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Bill Requests For Screening

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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DEPT

POWERS

LR: 2742 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title: An Act To Establish a Task Force To Examine Agricultural Issues
Comment: This bill would establish a task force to examine agricultural issues.

ANIMALS

ADOPTION

LR: 2508 Sponsor: Senator Dill of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Facilitate the Adoption of Dogs and Cats That Have Been in the Possession of Publicly Funded Research Facilities
Comment: This bill would require a research facility that receives public funding for any research involving a dog or cat to assess the health of the animal to determine the animal's suitability for adoption and make reasonable efforts to offer for adoption those animals that are suitable.

Potential JR 217: LD 246

ANIMALS

DOGS

LR: 2682 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Keeping of a Dangerous Dog
Comment: The bill would require that, if an animal control officer identifies a dog as dangerous, the animal control officer must so notify all people who reside within 500 feet of where the dog resides. The bill would also specify that the owner of a dangerous dog is responsible for that dog whether or not the dog is under the owner's direct control at a particular time and that a person who keeps a dangerous dog as a therapy dog must have evidence that the dog has been trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability.

Closely Related CO: LD 858 Representative Nadeau, C

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

STATE PARKS

LR: 2493 Sponsor: Representative Dunphy of Old Town
Title: An Act To Reinstate Part-time State Park Ranger Positions
Comment: This bill would reinstate 24 part-time state park ranger positions that were cut in the 2018-2019 biennial budget.

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FARMS

PROMOTION

- LR: 2520 Sponsor: Representative Hickman of Winthrop
Title: An Act To Amend the Maine Food Sovereignty Laws To Clarify Local Authority Regarding Meat and Poultry Products
Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing food sovereignty to clarify and ensure compliance with federal law.

PESTICIDES

PEST MANAGEMENT

- LR: 2569 Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle
Title: Resolve, To Use a Comprehensive Approach To Restore and Protect Pollinator Populations
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to examine potential pesticide management protocols and pest control protocols in order to protect pollinator populations.

PUBLIC LANDS

CONVEYANCES

- LR: 2741 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title: Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Transfer Land in the Town of Washburn
Comment: This resolve would authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to transfer land in the Town of Washburn.

PUBLIC LANDS

HISTORIC SITES

- LR: 2740 Sponsor: Senator Dow of Lincoln
Title: Resolve, Authorizing the Lease of the Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site
Comment: This resolve would authorize the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to lease the Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site in the Town of Bristol to the Friends of Colonial Pemaquid, a Maine nonprofit corporation, for use by the public for educational and recreational purposes.

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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

BOND ISSUES

EDUCATION

LR: 2481 Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund a Program of Student Debt Consolidation and Repayment

Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue and establish a program of student debt consolidation and repayment to be administered by the Finance Authority of Maine. Under the program, Maine residents who work in Maine after graduation from postsecondary school can apply to consolidate student loans at a single advantageous interest rate and employers that opt to pay up to 50% of their employees' annual loan repayment costs are authorized to treat those costs as expenses for tax purposes.

Closely Related CO: LD 1163 Senator Libby, N

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

BENEFITS

LR: 2600 Sponsor: Senator Bellows of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Facilitate the Provision of Disability Benefits for State Workers Requiring Organ Transplants

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to facilitate the provision of long-term disability benefits in the case of life threatening illnesses that will require organ transplant.

Closely Related CO: LD 176 Representative Foley, R

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

CREDITS

LR: 2533 Sponsor: Representative Pickett of Dixfield

Title: An Act To Allow Certain Retirees in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System the Option of Including Certain Wages for Purposes of Retirement Benefits

Comment: This bill would provide a member of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System who retired after June 30, 2011 and before July 1, 2015 to include wages lost due to merit pay freezes and longevity pay freezes during fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13 in the member's retirement benefit calculations if the member pays the employee portion of the retirement contributions due on those lost wages.

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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

STATE FINANCES

BUDGET PROCEDURES

LR: 2475 Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle

Title: An Act To Improve the Research Capabilities of State Employees

Comment: This bill would create a line item in the budget to support online access to scientific databases, journals and other publications by state employees.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

OTHER STATE FACILITIES

LR: 2502 Sponsor: Representative Tuell of East Machias
Title: An Act To Fund the Downeast Correctional Facility
Comment: This bill would appropriate funding for the Downeast Correctional Facility, which is currently funded only until the end of fiscal year 2017-18. The bill would also require the executive branch to submit a plan to the Legislature detailing the plans for the future of the Downeast Correctional Facility.

CORRECTIONS DEPT

PROCEDURES

LR: 2647 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross of Portland
Title: An Act To Provide Funding To Improve Public Safety through Expanded Department of Corrections Treatment, Education and Vocational Programs
Comment: This bill would provide funding to the Department of Corrections to support the department's strategic plan to meet the rehabilitation needs of prisoners through treatment, education and vocational programs.

Closely Related CO: LD 1415 Representative Talbot Ross, R

CRIMES

ABUSE AND NEGLECT

LR: 2527 Sponsor: Senator Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis
Title: An Act To Strengthen the Laws Regarding Child Abuse
Comment: This bill would add the definition of "child psychological abuse" to the State's definition of "child abuse."

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CRIMES

ABUSE AND NEGLECT

LR: 2630 Sponsor: Representative Sirocki of Scarborough

Title: An Act To Prohibit Female Genital Mutilation and To Provide Education and Outreach Regarding Female Genital Mutilation

Comment: This bill would make it a Class B crime to perform female genital mutilation on a female person under 18 years of age for nonmedical purposes. The bill would also make it a Class B crime for a parent, guardian or person who has immediate custody of a female person under 18 years of age to consent to or permit female genital mutilation of that female person for nonmedical purposes or for a person to remove the female person from the State for such a procedure. Under the provisions of the bill, it is not a defense that the female person, or the parent, guardian or person who has immediate custody of the female person, consented to the procedure, but it is a defense that the procedure was done for medical purposes. This bill also would direct the Department of Health and Human Services, within its existing resources, to administer community-based education and outreach to provide culturally specific services for communities in the State in which female genital mutilation of minors might be practiced.

Potential JR 217: LD 745

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2656 Representative Nadeau, C

LR: 2656 Sponsor: Representative Nadeau of Winslow

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Offenses against the Person

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing offenses against the person by specifically providing criminal penalties for female genital mutilation of a minor.

Potential JR 217: LD 745

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2630 Representative Sirocki, H

CRIMES

MOTOR VEHICLE

LR: 2563 Sponsor: Senator Maker of Washington

Title: An Act To Increase Penalties for Drivers Who Cause Serious or Fatal Injuries to Others in Multiple Accidents

Comment: This bill would impose greater penalties, including license suspension, upon an individual who has caused serious or fatal injuries to other individuals through 2 or more vehicle accidents and who lacks auto insurance.

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CRIMES

NEW

LR: 2547 Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Establish the Crimes of Forced Labor and Aggravated Forced Labor in the Maine Criminal Code
Comment: This bill would create the Class C crime of forced labor and the Class B crime of aggravated forced labor to address forced labor outside the context of sex trafficking.

LR: 2701 Sponsor: Representative Beebe-Center of Rockland
Title: An Act To Protect the Privacy of Conversations
Comment: This bill would make it a crime to record or eavesdrop on any confidential communication, including a private conversation or telephone call, without the consent of all parties to the conversation.

CRIMES

PROTESTS

LR: 2499 Sponsor: Senator Rosen of Hancock
Title: An Act To Prohibit the Wearing of a Mask or Hood or Otherwise Disguising a Person's Identity While Participating in a Protest, Demonstration or Riot
Comment: This bill would prohibit the wearing of a mask or hood or otherwise disguising a person's identity while participating in a protest, demonstration or riot.

CRIMES

SEX OFFENSES

LR: 2472 Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle
Title: An Act To Prevent Human Trafficking, Protect Children and Finance the Victims' Compensation Fund
Comment: This bill would establish the Human Trafficking Prevention Act to:
1. Declare that pornography is a public health crisis;
2. Protect children from obscenity by requiring manufacturers and wholesalers that distribute obscene products on the Internet to sell their products with preset activated filters that can be removed only under certain conditions;
3. Affect human trafficking by establishing restrictions on viewing websites used for solicitation and facilitation of prostitution and human trafficking;
4. Protect consumers from inadvertently viewing child pornography;
5. Mitigate the harm caused by so-called revenge pornography; and
6. Establish a fine to be used to fund the Victims' Compensation Fund and fund other human trafficking prevention programs.

Closely Related CO: LD 951 Senator Volk, A

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CRIMES

SEX OFFENSES

LR: 2560 Sponsor: Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc

Title: An Act To Increase the Penalty for Visual Sexual Aggression against a Child

Comment: This bill would make visual sexual aggression against a child 14 years of age and younger a Class C crime as is the case for visual sexual aggression against a child 12 years of age and under, increase penalties for repeat offenders and ensure repeat offenders are kept on the sex offender registry for a sufficient time.

