Review Process for Crimes Committed by Victims of Sex Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1911	An Act to Automatically Seal Criminal History Record Information for Certain Crimes	Veto Sustained

Domestic Violence

Not Enacted	LD 1572	An Act Regarding Prosecution Standards for Nonfatal Strangulation or Suffocation in Domestic Violence Cases	ONTP
	LD 2120	An Act to Enable Survivors of Abuse to Disable Connected Vehicle Services	ONTP

Family Law

Enacted	LD 2142	An Act to Establish Guidance for Awarding General Spousal Support	PUBLIC 571
Not Enacted	LD 504	An Act to Improve Family Court Procedure	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1618	Resolve, to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Dedicated Family Court in Maine	Died On Adjournment

Foreclosure

Enacted	LD 1444	An Act to Clarify the Application of Finch v. U.S. Bank, N.A.	PUBLIC 677
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Free Speech

Enacted	LD 517	An Act Regarding Synthetic Media in Campaign Advertising	PUBLIC 593
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Freedom of Access and Confidentiality

Enacted	LD 2106	An Act to Limit Consent for Entry into Nonpublic Areas of and to Limit Access to Protected Records Maintained by Certain Public Entities	PUBLIC 770
	LD 2219	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Certain Existing Public Records Exceptions	PUBLIC 659
Not Enacted	LD 127	An Act to Strengthen Legislative Oversight of Government Agencies and Programs by Reaffirming the Legislature's Access to Confidential Records	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1788	An Act to Strengthen the Freedom of Access Act by Categorizing Commercial Requesters	ONTP
	LD 2121	Resolve, to Convene a Working Group to Study Methods for Enhancing the Safety of Judicial and Elected Officials	Died On Adjournment

Gender, Orientation and Identity

Not Enacted	LD 1136	An Act to Defend the Rights of LGBTQ+ Persons in the State	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 2239	An Act to Designate School Sports Participation and Facilities by Sex	Died On Adjournment

Judiciary

Human Rights

Not Enacted	LD 426	An Act to Protect the Human Rights of Individuals in the State	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 847	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Improve Tenant-Landlord Relationships and Increase the Use of Housing Vouchers	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1647	An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act to Provide Additional Remedies for Educational Discrimination	Died On Adjournment

Immigration

Enacted	LD 1971	An Act to Protect Workers in This State by Clarifying the Relationship of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies with Federal Immigration Authorities	PUBLIC 517
	LD 2106	An Act to Limit Consent for Entry into Nonpublic Areas of and to Limit Access to Protected Records Maintained by Certain Public Entities	PUBLIC 770
	LD 2176	An Act to Safeguard Personal Information and Strengthen Tenant Rights in Maine	PUBLIC 767
Not Enacted	LD 1259	An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Maine by Defining the Relationship Between Local and Federal Law Enforcement	ONTP

Indigent Legal Services and Public Defense Services

Enacted	LD 1796	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services to Clarify the Types of Cases for Which the Commission Is Responsible for Providing Counsel	PUBLIC 511
	LD 2059	An Act to Provide Required Funding for the Reimbursement of Assigned Counsel	PUBLIC 581
	LD 2193	An Act to Extend the Requirement That the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services Compensate Certain Private Attorneys Appointed to Provide Indigent Legal Services	PUBLIC 607
	LD 2195	An Act to Prohibit the Appointment or Assignment of an Attorney to Provide Indigent Legal Services Without That Attorney's Consent	PUBLIC 639
Not Enacted	LD 374	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Make Recommendations for Equity in the Compensation of Prosecutors and Public Defenders in the State	Died On Adjournment

LD 456	An Act to Improve Public Defense Services	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1706	An Act Regarding Notification of Appointment of Legal Representation for Indigent Clients in Custody	Died On Adjournment
LD 2194	An Act to Clarify Responsibility for Compensation of Court-appointed Attorneys in Certain Proceedings	Died On Adjournment

Jury Duty

Enacted	LD 338	An Act to Increase the Size and Balance of Jury Pools	PUBLIC 708
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Juvenile Code

Enacted	LD 2126	An Act to Eliminate the Juvenile Crime of Willful Refusal to Pay a Fine or Comply with the Terms of a Court Order	PUBLIC 551
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Landlord and Tenant Issues

Enacted	LD 1927	An Act to Add Mold to the Implied Warranty and Covenant of Habitability	PUBLIC 515
	LD 2176	An Act to Safeguard Personal Information and Strengthen Tenant Rights in Maine	PUBLIC 767

Miscellaneous

Enacted	LD 2107	An Act to Establish the Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program	PUBLIC 728
	LD 2150	An Act to Enhance Notice to Individuals Whose Access to State Property Has Been Restricted	PUBLIC 775

Privacy and Internet Regulation

Enacted	LD 517	An Act Regarding Synthetic Media in Campaign Advertising	PUBLIC 593
	LD 524	An Act to Protect Children from Technology-facilitated Sexual Abuse	PUBLIC 719
Not Enacted	LD 595	An Act to Update Privacy Protections for Maine Consumers	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310

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LD 1822 An Act to Enact the Maine Online Data Privacy Act Died Between Houses

Probate Code and Probate Court

Not Enacted LD 505 An Act to Update Processes and Fees in the Probate Court System Died On Adjournment

LD 1766 An Act to Incorporate Probate Judges into the Maine Judicial Branch Died Between Houses

Statutes

Enacted LD 2170 An Act to Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine PUBLIC 655

Torts and Immunity

Enacted LD 1667 Resolve, to Allow Hemphill Farms, Inc. to Sue the State RESOLVE 129

LD 1994 An Act to Provide Immunity from Civil Liability for Justices of the Peace PUBLIC 560

Not Enacted LD 1347 Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Maine Tort Claims Act Died On Adjournment

Tribal-State Relations

Enacted LD 395 Resolve, Establishing the Working Group to Develop Recommendations for Extending Federal Beneficial Laws to the Wabanaki Nations RESOLVE 165

LD 785 An Act to Amend Certain Tax Laws Regarding the Wabanaki Nations PUBLIC 705

Not Enacted LD 391 An Act to Advance Recognition of the Inherent Rights of the Wabanaki Nations Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310

Victims and Victims' Rights

Enacted LD 2163 An Act to Enhance Crime Victims' Rights PUBLIC 695

Not Enacted LD 1139 An Act to Provide Funding for Essential Services for Victims of Crimes Died On Adjournment

Weapons and Weapons Restrictions

Enacted	LD 411	Resolve, Directing the Attorney General to Update Rules Relating to the Disposition of Forfeited Firearms	RESOLVE 123
	LD 1126	An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms	PUBLIC 537
	LD 2032	An Act to Amend the Extreme Risk Protection Order Procedure	PUBLIC 545
Not Enacted	LD 208	An Act to Eliminate the 72-hour Waiting Period on Firearm Purchases	Died Between Houses
	LD 1009	An Act to Restore Full Civil Rights to Possess Firearms to Persons Previously Convicted of Certain Nonviolent Felonies	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1230	An Act to Abolish the 72-hour Waiting Period for a Gun Purchase	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1821	An Act to Ensure Responsible Business Practices by Licensed Firearms Dealers	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1867	An Act to Prohibit Financial Institutions from Using Merchant Category Codes to Identify or Track Firearm Purchases or Disclose Firearm Purchase Records	Died On Adjournment

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Committee	LD	Title	Sponsor	Committee Vote	Disposition	Law	Ch #	Analyst Note
JUD	127	An Act to Strengthen Legislative Oversight of Government Agencies and Programs by Reaffirming the Legislature's Access to Confidential Records	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	208	An Act to Eliminate the 72-hour Waiting Period on Firearm Purchases	Faulkingham, Billy Bob	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Died Between Houses			
JUD	249	An Act to Update Certain Medical Examiner Fees	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			√
JUD	259	An Act to Establish the Criminal Records Review Commission in Statute	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	526	
JUD	260	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish That All Maine Residents Have Equal Rights Under the Law	Sargent, Holly	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	338	An Act to Increase the Size and Balance of Jury Pools	Lee, Adam	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	708	
JUD	340	An Act Regarding Speedy Trials	Moonen, Matt	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	374	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Make Recommendations for Equity in the Compensation of Prosecutors and Public Defenders in the State	Rotundo, Margaret	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	391	An Act to Advance Recognition of the Inherent Rights of the Wabanaki Nations	Carney, Anne	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	395	Resolve, Establishing the Working Group to Develop Recommendations for Extending Federal Beneficial Laws to the Wabanaki Nations	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM	Finally Passed	Resolve	165	
JUD	411	Resolve, Directing the Attorney General to Update Rules Relating to the Disposition of Forfeited Firearms	Sachs, Melanie	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Finally Passed	Resolve	123	
JUD	426	An Act to Protect the Human Rights of Individuals in the State	Kuhn, Amy	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	449	An Act to Authorize a Court to Conditionally Discharge Certain Criminal Defendants	Sinclair, David	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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JUD	456	An Act to Improve Public Defense Services	Carney, Anne	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	504	An Act to Improve Family Court Procedure	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	505	An Act to Update Processes and Fees in the Probate Court System	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	517	An Act Regarding Synthetic Media in Campaign Advertising	Kuhn, Amy	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	593	
JUD	524	An Act to Protect Children from Technology-facilitated Sexual Abuse	Kuhn, Amy	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	719	
JUD	549	An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Update Certain Requirements Regarding Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kits	Bennett, Richard	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			√
JUD	595	An Act to Update Privacy Protections for Maine Consumers	Carney, Anne	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	739	An Act to Reimburse the City of Ellsworth for a Public Road to a New Court Facility in Hancock County	White, Russell	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	785	An Act to Amend Certain Tax Laws Regarding the Wabanaki Nations	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	705	
JUD	847	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Improve Tenant-Landlord Relationships and Increase the Use of Housing Vouchers	Golek, Cheryl	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	1009	An Act to Restore Full Civil Rights to Possess Firearms to Persons Previously Convicted of Certain Nonviolent Felonies	Perkins, Chad	ONTP/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	1022	An Act to Protect and Increase Access to Justice in Civil Legal Matters for Persons with Low Incomes	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			√
JUD	1085	Resolve, Directing the State Court Administrator to Perform an Inspection and Study of the Rumford Courthouse Building	Henderson, Rachel	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			

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JUD	1126	An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms	Zager, Sam	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	537	
JUD	1136	An Act to Defend the Rights of LGBTQ+ Persons in the State	Daughtry, Matthea	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	1139	An Act to Provide Funding for Essential Services for Victims of Crimes	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			√
JUD	1230	An Act to Abolish the 72-hour Waiting Period for a Gun Purchase	Chapman, Quentin	ONTP/OTP-AM	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
JUD	1259	An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Maine by Defining the Relationship Between Local and Federal Law Enforcement	Rana, Ambureen	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	1347	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Maine Tort Claims Act	Lawrence, Mark	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	1444	An Act to Clarify the Application of Finch v. U.S. Bank, N.A.	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	677	
JUD	1544	An Act to Support Families by Improving the Court Process for Child Protection Cases	Bailey, Donna	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	774	
JUD	1572	An Act Regarding Prosecution Standards for Nonfatal Strangulation or Suffocation in Domestic Violence Cases	Stover, Holly	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	1618	Resolve, to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Dedicated Family Court in Maine	Gramlich, Lori	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	1647	An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act to Provide Additional Remedies for Educational Discrimination	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	1667	Resolve, to Allow Hemphill Farms, Inc. to Sue the State	Stewart, Trey	ONTP/OTP-AM	Finally Passed	Resolve	129	
JUD	1706	An Act Regarding Notification of Appointment of Legal Representation for Indigent Clients in Custody	Warren, Sophia	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			

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JUD	1761	An Act to Prohibit Indemnification Agreements	Morris, Joshua	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	1766	An Act to Incorporate Probate Judges into the Maine Judicial Branch	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died Between Houses			
JUD	1788	An Act to Strengthen the Freedom of Access Act by Categorizing Commercial Requesters	Henderson, Rachel	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	1796	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services to Clarify the Types of Cases for Which the Commission Is Responsible for Providing Counsel		OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	511	
JUD	1805	An Act to Establish a Post-judgment Review Process for Crimes Committed by Victims of Sex Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	1810	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Judicial Disciplinary Process	Lee, Adam	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	1816	An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Conduct an Inventory of Existing Forensic Examination Kits in the Possession of Law Enforcement	Duson, Jill	ONTP/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			√
JUD	1821	An Act to Ensure Responsible Business Practices by Licensed Firearms Dealers	Kuhn, Amy	ONTP/OTP-AM	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
JUD	1822	An Act to Enact the Maine Online Data Privacy Act	Kuhn, Amy	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	Died Between Houses			
JUD	1867	An Act to Prohibit Financial Institutions from Using Merchant Category Codes to Identify or Track Firearm Purchases or Disclose Firearm Purchase Records	Harrington, Matthew	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	1871	An Act to Permit Sealing Criminal History Record Information of Victims of Sex Trafficking or Sexual Exploitation	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	513	

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JUD	1911	An Act to Automatically Seal Criminal History Record Information for Certain Crimes	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM/ONTP	Veto Sustained			
JUD	1927	An Act to Add Mold to the Implied Warranty and Covenant of Habitability	Kessler, Christopher	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	515	
JUD	1941	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Examine the Intersection of Parole and Current Sentencing Practices	Milliken, Nina	ONTP/OTP-AM/OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Finally Passed	Resolve	176	
JUD	1965	Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Create a Court Navigation Program Plan	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM	Emergency Finally Passed	Resolve	146	
JUD	1971	An Act to Protect Workers in This State by Clarifying the Relationship of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies with Federal Immigration Authorities	Dhalac, Deqa	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	517	
JUD	1994	An Act to Provide Immunity from Civil Liability for Justices of the Peace	Carney, Anne	OTP	Enacted	PL	560	
JUD	1997	An Act to Authorize Issuance of Securities to Modernize and Consolidate Certain Court Facilities	Haggan, David	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	716	
JUD	2032	An Act to Amend the Extreme Risk Protection Order Procedure	Kuhn, Amy	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	545	
JUD	2059	An Act to Provide Required Funding for the Reimbursement of Assigned Counsel	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	581	
JUD	2106	An Act to Limit Consent for Entry into Nonpublic Areas of and to Limit Access to Protected Records Maintained by Certain Public Entities	Sato, Ellie	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	770	
JUD	2107	An Act to Establish the Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program	Brennan, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	728	
JUD	2120	An Act to Enable Survivors of Abuse to Disable Connected Vehicle Services	Roberts, Tiffany	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	2121	Resolve, to Convene a Working Group to Study Methods for Enhancing the Safety of Judicial and Elected Officials	Faircloth, Sean	OTP-AM/ONTP/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			

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Committee	LD	Title	Sponsor	Committee Vote	Disposition	Law	Ch #	Analyst Note
JUD	2126	An Act to Eliminate the Juvenile Crime of Willful Refusal to Pay a Fine or Comply with the Terms of a Court Order	Carney, Anne	OTP	Enacted	PL	551	
JUD	2142	An Act to Establish Guidance for Awarding General Spousal Support	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	571	
JUD	2150	An Act to Enhance Notice to Individuals Whose Access to State Property Has Been Restricted	Grohoski, Nicole	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	775	
JUD	2163	An Act to Enhance Crime Victims' Rights	Gramlich, Lori	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	695	
JUD	2168	An Act to Increase Accountability for Persons Engaged in Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking and to Support Victims	Stover, Holly	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	696	
JUD	2170	An Act to Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine		OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	655	
JUD	2176	An Act to Safeguard Personal Information and Strengthen Tenant Rights in Maine	Duson, Jill	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	767	
JUD	2193	An Act to Extend the Requirement That the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services Compensate Certain Private Attorneys Appointed to Provide Indigent Legal Services		OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	607	
JUD	2194	An Act to Clarify Responsibility for Compensation of Court-appointed Attorneys in Certain Proceedings		OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	2195	An Act to Prohibit the Appointment or Assignment of an Attorney to Provide Indigent Legal Services Without That Attorney's Consent		OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	639	
JUD	2205	An Act to Update the Laws Governing the Geographic Boundaries Between Certain Judicial Divisions in Aroostook County		OTP	Enacted	PL	552	
JUD	2207	An Act Regarding the Statute of Limitations for Certain Sexual Offenses Committed Against Minors		OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	617	
JUD	2219	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Certain Existing Public Records Exceptions		OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	659	
JUD	2239	An Act to Designate School Sports Participation and Facilities by Sex			Died On Adjournment			√

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LD 259 An Act to Establish the Criminal Records Review Commission in Statute

Public Law 2025, chapter 526 establishes the Criminal Records Review Commission. The commission members include Legislators, Executive Department commissioners or their designees and leaders and representatives from various organizations. The commission's duties include reviewing laws, rules and procedures pertaining to criminal history record information in this State. The commission may submit legislation to the Legislature at the start of each regular session and may also make recommendations to the Department of Public Safety, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, the judicial branch's advisory committee on the Maine Rules of Unified Criminal Procedure and any other organization or committee whose affairs pertain to the use, maintenance or dissemination of criminal history record information. The commission may consult with outside experts in fields related to its duties and may seek funding to partially or fully fund its costs. Members who are Legislators are entitled to receive a legislative per diem and reimbursement of expenses.

Public Law 2025, chapter 526 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 526 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 338 An Act to Increase the Size and Balance of Jury Pools

Public Law 2025, chapter 708 adds registered voters and recipients of state unemployment compensation to the source list of prospective jurors in each county, effective January 1, 2028.

The legislation that became Public Law 2025, chapter 708 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. The legislation was recalled from the Governor during the Second Regular Session and further amended before being enacted as Public Law 2025, chapter 708.

LD 395 Resolve, Establishing the Working Group to Develop Recommendations for Extending Federal Beneficial Laws to the Wabanaki Nations

Resolve 2025, chapter 165 establishes the Working Group to Develop Recommendations for Extending Federal Beneficial Laws to the Wabanaki Nations. The working group is charged with developing consensus recommendations for extending to the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation, notwithstanding Sections 6(h) and 16(b) of the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act, the benefits of federal laws enacted before, on or after October 1980 that are generally applicable to, enacted for the benefit of or that relate to a special status of rights or lands owned by or held in trust for Indians or Indian tribes. The working group shall submit a report by December 2, 2026, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters that includes the working group's findings and consensus recommendations, including any suggested legislation.

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The joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 411 Resolve, Directing the Attorney General to Update Rules Relating to the Disposition of Forfeited Firearms

Resolve 2025, chapter 123 directs the Attorney General to update the rules relating to the disposition of forfeited firearms to clarify that all proceeds from the auction of forfeited firearms go to the Safe Homes Program except that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services may retain 12% of the total proceeds and the Department of Public Safety, Maine State Police, sheriff's departments and municipal police departments may retain the proceeds resulting from the auction of firearms forfeited to their respective departments.

Resolve 2025, chapter 123 was finally passed in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Resolve 2025, chapter 123 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 517 An Act Regarding Synthetic Media in Campaign Advertising

Public Law 2025, chapter 593 requires that certain political public communications containing synthetic media be accompanied by a disclosure revealing that the communication contains audio, video or images that have been manipulated or altered. Under the law, "synthetic media" is defined as an image, an audio recording or a video recording depicting a candidate's appearance, speech or conduct that either depicts the candidate saying or doing something the candidate did not do or say in a manner that is likely to deceive a reasonable person or that has been manipulated or altered in a manner likely to provide a reasonable person with a materially different understanding or impression of the candidate's appearance, action or speech than a reasonable person would have from an unaltered, original version of the communication. Public communications that are satire or parody or that contain only minor modifications are not subject to the disclosure requirement. In addition, broadcasters and newspapers may not be found in violation of the disclosure requirement unless they broadcast or publish a paid public communication with actual knowledge that it contains synthetic media.

Violations of the disclosure requirement are subject to investigation by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, which may impose a civil penalty of up to 500% of the amount of the expenditure made for the public communication. The Attorney General may also bring a civil action for injunctive or other appropriate equitable relief requiring compliance with the disclosure requirement.

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LD 524 An Act to Protect Children from Technology-facilitated Sexual Abuse

Public Law 2025, chapter 719 makes several changes to chapter 12 of the Maine Criminal Code, which prohibits the creation, possession and dissemination of sexually explicit material, referred to in the law as “child sexual abuse material.” These changes are intended to protect children from offenses involving child sexual abuse material that are facilitated by technology.

Public Law 2025, chapter 719 renames the crime of “dissemination of sexually explicit material” to the crime of “dissemination of child sexual abuse material” and similarly renames the crime of “possession of sexually explicit material” to the crime of “possession of child sexual abuse material.” The law also expands the elements of these crimes as well as the crime of sexual exploitation of a minor, which involves the creation of child sexual abuse material, to apply both to child sexual abuse material that has been created or modified so that it appears to depict an identifiable child engaged in sexually explicit conduct and to child sexual abuse material, including an image created through generative AI or machine learning, that appears to depict a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct regardless of whether the minor is an identifiable child, if that child sexual abuse material is obscene material.

The law further provides that, for the purposes of each of the crimes set forth in chapter 12 of the Maine Criminal Code, the age of a person who is depicted or who appears to be depicted in an image and the fact that the person is an identifiable child may be reasonably inferred from the contents of the image or may be established through competent medical evidence or other expert testimony. Under prior law, this rule of evidence only explicitly applied to possession crimes, not to crimes involving the creation or dissemination of prohibited child pornography.

Public Law 2025, chapter 719 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 16, 2026.

LD 785 An Act to Amend Certain Tax Laws Regarding the Wabanaki Nations

Public Law 2025, chapter 705 amends several provisions of state law affecting the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the Mi’kmaq Nation, referred to in this summary as “the Wabanaki Nations.”

Part A provides that, beginning with the First Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature, the Mi’kmaq Nation may, like the other Wabanaki Nations, elect a representative to the House of Representatives of the Maine Legislature. The representative of the Mi’kmaq Nation has, to the same extent as other members of the Legislature, the right to receive a salary for each regular session of the Legislature, an allowance for constituent services, allowances for travel-related expenses and per diem payments for the duration of any special session of the Legislature.

Part B authorizes an individual who is an enrolled member of one of the Wabanaki Nations to subtract from the individual’s income for Maine income tax purposes the value of any otherwise taxable compensation, including benefits, received for personal services performed as an employee of one of the Wabanaki Nations, regardless of whether the individual resides on Indian territory or trust land. This adjustment applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

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Part C clarifies that the sale of new manufactured housing to an enrolled member of one of the Wabanaki Nations is exempt from Maine sales tax if the new manufactured housing is to be installed on Indian territory or trust land. Beginning January 1, 2027, it also newly exempts from Maine sales tax the sale of new manufactured housing to a construction contractor or subcontractor if the new manufactured housing is intended to be physically incorporated in, and become a permanent part of real property located on, Indian territory or trust land for sale to one of the Wabanaki Nations or to an enrolled member of one of the Wabanaki Nations.

Part D makes the following two changes to the State's sales tax laws.

1. Under existing law, sales of property or services to a tribal entity that are sourced to tribal land, including Indian territory or trust land, are exempt from Maine sales tax. Part D provides that, for purposes of determining whether sales to tribal entities are sourced to tribal land, the phrase "tribal land" also includes no more than one parcel or two abutting parcels of fee land owned by each of the Wabanaki Nations or the Wabanaki Nation's tribal entity to operate a business in Aroostook County, Hancock County, Franklin County, Penobscot County, Piscataquis County, Somerset County, Oxford County or Washington County as long as the specifically identified parcel or abutting parcels of land remain owned by the Wabanaki Nation or the Wabanaki Nation's tribal entity.
2. Under existing law, the State Controller makes a monthly transfer of funds to each of the Wabanaki Nations in an amount equal to the sales tax revenue collected by the State in the previous month for sales occurring on the respective Wabanaki Nation's Indian territory or trust land. Part D also provides that sales tax collected by the State for sales occurring on no more than one parcel or two abutting parcels of fee land owned by each of the Wabanaki Nations or the Wabanaki Nation's tribal entity to operate a business in Aroostook County, Hancock County, Franklin County, Penobscot County, Piscataquis County, Somerset County, Oxford County or Washington County must be transferred to the Wabanaki Nation on a monthly basis as long as the specifically identified parcel or abutting parcels of land remain owned by the respective Wabanaki Nation or the respective Wabanaki Nation's tribal entity.