CRIMES

WEAPONS OFFENSES

LR: 2497 Sponsor: Representative Martin of Eagle Lake

Title: An Act Regarding the Prohibition on the Possession of a Firearm on School Property

Comment: This bill would provide that the prohibition in current law on the possession of a firearm on public school property or the property of an approved private school does not apply to a person who possesses a firearm in a motor vehicle.

Potential JR 217: LD 988

CRIMINAL HISTORIES

CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS

LR: 2580 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross of Portland

Title: An Act To Provide for the Sealing of Records of Convictions for Marijuana-related Violations That Are No Longer Crimes

Comment: This bill would permanently seal for all purposes records of criminal convictions of marijuana-related violations that are no longer crimes upon petition to the court.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

AMBULANCE SERVICES

LR: 2494 Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox

Title: An Act To Require Cameras in Ambulances

Comment: This bill would require cameras in ambulances to record patients transported in those ambulances and services provided to those patients. The recordings must be made available for review by authorized personnel and appropriate family members only, based on privacy protections already established in law. Recordings must be available for law enforcement and court proceedings in the event of questions raised about the care during the transport.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

AMBULANCE SERVICES

LR: 2526 Sponsor: Representative Fay of Raymond

Title: An Act To Protect Working and Service Animals

Comment: This bill would extend Good Samaritan liability protection to cover first responders who treat working and service animals in emergency situations.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

SYSTEM

LR: 2621 Sponsor: President Thibodeau of Waldo

Title: An Act To Authorize Regional Medical Control Committees Approved by the Emergency Medical Services Board To Have Access to Maine Emergency Medical Services Data for Purposes of Quality Improvement

Comment: This bill would allow regional medical control committees approved by the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services Board to have access to data collected by Maine Emergency Medical Services for purposes of quality improvement.

FIRE SAFETY

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

LR: 2716 Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast

Title: An Act To Attract Trained Firefighters to Maine and Provide Incentives To Retain Them

Comment: This bill would attract trained firefighters to Maine and provide incentives to retain them.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY

LR: 2675 Sponsor: Representative Guerin of Glenburn

Title: An Act To Waive the Fee for Attendance at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for Former Military Police Officers

Comment: This bill would allow an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces who served as a military police officer to attend the Maine Criminal Justice Academy without charge as long as certain other education and experience requirements are met.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

PROCEDURES

LR: 2483 Sponsor: Senator Millett of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Protect Local Control of Military Equipment Procurement

Comment: This bill would require that law enforcement agencies receive the approval of local elected officials prior to the acquisition of federal surplus military-grade equipment.

LR: 2484 Sponsor: Senator Millett of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Ensure Transparency in Acquisition of Military Equipment by Law Enforcement Agencies

Comment: This bill would require that the Attorney General review all requests by local law enforcement agencies for federal surplus military-grade equipment.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

STATE POLICE

LR: 2492 Sponsor: Representative Gerrish of Lebanon

Title: An Act To Create a Full-time Drug Interdiction Unit within the State

Comment: This bill would create a full-time drug interdiction unit within the State.

VICTIMS OF CRIME

BILL OF RIGHTS

LR: 2599 Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast

Title: An Act To Strengthen Crime Victims' Rights

Comment: This bill would strengthen the rights of victim of a crime by: 1. Authorizing the victim to be present at all trial proceedings unless the court determines that the fair administration of justice requires the exclusion of the victim; and 2. Requiring that a victim who so wishes receive notification of the defendant's escape from the jail or institute to which the defendant was confined.

Closely Related CO: LD 1168 President Thibodeau, M

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VICTIMS OF CRIME

BILL OF RIGHTS

LR: 2614 Sponsor: Speaker Gideon of Freeport

Title: An Act To Enhance Safety for Victims of Sexual Assault and Stalking

Comment: This bill would amend the law:

1. Governing remedies available to tenants who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking by expanding the forms of acceptable documentation that may be provided to landlords to include police reports prepared in response to investigations of sexual assault or stalking, and copies of criminal complaints for, or indictments or convictions of, charges of sexual assault or stalking; and
2. To provide that a person is guilty of sexual misconduct with a child who is at least 14 years of age but not yet 16 years of age if the actor is at least 10 years older than the other person and knowingly displays or disseminates sexually explicit materials to the other person with the intent to encourage the other person to engage in a sexual act or sexual contact.

WEAPONS

POSSESSION

LR: 2605 Sponsor: President Thibodeau of Waldo

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Restricting Firearms on Public Lands

Comment: This bill would amend the laws that restrict the possession, concealing or discharging of a firearm within 300 feet of any marked hiking trail on public lands to allow hunting within this area.

LR: 2629 Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

Title: An Act To Further Protect the Safety of College Students by Authorizing a Student To Possess a Firearm While on Campus as Long as the Firearm Remains in a Vehicle

Comment: This bill would allow a student to possess a firearm in a vehicle while on campus. The firearm must remain in the vehicle.

Potential JR 217: LD 1370

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

LR: 2464 Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox

Title: An Act To Shorten the Residency Requirements for In-state Tuition

Comment: This bill would ensure that any Maine college or university charges the in-state tuition rate for students who have one year of proven residency.

CULTURAL AGENCIES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

LR: 2477 Sponsor: Senator Rosen of Hancock

Title: Resolve, To Study the Negue Trading Post Site in Orono

Comment: This resolve would require that the Maine Historic Preservation Commission provide assistance to Emeric Spooner and the Town of Orono to study the site on the Penobscot River in the Town of Orono known to be the proven site of the French-built trading post Negue in order to preserve its archaeological importance to the State.

CULTURAL AGENCIES

STATE MUSEUM

LR: 2525 Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast

Title: An Act To Allow Veterans Free Admission to the Maine State Museum

Comment: This bill would allow a Maine veteran to visit the Maine State Museum without paying an admission fee.

Potential JR 217: LD 1233

EDUCATION DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2576 Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

Title: An Act Regarding School Bus Rules in Maine

Comment: This bill would direct the Department of Public Safety to change its rules regarding school buses.

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EDUCATION DEPT

POWERS

- LR: 2546 Sponsor: Representative Golden of Lewiston
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Adopt Protocols Designed To Prevent Youth Suicide
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Education to adopt for schools protocols that are designed to help prevent youth suicide. This bill would also authorize the department to make recommendations regarding any necessary implementing legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education.
- LR: 2702 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York
Title: An Act To Increase Access to the Aspirations Program for Students Returning to High School To Earn a Diploma
Comment: This bill would allow students going back to high school to earn a high school diploma to qualify for the Department of Education's high school college aspirations program, enabling them to take college classes through the University of Maine System for free.

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

- LR: 2495 Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock
Title: An Act To Recognize the Accreditation of Certain Private Secondary Schools
Comment: This bill would allow a private school that enrolls fewer than 60% publicly funded students to operate as an approved private school if it is accredited by a commission on independent schools of a New England association of schools and colleges, rather than making that private school subject to the Department of Education's basic school approval process.

SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

ADJUSTMENTS

- LR: 2558 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title: An Act To Repeal Certain Provisions Regarding the System Administration Allocation Affecting Maine School Districts in the 2018-2019 Biennial Budget
Comment: This bill would repeal provisions setting the system administration allocation for fiscal years 2018- 19, 2019-20 and 2020 -21 enacted in Public Law 2017, chapter 284, Part C, section 35.

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SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

SUBSIDIZABLE COSTS

LR: 2479 Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

Title: An Act To Amend for Fiscal Year 2018-19 the School Funding Formula for School Districts with a High Incidence of Free and Reduced-price Lunches

Comment: This bill would increase school funding for schools with a high incidence of free and reduced-price lunch delivery to children.

Closely Related CO: LD 816 Senator Breen, C

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

LR: 2577 Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

Title: An Act Regarding High School Guidance Counseling

Comment: This bill would amend the law regarding high school guidance counseling.

SCHOOL POLICIES

CURRICULUM

LR: 2590 Sponsor: Representative Kornfield of Bangor

Title: An Act To Establish Alternative Pathways to the Completion of Secondary School Mathematics Requirements

Comment: This bill would establish alternative pathways to the successful completion of certain secondary school mathematics requirements.

SCHOOL POLICIES

DISCIPLINE

LR: 2542 Sponsor: Senator Maker of Washington

Title: An Act Forbidding Food Shaming, Food Denial and the Use of Food as Discipline Involving Any School-aged Child in Maine's Public Schools

Comment: This bill would forbid food shaming, food denial and the use of food as discipline involving any school-aged child in public schools in the State.

SCHOOL POLICIES

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

LR: 2591 Sponsor: Representative Kornfield of Bangor

Title: An Act To Ensure the Successful Implementation of Proficiency-based Diplomas by Extending the Timeline for Phasing in Their Implementation

Comment: This bill would extend the timeline for implementing the phase-in of proficiency-based diploma standards.

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SCHOOL POLICIES

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

LR: 2659 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

Title: An Act To Include Cursive Writing in High School Graduation Standards

Comment: This bill would add to high school graduation standards a requirement that each student pass a competency test demonstrating basic cursive writing skills.

SCHOOL POLICIES

SCHOOL YEAR

LR: 2455 Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham

Title: An Act To Allow an Alternative Method To Make Up School Days Cancelled Due to Inclement Weather

Comment: This bill would allow a school district to allow its students to complete work at home in order to make up school days cancelled due to inclement weather.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

HEALTH CARE

LR: 2456 Sponsor: Representative Handy of Lewiston

Title: An Act To Restore Maine's School-based Health Centers

Comment: This bill would restore the funding for Maine's school-based health centers, which was reallocated in the biennial budget, in order to maintain the health centers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2512 Senator Bellows, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2522 Representative Perry, A

LR: 2512 Sponsor: Senator Bellows of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Restore the Funding of School-based Health Centers

Comment: This bill would restore the funding of school-based health centers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2456 Representative Handy, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2522 Representative Perry, A

LR: 2522 Sponsor: Representative Perry of Calais

Title: An Act To Restore Funding for School-based Health Clinics

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to fund school-based health clinics at least at the level established before the 2018-2019 biennial budget.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2456 Representative Handy, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2512 Senator Bellows, S

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TEACHERS

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

LR: 2751 Sponsor: Representative Hubbell of Bar Harbor

Title: An Act To Identify Representatives of Regional School Management and Leadership Centers as Public Employers and To Establish Collective Bargaining Provisions for Regional School Management and Leadership Centers

Comment: This bill would identify representatives of regional school management and leadership centers as public employers and establish collective bargaining provisions for regional school management and leadership centers.

Potential JR 217: LD 1470

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

CONTAINERS - RETURNABLE

BOTTLES

LR: 2551 Sponsor: Representative White of Washburn

Title: An Act To Increase the Bottle Redemption Rate To Counterbalance Increases in the Minimum Wage

Comment: This bill would increase by one cent the amount of the refundable deposit paid on returnable beverage containers in an effort to counterbalance the impact of the increase in the minimum wage on bottle redemption businesses.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2568 Representative Hanington, S

LR: 2568 Sponsor: Representative Hanington of Lincoln

Title: An Act To Increase by One Cent the Deposit Amount on Returnable Beverage Containers

Comment: This bill would increase by one cent the amount of the refundable deposit paid on returnable beverage containers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2551 Representative White, D

LR: 2632 Sponsor: Representative Espling of New Gloucester

Title: An Act To Create Equity in Wine and Spirits Container Deposits

Comment: This bill would create a uniform deposit for all wine and spirits containers in the laws governing returnable containers.

CONTAINERS - RETURNABLE

DEPOSIT SYSTEM

LR: 2570 Sponsor: Representative Martin of Sinclair

Title: An Act To Reduce the Minimum Population Threshold a Municipality Must Attain in Order To Have More Than One Redemption Center

Comment: This bill would decrease from 5,000 to 4,000 the population that a municipality must exceed in order to have more than one beverage container redemption center.

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

CONTAINERS - RETURNABLE

LABELING

LR: 2578 Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin

Title: An Act To Repeal the Requirement That an Initiator of Deposit Register the Container Label of a Returnable Beverage Container

Comment: This bill would remove the requirement that an initiator of deposit register the label of any beverage offered for sale in this State on which it initiates a deposit. Instead, this bill would allow the Department of Environmental Protection to establish by rule product registration requirements.

GROUND WATER

CONTAMINATION

LR: 2686 Sponsor: Representative Harlow of Portland

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Contamination of Groundwater during the Metallic Mineral Mining Process

Comment: This bill would prohibit a person engaged in metallic mineral mining from contaminating groundwater.

Potential JR 217: LD 580

LAND USE

PERMITS

LR: 2785 Sponsor: Representative Chapman of Brooksville

Title: An Act To Limit Eligibility for a Metallic Mineral Mining Permit

Comment: This bill would prohibit the granting of a permit under the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act to an applicant who has ever been listed in the World Bank Listing of Ineligible Firms & Individuals. The bill would be retroactive to October 31, 2017.

LAND USE

SITE LOCATION

LR: 2607 Sponsor: Senator Diamond of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Clarify Site Location Permit Requirements for Land Trusts

Comment: This bill would clarify the site location permit requirements to allow the establishment of a farm land trust in Gorham.

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LAND USE

SITE LOCATION

LR: 2781 Sponsor: Representative Chapman of Brooksville

Title: An Act To Include the Site Location of Development Laws in the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act

Comment: This bill would include the site location of development laws in the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act.

PROTECTED NATURAL RESOURCES

OMNIBUS

LR: 2779 Sponsor: Representative Chapman of Brooksville

Title: An Act To Include the Natural Resources Protection Act in the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act

Comment: This bill would include the Natural Resources Protection Act in the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act.

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

HYDROPOWER

LR: 2712 Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway

Title: An Act To Allow Hydropower Facilities To Sell Power Directly to Rural Manufacturing and Industrial Sites

Comment: This bill would expand the authorization of hydropower facilities to allow them to sell power directly to rural manufacturing and industrial sites with direct transmission lines.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

RENEWABLE RESOURCES

LR: 2594 Sponsor: Representative Rykerson of Kittery

Title: An Act To Revise the Renewable Portfolio Standard Laws To Require Certain Hydropower Facilities To Qualify as Class I Resources

Comment: This bill would require a hydropower facility with a licensed capacity of 30 megawatts or less that receives a new Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license and that is subject to state property taxes to qualify as a Class I resource under the State's renewable portfolio standard program beginning in 2018.

ELECTRIC UTILITIES

DELIVERY

LR: 2538 Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Distributed Energy and To Eliminate Gross Metering

Comment: This bill would eliminate gross metering from the Public Utility Commission's solar rules and prohibit behind-the-meter assessments of distributed energy. In addition, the bill would require an adjudicatory proceeding to identify ratepayer benefits of distributed generation, specifically solar generation.

Closely Related CO: LD 1373 Representative Berry, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2584 Representative Harvell, L

LR: 2584 Sponsor: Representative Harvell of Farmington

Title: An Act To Eliminate Gross Metering for Energy Generation

Comment: This bill would eliminate gross metering for energy generation.

Closely Related CO: LD 1373 Representative Berry, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2538 Senator Saviello, T

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

ELECTRIC UTILITIES

DELIVERY

LR: 2603 Sponsor: Representative Harvell of Farmington
Title: An Act To Protect the Right To Self-generate Electricity
Comment: This bill would prohibit a transmission and distribution utility from charging an exit or reentry fee to a customer based on the energy or demand supplied to that customer by self-generation of electricity.

LR: 2787 Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham
Title: An Act To Provide Tangible Benefits to Maine's Economy by Amending Laws Governing Electricity Transmission Corridors
Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to provide tangible benefits to Maine's economy by amending the laws concerning electricity transmission corridors.

ELECTRIC UTILITIES

PLANNING

LR: 2786 Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham
Title: An Act To Protect Maine Residents and Businesses from Rising Electricity Costs
Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to protect Maine residents and businesses from rising electricity costs. These measures may include, but are not limited to, restricting the debt-to-equity ratio for new distribution projects.

ELECTRIC UTILITIES

TRANSMISSION LINES

LR: 2706 Sponsor: Senator Keim of Oxford
Title: An Act Regarding Compensation by Electricity Transmission Providers
Comment: This bill would require that electricity transmission providers compensate developers for underground installation of electricity infrastructure at the same rate as for installation of aboveground infrastructure.

ENERGY

PLANNING

LR: 2608 Sponsor: President Thibodeau of Waldo
Title: Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Economic, Environmental and Energy Benefits of Energy Storage to the Maine Electricity Industry
Comment: This resolve would establish a commission to study the economic, environmental and energy benefits of energy storage to the Maine electricity industry.

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2534 Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway

Title: An Act To Improve the Energy Efficiency of Group Homes in the Northern Part of the State

Comment: This bill would create a pilot program within the Efficiency Maine Trust Act to improve the energy efficiency of group homes in the northern part of the State.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

POWERS

LR: 2474 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook

Title: An Act Regarding a Biomass-generated Energy Purchase and Sale Agreement and Payments to Contractors

Comment: This bill would provide payments to logging contractors who have not been paid by Stored Solar LLC.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

AUTOMATED SOLICITATIONS

LR: 2775 Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock

Title: An Act To Protect Maine Citizens from the Practice Known as "Spoofing"

Comment: To protect consumers from the practice known as "spoofing," which is the transmission of false caller identification information, this bill would prohibit telephone companies from providing in bulk cell phone numbers to entities that do not have a nexus in the State.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

BROADBAND SERVICES

LR: 2613 Sponsor: Representative Wadsworth of Hiram

Title: An Act To Facilitate Wireless Broadband Deployment in Maine

Comment: This bill would streamline the statewide process for deploying advanced wireless communications infrastructure by ensuring that certain small aboveground cellular wireless facilities have nondiscriminatory access to the public right-of-way and government facilities.