The sales tax provisions in Part D take effect January 1st following adoption of routine technical rules by the Bureau of Revenue Services identifying the affected parcels of fee land.

Part E provides that, for property tax years beginning on or after April 1, 2027, the property of a federally recognized Indian tribe, including the property of a Wabanaki Nation, is exempt from property taxes if the property is used for governmental or public purposes; the property is located within 50 miles of the federally recognized Indian tribe's tribal land; and there is a pending application to have the United States Secretary of the Interior acquire the property for the benefit of the federally recognized Indian tribe.

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LD 1126 An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms

Public Law 2025, chapter 537 provides that it is unlawful for a person to intentionally or knowingly possess one or more unfinished frames or receivers unless each unfinished frame or receiver has been imprinted with a serial number by a federal firearms licensee. Under the law, a first offense of unlawful possession is a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$50 may be adjudged. For a 2nd offense of unlawful possession, a violation is a Class D crime and for a 3rd or subsequent offense, a violation is a Class C crime. Under the law, a first offense of unlawful importation, transfer, offer to transfer or purchase is a Class D crime. For a 2nd or subsequent offense of unlawful importation, transfer, offer to transfer or purchase, a violation is a Class C crime. A person who uses a firearm without a serial number while committing a Class A or Class B crime or while committing reckless conduct under Title 17-A, section 211 commits a Class C crime.

Public Law 2025, chapter 537 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 537 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1444 An Act to Clarify the Application of *Finch v. U.S. Bank, N.A.*

Public Law 2025, chapter 677 clarifies that for any cause of action arising prior to January 11, 2024 for a claim in which a foreclosure action was dismissed due to a defective notice of a mortgagor's right to cure, any subsequent cause of action asserting a claim for any sums due on the obligation as of the date of the final judgment dismissing the prior action is barred. The law indicates that the holding in the case of *Finch v. U.S. Bank, N.A.*, 2024 Me. 2, may not be applied to any cause of action arising prior to January 11, 2024.

LD 1544 An Act to Support Families by Improving the Court Process for Child Protection Cases

Public Law 2025, chapter 774 makes the following changes to the laws governing child protection proceedings.

1. It repeals the provision of law treating a parent's prior involuntary termination of parental rights to a sibling as an "aggravating factor" that may form the basis of a court order that the Department of Health and Human Services need not commence or may cease its efforts to reunify the parent with the child who is the subject of a child protection proceeding.
2. It requires the department to include in a request for an ex parte preliminary protection order a detailed summary of how the department weighed the trauma to the child of removal from the child's home against the alleged immediate risk of serious harm to the child.

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3. It requires the court to consider the trauma to the child of removal from the child’s home and whether the department has exhausted options to mitigate the immediate risk of serious harm to the child and avoid removing the child from the child’s home when deciding both whether to grant an ex parte request for a preliminary protection order and whether to continue the removal after a summary preliminary hearing.

LD 1667 Resolve, to Allow Hemphill Farms, Inc. to Sue the State

Resolve 2025, chapter 129 authorizes Hemphill Farms, Inc., in Presque Isle, which claims to have suffered damages in connection with actions taken by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, to sue the department for damages resulting from those actions.

Resolve 2025, chapter 129 was finally passed in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Resolve 2025, chapter 129 became law without the Governor’s signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1796 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services to Clarify the Types of Cases for Which the Commission Is Responsible for Providing Counsel

Public Law 2025, chapter 511 makes the following changes to the laws governing court-appointed counsel.

1. It amends the definition of “indigent legal services” to include services that an attorney performs at the direction of the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services that aid the commission in its duty to provide indigent legal services.
2. It provides that the commission is not responsible for compensating counsel appointed by a District Court or a county probate court to represent a party in a proceeding under the Maine Uniform Probate Code. It further clarifies that if a court appoints an attorney to represent a party who has a right to counsel at public expense under the Maine Uniform Probate Code, the court is responsible for paying reasonable compensation to and reimbursing the reasonable expenses of the attorney. The court is also responsible for paying reasonable compensation to and reimbursing the reasonable expenses of an attorney appointed at the court’s discretion to represent a minor or an indigent party in a proceeding under the Maine Uniform Probate Code.
3. It provides that the commission is not responsible for compensating a guardian ad litem appointed by a District Court or a county probate court in a termination of parental rights proceeding or in any proceeding under the Maine Uniform Probate Code.
4. It provides that if a termination of parental rights proceeding is brought under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, the court is responsible for compensating any counsel the court may, in its discretion, appoint to represent the petitioner in the termination proceeding. By

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contrast, the commission is responsible for compensating counsel appointed to represent the parent whose rights may be terminated.

5. It clarifies that the commission, not the court, is responsible for compensating an attorney appointed to represent a person subject to an involuntary commitment proceeding.
6. It prohibits a court from directly assigning public defenders or employed counsel, who are employees of the commission, to represent parties in particular proceedings.

Public Law 2025, chapter 511 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 511 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1871 An Act to Permit Sealing Criminal History Record Information of Victims of Sex Trafficking or Sexual Exploitation

Public Law 2025, chapter 513 amends provisions of the law governing post-judgment motions to seal criminal history record information by allowing a person to file a motion to seal criminal history record information for a criminal conviction for any current or former crime if the person shows by a preponderance of the evidence that the person has been a victim of sex trafficking or sexual exploitation and the commission of the crime for which the person was convicted was a substantial result of sex trafficking or sexual exploitation.

The law also provides that a person who is regularly engaged in the business of collecting, assembling, evaluating or disseminating criminal history record information related to specific individuals for a fee, also called a business screening service, is required to disseminate only complete and accurate records; investigate disputed records; correct or delete records found to be inaccurate or reflecting a criminal conviction that was sealed or pardoned; and provide a notice with disseminated records including the date the record was collected and a notice that information may include criminal records that have been sealed or otherwise have become inaccessible to the public. A person is considered in violation of these provisions only if the person's conduct violates these provisions and also violates relevant provisions of the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. A person found in violation of both the state and federal law is liable to the subject of the record for a penalty of \$1,000 and additional remedies.

Public Law 2025, chapter 513 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 513 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

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LD 1927 An Act to Add Mold to the Implied Warranty and Covenant of Habitability

Public Law 2025, chapter 515 provides that it is a breach of the implied warranty of fitness for human habitation when a landlord offers for rent a dwelling unit in which there is a leaking event, chronic moisture or humidity conditions outside of the control of a tenant that result in the growth of mold, bacteria or other biological organisms. It authorizes a municipality to adopt more stringent standards by ordinance than those provided in the law.

Public Law 2025, chapter 515 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 515 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1941 Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Examine the Intersection of Parole and Current Sentencing Practices

Resolve 2025, chapter 176 establishes the Commission to Examine the Intersection of Parole and Current Sentencing Practices and requires the commission to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters by November 4, 2026. It authorizes the joint standing committee to submit legislation based on the findings and recommendations in the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 1965 Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Create a Court Navigation Program Plan

Resolve 2025, chapter 146 directs the University of Maine System to convene a task force to create a court navigation program plan. In developing the plan, the task force must examine court navigation programs nationwide and consult with advocates for persons who are unhoused, survivors of domestic violence, survivors of sexual assault and other identifiable populations who may particularly benefit from the assistance of the court navigation program.

No later than January 15, 2027, the task force shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters recommending a model for a court navigation program and a plan for implementing the program. The program must provide guidance and information about court processes and procedures to persons involved with the court system; refer persons involved with the court system to community-based resources related to their behavioral health needs and their economic and social service-related needs; and be operated, in significant part, by social work students and law students who have the opportunity to earn academic credit for their participation in the program. The joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the subject matter of the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

The legislation that became Resolve 2025, chapter 146 was finally passed in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed

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by the Governor. The legislation was recalled from the Governor during the Second Regular Session and further amended before being finally passed as Resolve 2025, chapter 146.

Resolve 2025, chapter 146 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 22, 2026.

LD 1971 An Act to Protect Workers in This State by Clarifying the Relationship of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies with Federal Immigration Authorities

Public Law 2025, chapter 517 generally prohibits a state or local law enforcement agency from using agency funds or personnel to stop, investigate, interrogate, arrest or detain a person for immigration enforcement purposes, including in response to a hold request, immigration detainer or administrative warrant issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security. It also provides immunity from civil and criminal liability to a state or local law enforcement agency that acts in good faith compliance with this law in releasing a person subject to a hold request. If a state or local law enforcement agency receives a hold request, immigration detainer or administrative warrant for a person in the agency's custody, it must provide a copy of the request to the person, inform the person that the agency is prohibited from detaining the person based solely on the hold request and make reasonable efforts to retain a copy of the hold request for four years. The law also prohibits a state or local law enforcement agency from sharing with an immigration authority certain personal information or nonpublic release date information about a person; transferring a person to an immigration authority unless authorized by a court order or criminal warrant; placing a law enforcement officer under the supervision of a federal agency for immigration enforcement purposes; and using immigration authority employees as interpreters for persons in the agency's custody.

Public Law 2025, chapter 517 does not prohibit communication between law enforcement agencies and immigration authorities as provided by 8 United States Code, Sections 1373 and 1644. In addition, the law may not be interpreted to prohibit a state or local law enforcement agency from investigating, arresting or detaining a person pursuant to state or federal criminal law, including for immigration crimes detected during an unrelated law enforcement activity; conducting investigative and enforcement duties as part of a joint law enforcement task force as long as the primary purpose of the task force is not immigration enforcement and is instead related to a violation of state or federal law, including terrorism, drug trafficking or human trafficking; or permitting an immigration authority to interview an individual in the custody of the law enforcement agency when the immigration authority's interview request is supported by a valid court order. If an immigration authority seeks to interview a person in the custody of a state or local law enforcement agency regarding a civil immigration violation, the agency must notify the person that participation in the interview is voluntary and that the person may choose to have an attorney present.

Public Law 2025, chapter 517 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 517 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

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LD 1994 An Act to Provide Immunity from Civil Liability for Justices of the Peace

Public Law 2025, chapter 560 provides immunity under the Maine Tort Claims Act for justices of the peace for acts performed within the scope of their duties as justices of the peace.

LD 1997 An Act to Authorize Issuance of Securities to Modernize and Consolidate Certain Court Facilities

Public Law 2025, chapter 716 authorizes the use of securities issued for the purposes of planning, purchasing, financing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, furnishing, equipping, improving, extending, enlarging and consolidating new and existing facilities and projects relating to the judicial branch to include facilities in Cumberland, Franklin, Penobscot and Sagadahoc counties.

LD 2032 An Act to Amend the Extreme Risk Protection Order Procedure

Public Law 2025, chapter 545 requires that a copy of the judicial endorsement and all attachments of an extreme risk protection order be provided to the court.

Public Law 2025, chapter 545 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 3, 2026.

LD 2059 An Act to Provide Required Funding for the Reimbursement of Assigned Counsel

Public Law 2025, chapter 581 provides one-time appropriations of \$13,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$9,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 to the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services to address the shortfall in funding available to compensate constitutionally and statutory required assigned counsel.

Public Law 2025, chapter 581 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2026.

LD 2106 An Act to Limit Consent for Entry into Nonpublic Areas of and to Limit Access to Protected Records Maintained by Certain Public Entities

Public Law 2025, chapter 770 directs the Attorney General to publish model policies and guidance for ensuring that facilities providing public services remain safe and accessible to all state residents regardless of immigration status by limiting each covered facility's authority to voluntarily consent to law enforcement entry into nonpublic areas of the facility for immigration enforcement purposes or to law enforcement access to the facility's records for immigration enforcement purposes to the fullest extent possible consistent with state and federal law. Within three months of the date that the applicable model policy and guidance is published, public schools and postsecondary educational institutions, state health institutions and certain public libraries, referred to in this summary as "covered facilities," must adopt the published policy and guidance or establish an equivalent policy and guidance. As part of any applicable initial licensure or license renewal

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process, the Department of Health and Human Services may verify a state health institution's compliance with this requirement. The law also authorizes, but does not require, adoption of the model policy and guidance by private educational facilities; health care facilities that are not state institutions; facilities providing residential or community supports for adults or children; programs that provide health care, assisted living services, behavioral health services, services to persons with intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorder or acquired brain injuries or similar services; child care facilities and family child care providers; other public libraries; and houses of worship and other places where religious services are conducted.

Public Law 2025, chapter 770 also prohibits a person acting on behalf of a covered facility from granting voluntary consent for a law enforcement officer to enter a nonpublic area of the covered facility for immigration enforcement purposes. A person acting on behalf of a covered facility is also prohibited from granting voluntary consent for a law enforcement officer to access education records, protected health care information or protected patron records unless disclosure of the information is required by a court order or by state or federal law. Before the date that the covered facility adopts or is required to adopt the model policy and guidance published by the Attorney General, whichever is earlier, a person acting on behalf of the covered facility does not violate these nonpublic area and confidential record access prohibitions if the person is acting in good faith.

Public Law 2025, chapter 770 further directs that if federal law requires a covered facility to permit a law enforcement officer to inspect specific records or to conduct interviews regarding the eligibility of noncitizens to work in the United States, or if federal law requires a public school or state postsecondary educational institution to permit a law enforcement officer to inspect specific records or conduct interviews regarding the eligibility of noncitizens to attend school in the United States, the affected facility must designate a nonpublic area within the facility where federal immigration officials may conduct these inspections and interviews. If federal law requires that law enforcement officers be provided access to specific locations when conducting these inspections and interviews, the covered facility may permit law enforcement officers to access those specific locations.

LD 2107 An Act to Establish the Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program

Public Law 2025, chapter 728 establishes the Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency to provide grants to assist nonprofit organizations to improve security at property owned or occupied by those nonprofit organizations to protect against hate crimes and terror attacks. The law appropriates \$200,000 to the program from the General Fund in fiscal year 2026-27. The law allows for a portion of the funds to be used by the agency for program administration and requires any balance remaining in the program's General Fund account at the end of any fiscal year to be carried forward for use in the next fiscal year.

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LD 2126 An Act to Eliminate the Juvenile Crime of Willful Refusal to Pay a Fine or Comply with the Terms of a Court Order

Public Law 2025, chapter 551 repeals the provision of law establishing the juvenile crime of willful refusal to pay a fine imposed by court order or willful failure to comply with the terms of any other court order.

LD 2142 An Act to Establish Guidance for Awarding General Spousal Support

Public Law 2025, chapter 571 makes the following changes to the laws governing the award of general spousal support.

1. It establishes that general spousal support may be awarded if the duration of the marriage is sufficient that equity requires compensating a spouse with significantly lower income capacity for a portion of the anticipated decrease in standard of living that spouse will experience after the divorce and to allocate equitably between spouses of a marriage of significant duration any financial losses that will be incurred due to the divorce.
2. It establishes rebuttable presumptions that, if the parties have been married for at least 10 years, a spouse whose spousal support income is less than or equal to 65% of the other spouse's spousal support income is entitled to an award of general spousal support; that the award must be for an indefinite period if the parties were married for more than 20 years; and that the amount of spousal support must be calculated by multiplying the difference in the parties' spousal support income by a statutory durational factor based on the number of the years of the marriage. For purposes of these presumptions, spousal support income is calculated using the calculation of "gross income" under the child support statutes, regardless of whether there are any children of the marriage. This "gross income" must then be adjusted to reflect the amount that each spouse is determined or obligated to spend in support of the children of the marriage, if any, as reflected on the child support worksheet.
3. It provides that a court shall make written findings if it determines, based on the factors set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 951-A, subsection 5, that application of a rebuttable presumption would be inequitable or unjust in a particular case. It also amends that list of factors to require a court to consider the tax consequences resulting from the division of the marital property, not just from the sale of the marital home, and whether the spousal support incomes of the parties are sufficiently low or high that application of the presumptive spousal support award would be inequitable or unjust.
4. It authorizes a court to enter a separate spousal support award that will take effect upon expiration of a child support obligation that is expected to expire within three years of a final judgment awarding general support.

Public Law 2025, chapter 571 applies to all actions pending on or after January 1, 2027; however, the rebuttable presumption establishing the method for calculating the amount of general spousal support does not apply to a motion to modify an award of general spousal support issued prior to

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January 1, 2027 unless the court first finds that a party has established a substantial change in financial circumstances justifying a modification of the award.

LD 2150 An Act to Enhance Notice to Individuals Whose Access to State Property Has Been Restricted

Public Law 2025, chapter 775 clarifies that a notice or communication that restricts a person from accessing state property or services constitutes final agency action for the purposes of review under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, except that the restriction of access by an entity of the State does not apply to the Department of Corrections with respect to placing restrictions on a resident of a department facility as defined under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 3015, subsection 1.

The law requires the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to collect data on such notices or communications issued and to submit a report regarding that data and the implementation of the law to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters no later than January 15, 2028. The joint standing committee is authorized to report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

LD 2163 An Act to Enhance Crime Victims' Rights

Public Law 2025, chapter 695 amends the laws governing the rights of crime victims in the following ways.

1. It provides that a victim has a right to be notified of the filing, scheduling and outcome of an appeal of a decision of a court about a crime against that victim.
2. It provides that a victim has the right to receive timely notice of and have an opportunity to be heard at any hearing or court proceeding concerning a subpoena issued to a third party for any record that implicates a privilege or a confidentiality or privacy protection for the benefit of the victim as described in Rule 17A(f) of the Maine Rules of Unified Criminal Procedure, including the victim's medical records, mental health counseling or treatment records, educational records or electronic device content or location information.
3. It provides that, in any court proceeding in a criminal case in which a victim has a right to be heard, the victim may retain an attorney to speak on the victim's behalf or may elect to have a victim witness advocate or coordinator speak on the victim's behalf.

LD 2168 An Act to Increase Accountability for Persons Engaged in Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking and to Support Victims

Public Law 2025, chapter 696 provides that a person who committed a crime that caused or contributed to the injury or death for which compensation is sought may receive funds from the

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Victims' Compensation Fund if that person was a victim of aggravated sex trafficking, sex trafficking, sexual exploitation of a minor, commercial sexual exploitation of a minor or commercial sexual exploitation of a person with a mental disability and the crime committed by that person was the direct result of sex trafficking or sexual exploitation. The law increases the mandatory fee for a conviction of soliciting a child for commercial sexual exploitation and for a conviction of commercial sexual exploitation of a minor or person with a mental disability.

LD 2170 An Act to Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine

Public Law 2025, chapter 655 corrects technical inconsistencies, conflicts and errors in the laws of Maine, including by making grammatical changes, correcting cross-references and removing obsolete terminology.

Public Law 2025, chapter 655 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2026.

LD 2176 An Act to Safeguard Personal Information and Strengthen Tenant Rights in Maine

Public Law 2025, chapter 767 adds the disclosure of private information to the definition of "harassment" in the protection from harassment statute. The law increases from \$100 to \$250 the penalty when a landlord enters the dwelling of a tenant without reasonable notice. The law also makes it illegal for a landlord to disclose to any person the personal information of a tenant, prospective tenant, occupant or prospective occupant of a rental property owned or managed by the landlord without the express consent of the tenant, prospective tenant, occupant or prospective occupant, except in certain cases. The law establishes a \$1,000 penalty for a landlord who discloses personal information in violation of this provision.

LD 2193 An Act to Extend the Requirement That the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services Compensate Certain Private Attorneys Appointed to Provide Indigent Legal Services

Public Law 2025, chapter 607 extends the provision of Public Law 2025, chapter 40 that required the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services to compensate a private attorney appointed by a court to represent a person who is eligible to receive indigent legal services if the court finds that no public defender, assigned counsel, contract counsel or employed counsel is available to represent the person; the private attorney is willing to undertake the representation; the private attorney has not been disqualified by the commission; and, if the private attorney is appointed by the trial court, the attorney has least three years of relevant legal experience or, if the private attorney is appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court, the private attorney has either three years of relevant legal experience or previously served as a law clerk analyzing relevant cases. This requirement from Public Law 2025, chapter 40, which expired on February 1, 2026, is extended by Public Law 2025, chapter 607 through April 1, 2027.

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Unlike that prior law, Public Law 2025, chapter 607 clarifies that the commission is not required to reimburse or compensate a court-appointed private attorney for a task that the commission would not reimburse or compensate if the expense was incurred by or the task was performed by assigned counsel. It also clarifies that the commission is not required to compensate more than one private attorney appointed to represent a single indigent legal services client in a single court proceeding.

Public Law 2025, chapter 607 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

LD 2195 An Act to Prohibit the Appointment or Assignment of an Attorney to Provide Indigent Legal Services Without That Attorney’s Consent

Public Law 2025, chapter 639 provides that the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services is not required to reimburse the expenses of or to compensate an attorney appointed or assigned by a court to provide indigent legal services unless the attorney is an “assigned counsel” as that term is defined in the statutes governing the commission; the commission has determined that the attorney is eligible for appointment or assignment in the type of court proceeding to which the attorney has been appointed or assigned; and the attorney consents in advance to the appointment or assignment.

LD 2205 An Act to Update the Laws Governing the Geographic Boundaries Between Certain Judicial Divisions in Aroostook County

Public Law 2025, chapter 552 codifies in statute the geographic boundaries between the Western Aroostook division, served by the Fort Kent District Court, and the Eastern Aroostook division, served by the Caribou District Court, that were established by the Chief Judge for the convenience of the public and that took effect upon closure of the Madawaska District Court on November 1, 2025 as authorized by Public Law 2025, chapter 436.

LD 2207 An Act Regarding the Statute of Limitations for Certain Sexual Offenses Committed Against Minors

Public Law 2025, chapter 617 eliminates the statute of limitations for prosecution of the crime of aggravated sex trafficking and the crime of sexual exploitation of a minor if those crimes were committed against a victim who had not attained the age of 18 years at the time of the crime. These changes apply only to criminal conduct occurring on or after September 1, 2026, or for which the prosecution is not barred by the statute of limitations in force immediately prior to September 1, 2026.

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LD 2219 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Certain Existing Public Records Exceptions

Public Law 2025, chapter 659 implements the following statutory changes recommended by the Right To Know Advisory Committee after reviewing certain existing public records exceptions in Titles 25 to 32.

1. It clarifies to which persons and agencies DNA records may be disclosed.
2. It clarifies the disclosure of information relating to substance abuse testing by an employer.
3. It clarifies that personal contact information of an applicant for an adult use cannabis establishment license and employees of that establishment is not confidential if it has been provided as public contact information.
4. It clarifies that motor vehicle records of certain nongovernment vehicles are confidential.
5. It clarifies that the Secretary of State may not disclose the social security number of an applicant for a driver's license or nondriver identification card.
6. It addresses the confidentiality of personally identifying accident report data contained in the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police accident report database.
7. It clarifies that certain personal contact information of osteopathic physician applicants and licensees is confidential.
8. It clarifies the Board of Osteopathic Licensure's ability to redact applicant or licensee records for potential risks to personal safety.
9. It addresses the disclosure of confidential information held by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection regarding an applicant or licensee related to investigations under the Maine Money Transmission Modernization Act.
10. It clarifies the confidentiality of records provided by a broker-dealer or investment adviser to the Department of Health and Human Services and law enforcement agencies relating to financial exploitation of eligible adults.

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ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this digest. Please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 249 An Act to Update Certain Medical Examiner Fees

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of the bill was incorporated into the biennial budget in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 210, Public Law 2025, chapter 388, Section A-4 and Part X.

LD 549 An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Update Certain Requirements Regarding Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kits

Although this bill was not enacted, requirements for law enforcement agencies to complete inventories of all sexual assault forensic examination kits in their possession and for the Department of Public Safety to establish and maintain a sexual assault forensic examination kit tracking system were incorporated into the supplemental budget. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Public Law 2025, chapter 650, Part 000.

LD 1022 An Act to Protect and Increase Access to Justice in Civil Legal Matters for Persons with Low Incomes

Although this bill was not enacted, the biennial budget enacted in the First Special Session included a one-time appropriation of \$3,000,000 above the baseline to the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund in fiscal year 2025-26. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 210, Public Law 2025, chapter 388, Section A-22.

The supplemental budget enacted in the Second Regular Session also included a one-time appropriation of \$3,000,000 above the baseline to the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund in fiscal year 2026-27 and \$2,000,000 in ongoing appropriations above the baseline to the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund beginning in fiscal year 2026-27. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Public Law 2025, chapter 650, Section A-21.

LD 1139 An Act to Provide Funding for Essential Services for Victims of Crimes

Although this bill was not enacted, the biennial budget enacted in the First Special Session included an ongoing appropriation of \$3,000,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 and a one-time appropriation of an additional \$3,000,000 for each year of the 2025-2026 biennium to replace current and anticipated reductions in grants under the federal victim assistance formula grant program administered by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime pursuant to the federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984. See

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Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 210, Public Law 2025, chapter 388, Section A-17.

The supplemental budget enacted in the Second Regular Session deappropriated the one-time appropriation of \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2026-27 that had been included in the biennial budget and instead included an ongoing appropriation of an additional \$3,000,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2026-27 to replace current and anticipated reductions in grants under the federal victim assistance formula grant program administered by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime pursuant to the federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Public Law 2025, chapter 650, Section A-17.

LD 1816 An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Conduct an Inventory of Existing Forensic Examination Kits in the Possession of Law Enforcement

Although this bill was not enacted, requirements for law enforcement agencies to complete inventories of all sexual assault forensic examination kits in their possession and for the Department of Public Safety to establish and maintain a sexual assault forensic examination kit tracking system were incorporated into the supplemental budget. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Public Law 2025, Part OOO.

LD 2239 An Act to Designate School Sports Participation and Facilities by Sex

This legislation, which is a citizens' initiative, was not voted by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary prior to the adjournment sine die of the Second Regular Session in 2026. Under the Maine Constitution, such a measure shall be submitted to the electors unless enacted without change during the legislative session in which it was presented. Accordingly, this measure is expected to appear on the November 2026 ballot.

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LAB	54	An Act to Require Employers to Disclose Pay Ranges and Maintain Records of Employees' Pay Histories	Roeder, Amy	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	771	
LAB	60	An Act to Allow Employees to Request Flexible Work Schedules	Roeder, Amy	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
LAB	61	An Act to Regulate Employer Surveillance to Protect Workers	Roeder, Amy	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	524	
LAB	111	An Act to Increase the State's Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance	Dodge, Jan	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
LAB	137	An Act to Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan to Include Employees Who Work for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			√
LAB	328	An Act Requiring the State to Pay a Retired State Employee's or Retired Teacher's Premium for Medicare Part B Under Medicare Advantage	Shagoury, Daniel	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
LAB	462	An Act to Amend the Eligibility Criteria for Creditable Service in the Armed Forces of the United States Under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System	Stewart, Trey	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
LAB	467	An Act to Require the State to Pay Medicare Part B Premiums for Certain Retired State Employees	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
LAB	522	Resolve, Directing the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to Study the Extent of Workforce Gender Segregation in the State	Copeland, Lynn	OTP-AM/ONTP	Finally Passed	Resolve	163	
LAB	571	An Act to Improve Conditions for Maine Workers and Retirees	Tipping, Michael	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
LAB	574	An Act to Improve Labor Conditions for Workers in the State	Tipping, Michael	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
LAB	579	An Act to Include Certain Nurses Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	747	√

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LAB	599	An Act to Raise the Salary Threshold for Overtime Pay	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
LAB	653	An Act to Allow Teachers to Qualify for Overtime Pay	Roeder, Amy	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
LAB	669	An Act to Provide a Death Benefit for Department of Transportation Workers	Roeder, Amy	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	749	
LAB	703	An Act to Establish a Health Care Gap Year Program for Recent College Graduates	Rana, Ambureen	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	751	
LAB	725	Resolve, Directing the Efficiency Maine Trust to Study the Quality of Jobs It Creates in Consultation with an Advisory Group	Warren, Sophia	OTP-AM/ONTP	Finally Passed	Resolve	154	
LAB	794	An Act to Include Judicial Marshals in the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
LAB	799	An Act to Report Gender Wage Gaps	Roeder, Amy	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
LAB	877	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Employment Practices and Operations of Transportation Network Companies Operating in the State	Sato, Ellie	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
LAB	900	An Act to Protect State Retiree Pensions from Inflation	Baldacci, Joseph	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
LAB	1003	An Act Establishing the Retirement Improvement Fund	Dodge, Jan	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	756	
LAB	1021	An Act to Remove Certain Cost-of-living Adjustment Restrictions for Retired Members of the Law Enforcement Bargaining Unit Who Are 65 Years of Age or Older	Brenner, Stacy	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			

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LAB	1040	An Act to Raise the Cap on Retirement Benefits for Certain State Employees and Teachers to Which a Cost-of-living Adjustment Is Made	Dodge, Jan	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
LAB	1236	An Act to Address Employee Retention of State Employees Who Are Firefighters at Bangor International Airport	Roeder, Amy	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	759	
LAB	1587	An Act to Clarify the Bureau of Labor Standards' Investigatory and Enforcement Procedures	Beck, Matthew	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	568	
LAB	1611	An Act to Decrease the Retirement Contributions Required for Teachers and State Employees	McCabe, Julie	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
LAB	1774	An Act to Protect Domestic Workers	Talbot Ross, Rachel	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
LAB	1872	An Act to Reinvest in the Pension Funds of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System	Skold, Charles	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
LAB	1993	An Act to Increase the Annual Cap on Funds Assessed for the Safety Education and Training Fund	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	589	
LAB	2018	An Act to Amend the Requirements Governing Self-insurance Plans in the Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program	Mathieson, Kristi	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	686	
LAB	2022	An Act to Clarify the Setting of Group Life Insurance Coverage Levels Under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System	Roeder, Amy	OTP/ONTP	Enacted	PL	562	
LAB	2035	An Act to Increase the Fee Cap for the Board of Licensing of Auctioneers	Roeder, Amy	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	573	

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LAB	2049	An Act to Clarify Indemnification When Seeking Remedy for Labor Law Violations	Beck, Matthew	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
LAB	2067	An Act to Include Community Mental Health Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			√
LAB	2084	An Act to Amend the Laws Regulating Transient Sales of Home Repair Services	Roeder, Amy	OTP/ONTP	Emergency Enacted	PL	553	
LAB	2085	An Act to Include a Certain Emergency Communications Position at the Department of Public Safety in the 1998 Special Plan	Bunker, Stephan	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	595	
LAB	2089	An Act to Amend the Law Governing Agricultural Labor Housing Standards	Pluecker, Bill	OTP-AM/ONTP	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report			
LAB	2101	An Act to Establish a Monetary Penalty for Employers Whose Unemployment Payment Is Returned Unpaid	Roeder, Amy	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	615	
LAB	2110	An Act to Update Employer Substance Use Testing Policy Requirements	Skold, Charles	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	666	
LAB	2145	An Act to Decrease Offsets to Disability Retirement Benefits	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
LAB	2169	An Act to Improve the Public Employees Disability Retirement Program by Modifying Provisions Controlling the Reduction of Benefits and Clarifying Terminology	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	598	
LAB	2218	An Act to Increase the Per Diem Rate for Members of the Maine Labor Relations Board		OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	619	

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LD 54 An Act to Require Employers to Disclose Pay Ranges and Maintain Records of Employees' Pay Histories

Public Law 2025, chapter 771 requires an employer with 10 or more employees to include on a job posting a statement that lists the prospective range of pay the employer will offer to a successful applicant. The law exempts compensation based solely on commission from the definition of “range of pay” and authorizes employers to satisfy the required range of pay posting for positions compensated based solely on commission by providing a statement to applicants that the position is compensated based solely on commission.

Public Law 2025, chapter 771 also requires an employer, upon request of an employee, to disclose the range of pay the employer offers for the position the employee holds and requires the employer to maintain a record of each position held by an employee and the employee’s pay history during the employee’s employment and for three years after the employee’s termination of employment.

LD 61 An Act to Regulate Employer Surveillance to Protect Workers

Public Law 2025, chapter 524 provides that an employer may use employer surveillance only if the employer informs the employee before beginning employer surveillance. The law requires that a written notice that the employer engages in employer surveillance is given to current employees at least once per calendar year.

Public Law 2025, chapter 524 prohibits an employer from using audiovisual monitoring in an employee’s residence or personal vehicle or on the employee’s property and provides that an employee can decline a request by an employer to install data collection or transmission applications on the employee’s personal electronic devices for the purposes of employer surveillance. The law provides an exemption from the audiovisual monitoring restriction for employers who require audiovisual monitoring in the employee’s residence or personal vehicle or on the employee’s property for duties of the job and provides an exemption for the use of surveillance in personal care services settings.

Public Law 2025, chapter 524 also requires that an employer notify a prospective employee during the interview process that the employer engages in employer surveillance.

Public Law 2025, chapter 524 was finally enacted in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 524 became law without the Governor’s signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 522 Resolve, Directing the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to Study the Extent of Workforce Gender Segregation in the State

Resolve 2025, chapter 163 directs the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to study the extent of occupational and workforce segregation by gender in the State and assess any

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disparities in safety or compensation related to that segregation. The commission is required to submit a report based on its findings by December 1, 2027 to the Secretary of State and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters. The joint standing committee may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

LD 579 An Act to Include Certain Nurses Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement

Public Law 2025, chapter 747 adds to the 1998 Special Plan for retirement persons in the employment of the Department of Health and Human Services on October 1, 2026 or hired thereafter who have the job classification of Nurse I, Nurse III, Hospital Nurse II, Hospital Nurse III, Hospital Nurse IV or Licensed Practical Nurse.

LD 669 An Act to Provide a Death Benefit for Department of Transportation Workers

Public Law 2025, chapter 749 adds Department of Transportation employees who die while performing official duties to the list of eligible persons whose families may receive a death benefit payment. The law removes the requirement in prior law that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services adopt rules to calculate the annual percentage increase in the death benefit. The law also requires the State to pay a death benefit in the amount of \$100,000 each to the families of Department of Transportation employees James Brown and Dwayne Campbell, who died January 13, 2026.

LD 703 An Act to Establish a Health Care Gap Year Program for Recent College Graduates

Public Law 2025, chapter 751 provides \$200,000 in one-time funds for fiscal year 2026-27 for a health care gap year program that incentivizes recent college graduates to work in critical health care positions, particularly in underserved and rural communities.

LD 725 Resolve, Directing the Efficiency Maine Trust to Study the Quality of Jobs It Creates in Consultation with an Advisory Group

Resolve 2025, chapter 154 directs the Efficiency Maine Trust to study, within existing resources, the quality of jobs created due to projects funded by the trust. The law directs the trust to convene an advisory group to inform and consult on the development of a survey and to assist in the analysis of the survey results. The findings of the survey must be used to develop the findings and recommendations of the study. The law also requires the director of the trust to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters setting forth the findings and recommendations of the study and authorizes the committee to report out legislation related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

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LD 1003 An Act Establishing the Retirement Improvement Fund

Public Law 2025, chapter 756 establishes the Retirement Improvement Fund to be used for the payment of retirement benefit improvements.

LD 1236 An Act to Address Employee Retention of State Employees Who Are Firefighters at Bangor International Airport

Public Law 2025, chapter 759 establishes a new special retirement plan for firefighters employed by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management at Bangor International Airport that allows those employees to retire after 25 years of service regardless of age.

LD 1587 An Act to Clarify the Bureau of Labor Standards' Investigatory and Enforcement Procedures

Public Law 2025, chapter 568 provides the Director of Labor Standards within the Department of Labor the authority to conduct an investigation when the director believes a person or employer has violated any provision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, chapter 7 or 15. The law provides the penalties the director may order if it is determined that a violation has occurred and authorizes the director to issue a notice of levy if the person or employer charged with a violation fails to pay. The law also requires persons or employers to prominently post in the workplace the notices of violation issued for a violation and requires the person or employer to notify employees if a notice of violation covers a defined period of time.

LD 1993 An Act to Increase the Annual Cap on Funds Assessed for the Safety Education and Training Fund

Public Law 2025, chapter 589 raises the limit on the total annual amount of the assessment that supports the Department of Labor's Safety Education and Training Fund from 1% to 2% of the total of the workers' compensation benefits paid by all licensed carriers and group and individual self-insured employers during the most recent calendar year for which data is available. The law also provides in fiscal year 2026-27 a one-time allocation of \$2,230,000 from the Other Special Revenue Funds to the Department of Labor to support safety education and training programs for employers, owners, employees, educators and students.

LD 2018 An Act to Amend the Requirements Governing Self-insurance Plans in the Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program

Public Law 2025, chapter 686 provides that under the law governing paid family and medical leave the Department of Labor, with respect to a private plan in the form of self-insurance, may not allow the pooling of risk among multiple employers. The law requires that the Department of Labor, with respect to a private plan in the form of self-insurance, must allow multiple employers to share

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the costs of legal, accounting and third-party administrator expenses as long as the arrangements do not result in pooling of risk.

LD 2022 An Act to Clarify the Setting of Group Life Insurance Coverage Levels Under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

Public Law 2025, chapter 562 changes the source of information used to set group life insurance coverage levels under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

LD 2035 An Act to Increase the Fee Cap for the Board of Licensing of Auctioneers

Public Law 2025, chapter 573 increases the cap on fees set by the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to maintain the operations of the Board of Licensing of Auctioneers. The law increases the fee cap from \$200 to \$300.

LD 2084 An Act to Amend the Laws Regulating Transient Sales of Home Repair Services

Public Law 2025, chapter 553 authorizes the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to deny the license of, refuse to renew the license of or impose disciplinary sanctions on a transient seller of home repair services.

Public Law 2025, chapter 553 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 9, 2026.

LD 2085 An Act to Include a Certain Emergency Communications Position at the Department of Public Safety in the 1998 Special Plan

Public Law 2025, chapter 595 provides that a person in the employment of the Department of Public Safety on August 1, 2026 or hired thereafter who has the job classification of emergency communications director is eligible for retirement benefits under the 1998 Special Plan.

LD 2101 An Act to Establish a Monetary Penalty for Employers Whose Unemployment Payment Is Returned Unpaid

Public Law 2025, chapter 615 provides that, if a payment made under the Employment Security Law is returned for any reason, including, but not limited to, insufficient funds, account closure, nonexistence of the account or stop-payment order, the Commissioner of Labor must assess a penalty equal to \$25 or 1% of the payment amount, whichever is greater.

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LD 2110 An Act to Update Employer Substance Use Testing Policy Requirements

Public Law 2025, chapter 666 amends the sections of law governing employer substance use testing programs by doing the following.

1. It clarifies that authorization from the Department of Labor is required for any substance use testing program.
2. It clarifies that an employer who is subject to federal substance use testing requirements must test any nonfederally mandated employees in the same manner as its federally mandated employees.
3. It replaces the term “arbitrary” with “criteria-based testing.”
4. It clarifies the definitions of “legitimate medical explanation” and “observable behavior.”
5. It provides a definition of “random testing.”
6. It clarifies that an employer may not perform a substance use test on its employees unless its facilities comply with the requirements for a qualified testing laboratory.
7. It makes a number of technical changes to the existing areas of law governing employer substance use testing programs.

LD 2169 An Act to Improve the Public Employees Disability Retirement Program by Modifying Provisions Controlling the Reduction of Benefits and Clarifying Terminology

Public Law 2025, chapter 598 makes changes to the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes governing disability retirement benefits for state employees and teachers and for participating local districts.

The law increases the amount of income that is considered substantially gainful activity and increases the limit on income a person may earn from employment or gainful activity before the person’s disability retirement benefit is reduced. It also removes the distinction between the effect on the reduction of benefits of compensation earned from an employer covered under the disability retirement program and from an employer that is not covered, instead establishing one formula and set of requirements applying to earnings from any employer.

The law changes the consequence for exceeding earning limitations to a waivable, prorated reduction of benefits for one year. The new provisions do not include a requirement that a person reimburse the retirement system for any excess payments not deducted by the retirement system, as in current law. The law provides definitions for “final annual compensation” and “substantially gainful activity.”

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The law removes language that requires, in some cases, that disability retirement benefit payments be reduced by any amount received under the United States Social Security Act. It also changes the formula under the Participating Local District Retirement Program for calculating reductions for disability payments under other laws by basing the calculation on average final compensation, not average annual earnings.

The law requires the chief executive officer of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to waive the reduction in the amount that a person's disability retirement benefits must be reduced when the person receives compensation in any year from engaging in any gainful activity or from employment if the person demonstrates that the excess compensation has ceased and that continuing the reduction would cause a hardship.

The law also provides that any person required to reimburse the Maine Public Employees Retirement System for any excess payments due to the receipt of excess compensation from employment under current law as of the effective date of the law does not have to pay that reimbursement.

LD 2218 An Act to Increase the Per Diem Rate for Members of the Maine Labor Relations Board

Public Law 2025, chapter 619 increases the per diem rate for members of the Maine Labor Relations Board from \$75 per day to \$150 per day. The law also increases the per diem rate for the Chair of the Maine Labor Relations Board from \$100 per day to \$200 per day.

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LD 137 An Act to Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan to Include Employees Who Work for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner

Although this bill was not enacted, aspects of the substance of the bill were incorporated into the budget, enacted during the Second Regular Session as Public Law 2025, chapter 650. Part FFFF of Public Law 2025, chapter 650 adds employees of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner within the Department of the Attorney General on August 1, 2026 or hired thereafter to the 1998 Special Retirement Plan in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part FFFF.

LD 579 An Act to Include Certain Mental Health Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement

Aspects of the substance of this bill, as amended by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, were incorporated into the budget, enacted during the Second Regular Session as Public Law 2025, chapter 650. Part FFFF of Public Law 2025, chapter 650 adds employees of the Department of Health and Human Services on August 1, 2026 or hired thereafter who provide crisis outreach and crisis services to adults with developmental disabilities or intellectual disabilities in a community-based or resident setting and who have the job classification of Community Response Worker to the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part FFFF.

LD 579 was placed on the Special Appropriations Table following its amendment by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor. It was subsequently taken off the Special Appropriations Table and further amended to add certain nurses in the employment of the Department of Health and Human Services on October 1, 2026 or hired thereafter to the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. See Labor, Enacted Law Summary, LD 579.

LD 2067 An Act to Include Community Mental Health Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement

Although this bill was not enacted, aspects of the substance of the bill were incorporated into the budget, enacted during the Second Regular Session as Public Law 2025, chapter 650. Part FFFF of Public Law 2025, chapter 650 adds employees of the Department of Health and Human Services on August 1, 2026 or hired thereafter who provide crisis outreach and crisis services to adults with developmental disabilities or intellectual disabilities in a community-based or resident setting and who have the job classification of Community Response Worker to the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part FFFF.

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**Not
Enacted**

LD 475 An Act to Protect Maine's Marine Resources

Leave to Withdraw
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Enacted

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MAR	2002	An Act to Extend the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative to December 31, 2028	Reny, Cameron	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	612	
MAR	2013	An Act to Authorize the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Adopt Emergency Rules to Protect Certain Marine Mammals in Exceptional Circumstances	Hepler, Allison	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	625	
MAR	2024	An Act to Make Changes to Certain Licensing Laws Governing For-hire Charter Boat Operators, Lobster and Crab Fishing and Elver Dealers	Hepler, Allison	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	570	
MAR	2025	An Act to Create a Limited-purpose License for Aquaculture Nursery and Husbandry Activities and to Clarify the Aquaculture Lease Amendment Process	Rielly, Morgan	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	672	
MAR	2031	An Act to Offer Military Veterans a 50 Percent Discount on the License Fee for a Commercial Shellfish License	Tuell, Will	ONTP/OTP-AM	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			

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LD 1353 An Act Regarding Required Landings in the Menhaden Fishery

Public Law 2025, chapter 761 requires the Commissioner of Marine Resources to adopt rules by December 31, 2027 to establish a limited entry commercial menhaden fishing license system that, once the number of licenses falls below 350 licenses and as long as the fishery exit ratio is one to one, provides preference to individuals who meet the established eligibility standards and who, based on municipality of residence, reside the farthest east in Maine. If more than one eligible individual resides in the same municipality, the commissioner is required to determine randomly which individual is given first preference. The commissioner is required to assign licenses under the preference system as soon as practicable following the effective date of the law. Until the commissioner establishes the limited entry system, the eligibility standards must be used, except that the rules may not take effect until all individuals who meet the preference requirements have been offered the opportunity to obtain a license.

LD 1991 An Act to Authorize an Educational Requirement for Seaweed Permit Holders

Public Law 2025, chapter 569 authorizes the Commissioner of Marine Resources to require an educational course for the issuance or renewal of a seaweed permit. If the educational course requirement applies only to certain species of seaweed, the commissioner may require an endorsement on the seaweed permit for those species, which must be made available at no charge.

Public Law 2025, chapter 569 also requires the Department of Marine Resources to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters no later than February 1, 2028 with findings and recommendations related to the implementation of the educational course being developed for the issuance or renewal of a seaweed permit. The committee is authorized to report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

LD 2002 An Act to Extend the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative to December 31, 2028

Public Law 2025, chapter 612 changes the repeal date of the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative to December 31, 2028 and provides that members of the collaborative serve staggered terms. The law also directs the Department of Marine Resources to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters no later than January 1, 2028 with an update on the collaborative and the work accomplished by the collaborative in 2026 and 2027. The committee is authorized to report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

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LD 2013 An Act to Authorize the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Adopt Emergency Rules to Protect Certain Marine Mammals in Exceptional Circumstances

Public Law 2025, chapter 625 authorizes the Commissioner of Marine Resources to adopt emergency rules under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8054 to limit the taking of marine organisms by method or location to protect certain marine mammals when the commissioner determines that immediate action is necessary to mitigate circumstances posing an exceptionally high level of risk to those mammals. The law also requires the Department of Marine Resources to submit a report annually, on or before January 1st, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters regarding the use of emergency rulemaking and authorizes the committee to report out a bill based on the report to any regular or special session of the Legislature in the year the report is due.

LD 2024 An Act to Make Changes to Certain Licensing Laws Governing For-hire Charter Boat Operators, Lobster and Crab Fishing and Elver Dealers

Public Law 2025, chapter 570 makes the following changes to certain licensing laws related to marine resources.

1. It clarifies eligibility requirements for a for-hire charter boat operator's license.
2. It amends a provision of law governing lobster and crab trap limits by removing language that describes trap limits prior to March 1, 2000 and repealing a provision that establishes a specific civil penalty for violating trap limits.
3. It removes a prohibition on issuing an elver dealer's license or supplemental license to a person using the same business address as a person who has violated certain laws governing elver dealers for at least 5 years following the violation.

LD 2025 An Act to Create a Limited-purpose License for Aquaculture Nursery and Husbandry Activities and to Clarify the Aquaculture Lease Amendment Process

Public Law 2025, chapter 672 establishes a limited-purpose license for aquaculture nursery and husbandry activities and a process for amending certain types of aquaculture leases to include new species, gear, equipment and structure.

Public Law 2025, chapter 672 also makes the following changes to clarify the aquaculture lease process.

1. It removes the requirement that the holder of a research and aquaculture lease submit an annual seeding and harvesting report for the past year and a seeding and harvesting plan for the coming year.