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

HEARING IMPAIRED

LR: 2620 Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Update the Laws Regarding the Provision of Telecommunications Services for Persons Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing the Department of Labor, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services and the Public Utilities Commission as they relate to funding for telecommunications equipment and services for deaf and hard-of-hearing persons to reflect changes in technology and the use of such equipment and services by such persons.

UTILITIES

LINE MAINTENANCE

LR: 2585 Sponsor: Representative Harvell of Farmington

Title: An Act To Modify the Method of Notification by a Utility for Trimming of Trees

Comment: This bill would allow a utility to provide notice of trimming of trees in a public right-of-way directly to affected residents instead of by publication in newspapers.

UTILITY DISTRICTS

REGULATION

LR: 2503 Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham

Title: An Act To Provide for the Discontinuance of Water to Customers Who Fail To Pay Their Sewer Usage Fees

Comment: This bill would allow a sewer district or sewer department to work with the local water district to discontinue the supply of water to customers who fail to pay their sewer usage fees.

LR: 2749 Sponsor: Representative Warren of Hallowell

Title: An Act To Amend the Greater Augusta Utility District Charter

Comment: This bill would make technical changes to the charter of the Greater Augusta Utility District to accommodate the district's growth and change in services and to change its voting membership.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CHILD CARE

LR: 2623 Sponsor: Senator Millett of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Protect Children in Child Care

Comment: This bill would reverse the recent changes to the rules governing child care adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Closely Related CO: LD 383 Senator Millett, R

LR: 2773 Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Increase Access to Community-based Child Care for Maine's Workforce

Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to increase access to community-based child care for working parents.

DISABLED PERSONS

DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED PERSONS

LR: 2501 Sponsor: Representative Hymanson of York

Title: Resolve, To Study Best Practices for Helping Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Comment: This resolve would establish a commission consisting of Legislators and experts in the field of developmental disabilities to study the most effective ways of helping adults with developmental disabilities achieve their full potential and to report recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

DISABLED PERSONS

PROTECTIVE SERVICES (ADULT)

LR: 2705 Sponsor: Representative Parker of South Berwick

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Scope of the Mandatory Disclosure of Information Provision in the Adult Protective Services Act

Comment: This bill would require that the final report of an adult protective investigation pertaining to a person with intellectual disabilities or autism be shared with the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board and with the person or the person's guardian.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ELDERLY

HOME-BASED CARE

LR: 2724 Sponsor: Senator Bellows of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Ensure the Health and Safety of Consumers of Home Care Services

Comment: The bill would direct the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services to update the rules governing in-home personal care and support workers to ensure the health and safety of consumers of home care services.

LR: 2743 Sponsor: Senator Dill of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Support Vulnerable Seniors by Funding Assisted Living Programs

Comment: This bill would fund assisted living programs throughout the State.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2500 Sponsor: Representative Denno of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Reestablish the Office of Advocacy

Comment: This bill would reestablish the Office of Advocacy, abolished in 2011, in the Department of Health and Human Services as an internal agency to protect the interests of persons with disabilities.

LR: 2704 Sponsor: Representative Parker of South Berwick

Title: An Act To Allow the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board Access to Investigations and Mortality Reviews Performed by the Department of Health and Human Services

Comment: This bill would grant to the staff of the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board direct access to the personal planning records of any person receiving adult developmental services, subject to appropriate safeguards to protect the person's right to confidentiality, and would grant to the board access to any mortality review or investigation into the suspicious death of a person with intellectual disabilities or autism, subject to appropriate safeguards for the privacy of the deceased person.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

POWERS

LR: 2687 Sponsor: Representative Jorgensen of Portland
Title: Resolve, Regarding Medicaid Reimbursement for Rehabilitation Hospitals
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to adjust the reimbursement rate provided to rehabilitation hospitals to allow rehabilitation hospitals to be reimbursed at a rate similar to other hospitals.

LR: 2747 Sponsor: Speaker Gideon of Freeport
Title: An Act To Reduce Child Poverty by Promoting Higher Wages for Families through Education and Training
Comment: This bill would identify qualified workforce development and other nonprofit community-based programs to leverage state, local and philanthropic resources eligible to receive 50% reimbursement for skills-based supplemental nutrition employment and training funds. Under this bill, the Department of Health and Human Services will implement memorandums of understanding to establish partnerships with these entities to deliver wraparound support services, such as child care and transportation, to low-income adult learners.

LR: 2748 Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook
Title: An Act To Improve Housing Support in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to revise eligibility criteria in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program to bring it more in line with other rental assistance programs. It would direct the department to lower the tenant's share of the monthly rent payment from 51% of income to 30% of income.

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

FINANCING

LR: 2592 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Require Legislative Authorization for the Location and Funding of Secure Forensic Rehabilitation Facilities or Secure Assisted Rehabilitation Facilities
Comment: This bill would require legislative authorization for the location and funding of secure forensic rehabilitation facilities or secure assisted rehabilitation facilities.

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HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

HOSPITALS

LR: 2689 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Require Chaplaincy Staff at Certain Hospitals in the State
Comment: This bill would require that all hospitals in the State that accept public funds and have more than 75 beds have a professional and appropriately paid chaplaincy staff available to minister to patients.

LR: 2713 Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway
Title: An Act To Ensure the Continuation of Maternity Care in Rural Hospitals
Comment: This bill would ensure the continuation of maternity care in hospitals located in rural areas of Maine.

HEALTH CARE RECORDS

RETENTION

LR: 2707 Sponsor: Senator Keim of Oxford
Title: Resolve, To Study Medical Records Retention in Light of the Emerging Survivorship Field
Comment: This resolve would direct the Legislature to review medical records retention in light of the emerging field of adult survivorship medicine. Specifically, the resolve would require the Legislature to review how to make records more available to patients, rules associated with offering records to patients and how long records are stored.

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

DELIVERY

LR: 2517 Sponsor: Senator Maker of Washington
Title: An Act To Require a Police Report When a Person Is Treated with Medication To Reverse an Overdose
Comment: This bill would require hospitals, ambulance services, police officers and other emergency responders to file a police report when a person is treated with medication to reverse an overdose.

LR: 2692 Sponsor: Representative Grignon of Athens
Title: An Act To Ensure Sustainable Health Care Access in the Jackman Region
Comment: This bill would allocate \$495,000 to ensuring sustainable health care access in the Jackman region.

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HEALTH CARE SERVICES

PHARMACIES

LR: 2545 Sponsor: Representative Picchiotti of Fairfield

Title: An Act To Allow for the Substitution of Interchangeable Biological Products in Medications and To Provide for Enhanced Prescriber Communications

Comment: This bill would allow for the substitution of interchangeable biological products in medications and would provide for enhanced prescriber communications.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2553 Senator Katz, R

LR: 2553 Sponsor: Senator Katz of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Allow for the Substitution of Interchangeable Biological Products and for Enhanced Prescriber Communications for the Substitution of Generic Drugs and Interchangeable Biological Products

Comment: This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It would allow for the substitution of interchangeable biological products and for enhanced prescriber communications for the substitution of generic drugs and interchangeable biological products.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2545 Representative Picchiotti, J

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

LR: 2654 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Provide for the Safe Disposal of Drugs

Comment: This bill would establish a system for the safe disposal of drugs at pharmacies in the State based on a model of product stewardship.

LR: 2664 Sponsor: Senator Hamper of Oxford

Title: An Act To Clarify the Role of Veterinary Medical Professionals in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program

Comment: This bill would exempt veterinary medical professionals from the requirement to check prescription monitoring information when prescribing opioids and would broaden the continuing education requirements called for in Public Law 2015, chapter 488.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HOMELESS PERSONS

ACCESS TO SERVICES

LR: 2579 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross of Portland

Title: An Act To Create a Homeless Persons' Bill of Rights

Comment: This bill would explicitly state rights that a person experiencing homelessness has, including the right to equal treatment by government agencies and in employment, the right to vote and the right to privacy, among others.

LR: 2778 Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Stabilize Vulnerable Families

Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to help stabilize vulnerable families by encouraging the prioritization of families for subsidized housing and other services.

INJURIES

HEAD INJURIES

LR: 2764 Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock

Title: An Act To Provide Protection for Individuals with Acquired Brain Injuries

Comment: This bill would establish through rulemaking the rights of an individual with an acquired brain injury.

MEDICAID

MAINECARE

LR: 2561 Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock

Title: Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Conduct a Study of MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Assistive Technology Assessments

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a study of reimbursement rates for assistive technology assessments under Sections 18, 20, 21 and 29 of the MaineCare Benefits Manual.

LR: 2562 Sponsor: Representative Parry of Arundel

Title: An Act To Waive Income Restrictions for Supplemental MaineCare Coverage for Children Diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis

Comment: This bill would waive income restrictions for supplemental MaineCare coverage for children diagnosed with cystic fibrosis.