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2. It establishes a 30-day period after the expiration of a limited-purpose lease for commercial aquaculture research and development in which the holder of the lease may submit an application to extend the lease and submit a \$500 late fee for the lease to remain in effect until the Commissioner of Marine Resources makes a decision regarding the application.
3. It removes the development and management of water quality licensing and monitoring criteria and analysis and evaluation of monitoring data from the allowable expenditures from the Aquaculture Management Fund and allows funds to be used to improve agency management of existing sites, including conducting education and outreach about compliance and inspection.
4. It requires access to aquaculture lease sites, licenses and permits by the commissioner or the commissioner's agent for the purpose of the inspection or the collection of samples and establishes requirements for the collection of samples.
5. It clarifies that seeding and harvesting reports that were submitted to the Department of Marine Resources that were confidential at the time the report was submitted remain confidential until those reports are no longer retained by the department pursuant to any records retention schedule.
6. It makes the results of testing of a sample collected by the Department of Marine Resources confidential except in certain cases.
7. It prohibits the Department of Marine Resources from issuing limited-purpose licenses or authorizing lease amendments for aquaculture until rules are adopted.

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Not Enacted	LD 616	An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission to Commemorate the United States of America's 250th Birthday in 2026	Died On Adjournment
	LD 624	Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study a Legislative Internship Program	Died On Adjournment
	LD 634	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Reduction of Unfunded and Outdated Municipal and County Mandates	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1577	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study and Recommend Solutions for Modernizing the Maine Legislature	ONTP
	LD 1649	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study and Recommend Solutions for Modernizing and Improving the Effectiveness of the Legislature	Died On Adjournment

Constitutional Amendments

Not Enacted	LD 1052	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the State Auditor as a Constitutional Officer	Died On Adjournment
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Constitutional Officers

Not Enacted	LD 1052	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the State Auditor as a Constitutional Officer	Died On Adjournment
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County Government - Budget

Enacted	LD 2158	An Act to Address Vacancies on the Knox County Budget Committee	P & S 14
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County Government - General

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Enacted	LD 1934	An Act to Promote Responsible Outdoor Lighting	PUBLIC 516
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	LD 2214	An Act to Confirm and Finalize the Boundary Between the Town of Kittery and the Town of York	P & S 16
Not Enacted	LD 849	An Act to Establish a Recall Process for Public School Board Members	ONTP

Local Government - Roads

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Public Employment

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	LD 1744	An Act to Modify Provisions of the State Civil Service System Governing Employee Recruitment and Retention	PUBLIC 623
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Not Enacted	LD 1539	An Act to Create a State Employee Compensation Stabilization Fund	Died On Adjournment

Public Purchasing and Contracting

Not Enacted	LD 1449	Resolve, Establishing the Working Group on Modernizing State Grants, Contracts and Procurement	Died On Adjournment
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Enacted	LD 1004	An Act to Adjust Certain Implementation and Reporting Dates in Legislation Held by the Governor That Became Law	PUBLIC 757
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	LD 2092	An Act to Update Certain Terms and References Regarding Information Technology and Cybersecurity	PUBLIC 698
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Not Enacted	LD 564	An Act to Improve the Operations of State Government	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
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	LD 1383	An Act to Require State Divestment from Perpetrators of International Human Rights Violations	ONTP
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State Government - Legislature

Enacted	LD 1668	An Act Regarding the Voting Requirement to Extend the Date for Adjournment of the Legislature	PUBLIC 505
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Not Enacted	LD 590	An Act Regarding the Inclusion of Racial and Other Demographic Data from State Agencies in the Legislative Process	Died On Adjournment
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	LD 695	An Act Regarding the Laws of the State of Maine	Died Between Houses
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	LD 1673	Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Facilitate the Inclusion of Economic Impact Statements in the Legislative Process	Died On Adjournment
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State Government - Property

Enacted	LD 2138	Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property in Bangor	RESOLVE 155
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	LD 2139	Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property in East Millinocket	RESOLVE 152
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Not Enacted	LD 984	An Act to Require State-owned or Leased Buildings Occupied by 50 or More Executive Branch Employees to Have at Least One Automated External Defibrillator and One Bleeding Control Kit	Died On Adjournment
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Enacted	LD 2069	An Act Designating July 21st as Maine Commercial Fishing Remembrance Day	PUBLIC 564
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Subpoena Power

Not Enacted	LD 273	An Act Related to the Issuance of Subpoena Power to Entities Created by Executive Order	Died On Adjournment
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Unclaimed Property

Enacted	LD 1969	An Act to Amend the Maine Revised Unclaimed Property Act and Clarify the Definition of "Virtual Currency"	PUBLIC 675
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United States Constitutional Convention

Not Enacted	LD 1059	An Act to Establish the Process for the Selection of Delegates for a Convention Called Under the United States Constitution, Article V	Minority (ONTP) Report
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SLG	564	An Act to Improve the Operations of State Government	Baldacci, Joseph	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
SLG	590	An Act Regarding the Inclusion of Racial and Other Demographic Data from State Agencies in the Legislative Process	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
SLG	616	An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission to Commemorate the United States of America's 250th Birthday in 2026	Greenwood, Randall	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
SLG	624	Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study a Legislative Internship Program	Osher, Laurie	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
SLG	634	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Reduction of Unfunded and Outdated Municipal and County Mandates	Tuell, Will	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
SLG	695	An Act Regarding the Laws of the State of Maine	Pierce, Teresa	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Died Between Houses			
SLG	849	An Act to Establish a Recall Process for Public School Board Members	Sayre, Dan	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
SLG	984	An Act to Require State-owned or Leased Buildings Occupied by 50 or More Executive Branch Employees to Have at Least One Automated External Defibrillator and One Bleeding Control Kit	Moore, Marianne	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
SLG	1004	An Act to Adjust Certain Implementation and Reporting Dates in Legislation Held by the Governor That Became Law	Moonen, Matt	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	757	
SLG	1052	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the State Auditor as a Constitutional Officer	Salisbury, Suzanne	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			

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SLG	1265	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Public Employee Market Pay Studies and Comprehensive Reviews of the Classification Plan for State Service Positions	Dhalac, Deqa	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	539	
SLG	1383	An Act to Require State Divestment from Perpetrators of International Human Rights Violations	Macias, Rafael	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
SLG	1449	Resolve, Establishing the Working Group on Modernizing State Grants, Contracts and Procurement	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
SLG	1539	An Act to Create a State Employee Compensation Stabilization Fund	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
SLG	1566	An Act to Provide Compensation to Individuals with Lived Experience Serving on Certain Advisory Boards, Commissions, Councils and Similar Groups	DeBrito, Flavia	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	503	
SLG	1577	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study and Recommend Solutions for Modernizing the Maine Legislature	Rielly, Morgan	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
SLG	1649	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study and Recommend Solutions for Modernizing and Improving the Effectiveness of the Legislature	Stewart, Trey	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
SLG	1668	An Act Regarding the Voting Requirement to Extend the Date for Adjournment of the Legislature	Duson, Jill	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	505	
SLG	1673	Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Facilitate the Inclusion of Economic Impact Statements in the Legislative Process	Roberts, Tiffany	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
SLG	1741	An Act Regarding Vacancies in the Office of Sheriff	Stover, Holly	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	572	
SLG	1744	An Act to Modify Provisions of the State Civil Service System Governing Employee Recruitment and Retention	Rollins, David	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	623	

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SLG	1969	An Act to Amend the Maine Revised Unclaimed Property Act and Clarify the Definition of "Virtual Currency"	Rielly, Morgan	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	675	
SLG	1985	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Abandoned and Discontinued Roads Commission		OTP	Enacted	PL	518	
SLG	2009	An Act to Clarify the Requirements of a County Audit	Moore, Marianne	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	673	
SLG	2042	An Act to Clarify the Requirement for Municipalities to Provide Public Notice in a Newspaper	Black, Russell	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	613	
SLG	2069	An Act Designating July 21st as Maine Commercial Fishing Remembrance Day	Tuell, Will	OTP	Enacted	PL	564	
SLG	2092	An Act to Update Certain Terms and References Regarding Information Technology and Cybersecurity	Salisbury, Suzanne	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	698	
SLG	2093	An Act to Codify and Update a Provision of Private and Special Law Governing Temporary Disability for State Employees	Salisbury, Suzanne	OTP	Enacted	PL	629	
SLG	2138	Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property in Bangor	Baldacci, Joseph	OTP	Finally Passed	Resolve	155	
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SLG	2148	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Health Insurance Premium Cap for State Employees	Reny, Cameron	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	685	
SLG	2158	An Act to Address Vacancies on the Knox County Budget Committee	Pluecker, Bill	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	P&S	14	

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SLG	2180	An Act to Make Changes to the Laws Regarding the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources and the State Civil Service Appeals Board	Salisbury, Suzanne	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	663	
SLG	2214	An Act to Confirm and Finalize the Boundary Between the Town of Kittery and the Town of York	Mathieson, Kristi	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	P&S	16	
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LD 1004 An Act to Adjust Certain Implementation and Reporting Dates in Legislation Held by the Governor That Became Law

Public Law 2025, chapter 757 updates, as necessary, certain dates for implementation or reporting contained in legislation held by the Governor that became law in January 2026. Upon the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session of the 132nd Legislature on June 25, 2025, the Governor remained in possession of certain legislation finally enacted or passed by the Legislature and presented to the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of such legislation not signed by the Governor was determined in January 2026 during the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature. Public Law 2025, chapter 757 updates the following dates for implementation or reporting contained in such legislation held by the Governor that became law in January 2026, as described below.

1. Part A amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 500 governing the activities of the Maine Aomori Sister-State Advisory Council to provide that the first annual report of that council to the Governor and to the Legislature is due by February 1, 2027 instead of by February 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
2. Part B amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 508 requiring the University of Maine System to report to the Legislature regarding the establishment and implementation of a rural practice track at the University of Maine School of Law. It provides that this report must be submitted no later than January 1, 2027 instead of no later than January 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
3. Part C amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 510 governing the accessibility of law enforcement agency policies and procedures to provide that a law enforcement agency must publish and make publicly available its policies and procedures by January 1, 2027 instead of by January 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
4. Part D amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 512 requiring the Department of Administrative Services, Office of Cannabis Policy to provisionally adopt and submit for legislative review rules necessary to implement a medical cannabis research grant program. It provides that those rules must be submitted for legislative review on or before January 8, 2027 instead of on or before January 9, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
5. Part E amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 520 as follows.
 - A. It amends the law governing the activities of the Maine Emergency Medical Services Commission to provide that the first annual report of the commission to the Governor and the Legislature is due by January 1, 2027 instead of by January 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
 - B. It amends the provision of that public law requiring the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services to conduct a funding needs analysis of communities seeking to engage in regional collaboration or the adoption of a regional model in the delivery of

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emergency medical services. It provides that the report regarding that funding needs analysis must be submitted to the Legislature on or before December 15, 2026 instead of on or before December 3, 2025, as was previously provided in law.

- C. It amends the provision of that public law requiring the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services to submit to the Legislature a report, including proposed draft legislation, for the reorganization of the Emergency Medical Services' Board. It provides that this report must be submitted by December 15, 2026 instead of by December 3, 2025 as was previously provided in law.
 - D. It amends the provision of that public law requiring the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services to implement a public information campaign regarding emergency medical services and to submit a report to the Legislature prior to the initiation of the campaign regarding resource needs for the campaign. It provides that this report must be submitted by December 15, 2026 instead of by December 3, 2025 as was previously provided in law and that the public information campaign must be implemented by July 1, 2027 instead of by July 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
6. Part F amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 522 as follows.
- A. It amends a provision of law requiring the Department of Health and Human Services, after October 1, 2025, to notify the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over health and human services matters whenever a children's residential care facility ceases operations. It changes the start date for this notification requirement to October 1, 2026.
 - B. It amends the provision of that public law requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a child residential treatment provider stakeholder group and to submit a report to the Legislature. It changes the date that report is due from no later than December 3, 2025 to no later than January 15, 2027.
 - C. It amends the provision of that public law requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to develop and submit to the Legislature a report regarding children's behavioral health services data. It changes the date that report is due from no later than December 3, 2025 to no later than January 15, 2027.
7. Part G amends the effective date provision in Public Law 2025, chapter 523 to indicate that chapter 523 takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature, instead of January 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
8. Part H amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 529 requiring school administrative units, beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, to develop and implement a policy regarding access to automated external defibrillators at school-sponsored athletic events. It provides that this requirement begins with the 2027-2028 school year instead.
9. Part I amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 536 as follows.

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- A. It amends the provision of law requiring the State Liquor and Lottery Commission to develop and initiate a tick laboratory instant lottery game. It requires that lottery game to be initiated no later than July 1, 2027 instead of no later than July 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
 - B. It amends the provision of that public law requiring the State Liquor and Lottery Commission to submit a report to the Legislature regarding the status of the tick laboratory instant lottery game. It provides that this report is due by December 15, 2029 instead of by December 15, 2028 as was previously provided in law.
10. Part J amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 119 governing the date by which the Department of Health and Human Services is required to issue a request for applications for a grant to establish a pilot program to develop one child assertive community treatment team to serve the Lewiston or Bangor geographic area. It changes that date to March 1, 2027 instead of March 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
11. Part K amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 121 governing the activities of the Maine Arts Commission to require that the commission report its findings, including any suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs by January 15, 2027 instead of December 3, 2025 as was previously provided in law.
12. Part L amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 122 governing the date by which the Department of Education is required to submit a report to the Legislature on data collected by the department on the number of mathematics classes required for a high school diploma at secondary schools in the State. It changes the date that the report is due to January 15, 2027 instead of January 15, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
13. Part M amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 124 governing the date by which the Department of Education is required to submit a report to the Legislature on its review of teacher mentoring programs in public schools in the State. It changes the date that the report is due to February 15, 2027 instead of February 16, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
14. Part N amends Resolve 2025, chapter 125 as follows.
- A. It amends the provision of law governing the date by which the Department of Education is required to submit a report to the Legislature on the results of a survey sent to all administrative units in the State to collect data and information on the status of personal finance education in schools. It changes the date that the report is due to January 15, 2027 instead of January 15, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
 - B. It amends the provision of law providing that the Department of Education is required to convene a working group of relevant stakeholders to develop recommendations on increasing accessibility to personal finance education to students in the State of all grade

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- levels. It changes the date that the working group must be convened to January 2027 instead of January 2026 as was previously provided in law.
- C. It amends the provision of law governing the date by which the Department of Education is required to submit a report to the Legislature on the findings and recommendations of the working group. It changes the date that the report is due to March 1, 2027 instead of March 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
15. Part O amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 126 governing the distribution by the Department of Education of best practices for training in de-escalation and behavior intervention to all school administrative units developed pursuant to the resolve. It changes the date by which those best practices must be distributed to September 1, 2027 instead of September 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
16. Part P amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 127 governing the date by which the Department of Education is required to submit a report on abbreviated school day placements to the Legislature. It changes the date by which that report is due to February 1, 2027 instead of February 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
17. Part Q amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 128 governing the date by which the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council is required to submit a report of the working group established in the resolve to the Legislature. It changes the date by which that report is due to January 31, 2027 instead of January 31, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
18. Part R amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 130 governing the date by which the Department of Corrections is required to report its findings related to the study required in the resolve on the extent of gender inequality present in the programs, services, facilities and policies administered or overseen by the department to the Legislature. It changes the date that report is due to January 15, 2027 instead of December 3, 2025 as was previously provided in law.
19. Part S amends Resolve 2025, chapter 131 as follows.
- A. It updates any references to the former Governor’s Energy Office to the Department of Energy Resources, pursuant to Public Law 2025, chapter 476 (LD 1270).
- B. It amends the date by which the Department of Energy Resources is required to submit a report to the Legislature on the evaluation required in this resolve. It changes the date by which that report is due to February 1, 2027 instead of February 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.

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LD 1265 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Public Employee Market Pay Studies and Comprehensive Reviews of the Classification Plan for State Service Positions

Public Law 2025, chapter 539 modifies the provisions of civil service law requiring periodic market pay studies and periodic review of the plan for state employee job classification by requiring that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources issue a request for proposals and contract with an experienced contractor to complete those market pay studies and reviews. It also provides one-time funding to contract with a consultant to complete market pay studies and reviews prior to the report deadline of September 30, 2028.

Public Law 2025, chapter 539 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 539 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1566 An Act to Provide Compensation to Individuals with Lived Experience Serving on Certain Advisory Boards, Commissions, Councils and Similar Groups

Public Law 2025, chapter 503 amends the law governing compensation and reimbursement for expenses for board members serving on advisory boards and boards with minimal authority established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I. It provides an exception for boards that are not currently authorized to receive compensation or reimbursement for expenses to allow board members who have lived experience, or first-hand knowledge or direct experience related to the content, subject matter, responsibilities or authority of the board that helps increase equity in the representation of perspectives and backgrounds of members, to receive lived experience compensation if they are not otherwise compensated for their time serving on such a board by their employer or the entity they represent and the member is explicitly identified as a member representing lived experience in the statutory language establishing the member's position as a member of a board.

Public Law 2025, chapter 503 also allows the Secretary of State to provide compensation to members representing lived experience and provides a one-time General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2025-26 of \$5,000. It provides that if a department or agency of State Government with which a board is associated does not have sufficient money in the budget of the department or agency to provide compensation and reimburse expenses to members representing lived experience, a member representing lived experience or the board with which the member is associated may apply for compensation from the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State is required to develop, as necessary, policies or procedures to prioritize compensation for members representing lived experience, and compensation is only allowable to the extent that funding is available.

Public Law 2025, chapter 503 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor.

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Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 503 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1668 An Act Regarding the Voting Requirement to Extend the Date for Adjournment of the Legislature

Public Law 2025, chapter 505 removes the requirement that a vote to extend the length of a regular session of the Legislature beyond the statutory adjournment date be done by 2/3 of the members of the Senate and House present and voting and instead requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Senate and House present and voting.

Public Law 2025, chapter 505 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 505 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1741 An Act Regarding Vacancies in the Office of Sheriff

Public Law 2025, chapter 572 provides that, in the case of a vacancy in the office of sheriff, if the county political committee submits one or more recommendations to the Governor for consideration for appointment as sheriff, the chief deputy exercising the same rights and powers of the sheriff during the vacancy of the office of sheriff must be included for consideration for appointment as sheriff if the chief deputy is enrolled in the same political party as the sheriff whose term is vacant. The law also specifies that if the office of sheriff becomes vacant because of death, resignation or otherwise, the chief deputy has and may exercise the same rights and powers and is subject to the same duties and liabilities as a sheriff until the vacancy in the office of sheriff is filled as provided in the Constitution of Maine.

LD 1744 An Act to Modify Provisions of the State Civil Service System Governing Employee Recruitment and Retention

Public Law 2025, chapter 623 makes the following changes to the laws governing recruitment and retention adjustments for state employees in the classified service.

1. It requires a state agency or bargaining agent to file a request for a recruitment and retention adjustment with the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources on forms prescribed by the bureau.
2. It establishes that a recruitment and retention adjustment may be authorized by the State Human Resources Officer only when justified by prescribed conditions. It also, subject to certain exceptions, requires a committee to be established to evaluate each request from a state agency or bargaining agent for a recruitment and retention adjustment.

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3. It establishes a preliminary review process to be completed by the State Human Resources Officer when a request for a recruitment and retention adjustment is filed. The purpose of the preliminary review is to determine the extent to which vacancy rates, turnover rates or other workforce indicators identified in the request are attributable to certain conditions that would not require a committee to be formed to evaluate the request. This preliminary review process must be completed within 30 days following the receipt of the request.
4. It requires a recruitment and retention adjustment to be reviewed at least every four years in alignment with the market pay study required pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7061, subsection 4, paragraph B and adjusted to changes in the labor market or the overall relation of the standard pay policy to the specialized labor market.
5. It establishes an appeals process for decisions of the State Human Resources Officer.
6. It establishes that if resources within a department or agency budget do not exist to fund an approved adjustment, the State Human Resources Officer must submit the cost items for inclusion in the Governor's next operating budget. If the Legislature does not appropriate the requested funds, the department or agency is not obligated to make the adjustment.

LD 1934 An Act to Promote Responsible Outdoor Lighting

Effective September 30, 2026, Public Law 2025, chapter 516 requires that public outdoor lighting installed or replaced after October 1, 2026 comply with certain standards, including standards established by the American National Standards Institute and the Illuminating Engineering Society, intended to reduce the amount of unnecessary light emitted. It includes exemptions for certain types of lighting such as outdoor sports lighting, temporary lighting and required and emergency lighting. The law directs certain departments to adopt rules to implement the requirements of the law. It also provides that a municipality in the State may adopt a local ordinance to promote compliance with the provisions of this law and allows a municipality to adopt ordinances that are stricter than those required by the law.

Public Law 2025, chapter 516 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 516 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1969 An Act to Amend the Maine Revised Unclaimed Property Act and Clarify the Definition of "Virtual Currency"

Public Law 2025, chapter 675 makes the following changes to the Maine Revised Unclaimed Property Act.

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1. It establishes virtual currency as a property type, defines the term and adds provisions regarding the presumed abandonment and liquidation of virtual currency.
2. It establishes new provisions of law or clarifies existing provisions of law governing the presumption of abandonment for certain types of accounts.
3. It prohibits charging escheat fees on certain accounts.
4. It specifies how long proceeds from an insurance policy or annuity must be retained by an insurance company or financial organization.
5. It strengthens certain confidentiality protections among other changes.

LD 1985 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Abandoned and Discontinued Roads Commission

Public Law 2025, chapter 518 implements the recommendations of the Maine Abandoned and Discontinued Roads Commission included in its annual report dated February 3, 2025 as follows.

1. It limits liability for repairs and maintenance of a public easement of an owner, lessee or occupant of property abutting a public easement.
2. It amends current law to provide municipalities and village corporations, through a vote of approval by their legislative bodies, the option to determine if they will be responsible to maintain and repair public easements or portions of public easements to a minimum level of maintenance until the legislative body votes to discontinue providing year-round repairs and maintenance.
3. It provides that county commissioners and municipal officers may designate public ways and public easements regardless of whether the municipality maintains or repairs the public easements and impose restrictions within their respective jurisdictions similar to those made by the Department of Transportation.
4. It provides an ongoing annual appropriation of \$6,500 to the Road Commission Fund program to provide expense reimbursement for members and to support the work of the Maine Abandoned and Discontinued Roads Commission.

Public Law 2025, chapter 518 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 518 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

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LD 2009 An Act to Clarify the Requirements of a County Audit

Public Law 2025, chapter 673 amends the law governing the requirements of an annual county audit in the following ways.

1. It requires that when a county audit is conducted by a certified public accountant, the audit, upon completion, must be forwarded to the Office of the State Auditor within 12 months of the date of the close of the fiscal year.
2. It specifies that the Office of the State Auditor must review the audit for completeness.
3. It provides that the audit, including the management letter, is a public document and must be posted on the Office of the State Auditor's publicly accessible website no later than 30 days after receipt.
4. It authorizes the State Auditor to grant an exception to the requirement for a county to forward a completed annual audit to the Office of the State Auditor within 12 months of the date of the close of the fiscal year under extenuating circumstances as determined by the State Auditor.
5. It directs the Office of the State Auditor to make public any requests for an exception along with the State Auditor's decision within 60 days of the receipt of a request for an exception.

LD 2042 An Act to Clarify the Requirement for Municipalities to Provide Public Notice in a Newspaper

Public Law 2025, chapter 613 provides an alternative way for a municipality to provide public notice as required in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A. It clarifies that a municipality required by law to place a public notice in a newspaper may meet this requirement by placing the notice on the newspaper's publicly accessible website or the statewide repository for legal notices as described in Title 1, section 603, subsection 2 as long as either action is followed by placement of the notice in the next available print edition of the newspaper. The law also specifies that the notice on the newspaper's publicly accessible website must contain all information required to be published in a newspaper.

LD 2069 An Act Designating July 21st as Maine Commercial Fishing Remembrance Day

Public Law 2025, chapter 564 designates July 21st of each year as Maine Commercial Fishing Remembrance Day and directs the Governor to annually issue a proclamation honoring and recognizing those individuals who have lost their lives participating in a commercial fishery in the State.

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LD 2092 An Act to Update Certain Terms and References Regarding Information Technology and Cybersecurity

Public Law 2025, chapter 698 makes the following technical changes to update the statutes governing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology to align with recent statutory updates.

1. It allows the Chief Information Officer to have an authorized designee in certain instances.
2. It includes certain definitions to align with the recently enacted definition of “cyberattack” and updates certain terminology to reflect national best practices for cybersecurity and information security.
3. It updates a provision of statute regarding competitive bidding to allow the office to procure information technology products or services necessary to detect, prevent and respond to cyberattacks.

LD 2093 An Act to Codify and Update a Provision of Private and Special Law Governing Temporary Disability for State Employees

Public Law 2025, chapter 629 repeals a provision of private and special law governing temporary disability for state employees and enacts that provision, with minor changes, in the Maine Revised Statutes.

LD 2138 Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property in Bangor

Resolve 2025, chapter 155 authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to convey a building at 159 Hogan Road in Bangor, currently leased to United Cerebral Palsy of Northeastern Maine and known as “the Elizabeth Levinson Center,” to United Cerebral Palsy of Northeastern Maine. It also specifies that the authority to convey the property under this resolve is repealed 5 years from its effective date.

LD 2139 Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property in East Millinocket

Resolve 2025, chapter 152 authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into an option agreement with the Town of East Millinocket for the sale of all or portions of land surrounding and including the state property known as “the Dolby Landfill” in the Town of East Millinocket. It also specifies that the authorization to convey property granted by this resolve is repealed 5 years from its effective date.

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LD 2148 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Health Insurance Premium Cap for State Employees

Public Law 2025, chapter 685 amends the laws governing the health insurance premium cap for state employees. It provides that the total premium increase for active and retired state employee health insurance for fiscal years ending after June 30, 2026 is limited to no more than any percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index plus 10%. The limitation does not apply to the fully insured Medicare Advantage prescription drug plan.

LD 2158 An Act to Address Vacancies on the Knox County Budget Committee

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 14 provides temporary authority for the Knox County commissioners to appoint eligible residents to the budget committee whenever, due to a vacancy, a quorum cannot be attained. This law establishes a process for recognizing recommendations of eligible residents of Knox County put forward by municipalities located in the district for the seat that is vacant. The law does not affect the requirement of the budget committee to fill vacancies once it has a quorum. The authority granted by this law expires December 31, 2028.

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 14 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 14, 2026.

LD 2180 An Act to Make Changes to the Laws Regarding the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources and the State Civil Service Appeals Board

Public Law 2025, chapter 663 makes the following changes to the laws related to the State Civil Service Appeals Board and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources and their functions.

1. It adds exemptions to the laws governing the unauthorized practice of law for a person who is not an attorney but is representing the State before the State Civil Service Appeals Board on a reclassification, reallocation or reorganization appeal or is representing the State before an arbitrator related to a grievance filed under a collective bargaining agreement.
2. It amends the laws governing the procedure an aggrieved employee and a state department or agency head must follow in order for a dispute to be submitted to the State Civil Service Appeals Board.

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LD 2214 An Act to Confirm and Finalize the Boundary Between the Town of Kittery and the Town of York

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 16 describes the common boundary between the Town of Kittery and the Town of York.

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 16 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

LD 2228 An Act to Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions

Public Law 2025, 704 eliminates three boards or commissions that filed an annual report with the Secretary of State in both 2024 and 2025 that indicated the board or commission was inactive during 2024 and 2025: the State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force; the Board of Licensure of Professional Investigators; and the Polygraph Examiners Advisory Board.

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Committee	LD	Title	Sponsor	Committee Vote	Disposition	Law	Ch #	Analyst Note
TAX	15	An Act to Modify the Excise Tax on Camper Trailers	Libby, James	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	523	
TAX	140	An Act to Incrementally Increase the Homestead Property Tax Exemption	Baldacci, Joseph	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	145	An Act to Provide Funding to the Office of Aging and Disability Services to Support the Long-term Care Ombudsman	Rotundo, Margaret	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	741	
TAX	191	An Act to Support Maine Businesses by Establishing a Pass-through Entity Tax and Tax Credit	Hasenfus, Tavis	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			√
TAX	192	An Act to Exempt from State Sales Tax Utility Vehicles Purchased for Use in Commercial Fishing, Agricultural Production, Aquacultural Production and Wood Harvesting	Faulkingham, Billy Bob	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	229	An Act to Bring Fairness in Income Taxes to Maine Families by Adjusting the Tax Brackets and Tax Rates	Matlack, Ann	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	264	An Act to Remove the 12-month Waiting Period for the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption	Hepler, Allison	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	326	An Act to Increase the Property Tax Exemption Provided to Individuals Who Are Legally Blind	Bridgeo, William	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			√
TAX	382	An Act to Establish a System of Revenue Sharing for the Use and Management of Coastal Resources	Martin, Joseph	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TAX	435	An Act to Expand the Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit	Hasenfus, Tavis	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	438	An Act to Allow Municipalities to Limit Nonprofit Property Tax Exemptions	Hymes, Benjamin	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TAX	713	An Act to Exclude Data Centers from the Business Equipment Tax Exemption and the Dirigo Business Incentives Program and to Require the Department of Economic and Community Development to Study Financial Incentives for Data Centers	Cloutier, Kristen	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	768	

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TAX	714	An Act to Allow the Victim of a Fraudulent Scheme to Claim a State Income Tax Deduction for Losses Attributable to the Fraudulent Scheme	Cloutier, Kristen	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	715	An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief by Increasing the Availability of the Property Tax Fairness Credit Based on a Resident's Age and Income	Milliken, Nina	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	756	An Act Creating and Sustaining Jobs Through the Development of Cooperatives and Employee-owned Businesses by Providing Tax Deductions for Certain Qualified Business Activities	Reny, Cameron	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	883	An Act to Extend the Sunset Date of the Access to Justice Tax Credit	Quint, Tracy	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	888	An Act to Expand Property Tax Relief for Veterans and Survivors of Veterans	Hymes, Benjamin	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			√
TAX	926	An Act to Promote Research and Development in the State by Amending the Research Expense Tax Credit	Sayre, Dan	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TAX	1056	An Act to Clarify the Tax Treatment of Prepaid Wireless Telecommunications Service in Maine	Crockett, Ed	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	1089	An Act to Permanently Fund 55 Percent of the State's Share of Education by Establishing a Tax on Incomes of More than \$1,000,000	Golek, Cheryl	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	1099	An Act to Exempt Diapers from Sales Tax	Murphy, Kelly	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			

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TAX	1107	An Act to Amend the Tax Expenditure Review Process and Centralize Incentive Data Collection	Sachs, Melanie	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	1211	An Act Regarding Certain Definitions in the Sales and Use Tax Laws Affecting Rental Equipment	Farrin, Brad	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	1223	An Act to Establish an Income Tax Credit for Net Energy Billing Costs	Foster, Steven	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	1294	An Act to Expand the Dependent Exemption Tax Credit	Daughtry, Matthea	OTP-AM/ONTP/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	1313	An Act to Promote Equity in the Forest Products Industry by Allowing Commercial Wood Haulers to Be Eligible for Certain Sales Tax Exemptions and Refunds	Farrin, Brad	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	1419	An Act to Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Housing Constructed Off-site Similar to That for On-site Construction	Bennett, Richard	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	1506	An Act to Amend the Personal Property Tax Exemption for Individually Owned Personal Property	Greenwood, Randall	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	1515	An Act to Exempt Wheelchair Adapted Motor Vehicles from the Sales and Use Tax	Arata, Amy	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	1555	An Act to Establish an Employer Tax Credit for Qualifying Child Care Costs	Hasenfus, Tavis	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	1574	An Act to Amend the Credit for Educational Opportunity and Student Loan Repayment Tax Credit	Jackson, Caldwell	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	1652	An Act to Expand the Dental Care Access Credit	Stover, Holly	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	713	
TAX	1654	An Act to Exempt Certain Sales and Transfers of Adult Use Cannabis from Excise Tax	Boyer, Jr., David	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	504	
TAX	1665	An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief to Maine Families	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	1682	An Act to Increase Fairness in the Income Tax by Adding Higher Tax Brackets and Tax Rates	Osher, Laurie	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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TAX	1694	An Act to Provide an Income Tax Credit for Certain Disaster Mitigation Projects for Working Waterfront Property	Rielly, Morgan	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TAX	1699	An Act to Create a Refundable Tax Credit for Agricultural Enterprises	Pluecker, Bill	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TAX	1734	An Act to Exempt Over-the-counter Medicines from the Sales and Use Tax	Daughtry, Matthea	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	1735	An Act to Provide an Income Tax Deduction for Certain Contributions to a Qualified Achieving a Better Life Experience Program Account	Guerin, Stacey	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	1879	An Act to Support Maine's Agricultural Economy by Increasing Revenue from the Corporate Income Tax	Pluecker, Bill	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	1931	An Act to Annually Reimburse the Town of Charleston for 43 Percent of Property Tax Revenue Lost Due to the Mountain View Correctional Facility's Tax-exempt Status	Foster, Steven	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TAX	1939	An Act to Close Maine's Tax Loophole for Offshore Profit Shifting	Matlack, Ann	ONTP/OTP-AM	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
TAX	1942	An Act to Establish an Excise Tax on Cannabis Pre-roll and to Change the Tax on Potentially Intoxicating Hemp Products	Sayre, Dan	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	1954	An Act to Update the Sales Tax Fairness Credit	Daughtry, Matthea	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	1957	An Act to Promote Film Production in Maine	Copeland, Lynn	ONTP/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	2010	An Act Updating References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes	Sayre, Dan		Died On Adjournment			√

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TAX	2044	An Act to Make the Biofuel Commercial Production and Commercial Use Tax Credit and the Renewable Chemicals Tax Credit Refundable	Pierce, Teresa	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	2075	Resolve, to Authorize the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory	Sayre, Dan	OTP-AM	Finally Passed	Resolve	145	
TAX	2078	An Act to Exempt from Sales Tax the Sale and Delivery of All Residential Electricity	Webb, Kilton	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
TAX	2116	An Act to Extend the Sunset Date of the Affordable Housing Income Tax Credit	Rana, Ambureen	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	699	
TAX	2178	An Act to Establish the Independent Office of Tax Appeals and Make Other Changes to the Laws Governing the Tax Appeals Process	Grohoski, Nicole	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	734	
TAX	2188	An Act to Amend Certain State Tax Laws	Sayre, Dan	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	662	
TAX	2222	An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2026-27		OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	656	
TAX	2244	An Act to Implement Certain Preliminary Recommendations of the Real Estate Property Tax Relief Task Force and to Make Other Changes to Tax Law			Enacted	PL	739	

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LD 15 An Act to Modify the Excise Tax on Camper Trailers

Public Law 2025, chapter 523 changes the method of taxation of camper trailers so that each camper trailer operated on public ways is subject to an annual excise tax based on the length of the camper trailer instead of on the manufacturer's suggested retail price and the age of the camper trailer. The rate of tax is adjusted annually for inflation.

Public Law 2025, chapter 523 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 523 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 523 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to change the effective date from January 1, 2026 to 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

LD 145 An Act to Provide Funding to the Office of Aging and Disability Services to Support the Long-term Care Ombudsman

Public Law 2025, chapter 741 provides one-time funding in the Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office program to support the delivery of long-term care ombudsman services in Aroostook County.

LD 713 An Act to Exclude Data Centers from the Business Equipment Tax Exemption and the Dirigo Business Incentives Program and to Require the Department of Economic and Community Development to Study Financial Incentives for Data Centers

Public Law 2025, chapter 768 provides that a data center that begins operations on or after August 1, 2026 is excluded from the Dirigo business incentives program and that property located in a data center that begins operations on or after August 1, 2026 does not qualify as eligible business equipment for the purposes of the business equipment tax exemption. The law requires the Department of Economic and Community Development to study potential financial incentives that a data center may benefit from based on current state laws. The department must submit a report based on the study to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters no later than November 4, 2026.

LD 1652 An Act to Expand the Dental Care Access Credit

Public Law 2025, chapter 713 reestablishes the dental care access credit beginning January 1, 2027. The credit allows five eligible dentists per year to receive a credit against income tax for five years in the amount of \$6,000 in the first year, \$9,000 in the 2nd year, \$12,000 in the third year, \$15,000 in the fourth year and \$18,000 in the fifth year. The Department of Health and Human Services must certify that the eligible dentists meet the conditions of eligibility. The law

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requires annual reporting to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters. The law also repeals the statutory provisions governing the dental care access credit on December 31, 2037.

LD 1654 An Act to Exempt Certain Sales and Transfers of Adult Use Cannabis from Excise Tax

Public Law 2025, chapter 504 exempts from the cannabis excise tax the sale or transfer of adult use cannabis to a cultivation facility and exempts the transfer of adult use cannabis to a products manufacturing facility when the adult use cannabis is returned to the original cultivation facility in the same form and weight within 30 days.

Public Law 2025, chapter 504 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 504 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 2075 Resolve, to Authorize the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory

Resolve 2025, chapter 145 authorizes the State Tax Assessor to convey the State's interest in certain parcels of real estate in the unorganized territory.

LD 2116 An Act to Extend the Sunset Date of the Affordable Housing Income Tax Credit

Public Law 2025, chapter 699 extends the sunset date for the affordable housing income tax credit to December 31, 2036.

LD 2178 An Act to Establish the Independent Office of Tax Appeals and Make Other Changes to the Laws Governing the Tax Appeals Process

Public Law 2025, chapter 734 changes the tax dispute resolution and administrative tax appeals process as follows.

Part A adds to the duties and responsibilities of the taxpayer advocate and experience officer in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services the making of recommendations to further improve the tax appeals process.

Part B creates the Independent Office of Tax Appeals in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to replace the Maine Board of Tax Appeals and simplifies and modernizes the appeals process to improve the tax dispute resolution process. Part B takes effect January 1, 2027.

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Part C adds to the authority and duty of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to supervise and direct the administration of the State Claims Commission the authority and duty to supervise and direct the administration of the State Board of Property Tax Review and Independent Office of Tax Appeals.

Part D adds legislative review of the Independent Office of Tax Appeals and changes the year for legislative review of the State Board of Property Tax Review from 2027 to 2028.

Part E transfers all three existing Legislative Count and funding in the Maine Board of Tax Appeals to the newly created Independent Office of Tax Appeals as of January 1, 2027.

LD 2188 An Act to Amend Certain State Tax Laws

Public Law 2025, chapter 662 makes the following changes to the State's tax laws.

Part A makes the following changes to the State's tax laws.

1. It amends the definition of "notice" to increase from three to seven the number of days after which a notice by first-class mail is deemed to be received.
2. It removes references to the expired Maine capital investment credit and makes other changes related to the removal of those references.
3. It aligns the pension deduction phase-out for married individuals filing separate returns with that of single individuals.
4. It corrects a cross-reference to the law authorizing income tax due date extensions.

Part B makes the following changes to the State's tax laws.

1. It removes crutches and wheelchairs from the exemption pertaining to prosthetic or orthotic devices under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1760, subsection 5-A and includes crutches and wheelchairs in the definition of "mobility-enhancing equipment" to ensure that they are exempt from sales tax under MRS, Title 36, section 1760, subsection 117.
2. It repeals the sales tax exemption for sales of tangible personal property to be physically incorporated in and become a part of a portable classroom for lease to a school since this exemption is included in the exemption for property used in production, which includes sales to lessors of tangible personal property that becomes an ingredient or component part of property to be leased or rented out.
3. It clarifies the sales tax exemption for property used in production to correspond with the recent inclusion of leases in the definition of "sale."

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4. It clarifies that the tobacco products tax on smokeless tobacco applies to smokeless tobacco products.

Part C makes the following changes to the State’s tax laws.

1. It clarifies that the property tax year is from April 1st to March 31st instead of the overlapping April 1st to April 1st.
2. It updates provisions regarding the procedure for documenting that a seller of real property has paid the seller’s pro rata share of taxes owed on property that is still the subject of a lien reflecting taxes due from someone else, adds language regarding proof of payment pursuant to a written property tax proration agreement and clarifies that a municipality may collect unpaid real estate taxes through means not specified in the bill.
3. It changes cross-references as they pertain to a lien upon real estate.
4. It repeals, for property acquired by a municipality for delinquent taxes, the law regarding an excess funds process that a municipality is permitted to implement by ordinance. That process was rendered obsolete by the enactment of MRS, Title 36, section 943-C.
5. It corrects a clerical error.
6. It ensures that any sales of real estate upon which a tax lien mortgage has been foreclosed, other than sales to the former owner of the real estate, are made in compliance with the requirements of the United States Supreme Court’s decision in *Tyler v. Hennepin County*, 598 U.S. 631 (2023).
7. It makes a grammatical correction by replacing the term “sum” with “product.”
8. It clarifies that property held in a revocable living trust meets the fee simple estate ownership requirement for the homestead property tax deferral program.
9. It aligns the homestead property tax deferral program’s foreclosure process with the general property tax provisions regarding the sale of foreclosed property.

Part D makes the following changes to the State’s tax laws.

1. It removes the requirement that the State Tax Assessor annually provide each municipality with the amount of state-municipal revenue sharing and state aid for education. The Department of Education and the Office of the Treasurer of State maintain and provide this information on their respective websites.
2. It clarifies the repeal of the law regarding the income subtraction modification for long-term care insurance premiums made in Public Law 2015, chapter 267.

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3. It clarifies that the subtraction modification for any earnings on funds in an account established under a qualified ABLE program applies only to the extent that the amount is included in federal adjusted gross income.

LD 2222 An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2026-27

Public Law 2025, chapter 656 establishes municipal cost components for state and county services provided to the unorganized territory that would normally be paid for by a municipality. The municipal cost components constitute the property tax for the unorganized territory. The law also provides for a one-time prepayment in fiscal year 2025-26 to the unorganized territories of Washington County and requires recovery of prepayment through the municipal cost component on or before June 30, 2027.

LD 2244 An Act to Implement Certain Preliminary Recommendations of the Real Estate Property Tax Relief Task Force and to Make Other Changes to Tax Law

Public Law 2025, chapter 739 amends Resolve 2025, chapter 108, which established the Real Estate Property Tax Relief Task Force, to allow the task force to meet eight times in 2026. The law also requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to administer a survey to assessors to gather data on the administration of the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law.

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ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this digest. Please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 191 An Act to Support Maine Businesses by Establishing a Pass-through Entity Tax and Tax Credit

Although this bill was not enacted, aspects of the substance of the bill were incorporated into the supplemental budget bill enacted as Public Law 2025, chapter 650. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part N.

LD 326 An Act to Increase the Property Tax Exemption Provided to Individuals Who Are Legally Blind

Although this bill was not enacted, aspects of the substance of the bill were incorporated into the supplemental budget bill enacted as Public Law 2025, chapter 650. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part M.

LD 888 An Act to Expand Property Tax Relief for Veterans and Survivors of Veterans

Although this bill was not enacted, aspects of the substance of the bill were incorporated into the supplemental budget bill enacted as Public Law 2025, chapter 650. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part M.

LD 2010 An Act Updating References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes

Although this bill was not enacted, aspects of the substance of the bill were incorporated into the supplemental budget bill enacted as Public Law 2025, chapter 650. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part K.

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	LD 2029	Resolve, to Name the New East Main Street Bridge in Dover-Foxcroft in Honor of Private Willard Merrill and Private Barton Merrill, Jr.	RESOLVE 133
	LD 2033	Resolve, to Designate Route 3 in Trenton as the Deputy Luke Gross Memorial Highway	RESOLVE 136
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Driver Education

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Marine Transportation

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Miscellaneous

Not Enacted	LD 2241	Resolve, Authorizing the Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature Having Jurisdiction over Transportation Matters to Report out a Bill Regarding the Towing Industry	Died On Adjournment
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Motor Carriers

Enacted	LD 2068	An Act to Bring the Law Governing Emergency Equipment for Trucks and Truck Tractors into Alignment with the Federal Motor Carrier Laws	PUBLIC 547
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Public Safety

Enacted	LD 2068	An Act to Bring the Law Governing Emergency Equipment for Trucks and Truck Tractors into Alignment with the Federal Motor Carrier Laws	PUBLIC 547
Not Enacted	LD 1457	Resolve, to Allow the Maine Turnpike Authority to Conduct a Pilot Program to Implement Automated Speed Control Systems in Highway Work Zones	Minority (ONTP) Report
	LD 2062	An Act to Enhance the Safety of Public Transit Bus Operators Through the Installation of Vehicle Security Barriers	Died On Adjournment

Public Transportation

Not Enacted	LD 2062	An Act to Enhance the Safety of Public Transit Bus Operators Through the Installation of Vehicle Security Barriers	Died On Adjournment
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School Buses

Not Enacted	LD 2159	An Act to Require School Buses to Be Equipped with and to Use School Bus Crossing Arms	Died On Adjournment
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Not Enacted	LD 1457	Resolve, to Allow the Maine Turnpike Authority to Conduct a Pilot Program to Implement Automated Speed Control Systems in Highway Work Zones	Minority (ONTP) Report
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Transportation Funding

Enacted	LD 2152	An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2027	P & S 15
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	LD 2213	An Act Making Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027	PUBLIC 720
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Not Enacted	LD 1804	An Act Concerning Funding and Oversight of Transportation Matters	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Transportation Planning

Not Enacted	LD 394	An Act to Improve Transportation Infrastructure in Maine	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
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TRA	305	An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption for Leased Automobiles for Certain Veterans	Crafts, Lydia	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	578	
TRA	393	An Act to Designate Certain Bridges as Veterans Memorial Bridges	Nangle, Tim	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TRA	394	An Act to Improve Transportation Infrastructure in Maine	Nangle, Tim	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TRA	446	An Act Regarding Driver Education	Roberts, Tiffany	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TRA	566	An Act to Modernize the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program and Amend the Law Governing Inspection Fees	Farrin, Brad	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
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TRA	1477	An Act to Provide an Exemption from Pilotage Requirements for Passenger Ferry Service Between Bar Harbor, Maine and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	Friedmann, Gary	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died Between Houses			
TRA	1804	An Act Concerning Funding and Oversight of Transportation Matters	Farrin, Brad	ONTP/OTP-AM	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
TRA	2027	Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Woolwich the Woolwich Veterans Memorial Bridge	Hepler, Allison	OTP	Finally Passed	Resolve	132	

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TRA	2028	Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in West Forks Plantation and The Forks Plantation the Gordon Clifton Berry, Sr. Bridge	Caruso, Elizabeth	OTP	Finally Passed	Resolve	135	
TRA	2029	Resolve, to Name the New East Main Street Bridge in Dover-Foxcroft in Honor of Private Willard Merrill and Private Barton Merrill, Jr.	Perkins, Chad	OTP	Finally Passed	Resolve	133	
TRA	2033	Resolve, to Designate Route 3 in Trenton as the Deputy Luke Gross Memorial Highway	Faulkingham, Billy Bob	OTP	Finally Passed	Resolve	136	
TRA	2047	Resolve, Regarding Online Driver Education	Stewart, Trey	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TRA	2053	An Act to Improve Safety by Allowing the Use of Variable-message Signs on Certain Vehicles	Crafts, Lydia	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	546	
TRA	2062	An Act to Enhance the Safety of Public Transit Bus Operators Through the Installation of Vehicle Security Barriers	Pierce, Teresa	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
TRA	2068	An Act to Bring the Law Governing Emergency Equipment for Trucks and Truck Tractors into Alignment with the Federal Motor Carrier Laws	White, James	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	547	
TRA	2137	An Act to Modify Provisions of Law Governing Parking Enforcement on Property Accessible to the Public	Nangle, Tim	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	730	
TRA	2152	An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2027		OTP	Enacted	P&S	15	
TRA	2159	An Act to Require School Buses to Be Equipped with and to Use School Bus Crossing Arms	Geiger, Valli	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			√
TRA	2179	An Act Regarding the Licensing of Online Used Car Dealers	Nangle, Tim	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	637	
TRA	2181	Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Roxbury the Roxbury-Frye Veterans Memorial Bridge	Martin, Joseph	OTP	Finally Passed	Resolve	142	

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TRA	2183	Resolve, to Rename the Little River Bridge in the Town of Cornish the Cornish Veterans Memorial Bridge	Libby, James	OTP	Finally Passed	Resolve	143	
TRA	2184	Resolve, to Name a Bridge Between the Town of Hiram and the Town of Cornish Warren's Bridge	Libby, James	OTP-AM	Finally Passed	Resolve	148	
TRA	2185	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Erect Signs on the East Limington Bridge Between the Town of Standish and the Town of Limington	Libby, James	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TRA	2186	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Place Signs on the Canal Bridge in the Town of Standish	Libby, James	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TRA	2191	An Act to Establish a Biennial Inspection System for Vehicle Rental Companies		OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	638	
TRA	2213	An Act Making Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027	Crafts, Lydia	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	720	

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LD 305 An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption for Leased Automobiles for Certain Veterans

Public Law 2025, chapter 578 exempts from the motor vehicle excise tax automobiles leased by veterans who meet certain eligibility requirements. It provides that, for an automobile to qualify for the exemption, the name of an eligible veteran must appear on the automobile's lease agreement. It also requires that if there are multiple lessees of an automobile, at least one of the lessees whose name appears on the lease agreement must be a veteran who is eligible for the exemption. The exemption takes effect on July 1, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 578 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2026.