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MEDICAID

MAINECARE

LR: 2755 Sponsor: Representative Vachon of Scarborough
Title: An Act Regarding Health Care Ombudsman Services
Comment: This bill would require that Medicaid-contracted ombudsman services be expanded to include case-specific advocacy and enrollment services to support qualifying individuals to apply for federal Affordable Care Act special enrollment health insurance coverage to be paid for by the individuals.

LR: 2762 Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook
Title: An Act To Clarify Authority Pertaining to the Collection of Debts of MaineCare Providers
Comment: This bill would prohibit the imposition of personal liability for a MaineCare provider's debts onto an employee, officer, director, member or shareholder of the provider unless that employee, officer, director, member or shareholder controls at least the number of votes of the provider's governing body necessary to govern operations of the provider.

MEDICAID

REIMBURSEMENT

LR: 2622 Sponsor: Representative Corey of Windham
Title: An Act To Allow Qualifying Medicaid Recipients To Hire Spouses and Legal Guardians
Comment: This bill would allow qualifying Medicaid recipients to hire spouses and legal guardians.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

COMMUNITY-BASED

LR: 2700 Sponsor: Representative Beebe-Center of Rockland
Title: An Act To Preserve the Community Mental Health System in the State by Increasing Compensation for Direct Care Workers
Comment: This bill would provide a 20% pay increase for those workers involved in direct care work for behavioral health clients to allow community-based providers to attract, hire and retain direct care workers. Under this bill, these funds would not be used for administration costs or staff other than direct care staff.

Closely Related CO: LD 1517 Representative Perry, A

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

COMMUNITY-BASED

- LR: 2720 Sponsor: Representative Warren of Hallowell
Title: An Act To Reduce Incarceration Costs and Emergency Room Visits by Funding Emergency Crisis Behavioral Health Services
Comment: This bill would increase state grant funding by 25% to community agencies providing community-based emergency crisis behavioral health services.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

DELIVERY

- LR: 2532 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Establish a Statewide System of Regional Peer Recovery Support Center Hubs in Maine
Comment: This bill would establish throughout the State regional hubs for peer recovery support centers for persons with substance use disorders.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

MANAGED CARE AND RATE SETTING RULES

- LR: 2648 Sponsor: Senator Breen of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Preserve Medication Management for Persons with Mental Health Needs
Comment: This bill would increase rates to fund medication management for persons with severe and persistent mental illness by 25% across the board in order to retain services, access and providers across geographic regions.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS

- LR: 2571 Sponsor: Senator Cyrway of Kennebec
Title: An Act Regarding Former Residents of Riverview Psychiatric Center Who Are Arrested for Minor Offenses
Comment: This bill would provide that any former resident of Riverview Psychiatric Center who is arrested for a minor offense and who is then transferred to a correctional facility remains a ward of the Department of Health and Human Services.

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

PLANNING

LR: 2725 Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office To Develop a Proposal Designed To Improve the Process of Competency Evaluations

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to work with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office to develop a proposal to use jail facilities to meet the needs of counties in southern Maine for competency evaluations. The proposal would include the establishment of a behavioral health unit in the Cumberland County jail, which would allow the Riverview Psychiatric Center to take on fewer, and only more complicated, evaluations.

SMOKING

MINORS

LR: 2564 Sponsor: Senator Mason of Androscoggin

Title: An Act Regarding Access to Tobacco Products by Members of the Military 18 Years of Age and Older

Comment: This bill would permit access to tobacco products by members of the military 18 years of age and older.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

DRUG ABUSE

LR: 2665 Sponsor: Representative Vachon of Scarborough

Title: An Act To Enact Measures Designed To Curb the Opioid Epidemic

Comment: This bill would exempt from criminal liability a person who seeks medical assistance when experiencing a drug overdose, establish community-based overdose prevention programs and provide funds to support naloxone hydrochloride distribution.

Potential JR 217: LD 1326

Closely Related CO: LD 565 Senator Chipman, B

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2744 Representative Gattine, D

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SUBSTANCE ABUSE

DRUG ABUSE

LR: 2744 Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook
Title: An Act To Save Lives and Create the Homeless Opioid User Service Engagement Pilot Project

Comment: This bill would establish a homeless opioid user service engagement pilot project to provide rapid access to low-barrier treatment for substance use disorders and stable housing to support recovery and create stability for 50 opioid users who are among the most vulnerable and unstable in Maine.

Closely Related CO: LD 565 Senator Chipman, B

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2665 Representative Vachon, K

LR: 2750 Sponsor: Representative Vachon of Scarborough
Title: An Act To Reduce the Cost of Care Resulting from Blood-borne Infectious Diseases

Comment: This bill would reduce the cost of care resulting from blood-borne infectious diseases by providing funds to support syringe exchange programs.

Potential JR 217: LD 1326

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

TREATMENT

LR: 2466 Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle
Title: Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Investigate the High Rate of Addiction among Persons Who Fish Commercially

Comment: This resolve would establish a task force to determine the underlying cultural, economic, mental and social causes for the high addiction rate among persons who fish commercially and recommend solutions that include educational, enforcement and treatment approaches.

LR: 2521 Sponsor: Senator Bellows of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Ensure Quality of and Increase Access to Recovery Residences

Comment: This bill would set state standards for recovery residences that are tied to National Alliance for Recovery Residences standards. The bill would also expand eligibility for the Bridging Rental Assistance Program to include persons with substance use disorder diagnoses and to allow all program funds to be used for regular housing or recovery residences.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

TREATMENT

LR: 2539 Sponsor: Senator Cyrway of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Reduce Dependency on Medication-assisted Treatment

Comment: This bill would require treatment providers to wean patients off medication-assisted treatment after one year.

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INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

CHECKS

LR: 2739 Sponsor: Senator Carpenter of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Protect Consumers from Bank Overdraft Fees by Prohibiting Resequencing

Comment: This bill would prohibit banks from posting checking account transactions from highest to lowest dollar amount to maximize overdraft fees.

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

DEBT COLLECTION

LR: 2459 Sponsor: Representative Fecteau of Biddeford

Title: An Act Regarding Levies Placed on Accounts at Financial Institutions for Unpaid State Income Taxes

Comment: This bill would require a financial institution, in a case in which a debtor's accounts have been levied for unpaid state income taxes, to satisfy the levy first with money from accounts held solely by the debtor or the debtor and the debtor's spouse before taking money from accounts held by the debtor and a 3rd party.

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

DISCLOSURE

LR: 2458 Sponsor: Representative Fecteau of Biddeford

Title: An Act Regarding Accounts Opened for Minors at Financial Institutions

Comment: This bill would require a financial institution, in the case of a joint account established for a minor and an adult, to receive the consent of the account holders to keep both names on the account when the minor attains 18 years of age.

INSURANCE

HEALTH

LR: 2489 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Protect Patients with Preexisting Health Conditions

Comment: This bill, which is based on a similar proposal in Illinois, would require the State to obtain the approval of the Legislature before waiving any existing health care protections.

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INSURANCE

HEALTH

LR: 2544 Sponsor: Representative Foley of Wells

Title: An Act To Prohibit Nonmedical Switching by Health Insurance Providers

Comment: This bill would ensure that persons covered by health insurance who are stable on their prescription drug regimens have continuous care and would prohibit 3rd-party payers from making restrictive changes to those persons' formularies after a plan year has begun or has been renewed, a practice referred to as "nonmedical switching."

INSURANCE BUREAU

POWERS

LR: 2467 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

Title: An Act To Cap Insurance Rate Hikes

Comment: This bill would cap the amount that the Superintendent of Insurance may allow for annual rate increases at 10%.

INSURANCE PRACTICES

REINSURANCE

LR: 2788 Sponsor: Representative Lawrence of South Berwick

Title: An Act To Amend the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association Act To Improve Market Stability for Maine Residents Purchasing Individual Health Insurance Coverage

Comment: This bill would provide the Board of Directors of the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association with additional flexibility to restructure the association and its operations and would broaden the scope of the waiver permitted under the laws governing the resumption of operations of the association to include additional innovations permitted under Section 1332 of the federal Affordable Care Act.

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

FISH

FISHWAYS

LR: 2518 Sponsor: Representative Zeigler of Montville

Title: An Act To Impose a 3-year Moratorium on Allowing Anadromous Fish Species in Sheepscot Pond in Palermo and To Study the Consequences of Allowing Anadromous Fish Species To Enter Sheepscot Pond

Comment: This bill would impose a 3-year moratorium on allowing anadromous fish species in Sheepscot Pond in Palermo and direct an appropriate agency of State Government to study during the 3-year period the consequences of allowing anadromous fish species to enter Sheepscot Pond and direct that agency to report to the appropriate joint standing committee of the Legislature annually during that 3-year period.

Closely Related CO: LD 922 Representative Pierce, J

GAME

DEER

LR: 2617 Sponsor: Senator Cyrway of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Eliminate the Prohibition on Feeding or Baiting Deer during Certain Parts of the Year

Comment: This bill would eliminate the prohibition on feeding or baiting deer during certain parts of the year that was imposed by Public Law 2017, chapter 225, which was enacted by the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

HUNTING

ELDERLY LICENSES

LR: 2756 Sponsor: Representative Wadsworth of Hiram

Title: An Act To Increase the Number of Any-deer Permits Distributed to Senior Hunters

Comment: This bill would increase the number of any-deer permits distributed to senior hunters.

Potential JR 217: LD 60, LD 509

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

HUNTING

GUIDES

LR: 2601 Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway

Title: An Act To Repeal the Requirement That Applicants for a Guide License Submit to a Background Check

Comment: This bill would remove the requirement that applicants for a guide license submit to a background check.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2646 Senator Davis, Sr., P

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2777 Senator Bellows, S

LR: 2646 Sponsor: Senator Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis

Title: An Act To Amend the Registered Maine Guide Background Check Requirement

Comment: This bill would eliminate the background check requirement for Maine guides who are registered with a tidewater guide endorsement.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2601 Representative Stanley, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2777 Senator Bellows, S

LR: 2777 Sponsor: Senator Bellows of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Support Maine Guides

Comment: This bill would streamline the licensing process for Maine guides by removing barriers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2601 Representative Stanley, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2646 Senator Davis, Sr., P

HUNTING

REGULATIONS

LR: 2504 Sponsor: Representative Stearns of Guilford

Title: An Act To Amend the Term of Suspension of a Hunting License for a Conviction of Hunting Deer over Bait

Comment: This bill would impose a one-year suspension of the hunting license of a person who is convicted up to 2 times of hunting deer over bait. Effective November 1, 2017, the law requires the hunting license of a person convicted for a 2nd time of hunting deer over bait to be permanently revoked.

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

HUNTING

REGULATIONS

LR: 2694 Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

Title: Resolve, To Acknowledge That the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Has the Right by Treaty To Hunt Moose in this State

Comment: This resolve would acknowledge that the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians has the right by virtue of the treaties of February 1760 with Great Britain and the July 1776 treaty with the State of Massachusetts Bay and the other states to hunt moose within their traditional tribal homelands, including Aroostook County and the entire State of Maine.

Potential JR 217: LD 632

HUNTING

SAFETY

LR: 2604 Sponsor: Senator Cushing of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Increase Safety on Youth Hunting Day for Hunting Bear by Allowing an Accompanying Adult To Possess a Firearm

Comment: This bill would allow an adult supervisor, parent or guardian accompanying a youth on youth bear hunting day to possess a firearm that may be used solely for purposes of ensuring safety.

RECREATION

WATERCRAFT

LR: 2482 Sponsor: Senator Brakey of Androscoggin

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Use of Personal Flotation Devices in Boats

Comment: This bill would require that all passengers aboard a boat wear Coast Guard-approved flotation devices.

Potential JR 217: LD 342

WILDLIFE

MANAGEMENT AREAS

LR: 2496 Sponsor: Representative Duchesne of Hudson

Title: An Act To Rename the Coast of Maine Wildlife Management Area as the Alan E. Hutchinson Wildlife Management Area

Comment: This bill would rename the Coast of Maine Wildlife Management Area as the Alan E. Hutchinson Wildlife Management Area in Mr. Hutchinson's honor and memory.

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JUDICIARY

ATTORNEY GENERAL DEPT

POWERS

LR: 2772 Sponsor: Representative Tepler of Topsham

Title: An Act To Protect Consumers from Unscrupulous Contractors and Repair Persons

Comment: This bill would require the Office of the Attorney General to create and maintain on its publicly accessible website a list of unscrupulous contractors and repair persons.

COURTS

DISTRICT COURT

LR: 2628 Sponsor: Representative Moonen of Portland

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Affecting the Judicial Branch Regarding Civil Railroad Trespass Violations

Comment: This bill would permit civil railroad trespass violations to be handled by the violations bureau in the same way as civil traffic infractions. The bill would allow a person to waive a court appearance and pay a fine for a civil railroad trespass violation through the violations bureau. The bill would also allow the Chief Judge of the District Court to establish the level of fines a person is subject to in order to waive a court appearance for other civil violations.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

CHILD CUSTODY

LR: 2723 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

Title: An Act To Protect Children Subject to Custody and Visitation Decisions from Domestic Abuse

Comment: This bill would require for all custody and visitation decisions that the health and safety of children be given first priority. The bill would also require that, in all cases involving reports, evidence or suspicion of domestic violence or child abuse, custody courts must consider current scientific research, use a multidisciplinary approach that includes expertise in domestic violence and child sexual abuse when relevant and hold an early hearing limited to issues of domestic violence and child abuse. If the court finds that one parent has committed abuse and the other is safe, the initial outcomes should be award of custody to the safe parent and supervised visits for the abuser.

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JUDICIARY

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

GRANDPARENTS

LR: 2537 Sponsor: Representative Cardone of Bangor

Title: An Act To Revise the Grandparents Visitation Act

Comment: This bill would revise the language of the Grandparents Visitation Act to alleviate concerns raised by the court in *Dorr v. Woodard*, 2016 ME 79.

LR: 2652 Sponsor: Senator Rosen of Hancock

Title: An Act To Protect the Interests of Grandchildren Regarding Visitation by Grandparents

Comment: This bill would allow a grandparent to visit a grandchild who has been adopted by a family member or stepparent or an individual with whom the grandparent is acquainted.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

MARRIAGE

LR: 2463 Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox

Title: An Act To Set 16 Years of Age as the Minimum Age for Marriage

Comment: This bill would set 16 years of age as the minimum age for marriage.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

PARENTAL RIGHTS

LR: 2476 Sponsor: Senator Keim of Oxford

Title: An Act Regarding the Rights of Parents

Comment: This bill would amend the law to stipulate that the State or a political subdivision of the State may not infringe a parent's fundamental right to direct the care, custody and control of the parent's child unless the infringement is justified by a compelling state interest and narrowly tailored to achieve that compelling state interest through the least restrictive means necessary.

Potential JR 217: LD472

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JUDICIARY

NATIVE AMERICANS

HOULTON BAND OF MALISEET

LR: 2696 Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

Title: Resolve, To Acknowledge That the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Has the Right to Equitable Compensation for Unceded Land, Including Aroostook County, Not Covered by the Federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 and the Maine Implementing Act

Comment: This resolve would acknowledge that the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians has the right to equitable compensation for unceded land, including Aroostook County, not covered by the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 and the Maine implementing act.

LR: 2699 Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

Title: An Act To Establish Representation for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians in the Senate

Comment: This bill would establish representation for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians in the Senate by a duly elected tribal member.

NATIVE AMERICANS

RELATIONS WITH STATE

LR: 2695 Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

Title: Resolve, To Acknowledge That Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in this State Have a Right to Equitable Settlement of Claims for the Wrongful Removal of Tribal Children from Tribal Communities

Comment: This resolve would acknowledge that the 4 federally recognized Indian tribes in this State have a right to equitable settlement of claims for the wrongful removal of tribal children from tribal communities to state care facilities that occurred in violation of the Geneva Conventions and related provisions preventing the crime of genocide and in violation of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978.

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JUDICIARY

NATIVE AMERICANS

RELATIONS WITH STATE

LR: 2698 Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

Title: Resolve, To Accept the Report on Research Findings and Initial Observations on the Drafting and Enactment of the Federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 Commissioned by the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission

Comment: This resolve would accept the report on research findings and initial observations on the drafting and enactment of the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 commissioned by the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission, of February 2017, which concludes that the tribes retain aboriginal and treaty rights to fish and hunt and to their tribal lands that were not legally transferred as contemplated by both the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 and the Maine implementing act.

PROBATE

PROCEEDINGS

LR: 2514 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Alteration of Birth Certificates of Transgender Maine Residents

Comment: This bill would add hormone replacement therapy or a similar clinically appropriate treatment as an allowed reason for a probate court to change a person's birth certificate to reflect the proper gender.

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BUSINESS PRACTICES

BILLING

- LR: 2703 Sponsor: Representative Sanborn of Portland
Title: An Act To Make a Technical Correction Regarding the Information Required of Debt Buyers for Debt Collection
Comment: This bill would make a technical correction regarding the information that a debt buyer must possess for purposes of debt collection by clarifying that the debt buyer must possess not the principal amount due at charge-off, as in current law, but rather the total amount due at charge-off.

BUSINESS PRACTICES

PAWNBROKERS

- LR: 2612 Sponsor: Representative Harrington of Sanford
Title: An Act To Increase Transparency for Pawn Shops
Comment: This bill would require all pawn shops to report all items pawned or sold to them and to enter them into the Property and Recovery Tracking System at the New England State Police Information Network.

BUSINESS PRACTICES

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

- LR: 2460 Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham
Title: An Act To Prohibit Price Gouging on Essential Off-patent or Generic Drugs
Comment: This bill would prohibit price gouging on essential off-patent or generic drugs.