LD 2027 Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Woolwich the Woolwich Veterans Memorial Bridge

Resolve 2025, chapter 132 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 3039 on Main Street in the Town of Woolwich, the Woolwich Veterans Memorial Bridge.

LD 2028 Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in West Forks Plantation and The Forks Plantation the Gordon Clifton Berry, Sr. Bridge

Resolve 2025, chapter 135 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 2841 on Route 201 between West Forks Plantation and The Forks Plantation, the Gordon Clifton Berry, Sr. Bridge.

LD 2029 Resolve, to Name the New East Main Street Bridge in Dover-Foxcroft in Honor of Private Willard Merrill and Private Barton Merrill, Jr.

Resolve 2025, chapter 133 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 2293 on East Main Street in the Town of Dover-Foxcroft, the Private Willard D. Merrill and Private Barton G. Merrill, Jr. Bridge.

LD 2033 Resolve, to Designate Route 3 in Trenton as the Deputy Luke Gross Memorial Highway

Resolve 2025, chapter 136 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Route 3 in the Town of Trenton, the Deputy Luke Gross Memorial Highway and to erect appropriate signs.

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LD 2053 An Act to Improve Safety by Allowing the Use of Variable-message Signs on Certain Vehicles

Public Law 2025, chapter 546 makes the following changes related to the use of variable message signs on a police vehicle, fire department vehicle, safety service patrol vehicle or highway maintenance vehicle, and on wreckers.

1. It defines “variable-message sign” to mean a traffic control device on which a message can be displayed and changed manually, electronically, mechanically, electromechanically or by other means to provide information about traffic congestion, traffic accidents, maintenance operations, adverse weather conditions, roadway conditions or organized events or other necessary roadway safety information.
2. It defines “safety service patrol vehicle” to mean a vehicle, equipped with a variable-message sign, used or contracted by the Department of Transportation or the Maine Turnpike Authority to assist with traffic incidents and improve roadway safety.
3. It allows the operator of a police vehicle, fire department vehicle, safety service patrol vehicle or highway maintenance vehicle to use a variable-message sign on that vehicle to provide information about traffic congestion, traffic accidents, maintenance operations, adverse weather conditions, roadway conditions or organized events or other necessary roadway safety information. The messages on the variable-message sign mounted to a police vehicle, fire department vehicle, safety service patrol vehicle or highway maintenance vehicle is limited to right or left arrows or the words “slow down,” “move over,” “accident ahead,” “crash ahead” or other similar language approved by rule.
4. It allows the operator of a wrecker to use a variable-message sign on that vehicle while the vehicle is stationary and engaged in roadside repair, loading or unloading a vehicle or performing vehicle recovery. The messages on a variable-message sign on a wrecker is limited to amber lights that create a right or left arrow or the words “slow down” or “move over.”
5. It requires a variable-message sign on a wrecker, police vehicle, fire department vehicle, safety service patrol vehicle or highway maintenance vehicle to be displayed facing traffic behind the vehicle and prohibits the variable-message sign from exceeding the width of the vehicle on which it is mounted.
6. It allows the Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner’s designee to adopt routine technical rules to implement the law.

Public Law 2025, chapter 546 enacted as an emergency measure effective March 3, 2026.

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LD 2068 An Act to Bring the Law Governing Emergency Equipment for Trucks and Truck Tractors into Alignment with the Federal Motor Carrier Laws

Public Law 2025, chapter 547 amends the law governing emergency equipment for trucks and truck tractors by removing references to flags, lanterns and emergency reflectors and replacing them with references to bidirectional reflective triangles to conform federal law. It also allows a truck and a truck tractor to be equipped with flares or bidirectional emergency reflective triangles to conform with federal law.

LD 2137 An Act to Modify Provisions of Law Governing Parking Enforcement on Property Accessible to the Public

Public Law 2025, chapter 730 provides an exception to the requirements that any fine, fee or charge to any person for the violation of any parking rule applicable to property accessible to the public for the parking of motor vehicles must be conspicuously and prominently posted within the property. A municipality is exempt from the posting requirements if the municipality adopts an ordinance on a fine, fee or charge for the violation of any parking rule applicable to property owned by the municipality and accessible to the public for the parking of motor vehicles.

LD 2152 An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2027

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 15 makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2027 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

LD 2179 An Act Regarding the Licensing of Online Used Car Dealers

Public Law 2025, chapter 637 authorizes the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, until December 31, 2028, to license and regulate used car dealers that sell vehicles exclusively online via a two-year pilot program as follows.

1. It defines "online used car dealer" to mean a licensed used motor vehicle dealer that conducts sales exclusively through electronic or digital platforms and does not operate in a physical retail display location in Maine.
2. It prohibits an online used car dealer from being eligible for dealer plates but allows an online used car dealer to be issued temporary plates when used for sales to purchasers in Maine.
3. It specifies the requirements for an online used car dealer to apply for licensure and sets, at \$500, the annual fee for an online used car dealer license.

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4. It specifies how disclosure requirements in state and federal law are applicable to an online used car dealer. It requires an online used car dealer that does not maintain a repair facility in Maine to disclose, in writing, to a vehicle purchaser the name, address and contact information of a designated repair facility or partner location authorized to perform required warranty service. The disclosure must be provided at or before the time of vehicle sale and include in the online used car dealer's warranty documentation.
5. It requires a motor vehicle sold by an online used car dealer to pass an inspection in Maine prior to sale, and it prohibits a reconstructable motor vehicle or an unsafe motor vehicle to be sold by an online used car dealer.
6. It requires an online used car dealer to obtain a license for an inspection station in Maine or to partner with an inspection state or service center in Maine prior to applying for licensure. An online used car dealer that fails to obtain a license for an inspection station in Maine or partner with an inspection station in Maine may have the online used car dealer license revoked.
7. It specifies consumer protection requirements of an online used car dealer, including requiring an online used car dealer to designate an agent registered in Maine to accept service of process and requires the name and contact information of the registered agent to be provided to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.
8. It allows the Secretary of State to adopt routine technical rules to implement the law, including licensing procedures, disclosure formats, inspection coordination and reporting requirements.
9. It requires the Secretary of State to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters no later than January 15, 2028 evaluating the effectiveness, risks and consumer protection outcomes of online used car dealer licensure and regulation. The joint standing committee may report out legislation regarding the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

LD 2181 Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Roxbury the Roxbury-Frye Veterans Memorial Bridge

Resolve 2025, chapter 142 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 2300 on Frye Crossover Road in the Town of Roxbury, the Roxbury-Frye Veterans Memorial Bridge.

LD 2183 Resolve, to Rename the Little River Bridge in the Town of Cornish the Cornish Veterans Memorial Bridge

Resolve 2025, chapter 143 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 2465 on Maple Street in the Town of Cornish, the Cornish Veterans Memorial Bridge.

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LD 2184 Resolve, to Name a Bridge Between the Town of Hiram and the Town of Cornish Warren's Bridge

Resolve 2025, chapter 148 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 5088 on South Hiram Road between the Town of Hiram and the Town of Cornish, Warren's Bridge.

LD 2191 An Act to Establish a Biennial Inspection System for Vehicle Rental Companies

Beginning January 1, 2027, Public Law 2025, chapter 638 authorizes a business that rents noncommercial motor vehicles to the public to receive a two-year certificate of inspection for each vehicle if the business has at least 700 noncommercial motor vehicles registered in the State per year and files an affidavit with the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police that includes a statement that the fleet of rental vehicles will meet or exceed the inspection standards set forth in law and administered by the Chief of the State Police over the two-year period. It also sets the fee for inspection stickers issued to a business that rents noncommercial motor vehicles at two times the fee for inspection stickers issued annually to persons who are not new motor vehicle dealers.

LD 2213 An Act Making Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027

Public Law 2025, chapter 720 does the following.

Part A allocates money not otherwise allocated in order to provide for the necessary expenditures of State Government and other purposes for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027.

Part B allocates money to provide funding for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C directs the State Controller to carry forward up to \$2,500,000 in unexpended balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, after all financial commitments for obligations and budgetary adjustments have been made, at the end of fiscal year 2025-26 to the next fiscal year to the All Other line category in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program to be used to continue the Bureau of Motor Vehicles modernization project.

Part D establishes an exception to the requirement that a financial order describing the transfer of unused funds within the Highway Fund and any other allocations to the Department of Transportation be submitted to the Office of Fiscal and Program Review 30 days before the transfer is to be implemented. Part D provides that in the case of extraordinary emergency transfers, the 30-day waiting period may be waived by a vote of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters.

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Part E authorizes the Department of Public Safety to transfer, for fiscal year 2026-27, up to \$339,948 of available balances of Personal Services allocations, after all salary, benefit and other obligations are met, to the All Other line category of the State Police program for the purposes of funding consoles at three regional emergency communication centers and a contract for firearms examiner services. Part E also authorizes the department to transfer, for fiscal year 2026-27, up to \$16,450 of available balances of Personal Services allocations, after all salary, benefit and other obligations are met, to the Capital Expenditures line category of the State Police program for the purposes of funding a heat pump and generator for the Pittsfield barracks and updating the security system at the Bangor barracks.

Part F allows the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to issue, for the 2026-2027 biennium, up to \$50,000,000 of GARVEE bonds for highway and bridge needs to be repaid solely from annual federal transportation appropriations.

Public Law 2025, chapter 720 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 16, 2026.

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ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this digest. Please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 2159 An Act to Require School Buses to Be Equipped with and to Use School Bus Crossing Arms

Although this bill was not enacted, funding was included as part of the budget to allow school administrative units to retrofit school buses with school bus crossings and anti-pinch sensors. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part T.

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Alcoholic Beverages, Administration

Enacted	LD 2155	An Act to Exempt, for Licenses Issued Prior to December 21, 2025, Persons Holding a Majority Ownership Interest from the Restriction on the Number of Manufacturing Facility Licenses and On-premises Retail Licenses	PUBLIC 772
Not Enacted	LD 1855	An Act to Repeal the Low-alcohol Spirits Product Tax	Died On Adjournment

Alcoholic Beverages, Regulation

Not Enacted	LD 2160	An Act to Modify Provisions of Law Affecting Small Distilleries	ONTP
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Campaign Finance, Generally

Enacted	LD 2000	An Act to Update the Campaign Finance Laws	PUBLIC 600
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Campaign Finance, Maine Clean Election Act

Not Enacted	LD 818	An Act to Allow Expenditure of Maine Clean Election Act Funding for the Care of Candidates' Dependents	Died On Adjournment
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Cannabis Advisory Entity

Enacted	LD 1669	An Act to Establish the Cannabis Advisory Council	PUBLIC 506
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Cannabis, Adult Use

Enacted	LD 1488	An Act Regarding Adult Use Cannabis Testing	PUBLIC 764
Not Enacted	LD 1365	An Act to Allow Consumption of Adult Use Cannabis in Locally Approved Hospitality Lounges	Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 1820	An Act to Simplify Regulation of the Adult Use Cannabis Industry	Died On Adjournment
LD 1983	An Act to Protect Minors from Intoxicating Hemp-derived Products by Regulating Those Products Under the Adult Use Cannabis Laws	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310

Cannabis, Medical Use

Enacted	LD 1609	An Act Regarding Background Checks for Medical Cannabis Providers	PUBLIC 611
	LD 1840	An Act to Amend the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act	PUBLIC 512

Cannabis, Medical Use and Adult Use

Enacted	LD 1897	An Act Regarding Outdoor Cultivation in the Medical Use Cannabis and Adult Use Cannabis Industries	PUBLIC 514
Not Enacted	LD 948	An Act to Reduce Administrative Burdens and Expand Access in the Laws Governing Cannabis	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1847	An Act to Institute Testing and Tracking of Medical Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products Similar to Adult Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products, Dedicate a Portion of the Adult Use Cannabis Sales and Excise Tax to Medical Use Cannabis Programs and Create a Study Group	Died On Adjournment

Elections, Conduct of Elections

Not Enacted	LD 13	An Act to Provide Funds Necessary for the Production and Delivery of Election Materials by the Secretary of State	Died On Adjournment
	LD 615	An Act Regarding Elections	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 1356	An Act to Change the State's Method of Allocating Electoral Votes from a Congressional District Method to a Winner-take-all Method Contingent on the State of Nebraska Changing its Method of Allocating Electoral Votes	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1666	An Act to Include in the Ranked-choice Election Method for General and Special Elections the Offices of Governor, State Senator and State Representative and to Make Other Related Changes	Died On Adjournment

Gambling, Beano and Games of Chance

Not Enacted	LD 1902	An Act to Support Nonprofit Organizations by Authorizing the Operation of Electronic Lucky Seven Devices and Similar Sealed Ticket Games	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Gambling, Casinos and Slot Machines

Not Enacted	LD 1851	An Act to Bring Parity Among the Wabanaki Nations Regarding the Generation of Revenues from Gaming	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Gambling, Generally

Enacted	LD 2007	An Act Regarding the Prohibition of Online Sweepstakes Games	PUBLIC 645
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Gambling, Harness Racing and Off-track Betting

Not Enacted	LD 793	Resolve, to Establish the Working Group to Review and Update the Laws Governing Harness Racing	Died On Adjournment
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Gambling, Internet Gaming

Enacted	LD 1164	An Act to Create Economic Opportunity for the Wabanaki Nations Through Internet Gaming	PUBLIC 538
	LD 2080	An Act to Protect Consumers by Prohibiting the Use of Credit Cards in Sports Wagering and Internet Gaming	PUBLIC 628

Gambling, Lottery

Enacted	LD 1012	An Act to Fund the Operations of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory	PUBLIC 536
	LD 2095	An Act to Prohibit Bulk Purchasing of Tickets in Certain Lottery Games	PUBLIC 605

Gambling, Sports and Fantasy Contests

Enacted	LD 2080	An Act to Protect Consumers by Prohibiting the Use of Credit Cards in Sports Wagering and Internet Gaming	PUBLIC 628
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Enacted LD 2048 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Fantasy Contest Licensing ONTP

Lobbying and Lobbyist Regulation

Not Enacted LD 1814 An Act to Increase Transparency in State Government by Amending Laws Regarding Persons Attempting to Influence the Competitive Bidding Process and Lobbyist Reporting During Rule-making Processes ONTP

Maine National Guard

Enacted LD 2130 An Act to Support Employment Opportunities for Military Spouses PUBLIC 634

Office of Cannabis Policy

Not Enacted LD 584 An Act to Make the Director of the Office of Cannabis Policy an Appointed Position Subject to Confirmation by the Legislature Majority (ONTP) Report

Veterans

Enacted LD 1640 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission and to Reestablish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission PUBLIC 763

LD 2135 An Act to Provide Funding to Keep Maine Veterans Housed PUBLIC 636

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VLA	13	An Act to Provide Funds Necessary for the Production and Delivery of Election Materials by the Secretary of State	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
VLA	584	An Act to Make the Director of the Office of Cannabis Policy an Appointed Position Subject to Confirmation by the Legislature	Hickman, Craig	ONTP/OTP-AM	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
VLA	615	An Act Regarding Elections	Gramlich, Lori	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
VLA	793	Resolve, to Establish the Working Group to Review and Update the Laws Governing Harness Racing	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
VLA	818	An Act to Allow Expenditure of Maine Clean Election Act Funding for the Care of Candidates' Dependents	Cloutier, Kristen	OTP/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
VLA	948	An Act to Reduce Administrative Burdens and Expand Access in the Laws Governing Cannabis	Pluecker, Bill	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
VLA	1012	An Act to Fund the Operations of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory	Farrin, Brad	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	536	
VLA	1164	An Act to Create Economic Opportunity for the Wabanaki Nations Through Internet Gaming	Rana, Ambureen	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	538	
VLA	1356	An Act to Change the State's Method of Allocating Electoral Votes from a Congressional District Method to a Winner-take-all Method Contingent on the State of Nebraska Changing its Method of Allocating Electoral Votes	Lee, Adam	ONTP/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
VLA	1365	An Act to Allow Consumption of Adult Use Cannabis in Locally Approved Hospitality Lounges	Boyer, Jr., David	ONTP/OTP-AM	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			

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VLA	1488	An Act Regarding Adult Use Cannabis Testing	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	764	
VLA	1609	An Act Regarding Background Checks for Medical Cannabis Providers	Fredericks, Ann	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	611	
VLA	1640	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission and to Reestablish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	763	
VLA	1666	An Act to Include in the Ranked-choice Election Method for General and Special Elections the Offices of Governor, State Senator and State Representative and to Make Other Related Changes	Reny, Cameron	ONTP/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
VLA	1669	An Act to Establish the Cannabis Advisory Council	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	506	
VLA	1814	An Act to Increase Transparency in State Government by Amending Laws Regarding Persons Attempting to Influence the Competitive Bidding Process and Lobbyist Reporting During Rule-making Processes	Hickman, Craig	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
VLA	1820	An Act to Simplify Regulation of the Adult Use Cannabis Industry	Chapman, Quentin	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
VLA	1840	An Act to Amend the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	512	
VLA	1847	An Act to Institute Testing and Tracking of Medical Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products Similar to Adult Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products, Dedicate a Portion of the Adult Use Cannabis Sales and Excise Tax to Medical Use Cannabis Programs and Create a Study Group	Graham, Anne	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
VLA	1851	An Act to Bring Parity Among the Wabanaki Nations Regarding the Generation of Revenues from Gaming	Malon, II, Marc	ONTP/OTP-AM	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
VLA	1855	An Act to Repeal the Low-alcohol Spirits Product Tax	Dill, Jim	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			

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VLA	1897	An Act Regarding Outdoor Cultivation in the Medical Use Cannabis and Adult Use Cannabis Industries	Osher, Laurie	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	514	
VLA	1902	An Act to Support Nonprofit Organizations by Authorizing the Operation of Electronic Lucky Seven Devices and Similar Sealed Ticket Games	Hickman, Craig	ONTP/OTP-AM	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
VLA	1983	An Act to Protect Minors from Intoxicating Hemp-derived Products by Regulating Those Products Under the Adult Use Cannabis Laws	Ingwersen, Henry	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
VLA	2000	An Act to Update the Campaign Finance Laws	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	600	
VLA	2007	An Act Regarding the Prohibition of Online Sweepstakes Games	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	645	
VLA	2048	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Fantasy Contest Licensing	Timberlake, Jeff	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
VLA	2080	An Act to Protect Consumers by Prohibiting the Use of Credit Cards in Sports Wagering and Internet Gaming	Malon, II, Marc	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	628	
VLA	2095	An Act to Prohibit Bulk Purchasing of Tickets in Certain Lottery Games	Supica, Laura	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	605	
VLA	2130	An Act to Support Employment Opportunities for Military Spouses	Farrin, Brad	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	634	
VLA	2135	An Act to Provide Funding to Keep Maine Veterans Housed	Nangle, Tim	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	636	
VLA	2155	An Act to Exempt, for Licenses Issued Prior to December 21, 2025, Persons Holding a Majority Ownership Interest from the Restriction on the Number of Manufacturing Facility Licenses and On-premises Retail Licenses	Grohoski, Nicole	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	772	
VLA	2160	An Act to Modify Provisions of Law Affecting Small Distilleries	Geiger, Valli	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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LD 1012 An Act to Fund the Operations of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory

Public Law 2025, chapter 536 establishes the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory Operations Fund and directs the State Liquor and Lottery Commission, in consultation with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, to develop and initiate, no later than July 1, 2026, a \$4 instant lottery game to raise funds for the fund. The commission is required to provide 20% of the net proceeds of the lottery game to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory Operations Fund and 80% of the net proceeds to the General Fund. The commission is required to submit a report by December 15, 2028, detailing the status of the instant lottery game to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over lottery matters, which may report out legislation related to the report to the 134th Legislature in 2029.

Public Law 2025, chapter 536 was finally enacted in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 536 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 536 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to amend the date by which the commission is required to develop and initiate a tick laboratory instant lottery game to no later than July 1, 2027, instead of no later than July 1, 2026. It also amends the date the commission is required to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over lottery matters regarding the status of the tick laboratory instant lottery game to December 15, 2029, instead of December 15, 2028.

LD 1164 An Act to Create Economic Opportunity for the Wabanaki Nations Through Internet Gaming

Public Law 2025, chapter 538 authorizes each federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in this State to operate Internet gaming pursuant to a license from the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety. Only a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in this State is eligible to obtain a license and operate Internet gaming. The licensing structure follows the law governing sports wagering. The Gambling Control Unit shall collect and distribute 18% of adjusted gross Internet gaming receipts to the Gambling Control Unit administrative expenses Other Special Revenue Funds account, the Gambling Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund, the dairy stabilization tier program, the Opioid Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment Fund, the Emergency Housing Relief Fund, the Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund, the Fund for a Healthy Maine and the School Revolving Renovation Fund.

Public Law 2025, chapter 538 was finally enacted in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 538 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

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LD 1488 An Act Regarding Adult Use Cannabis Testing

Public Law 2025, chapter 764 provides that the use of cannabis concentrate in the creation of an edible cannabis product is not considered further processing, manufacturing or alteration for the purpose of additional testing, except for testing for tetrahydrocannabinol potency, homogeneity and cannabinoid profiles to ensure correct labeling.

Public Law 2025, chapter 764 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 19, 2026.

LD 1609 An Act Regarding Background Checks for Medical Cannabis Providers

Public Law 2025, chapter 611 requires any person applying for or renewing a registry identification card or registration certificate under the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act, except for assistants, to submit to a criminal history record check. If a person applying for or renewing a registry identification card or registration certificate is a business entity, every officer or director of the business entity is also required to submit to a criminal history record check.

LD 1640 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission and to Reestablish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission

Public Law 2025, chapter 763 establishes the Base Gagetown Training Registry within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services to collect and maintain data related to military service and health conditions from individuals who voluntarily provide such data and who have trained at the Canadian military support base in Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada.