BUSINESS PRACTICES

SALES

- LR: 2726 Sponsor: Representative Pierce of Falmouth
Title: An Act To Support Maine Businesses by Authorizing the Imposition of a Surcharge on the Use of a Debit or Credit Card
Comment: This bill would remove the current prohibition on sellers in sales transactions in the State from imposing a surcharge on the use of a debit or credit card.
Closely Related CO: LD 660 Senator Whittemore, R

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BUSINESS PRACTICES

WARRANTIES

LR: 2588 Sponsor: Senator Mason of Androscoggin

Title: An Act To Establish a Study Commission To Examine the Implied Warranty Laws and the Arbitration Process for Those Laws

Comment: This bill would establish a study commission to examine the implied warranty laws and the arbitration process for those laws.

COMPENSATION

WAGES

LR: 2515 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

Title: An Act To Increase Wage Transparency

Comment: This bill would require all businesses operating in the State to post the anticipated salary or pay range for an advertised open position.

LR: 2709 Sponsor: Senator Keim of Oxford

Title: An Act To Implement a Training Wage in Maine

Comment: This bill would institute a training wage for individuals under 18 years of age. Employers would have the option of paying those individuals the training wage, which would be set at the federal minimum wage.

Potential JR 217: LD 991, LD 774, LD 971, LD 1609

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JOB OPPORTUNITY ZONES

LR: 2582 Sponsor: Representative Mastraccio of Sanford

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Pine Tree Development Zones

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing Pine Tree Development Zones.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2586 Senator Dow, D

LR: 2586 Sponsor: Senator Dow of Lincoln

Title: An Act To Extend the Pine Tree Development Zone Program until December 31, 2021

Comment: This bill would extend the Pine Tree Development Zone program until December 31, 2021. Under current law, the program must stop accepting applications from businesses in so-called tier 1 locations on December 31, 2018.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2582 Representative Mastraccio, A

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JOB OPPORTUNITY ZONES

LR: 2678 Sponsor: Representative Ackley of Monmouth
Title: An Act To Improve the Efficiency of the Pine Tree Development Zone Program
Comment: This bill would suspend new awards under the Pine Tree Development Zone program until it is determined that the program has a measurable economic impact.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING

LR: 2596 Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast
Title: An Act To Empower Maine's Rural Economy and Workforce
Comment: This bill would empower Maine's rural economy and workforce.

LR: 2597 Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast
Title: An Act To Promote Innovation and Growth in Maine's Traditional Industries
Comment: This bill would promote innovation and growth in Maine's traditional industries.

LR: 2598 Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast
Title: An Act To Expand Job Opportunities for People Working in Maine
Comment: This bill would expand job opportunities for people who work in the State.

LR: 2670 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Reduce the Number of Vacant Properties
Comment: This bill would reduce the number of vacant properties.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2721 Sponsor: Senator Dion of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Establish the Office of Broadband Development within the Department of Economic and Community Development

Comment: This bill would create within the Department of Economic and Community Development the Office of Broadband Development. This new office would provide staffing for the ConnectME Authority and would be responsible for coordinating policies and practices between municipal, county and state entities to advance a coordinated state broadband policy.

Closely Related CO: LD 1399 Senator Bellows, S

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

DRUG TESTING

LR: 2516 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

Title: An Act To Prevent Employers from Testing for Marijuana Use or Denying Employment on the Basis of Marijuana Use

Comment: This bill would prohibit an employer from requiring testing for marijuana use and from using marijuana use as a basis for denying employment.

LR: 2681 Sponsor: Representative Ackley of Monmouth

Title: An Act To Prevent Employment Discrimination Based on Unreliable Tests for Marijuana Use

Comment: This bill would prevent employment discrimination based on tests for marijuana use that do not measure impairment.

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

PROTECTIONS

LR: 2507 Sponsor: Representative Bailey of Saco

Title: An Act To Enhance Protections for Certified Search Team Members Regarding Work Absences

Comment: This bill would provide search team members certified by a statewide association for search and rescue the same protections as volunteer firefighters regarding absences from work.

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JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS

LR: 2506 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title: An Act To Support Funding for Workforce Development in Maine
Comment: This bill would direct Maine to accept \$8,000,000 in federal funds for workforce development.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2523 Representative Perry, A

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2761 Senator Libby, N

LR: 2523 Sponsor: Representative Perry of Calais
Title: An Act To Ensure Federal Funding for Job Training Services
Comment: This bill would require the State to apply for and accept all available federal funding for job training services.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2506 Senator Jackson, T

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2761 Senator Libby, N

LR: 2761 Sponsor: Senator Libby of Androscoggin
Title: Resolve, To Require the Department of Labor To Receive Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Funds
Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Labor to receive from the Federal Government any funds available pursuant to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and to disburse those funds to regional workforce investment boards.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2506 Senator Jackson, T

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2523 Representative Perry, A

LR: 2783 Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock
Title: An Act To Extend Secondary Student Eligibility in the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program
Comment: The current law allowing a full-time student at a public secondary school who is enrolled in a career and technical education program at a career and technical education center or a career and technical education region to be enrolled in the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program is scheduled to be repealed January 1, 2020. This bill would remove the repeal date.

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LICENSING

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

LR: 2541 Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle
Title: An Act To Improve Access to Experienced Primary Care Providers in the State
Comment: This bill would increase access to primary care providers by allowing physician assistants having at least 25 years of experience to work without the supervision of a physician and to act as the supervisory provider for up to 2 licensed physician assistants having less than 25 years of experience.

WORKERS COMPENSATION

BENEFITS

LR: 2549 Sponsor: Senator Cyrway of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Award to the Family of Nathan Desjardins His Workers' Compensation Death Benefits
Comment: This bill would award to the family of Nathan Desjardins, an officer of the Fryeburg Police Department who is deceased and who had no dependents, his Workers' Compensation death benefits.

LR: 2550 Sponsor: Senator Cyrway of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Include a Deceased Person's Immediate Family Members in the Group of People Paid Workers' Compensation Death Benefits
Comment: This bill would include the members of a deceased person's immediate family, including parents and siblings, in the group of people to whom workers' compensation death benefits must be paid.

LR: 2618 Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Maximize Funding for Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Individuals Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
Comment: This bill would repeal the provision that sets aside funds from the vocational rehabilitation budget to reimburse attorneys and advocates for the costs of providing interpreting or computer-assisted real-time transcription, or CART, services for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, returning these funds to supporting vocational rehabilitation services.

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WORKERS COMPENSATION

CLAIMS

LR: 2615 Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock

Title: An Act To Expedite Medical Claims in Workers' Compensation Cases When
Compensability Has Been Determined

Comment: This bill would authorize the Workers' Compensation Board to work with 3rd-
party vendors to implement an independent medical review process for cases
when compensability has already been determined.

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MARINE RESOURCES

LOBSTERS

MANAGEMENT ZONES

LR: 2554 Sponsor: Representative McCreight of Harpswell

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Temporary Medical Allowance for Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holders

Comment: This bill would extend the temporary medical allowance for lobster and crab fishing license holders from one year to 2 years and create a temporary terminal illness medical allowance for those who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness.

MARINE POLLUTION

ACIDIFICATION

LR: 2626 Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle

Title: Resolve, To Join the International Alliance To Combat Ocean Acidification

Comment: This resolve would require the State to join the International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification in order to advance scientific understanding of ocean acidification, reduce the causes of acidification and protect the environment and coastal communities from the effects of acidification.

MARINE RESOURCES DEPT

PROCEDURES

LR: 2593 Sponsor: Representative Kumiega of Deer Isle

Title: An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in Maine's Marine Resources Laws

Comment: This bill would reduce the Class I lobster and crab fishing license fee for applicants under 18 years of age from \$65 to \$60; clarify lobster license surcharge fees to avoid conflicts; fix an error regarding resident apprentice licenses for applicants 18 years of age or older; and repeal conflicting language regarding sea urchin and scallop diving tender license surcharges to reflect current practice.

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MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION

MARIJUANA

COMMERCIAL

LR: 2671 Sponsor: Representative Harvell of Farmington
Title: An Act To Require Implementation of the Marijuana Legalization Act
Comment: This bill would require the relevant state agencies under the Marijuana Legalization Act to adopt rules and begin accepting applications for licensing related to adult use marijuana by April 1, 2018. If rules and applications are not adopted or accepted by April 1, 2018, a registered caregiver or licensed dispensary who has been registered or licensed since February 1, 2015 would be authorized to cultivate, manufacture and sell marijuana to individuals who have attained 21 years of age if the registered caregiver or licensed dispensary has received approval from the host municipality and has not been subject to a penalty by the Department of Health and Human Services or the State.

LR: 2679 Sponsor: Representative Ackley of Monmouth
Title: An Act To Improve the Efficacy of Adult-use Marijuana Testing
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to test by random sampling all adult-use marijuana products for contaminants, homogeneity and potency and to confirm proper labeling.

MARIJUANA

PERSONAL

LR: 2457 Sponsor: Senator Cyrway of Kennebec
Title: An Act Regarding Marijuana Odor
Comment: This bill would adopt provisions regarding marijuana odor.