Public Law 2025, chapter 763 also reestablishes the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission and allows the study commission to request information it determines necessary to complete the study of the effects of exposure to harmful chemicals on individuals who trained at the Canadian military support base in Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada as a member of the United States Armed Forces, as a member of the reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or as a member of the National Guard of any state from the United States Department of Defense and other federal agencies. The commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans' affairs no later than November 4, 2026. The committee may report out a bill based on the recommendations to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 1669 An Act to Establish the Cannabis Advisory Council

Public Law 2025, chapter 506 establishes the Cannabis Advisory Council to make recommendations to the Director of the Office of Cannabis Policy within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over cannabis matters concerning how best to work with state agencies, municipal

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governments, the medical use cannabis industry and adult use cannabis industry and citizen groups to make improvements to and maintain the quality of the State’s medical use cannabis industry and adult use cannabis industry and to make recommendations concerning matters of interest to the State’s medical use cannabis industry and adult use cannabis industry, including, but not limited to, financial services, taxation, cannabis-related research and development, environmental and public health protection, cannabis policy in other states and federal legalization. The council is responsible for bringing forward to the director and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over cannabis matters issues of concern to the cannabis industry and for assisting in the dissemination of information to members of the cannabis industry. The council may solicit and consider public comment during its meetings.

The office must provide administrative and staff support for the council within existing resources and the council shall meet at least four times a year and, to the extent practicable, at more than one location throughout the State.

The council consists of 12 members appointed by either the Speaker of the House, President of the Senate or the Director of the Office of Cannabis Policy. In making certain appointments, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate shall consider up to six recommendations from associations representing the interests of the medical use cannabis industry or adult use cannabis industry. A members’ term is three years, and a member may not serve more than two consecutive terms. To the extent practicable, the membership of the council must reflect a geographic distribution across the State. The cannabis business advocate serves as an ex officio nonvoting member of the council.

Public Law 2025, chapter 506 was finally enacted in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 506 became law without the Governor’s signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1840 An Act to Amend the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act

Public Law 2025, chapter 512 makes the following changes to the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act.

1. It provides that a caregiver is authorized to sell, offer to sell, furnish or transport cannabis plants or harvested cannabis on property or premises owned, leased or rented, subject to the terms of any lease or rental agreement, by the caregiver; at trade shows or other industry-related events regarding cannabis for medical use; or through delivery to or private arrangement with a qualifying patient or registrant as long as the delivery or private arrangement occurs on property or at premises owned, leased or rented by the caregiver, subject to the terms of any lease or rental agreement, by the caregiver, qualifying patient or registrant or on public property that is not designated as a safe zone by a municipality or in any other public space where the sale, furnishing or transport of cannabis plants or harvested cannabis is prohibited by law.

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2. It provides that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, in its annual report to the Legislature regarding the medical use of cannabis, must include information regarding the gross sales of cannabis for medical use for the current and prior fiscal years.
3. It directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy, on or before January 9, 2026, to provisionally adopt and submit for legislative review major substantive rules necessary to implement the medical cannabis research grant program in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2430, subsection 5.
4. It directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy to, as expeditiously as possible, make available on the office's publicly accessible website all registration and renewal forms in their entirety as a portable document file or similar file format that does not require the use of independent software, hardware or operating systems. It also directs the office to make those forms available at the office on paper.

Public Law 2025, chapter 512 was finally enacted in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 512 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 512 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to amend the date by which the office must provisionally adopt and submit for legislative review rules necessary to implement a medical cannabis research grant program to on or before January 8, 2027, instead of on or before January 9, 2026.

LD 1897 An Act Regarding Outdoor Cultivation in the Medical Use Cannabis and Adult Use Cannabis Industries

Public Law 2025, chapter 514 makes the following changes to the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act and the Cannabis Legalization Act.

1. It defines "outdoor cultivation area" under the medical use of cannabis provisions and "outdoor cultivation" and "indoor cultivation" under the adult use cannabis provisions.
2. It increases the number of cannabis plants and expands the area of canopy of cannabis plants that a medical use caregiver who cultivates mature cannabis plants only in an outdoor cultivation area and who registers based on plant count or canopy may cultivate and it establishes a registration fee for such caregivers.
3. It removes the provision of law under the medical use of cannabis provisions that authorize an elected official invited by a caregiver for the purpose of providing education to the elected official on cultivation to access a cultivation area and provides instead that any person under the direct supervision of the caregiver may access a cultivation area.

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Public Law 2025, chapter 514 was finally enacted in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 514 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 2000 An Act to Update the Campaign Finance Laws

Public Law 2025, chapter 600 amends campaign finance laws as follows.

1. It increases the threshold amounts for financial transactions that require candidates, political action committees, ballot question committees and party committees to file 24-hour reports during the last 13 days before an election.
2. It extends the deadline for 24-hour reports for candidates so that the reports are due within 48 hours of the contribution or expenditure.
3. It increases the threshold amount that requires an independent expenditure report from spending in excess of \$250 to advocate for or against a candidate to spending in excess of \$1,000 per candidate.
4. It adds a section that clarifies what party committees must disclose in their campaign finance reports, including for each expenditure: the candidate or ballot measure; for a candidate, the office sought and the candidate's district; the date and amount of each expenditure; the purpose of each expenditure, including whether the expenditure was in support of or opposition to the candidate or ballot measure; and the name and address of each payee.
5. It adds party committees to the list of entities that are not included in the definition of "ballot question committee."
6. It adds a section extending the qualifying period for State Senate or State House of Representatives participating candidates who file with the commission a declaration of intent to seek certification as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate after January 15, 2026, to 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 600 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

LD 2007 An Act Regarding the Prohibition of Online Sweepstakes Games

Public Law 2025, chapter 645 clarifies that operating or promoting an online sweepstakes game constitutes "unlawful gambling" within the meaning of the Maine Criminal Code and establishes additional civil penalties related to that unlawful conduct.

Public Law 2025, chapter 645 impacts online games or contests that use a dual-currency system of payment and that simulate casino-style gaming, including, but not limited to, slot machines,

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poker and other table games, lottery games, bingo or sports wagering. “Dual-currency system of payment” refers to the practice of using more than one system of coins or tokens to facilitate game play and is further defined in the law.

The law also provides that a person that operates or promotes an online sweepstakes game is subject to a fine of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000. It requires that all fines collected be distributed to the Gambling Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund.

If a person is found to operate or promote an online sweepstakes game and that person holds a license with the Gambling Control Unit or Gambling Control Board within the Department of Public Safety to operate certain gambling activities, the licensing entity must revoke that license. A person that violates the online sweepstakes games prohibition is also ineligible to receive one of the licenses specified by law.

LD 2080 An Act to Protect Consumers by Prohibiting the Use of Credit Cards in Sports Wagering and Internet Gaming

Public Law 2025, chapter 628 prohibits an operator and a management services licensee conducting either sports wagering or Internet gaming on behalf of an operator from accepting wagers from a person using a credit card. The law also provides that, when adopting rules for the method of operation of sports wagering and Internet gaming and for the minimum design and security requirements for sports wagering and Internet gaming, the director of the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety must ensure that a person does not use a credit card to make a wager.

LD 2095 An Act to Prohibit Bulk Purchasing of Tickets in Certain Lottery Games

Public Law 2025, chapter 605 prohibits a person or group of persons working together from making bulk purchases of lottery tickets or shares. It provides that the term “bulk purchase” means the purchase, in aggregate, of tickets or shares in a lottery game in an amount exceeding \$25,000. Public Law 2025, chapter 605 provides that the State Liquor and Lottery Commission may refuse payment of a prize for a winning ticket or share that was purchased as part of a bulk purchase. It requires the commission to adopt rules related to bulk purchasing. The law also authorizes the Director of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to suspend or revoke a person’s license to sell lottery tickets if the person knowingly sells tickets or shares to a person attempting to make a bulk purchase. These provisions do not apply to the Tri-state Lotto Compact.

Public Law 2025, chapter 605 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

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LD 2130 An Act to Support Employment Opportunities for Military Spouses

Public Law 2025, chapter 634 requires an employing agency, in filling a position in the classified service, to offer an interview to the spouse of an eligible service member, which is defined as a person who is serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces including the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces and the National Guard and a person actively serving in the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces or the National Guard if that spouse meets the minimum qualifications established for the position. The law also requires an employer, in any reduction in personnel in the state service, to retain the spouse of an eligible service member in preference to all other competing employees in the same classification with equal seniority, status and performance reviews.

LD 2135 An Act to Provide Funding to Keep Maine Veterans Housed

Public Law 2025, chapter 636 establishes the Veterans' Housing Provider Incentive Program and the Veterans' Housing Provider Incentive Fund within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services. The purpose of the fund is to receive funds from state, federal and other sources for the purpose of awarding grants to tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations who have as a core program supporting permanent housing for veteran populations. Grant funding may be used by the organization for housing provider incentives, risk mitigation payments and past rental debt payments for veterans experiencing homelessness. The bureau may adopt routine technical rules related to the awarding of grants.

The law also requires the bureau to submit a report regarding grants issued and the use of grant funding by organizations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans' affairs by February 15, 2027, and in any year in which a grant is issued.

Public Law 2025, chapter 636 also provides a one-time transfer of \$90,000 from the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit, Sports Wagering program to the Veterans' Housing Provider Incentive Fund.

LD 2155 An Act to Exempt, for Licenses Issued Prior to December 21, 2025, Persons Holding a Majority Ownership Interest from the Restriction on the Number of Manufacturing Facility Licenses and On-premises Retail Licenses

Public Law 2025, chapter 772 prohibits the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations, within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services from suspending, revoking or refusing to renew a manufacturing facility license or an on-premises retail license issued to a manufacturing facility licensee prior to December 21, 2025 solely on the basis that the person or persons holding a majority ownership interest in the licensed manufacturing facility was determined by the bureau after the license was initially issued to hold a majority ownership interest in more than the allowable number of on-premises retail licenses. The law also prohibits the sale, transfer or other conveyance of those licenses.

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Committee	LD	Title	Sponsor	Committee Vote	Disposition	Law	Ch #	Analyst Note
	1281	An Act to Address the Safety of Nurses and Improve Patient Care by Enacting the Maine Quality Care Act	Brenner, Stacy		Died On Adjournment			
	1948	An Act to Fund MaineCare	Dill, Jim		Died On Adjournment			
	2237	An Act Permitting the Use of Oral Fluid Testing in Determining the Intoxication of Drivers, Aircraft Operators and Hunters			Died On Adjournment			
	2241	Resolve, Authorizing the Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature Having Jurisdiction over Transportation Matters to Report out a Bill Regarding the Towing Industry		OTP	Died On Adjournment			
	2243	An Act Increasing the Debt Limit of the West Paris Water District	Martin, Joseph		Emergency Enacted	P&S	20	
	2245	An Act to Reauthorize Funding of Collective Bargaining Agreements with Executive Branch Employees	Gattine, Drew		Enacted	PL	740	

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LD 2243 An Act Increasing the Debt Limit of the West Paris Water District

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 20 increases the borrowing limit of the West Paris Water District from \$1,000,000 to \$8,000,000.

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 20 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2026.

LD 2245 An Act to Reauthorize Funding of Collective Bargaining Agreements with Executive Branch Employees

Public Law 2025, chapter 740 specifies that the salary schedules for fiscal year 2026-27 must be adjusted consistent with collective bargaining agreements ratified by the Maine Service Employees Association by December 1, 2026 for the executive branch employees in those bargaining units. The law provides similar and equitable treatment for confidential employees and certain other employees excluded from collective bargaining. The law specifies the costs from the General Fund and Highway Fund to fund salary increases and authorizes the transfer by financial order of available General Fund and Highway Fund balances as necessary.

The law amends Public Law 2025, chapter 492 to remove the Maine Service Employees Association from the provision in that chapter regarding the requirement that salary schedules must be adjusted consistent with agreements ratified by December 31, 2025 and the provision in that chapter regarding costs to the General Fund and Highway Fund. This law makes those changes retroactive to the effective date of chapter 492.

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LD 52 Resolve, Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to Study Options for Allowing Children in the Department's Custody to Receive Federal Benefits

Although this bill was not enacted, funding to offset the use of federal benefits to pay for or reimburse the Department of Health and Human Services for any costs of the child's care and to require the department to establish a special-needs trust to use and conserve the child's benefit was provided in Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. Funding was also provided for training to children receiving federal benefits, department staff and representative payees who receive the federal benefits on behalf of the child. Two positions were established to provide report creation and dissemination for annual accounting to the child, the child's attorney, or their guardian. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part A.

LD 117 An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services

This bill was enacted in 2025 as Public Law 2025, chapter 441. An additional \$2 million in one time funds for the same purposes was included in Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part A.

LD 137 An Act to Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan to Include Employees Who Work for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner

Although this bill was not enacted, aspects of the substance of the bill were incorporated into the budget, enacted during the Second Regular Session as Public Law 2025, chapter 650. Part FFFF of Public Law 2025, chapter 650 adds employees of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner within the Department of the Attorney General on August 1, 2026 or hired thereafter to the 1998 Special Retirement Plan in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part FFFF.

LD 182 An Act to Provide Per Diem Payments for MaineCare Residents of Maine Veterans' Homes

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to establish reimbursement rates for Maine Veterans' Homes nursing facility services covered by the MaineCare program, as well as one-time funding, was incorporated in Part A and Part WW of Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. It requires the MaineCare program to reimburse veterans' facilities for covered nursing home services on a per resident daily rate basis that is reasonable and adequate to cover the total MaineCare allowable costs of operating veterans' facilities. The per diems developed must be adjusted for inflation to the same extent that reimbursement rates for nonveterans' nursing facilities

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are adjusted. It also requires the department to make a one-time supplemental payment to Maine Veterans' Homes residential care facilities in fiscal year 2026-27 to cover the difference between MaineCare payments and actual allowed MaineCare costs. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Parts A and WW.

LD 191 An Act to Support Maine Businesses by Establishing a Pass-through Entity Tax and Tax Credit

Although this bill was not enacted, aspects of the substance of the bill were incorporated into the supplemental budget bill enacted as Public Law 2025, chapter 650. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part N.

LD 249 An Act to Update Certain Medical Examiner Fees

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of the bill was incorporated into the biennial budget in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 210, Public Law 2025, chapter 388, Section A-4 and Part X.

LD 326 An Act to Increase the Property Tax Exemption Provided to Individuals Who Are Legally Blind

Although this bill was not enacted, aspects of the substance of the bill were incorporated into the supplemental budget bill enacted as Public Law 2025, chapter 650. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part M.

LD 331 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Ensure Timely Reimbursement Under MaineCare Regarding Hospital Cost Reports

Although this bill was not enacted, Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session, included language in Part YYY-1 directing the Department of Health and Human Services to determine a consistent and reasonable allocation method to distribute a one-time supplemental payment to acute care hospitals. Part YYY-2 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to implement a cost-of-living adjustment for inpatient diagnosis-related group reimbursement rates subject to rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 45, effective July 1, 2026. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part YYY.

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LD 335 An Act to Safeguard Reproductive Rights

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of this bill was incorporated into Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session in Part Z. Part Z does the following.

1. It establishes the Fund to Maintain Access to Statewide Family Planning Services to provide a grant to a single qualified provider to provide management and oversight of the delivery of family planning services. It is the intent of the Legislature that, beginning in fiscal year 2027-28, \$5,000,000 be appropriated from the General Fund to the fund each year.
2. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide funding to family planning services providers in the State if funding under Title X of the federal Public Health Service Act has been reduced or eliminated by the Federal Government or the provider has withdrawn from Title X funding due to the imposition of conditions attached to the funding.
3. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to cover family planning services for MaineCare members who receive services from a provider that is a prohibited provider under Section 71113 of federal Public Law 119-21 (2025) and any future similar federal law. Services provided after July 1, 2025 are reimbursed retroactively.

Public Law 2025, chapter 650 also provided one-time funding to offset the provider impact of the federal budget reconciliation law in federal Public Law 119-21, Section 71113, which prohibits federal payments to prohibited entities, as defined in federal Public Law 119-21, Section 71113, for items and services for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2025. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part Z.

LD 389 Resolve, to Increase Transparency and Evaluate Emergency Response Through a COVID-19 Review Commission

Although this bill was not enacted, the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services directed the Department of Health and Human Services, as part of a scheduled State Government Evaluation Act review, to include an evaluation of its COVID-19 response in its submission. The department complied and included a COVID-19 response review in its State Government Evaluation Act report submitted to the committee.

LD 549 An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Update Certain Requirements Regarding Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kits

Although this bill was not enacted, requirements for law enforcement agencies to complete inventories of all sexual assault forensic examination kits in their possession and for the

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Department of Public Safety to establish and maintain a sexual assault forensic examination kit tracking system were incorporated into the supplemental budget. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Public Law 2025, chapter 650, Part 000.

LD 561 An Act to Ensure Subsidy Reimbursements for Certain Child Care Providers

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of this bill was incorporated in LD 1728, enacted as Public Law 2025, chapter 587. That law includes a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse child care providers for subsidies based on enrollment rather than attendance. See Health and Human Services, Enacted Law Summary, LD 1728.

LD 579 An Act to Include Certain Mental Health Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement

Aspects of the substance of this bill, as amended by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, were incorporated into the budget, enacted during the Second Regular Session as Public Law 2025, chapter 650. Part FFFF of Public Law 2025, chapter 650 adds employees of the Department of Health and Human Services on August 1, 2026 or hired thereafter who provide crisis outreach and crisis services to adults with developmental disabilities or intellectual disabilities in a community-based or resident setting and who have the job classification of Community Response Worker to the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part FFFF.

LD 579 was placed on the Special Appropriations Table following its amendment by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor. It was subsequently taken off the Special Appropriations Table and further amended to add certain nurses in the employment of the Department of Health and Human Services on October 1, 2026 or hired thereafter to the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. See Labor, Enacted Law Summary, LD 579.

LD 814 An Act to Provide Funding to Area Agencies on Aging for Community-based Services and Programs to Support Older Adults

Although this bill was not enacted, Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session, included a one-time appropriation of \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 to address unmet needs of older adults through services and programs delivered by the Area Agencies on Aging. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part A.

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LD 875 An Act to Fund Essential Services for Victims of Domestic Violence

Although this bill was not enacted, Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session, included a one-time appropriation of \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 to fund services for victims of domestic violence. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part A.

LD 888 An Act to Expand Property Tax Relief for Veterans and Survivors of Veterans

Although this bill was not enacted, aspects of the substance of the bill were incorporated into the supplemental budget bill enacted as Public Law 2025, chapter 650. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part M.

LD 1022 An Act to Protect and Increase Access to Justice in Civil Legal Matters for Persons with Low Incomes

Although this bill was not enacted, the biennial budget enacted in the First Special Session included a one-time appropriation of \$3,000,000 above the baseline to the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund in fiscal year 2025-26. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 210, Public Law 2025, chapter 388, Section A-22.

The supplemental budget enacted in the Second Regular Session also included a one-time appropriation of \$3,000,000 above the baseline to the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund in fiscal year 2026-27 and \$2,000,000 in ongoing appropriations above the baseline to the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund beginning in fiscal year 2026-27. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Public Law 2025, chapter 650, Section A-21.

LD 1139 An Act to Provide Funding for Essential Services for Victims of Crimes

Although this bill was not enacted, the biennial budget enacted in the First Special Session included an ongoing appropriation of \$3,000,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 and a one-time appropriation of an additional \$3,000,000 for each year of the 2025-2026 biennium to replace current and anticipated reductions in grants under the federal victim assistance formula grant program administered by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime pursuant to the federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 210, Public Law 2025, chapter 388, Section A-17.

The supplemental budget enacted in the Second Regular Session deappropriated the one-time appropriation of \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2026-27 that had been included in the biennial budget and instead included an ongoing appropriation of an additional \$3,000,000 per year beginning in

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fiscal year 2026-27 to replace current and anticipated reductions in grants under the federal victim assistance formula grant program administered by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime pursuant to the federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Public Law 2025, chapter 650, Section A-17.

LD 1816 An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Conduct an Inventory of Existing Forensic Examination Kits in the Possession of Law Enforcement

Although this bill was not enacted, requirements for law enforcement agencies to complete inventories of all sexual assault forensic examination kits in their possession and for the Department of Public Safety to establish and maintain a sexual assault forensic examination kit tracking system were incorporated into the supplemental budget. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Public Law 2025, Part 000.

LD 1932 An Act to Support Essential Support Workers and Enhance Workforce Development

Although this bill was not enacted, its substance was included in Part FF of Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session and Public Law 2025, chapter 752. Part FF of Public Law 2025, chapter 650 does the following:

1. It changes the membership of the Essential Support Workforce Advisory Committee to include a representative of the long-term care ombudsman program and a representative of an organization that provides personal care services in the home.
2. It applies a one-time cost-of-living adjustment of 3.07% for direct care services provided under certain sections of the MaineCare Benefits Manual and state-funded home and community-based services. This adjustment is applied beginning January 1, 2027.
3. It requires the Maine Health Data Organization and the Department of Health and Human Services to work with the department's vendors to allow for the organization to develop a plan to measure the care gap in essential support worker services paid by the MaineCare program or a similar state-funded program. "Care gap" is defined as the difference between the services individuals are authorized to receive and the services that they actually received. This change aligns with recommendations included in a legislative report submitted pursuant to Resolve 2025, chapter 113. It also requires the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters to determine which existing reports required by statute that are submitted by the department to the committee could be amended to include the ongoing care gap funding requirements.

ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this digest. Please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

Public Law 2025, chapter 752 amended Public Law 2025, chapter 650, Part FF to apply the one-time cost-of-living increase to additional essential care workers. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 705; Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part FF.

LD 1955 An Act to Increase Child Care Affordability

Although this bill was not enacted, ongoing funding of \$10,000,000 for the Maine Child Care Affordability Program, beginning in fiscal year 2026-27, was included in Public Law 2025, chapter 650, Part VV, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. Part VV also allows the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to accept donations or grants for the Maine Child Care Affordability Program from any source and provides that funds to support the program are nonlapsing. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part VV.

LD 1959 An Act to Prohibit the Department of Health and Human Services from Reducing General Assistance Reimbursement Maximums for Payment of Costs of Providing Emergency Shelter

Although this bill was not enacted, a total of \$4,750,000 in one-time allocations to emergency homeless shelters was included in Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part A.

LD 2010 An Act Updating References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes

Although this bill was not enacted, aspects of the substance of the bill were incorporated into the supplemental budget bill enacted as Public Law 2025, chapter 650. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part K.

LD 2065 An Act to Provide One-time Funds to Support the Construction of a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for At-risk Youth

Although this bill was not enacted, a total of \$3,399,680 in one-time allocations to support the establishment of a youth psychiatric residential treatment facility was included in Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part A.

ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this digest. Please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 2067 An Act to Include Community Mental Health Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement

Although this bill was not enacted, aspects of the substance of the bill were incorporated into the budget, enacted during the Second Regular Session as Public Law 2025, chapter 650. Part FFFF of Public Law 2025, chapter 650 adds employees of the Department of Health and Human Services on August 1, 2026 or hired thereafter who provide crisis outreach and crisis services to adults with developmental disabilities or intellectual disabilities in a community-based or resident setting and who have the job classification of Community Response Worker to the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part FFFF.

LD 2151 Resolve, to Improve Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs in Underserved Areas

Although this bill was not enacted, aspects of the substance of the bill were incorporated into Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part EE.

LD 2159 An Act to Require School Buses to Be Equipped with and to Use School Bus Crossing Arms

Although this bill was not enacted, funding was included as part of the budget to allow school administrative units to retrofit school buses with school bus crossings and anti-pinch sensors. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part T.

LD 2239 An Act to Designate School Sports Participation and Facilities by Sex

This legislation, which is a citizens' initiative, was not voted by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary prior to the adjournment sine die of the Second Regular Session in 2026. Under the Maine Constitution, such a measure shall be submitted to the electors unless enacted without change during the legislative session in which it was presented. Accordingly, this measure is expected to appear on the November 2026 ballot.

APPENDIX A

SESSION STATISTICS

OVERALL AND

BY INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE

**132nd LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
Summary of Committee Actions**

	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED		
A. Bills referred to Committee		
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	256	35.0%
<i>Bills carried over from previous session</i>	209 *	<u>28.6%</u>
Total Bills referred	465	63.5%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	3	0.4%
C. Bills introduced without reference (LDs 1281, 1948, 2237, 2243, 2244 and 2245) *includes two bills that were carried over on the floor and one bill carried over on the Special Approps. Table	6	0.8%
D. Bills referred, but not reported out (1 JUD, 1 TAX)	2	0.3%
E. Bills Carried Over from previous session on floor and special tables	198	27.0%
F. Orders and Resolutions Referred to Committee	0	0.0%
G. Bills Held by Governor at end of previous session and not recalled or referred back to a committee	58 **	7.9%
Total Bills considered by Legislature	732	100.0%
		% of All Committee Reports
II. BILLS AND PAPERS REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEES	<u>Number</u>	
A. Unanimous committee reports		
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	35	7.9%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	138	31.2%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	27	6.1%
<u><i>Ought Not to Pass</i></u>	<u>60</u>	<u>13.6%</u>
Total unanimous reports	260	58.8%
B. Divided committee reports		
<i>Two-way reports</i>	164	37.1%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	16	3.6%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	2	0.5%
<u><i>Five-way report</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	182	41.2%
Total Committee reports	442 ***	94.4%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	104	N/A
		% of All Bills/Rules
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed		
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	276	37.7%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	10	1.4%
<i>Resolves</i>	58	7.9%
<u><i>Constitutional Resolutions</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	344 ****	47.0%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules		
Rules authorized without legislative changes	8	88.9%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	1	11.1%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	9	100.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor		
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	3	0.4%
<u><i>Held by the Governor</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	3	0.4%

* At the end of the 132nd First Special Session, the total number of bills carried over to any regular or special session, or both, by S.P. 800 was 415 bills. Of the 415 bills, 213 were carried over in committee, 176 were carried over on the Special Appropriations Table, 18 were carried over on the Special Study Table and 8 were carried over on the floor of the Senate or House. One bill, LD 1378, was carried over in the JUD Committee, and then was enacted into law by referendum in November of 2025. Three bills were carried over in committee and then rereferred to another committee during the Second Regular Session and one bill was carried over on floor and then committed to the EUT Committee during the Second Regular Session.

** Three bills, LD 1488, LD 1643 and LD 1965, were held by the Governor at the end of the 131st First Regular and First Special Sessions and then were recalled and referred to a committee during the Second Regular Session.

*** 26 bills were referred to the AFA Committee during the First Regular And First Special Sessions, then carried over and not reported out of the AFA committee during the Second Regular Session.

**** Total enacted bills includes 53 bills held by the Governor at the conclusion of the 132nd First Regular and First Special Sessions that became law in January of 2026 at the start of the 132nd Second Regular Session; and 33 bills carried over on the Special Appropriations Table from the 131st First Regular and First Special Sessions and then removed from the table and enacted during the 131st Second Regular Session and two bills that were carried over on the Special Study Table and then enacted during the Second Regular Session.

**132nd LEGISLATURE
AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	9	60.0%	1.2%
<u><i>Bills carried over from previous session</i></u>	<u>6</u>	<u>40.0%</u>	<u>0.8%</u>
Total Bills referred	15	100.0%	2.0%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills referred and not reported out	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	15	100.0%	2.0%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	3	20.0%	0.7%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	9	60.0%	2.0%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Ought Not to Pass</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total unanimous reports	12	80.0%	2.7%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	3	20.0%	0.7%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Four-way reports</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	3	20.0%	0.7%
Total committee reports	15	100.0%	3.4%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	6	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	9	60.0%	1.2%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	6	40.0%	0.8%
<u><i>Constitutional Resolutions</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	15 *	100.0%	2.0%
B. Major substantive rules			
Authorized without legislative changes	2	100.0%	22.2%
Authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	2	100.0%	22.2%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Held by the Governor</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

* Total number of enacted laws includes two bills that were reported out of the ACF Committee during the 131st First Regular or First Special Sessions, carried over on the Special Appropriations Table and enacted during the Second Regular Session; and two bills that were enacted either during the First Regular or First Special Sessions, held by the Governor and became law at the beginning of the Second Regular Session.

**132nd LEGISLATURE
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	2	6.7%	0.3%
<u><i>Bills carried over from previous session</i></u>	<u>28</u>	<u>93.3%</u>	<u>3.8%</u>
Total Bills referred	30	100.0%	4.1%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills referred and not reported out	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	30	100.0%	4.1%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Ought Not to Pass</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total unanimous reports	0	0.0%	0.0%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	4	100.0%	0.9%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Four-way reports</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	4	100.0%	0.9%
Total committee reports	4 *	13.3%	0.9%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
	1	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	3	10.0%	0.4%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Constitutional Resolutions</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	3 **	10.0%	0.4%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Held by the Governor</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

* Total number of committee reports does not include 26 bills that were referred to or carried over in the AFA Committee, but not reported out.

** Total number of enacted laws includes one bill that was enacted either during the First Regular or First Special Sessions, held by the Governor and then became law at the beginning of the Second Regular Session.

**132nd LEGISLATURE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	16	50.0%	2.2%
<u><i>Bills carried over from previous session</i></u>	<u>16</u>	<u>50.0%</u>	<u>2.2%</u>
Total Bills referred	32	100.0%	4.4%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee			
	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	32	100.0%	4.4%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	1	3.1%	0.2%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	9	28.1%	2.0%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	3	9.4%	0.7%
<u><i>Ought Not to Pass</i></u>	<u>5</u>	<u>15.6%</u>	<u>1.1%</u>
Total unanimous reports	18	56.3%	4.1%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	12	37.5%	2.7%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	2	6.3%	0.5%
<u><i>Four-way reports</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	14	43.8%	3.2%
Total committee reports	32	100.0%	7.2%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS			
	0	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	24	75.0%	3.3%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	2	6.3%	0.3%
<u><i>Constitutional Resolutions</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	26 *	81.3%	3.6%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Held by the Governor</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

* Total number of enacted laws includes five bills that were reported out of the CJPS Committee during the 131st First Regular or First Special Sessions, carried over on the Special Appropriations Table and enacted during the Second Regular Session; and five bills that were enacted during the First Regular or First Special Sessions, held by the Governor and then became law at the beginning of the Second Regular Session.

**132nd LEGISLATURE
EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	25	86.2%	3.4%
<i><u>Bills carried over from previous session</u></i>	<u>4</u>	<u>13.8%</u>	<u>0.5%</u>
Total Bills referred	29	100.0%	4.0%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	29	100.0%	4.0%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	1	3.4%	0.2%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	7	24.1%	1.6%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	3	10.3%	0.7%
<i><u>Ought Not to Pass</u></i>	<u>5</u>	<u>17.2%</u>	<u>1.1%</u>
Total unanimous reports	16	55.2%	3.6%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	13	44.8%	2.9%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Four-way reports</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	13	44.8%	2.9%
Total committee reports	29	100.0%	6.6%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	18	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	22	75.9%	3.0%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	2	6.9%	0.3%
<i>Resolves</i>	11	37.9%	1.5%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	35 *	120.7%	4.8%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
<i>Rules authorized without legislative changes</i>	1	50.0%	11.1%
<i>Rules authorized with legislative changes</i>	1	50.0%	11.1%
<i><u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	2	100.0%	22.2%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

* Total number of enacted laws includes five bills that were reported out of the EDU Committee during the 131st First Regular or First Special Sessions, carried over on the Special Appropriations Table and then enacted during the Second Regular Session; and 13 bills that were enacted during the First Regular or First Special Sessions, held by the Governor and then became law at the beginning of the Second Regular Session.

**132nd LEGISLATURE
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	11	61.1%	1.5%
<u><i>Bills carried over from previous session</i></u>	7	38.9%	1.0%
Total Bills referred	18	100.0%	2.5%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	18	100.0%	2.5%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
		% of this Committee's Reports	% of All Committee Reports
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>		
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	1	5.6%	0.2%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	4	22.2%	0.9%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	2	11.1%	0.5%
<u><i>Ought Not to Pass</i></u>	<u>2</u>	<u>11.1%</u>	<u>0.5%</u>
Total unanimous reports	9	50.0%	2.0%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	9	50.0%	2.0%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Four-way reports</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	9	50.0%	2.0%
Total committee reports	18	100.0%	4.1%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	4	N/A	N/A
		% of Comm Bills/Papers	% of All Bills/Papers
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>		
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	11	61.1%	1.5%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	3	16.7%	0.4%
<u><i>Constitutional Resolutions</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	14 *	77.8%	1.9%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	1	100.0%	11.1%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	1	100.0%	11.1%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Held by the Governor</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

* Total number of enacted laws includes one bill that was reported out of the ENR Committee during the 131st First Regular or First Special Sessions, carried over on the Special Appropriations Table and enacted during the Second Regular Session; one bill reported out of the ENR Committee and carried over on the Special Study Table and enacted during the Second Regular Session; and one bill that was enacted during the First Regular or First Special Sessions, held by the Governor and then became law at the beginning of the Second Regular Session.

**132nd LEGISLATURE
ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	11	47.8%	1.5%
<u><i>Bills carried over from previous session</i></u>	<u>12</u> *	<u>52.2%</u>	<u>1.6%</u>
Total Bills referred	23	100.0%	3.1%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee			
	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	23	100.0%	3.1%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	2	8.7%	0.5%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	2	8.7%	0.5%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	1	4.3%	0.2%
<u><i>Ought Not to Pass</i></u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8.7%</u>	<u>0.5%</u>
Total unanimous reports	7	30.4%	1.6%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	13	56.5%	2.9%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	3	13.0%	0.7%
<u><i>Four-way reports</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	16	69.6%	3.6%
Total committee reports	23	100.0%	5.2%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS			
	13	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	14	60.9%	1.9%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	3	13.0%	0.4%
<i>Resolves</i>	3	13.0%	0.4%
<u><i>Constitutional Resolutions</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	20 **	87.0%	2.7%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules carried over to next session	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	1	4.3%	0.1%
<u><i>Held by the Governor</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	1	4.3%	0.1%

* Total number of bills carried over from the previous session does not include LD 1223, which was carried over in the EUT Committee at the end of the 132nd First Special Session and then referred to the TAX Committee during the Second Regular Session.

** Total number of enacted laws includes two bills that were enacted during the 132nd First Regular or First Special Sessions, held by the Governor and then became law at the beginning of the Second Regular Session.

**132nd LEGISLATURE
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	25	56.8%	3.4%
<i><u>Bills carried over from previous session</u></i>	<u>19</u>	<u>43.2%</u>	<u>2.6%</u>
Total Bills referred	44	100.0%	6.0%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills referred and not reported out	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	44	100.0%	6.0%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	2	4.5%	0.5%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	23	52.3%	5.2%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	1	2.3%	0.2%
<i><u>Ought Not to Pass</u></i>	<u>8</u>	<u>18.2%</u>	<u>1.8%</u>
Total unanimous reports	34	77.3%	7.7%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	9	20.5%	2.0%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	1	2.3%	0.2%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	10	22.7%	2.3%
Total committee reports	44	100.0%	10.0%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	0	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	25	56.8%	3.4%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	6	13.6%	0.8%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	31 *	70.5%	4.2%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
<i>Rules authorized without legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules authorized with legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

* Total number of enacted laws includes six bills that were reported out of the HHS Committee during the 131st First Regular or First Special Sessions, carried over on the Special Appropriations Table and then enacted during the Second Regular Session; and five bills that were enacted during the First Regular or First Special Sessions, held by the Governor and then became law at the beginning of the Second Regular Session.

**132nd LEGISLATURE
HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	37	71.2%	5.1%
<i><u>Bills carried over from previous session</u></i>	15	<u>28.8%</u>	<u>2.0%</u>
Total Bills referred	52	100.0%	7.1%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	52	100.0%	7.1%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	5	9.6%	1.1%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	18	34.6%	4.1%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	2	3.8%	0.5%
<i><u>Ought Not to Pass</u></i>	<u>8</u>	<u>15.4%</u>	<u>1.8%</u>
Total unanimous reports	33	63.5%	7.5%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	17	32.7%	3.8%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	2	3.8%	0.5%
<i><u>Four-way reports</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	19	36.5%	4.3%
Total committee reports	52	100.0%	11.8%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	4	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	34	65.4%	4.6%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	4	7.7%	0.5%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	38 *	73.1%	5.2%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
<i>Rules authorized without legislative changes</i>	3	100.0%	33.3%
<i>Rules authorized with legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	3	100.0%	33.3%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

* Total number of enacted laws includes two bills that were reported out of the HCIFS Committee during the 131st First Regular or First Special Sessions, carried over on the Special Appropriations Table and then enacted during the Second Regular Session; and two bills that were enacted during the First Regular or First Special Sessions, held by the Governor and then became law at the beginning of the Second Regular Session.

**132nd LEGISLATURE
HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	23	65.7%	3.1%
<i><u>Bills carried over from previous session</u></i>	<u>12</u>	<u>34.3%</u>	<u>1.6%</u>
Total Bills referred	35	100.0%	4.8%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	35	100.0%	4.8%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	1	2.9%	0.2%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	9	25.7%	2.0%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Ought Not to Pass</u></i>	<u>5</u>	<u>14.3%</u>	<u>1.1%</u>
Total unanimous reports	15	42.9%	3.4%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	20	57.1%	4.5%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Four-way reports</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	20	57.1%	4.5%
Total committee reports	35	100.0%	7.9%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	8	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	23	65.7%	3.1%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	1	2.9%	0.1%
<i>Resolves</i>	3	8.6%	0.4%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	27 *	77.1%	3.7%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
<i>Rules authorized without legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules authorized with legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	1	2.9%	0.1%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	1	2.9%	0.1%

* Total number of enacted laws includes two bills that were reported out of the HED Committee during the 131st First Regular or First Special Sessions, carried over on the Special Appropriations Table and then enacted during the Second Regular Session; one bill reported out of the HED Committee and carried over on the Special Study Table and enacted during the Second Regular Session; and two bills that were enacted during the First Regular or First Special Sessions, held by the Governor and then became law at the beginning of the Second Regular Session.

**132nd LEGISLATURE
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	7	53.8%	1.0%
<i><u>Bills carried over from previous session</u></i>	<u>5</u> *	<u>38.5%</u>	<u>0.7%</u>
Total Bills referred	12	92.3%	1.6%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	1	7.7%	0.1%
Total Bills considered by Committee	13	100.0%	1.8%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	1	7.7%	0.2%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	3	23.1%	0.7%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Ought Not to Pass</u></i>	<u>1</u>	<u>7.7%</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
Total unanimous reports	5	38.5%	1.1%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	7	53.8%	1.6%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	1	7.7%	0.2%
<i><u>Four-way reports</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	8	61.5%	1.8%
Total committee reports	13	100.0%	2.9%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	1	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	7	53.8%	1.0%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	3	23.1%	0.4%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	10	76.9%	1.4%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
<i>Rules authorized without legislative changes</i>	1	100.0%	11.1%
<i>Rules authorized with legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	1	100.0%	11.1%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

* The total number of bills carried over from the previous session does not include LD 1054, which was carried over in the IFW Committee at the end of the 132nd First Special Session and then referred to the ACF Committee during the Second Regular Session.

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**132nd LEGISLATURE
JUDICIARY**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	21	42.9%	2.9%
<i>Bills carried over from previous session</i>	<u>26</u> *	<u>53.1%</u>	<u>3.6%</u>
Total Bills referred	47	95.9%	6.4%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	1	2.0%	0.1%
C. Bills referred, but not reported out (LD 2239)	1		
Total Bills considered by Committee	49	100.0%	6.7%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
		% of this Committee's Reports	% of All Committee Reports
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>		
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	3	6.3%	0.7%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	12	25.0%	2.7%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	5	10.4%	1.1%
<i>Ought Not to Pass</i>	<u>6</u>	<u>12.5%</u>	<u>1.4%</u>
Total unanimous reports	26	54.2%	5.9%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	19	39.6%	4.3%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	2	4.2%	0.5%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	1	<u>2.1%</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
<i>Five-way reports</i>	<u>0</u>		
Total divided reports	22	45.8%	5.0%
Total committee reports	48 **	100.0%	10.9%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	12	N/A	N/A
		% of Comm Bills/Papers	% of All Bills/Papers
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>		
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	30	61.2%	4.1%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	5	10.2%	0.7%
<i>Constitutional Resolutions</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	35 ***	71.4%	4.8%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
<i>Rules authorized without legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules authorized with legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules carried over to the next session</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	1	2.0%	0.1%
<i>Held by the Governor</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	1	2.0%	0.1%

* Total number of bills carried over from the previous session does not include LD 1378, which was carried over in the JUD Committee and enacted into law by referendum in November of 2025; and LD 335, which was carried over in the JUD Committee and then referred to the HHS Committee during the Second Regular Session.

** Total committee reports does not include LD 2239, which was referred to the JUD Committee, but was not reported out.

*** Total number of enacted laws include one bill that was reported out of the JUD Committee during the 132nd First Regular or First Special Sessions, carried over on the Special Appropriations Table and enacted during the Second Regular Session; and eight bills reported out of the JUD Committee during the 132nd First Regular or First Special Sessions, held by the Governor and then became law at the beginning of the Second Regular Session.

**132nd LEGISLATURE
LABOR**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	14	60.9%	1.9%
<i><u>Bills carried over from previous session</u></i>	<u>9</u>	<u>39.1%</u>	<u>1.2%</u>
Total Bills referred	23	100.0%	3.1%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	23	100.0%	3.1%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	3	13.0%	0.7%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	3	13.0%	0.7%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	3	13.0%	0.7%
<i><u>Ought Not to Pass</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total unanimous reports	9	39.1%	2.0%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	13	56.5%	2.9%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	1	4.3%	0.2%
<i><u>Four-way reports</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	14	60.9%	3.2%
Total committee reports	23	100.0%	5.2%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	17	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	18	78.3%	2.5%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	2	8.7%	0.3%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	20 *	87.0%	2.7%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
<i>Rules authorized without legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules authorized with legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

* Total number of enacted laws includes six bills that were reported out of the LAB Committee during the 131st First Regular or First Special Sessions, carried over on the Special Appropriations Table and then enacted during the Second Regular Session; and two bills that were enacted during the First Regular or First Special Sessions, held by the Governor and then became law at the beginning of the Second Regular Session.

**132nd LEGISLATURE
MARINE RESOURCES**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	6	66.7%	0.8%
<i><u>Bills carried over from previous session</u></i>	<u>3</u>	<u>33.3%</u>	<u>0.4%</u>
Total Bills referred	9	100.0%	1.2%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	9	100.0%	1.2%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
 II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	 <u>Number</u>	 <u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	 <u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	5	55.6%	1.1%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	1	11.1%	0.2%
<i><u>Ought Not to Pass</u></i>	<u>1</u>	<u>11.1%</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
Total unanimous reports	7	77.8%	1.6%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	2	22.2%	0.5%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Four-way reports</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	2	22.2%	0.5%
Total committee reports	9	100.0%	2.0%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	11	N/A	N/A
 IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	 <u>Number</u>	 <u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	 <u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	6	66.7%	0.8%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	6	66.7%	0.8%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
<i>Rules authorized without legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules authorized with legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

**132nd LEGISLATURE
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	12	52.2%	1.6%
<i>Bills carried over from previous session</i>	<u>11</u>	<u>47.8%</u>	<u>1.5%</u>
Total Bills referred	23	100.0%	3.1%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills referred and not reported out	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	23	100.0%	3.1%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	4	17.4%	0.9%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	9	39.1%	2.0%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	1	4.3%	0.2%
<i>Ought Not to Pass</i>	<u>3</u>	<u>13.0%</u>	<u>0.7%</u>
Total unanimous reports	17	73.9%	3.8%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	3	13.0%	0.7%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	3	13.0%	0.7%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	6	26.1%	1.4%
Total committee reports	23	100.0%	5.2%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	1	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	16	69.6%	2.2%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	2	8.7%	0.3%
<i>Resolves</i>	2	8.7%	0.3%
<i>Constitutional Resolutions</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	20 *	87.0%	2.7%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Held by the Governor</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

* Total number of enacted laws includes one bill that was reported out of the SLG Committee during the 131st First Regular or First Special Sessions, carried over on the Special Appropriations Table and then enacted during the Second Regular Session; and four bills that were enacted during the First Regular or First Special Sessions, held by the Governor and then became law at the beginning of the Second Regular Session.

**132nd LEGISLATURE
TAXATION**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	8	29.6%	1.1%
<u><i>Bills carried over from previous session</i></u>	<u>18</u>	<u>66.7%</u>	<u>2.5%</u>
Total Bills referred	26	96.3%	3.6%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills referred, but not reported out (LD 2010)	1		
Total Bills considered by Committee	27	100.0%	3.7%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	9	34.6%	2.0%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	1	3.8%	0.2%
<u><i>Ought Not to Pass</i></u>	<u>6</u>	<u>23.1%</u>	<u>1.4%</u>
Total unanimous reports	16	61.5%	3.6%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	9	34.6%	2.0%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	1	3.8%	0.2%
<u><i>Four-way reports</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	10	38.5%	2.3%
Total committee reports	26 *	100.0%	5.9%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS			
	0	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	9	33.3%	1.2%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	1	3.7%	0.1%
<u><i>Constitutional Resolutions</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	10 **	37.0%	1.4%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Held by the Governor</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

* Total committee reports does not include LD2010, which was referred to the Tax Committee, but was not reported out.

** Total number of enacted laws includes one bill that was reported out of the TAX Committee during the 131st First Regular or First Special Sessions, carried over on the Special Appropriations Table and then enacted during the Second Regular Session; and two bills that were enacted during the First Regular or First Special Sessions, held by the Governor and then became law at the beginning of the Second Regular Session.

**132nd LEGISLATURE
TRANSPORTATION**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	19	67.9%	2.6%
<i><u>Bills carried over from previous session</u></i>	<u>8</u>	<u>28.6%</u>	<u>1.1%</u>
Total Bills referred and voted out	27	96.4%	3.7%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	1	3.6%	0.1%
C. Bills referred and not reported out (LD 408)	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	28	100.0%	3.8%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
		% of this Committee's Reports	% of All Committee Reports
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>		
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	8	28.6%	1.8%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	9	32.1%	2.0%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	2	7.1%	0.5%
<i>Ought Not to Pass</i>	<u>5</u>	<u>17.9%</u>	<u>1.1%</u>
Total unanimous reports	24	85.7%	5.4%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	4	14.3%	0.9%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Four-way reports</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	4	14.3%	0.9%
Total committee reports	28	100.0%	6.3%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	5	N/A	N/A
		% of Comm Bills/Papers	% of All Bills/Papers
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>		
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	7	25.0%	1.0%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	1	3.6%	0.1%
<i>Resolves</i>	7	25.0%	1.0%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	15	53.6%	2.0%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
<i>Rules authorized without legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules authorized with legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

**132nd LEGISLATURE
VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	10	50.0%	1.4%
<i><u>Bills carried over from previous session</u></i>	<u>10</u>	<u>50.0%</u>	<u>1.4%</u>
Total Bills referred	20	100.0%	2.7%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	20	100.0%	2.7%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	7	35.0%	1.6%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	2	10.0%	0.5%
<i><u>Ought Not to Pass</u></i>	<u>3</u>	<u>15.0%</u>	<u>0.7%</u>
Total unanimous reports	12	60.0%	2.7%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	7	35.0%	1.6%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Four-way reports</u></i>	<u>1</u>	<u>5.0%</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
Total divided reports	8	40.0%	1.8%
Total committee reports	20	100.0%	4.5%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	3	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	15	75.0%	2.0%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	15 *	75.0%	2.0%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
<i>Rules authorized without legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules authorized with legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

* Total number of enacted laws includes one bill that was reported out of the VLA Committee during the 131st First Regular or First Special Sessions, carried over on the Special Appropriations Table and then enacted during the Second Regular Session; and five bills that were enacted during the First Regular or First Special Sessions, held by the Governor and then became law at the beginning of the Second Regular Session.