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COUNTY GOVERNMENT

COMMISSIONERS

LR: 2774 Sponsor: Representative Warren of Hallowell

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Terms of County Commissioners and the Staggering of Those Terms

Comment: This bill would shorten the length of terms to which county commissioners will be elected in 2020 from 4 years to 2 years, resulting in every county commissioner seat in the State being up for election in 2022. The bill further would provide that, for each 10-year period beginning in 2022 and every 10 years thereafter, as near to half the commissioner districts in each county as possible will elect a commissioner for a 2-year term followed by 2 4-year terms, while the other half of the commissioner districts in each county will elect a commissioner for 2 4-year terms followed by a 2-year term.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

LAW ENFORCEMENT

LR: 2655 Sponsor: Representative Chace of Durham

Title: An Act To Establish the Position of Civil Deputy To Serve Process throughout a County

Comment: This bill would establish a new class of deputy in an office of a county sheriff, to be known as a civil deputy, who would be authorized to serve civil process throughout the county. This bill would also authorize the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to design a training program that is specific to the duties of a civil deputy.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2667 Senator Dion, M

LR: 2667 Sponsor: Senator Dion of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Establish Legal Requirements for Training and Certification of Civil Deputies

Comment: This bill would establish a new class of deputy in the offices of county sheriffs, to be known as a civil deputy, who would be authorized to serve civil process throughout the county. This bill would also authorize the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to design a training program that is specific to the duties of civil deputies.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2655 Representative Chace, P

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COUNTY GOVERNMENT

REGISTERS OF DEEDS

LR: 2574 Sponsor: Representative Winsor of Norway

Title: An Act To Authorize the Oxford County Commissioners To Close the Western District Registry of Deeds

Comment: This bill would authorize the Oxford County commissioners to close the western district registry of deeds in Fryeburg and merge it with the eastern district registry of deeds in South Paris.

LEGISLATURE

PROCEDURES

LR: 2487 Sponsor: Representative Hanington of Lincoln

Title: An Act To Impose Reporting Deadlines on Joint Standing Committees of the Legislature and Deadlines for Action on Bills

Comment: This bill would impose reporting deadlines for joint standing committees of the Legislature. If a bill has not been reported out of committee by the 2nd Friday in May of a First Regular Session, that bill would be carried over to the Second Regular Session unless the Legislative Council authorizes the committee to continue to work on the bill during the First Regular Session. If a bill has not been reported out of committee by the 2nd Friday of March in the Second Regular Session, that bill would be dead unless the Legislative Council authorizes the committee to continue to work on the bill.

This bill would require the Senate and House of Representatives to refer a bill to committee no later than 15 business days after the Senate or House of Representatives receives the bill. It also would require the Senate and House of Representatives to place a committee amendment on the calendar for a vote no later than 15 business days after the receipt of that committee amendment by the Senate or House of Representatives.

LEGISLATURE

TERM LIMITS

LR: 2556 Sponsor: Senator Keim of Oxford

Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Increase the Length of a Term for State Senators to 4 Years

Comment: This resolution would increase the length of a term for State Senators by 2 years, making each term 4 years in total.

Potential JR 217: LD 1007

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MUNICIPALITIES

DEORGANIZATION

LR: 2559 Sponsor: Representative Turner of Burlington
Title: An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of Codyville Plantation
Comment: This bill would provide for the deorganization of Codyville Plantation in Washington County, subject to approval at a local referendum.

MUNICIPALITIES

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

LR: 2480 Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock
Title: An Act To Change Certain Gender-specific Terminology in the Laws Regarding Municipalities and Counties
Comment: This bill would change the term "selectmen" to "selectpersons" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A.

LR: 2491 Sponsor: Representative Gerrish of Lebanon
Title: An Act To Clarify Residency Requirements for Municipal Officials
Comment: This bill would clarify that municipal code enforcement officers and municipal fire chiefs are not required to be residents of the State.

LR: 2566 Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox
Title: An Act To Change the Term "Overseers of the Poor" as It Is Used in the Maine Revised Statutes
Comment: This bill would replace the term "overseers of the poor" as found in the Maine Revised Statutes to "overseers of temporary assistance."

MUNICIPALITIES

ORDINANCES

LR: 2624 Sponsor: Representative Wadsworth of Hiram
Title: An Act To Ensure Fairness and Affordability in the Private Residential and Commercial Rental Markets
Comment: This bill would prohibit a local governmental unit from enacting, maintaining or enforcing an ordinance or resolution that controls the amount of rent charged for leasing private residential or commercial property.

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

STATE AGENCIES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- LR: 2763 Sponsor: Representative Campbell of Orrington
Title: An Act To Restore Bond Funding for the Historic Preservation Revolving Fund Administered by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission
Comment: This bill would restore \$1,050,000 ratified by the voters in 2010 for the Historic Preservation Revolving Fund, established within the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, to provide funding to qualified organizations for the purpose of acquiring endangered historic properties for resale to new owners who agree to rehabilitate the properties, subject to preservation easements, in order to increase the tax base and enhance economic development opportunities. If not restored by the 128th Legislature, these funds will expire on June 30, 2018.

STATE GOVERNMENT

FUTURE PLANNING

- LR: 2610 Sponsor: Representative Stetkis of Canaan
Title: An Act To Protect Work Opportunities for Maine Citizens by Eliminating Certain Laws, Rules, Policies and Fees Imposed on Professions and Occupations
Comment: This bill would require that all units of state and local government perform a comprehensive review of the laws, rules, policies, ordinances, fees, tests, permits and conditions imposed on the engagement in an occupation or profession and require that all such limitations that are not carefully tailored to fulfill legitimate public health, safety and welfare objectives be eliminated or proposed for elimination.
- LR: 2782 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross of Portland
Title: An Act To Establish the Commission on Racial Equity
Comment: This bill would establish in the statutes an ongoing commission on racial equity to address acute disparities in health and economic, social and educational outcomes in the State.
- Potential JR 217: LD 1008

STATE GOVERNMENT

STATE COMMEMORATIONS

- LR: 2468 Sponsor: Senator Brakey of Androscoggin
Title: An Act To Designate June 27th as Post-traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day
Comment: This bill would designate June 27th as Post-traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day annually.

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STATE GOVERNMENT

STATE COMMEMORATIONS

LR: 2609 Sponsor: Representative Hilliard of Belgrade

Title: An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Bicentennial Commission

Comment: This bill would provide funding for the Maine Bicentennial Commission, which was enacted in Resolve 2017, chapter 25.

STATE GOVERNMENT

STATE PERSONNEL

LR: 2619 Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Clarify State Hiring and Retention Practices Regarding Persons with Disabilities

Comment: This bill would amend recently enacted laws governing state hiring and retention practices regarding persons with disabilities. This bill would change the definition of "person with a disability" to mean a person with a self-identified physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of a person's major life activities. The bill would remove references to the federal Ticket to Work program.

STATE OFFICERS

GOVERNOR

LR: 2663 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Eliminate the Governor's Ability To Remove County Sheriffs from Office

Comment: This resolution would eliminate the ability of the Governor to remove county sheriffs from office.

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TAXATION

INCOME TAX

CREDITS

LR: 2478 Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport
Title: An Act To Strengthen Maine Families with Children by Changing the Income Tax Laws
Comment: This bill would double the standard deduction for children in the State and also double the earned income tax credit for their families.

LR: 2485 Sponsor: Representative Corey of Windham
Title: An Act To Increase Firearm Safety by Establishing a Tax Credit for Gun Safes
Comment: This bill would establish a tax credit for handgun and long gun safes.

LR: 2519 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York
Title: An Act To Expand the Tax Credit for Educational Opportunity To Include Student Debt from Out-of-state Graduate Schools
Comment: This bill would change the laws governing the tax credit for educational opportunity to provide that a person with out-of-state graduate school student debt qualifies for the tax credit.

LR: 2557 Sponsor: Senator Keim of Oxford
Title: An Act To Create a Tax Credit To Encourage Pediatric Cancer Research
Comment: This bill would provide a tax credit to businesses that make contributions to pediatric cancer research institutions.

LR: 2658 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title: An Act To Create the Hire American Tax Credit for Businesses That Hire Residents of the United States
Comment: This bill would provide a tax credit for businesses engaged in the logging industry that hire employees who are citizens of the United States.

LR: 2683 Sponsor: Senator Bellows of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Provide an Income Tax Credit To Encourage Employee Stock Ownership Plans in the State
Comment: This bill would provide an income tax credit to businesses in the State that provide employee stock ownership plans.

Closely Related CO: LD 1338 Representative Grohman, M

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TAXATION

INCOME TAX

CREDITS

LR: 2691 Sponsor: Representative Bailey of Saco

Title: An Act To Create an Access to Justice Income Tax Credit

Comment: This bill would create an income tax credit for lawyers who practice law full time for at least 5 years in underserved areas of the State, with the program to be overseen by the Board of Overseers of the Bar or other board appointed by the courts.

LR: 2789 Sponsor: Representative DeChant of Bath

Title: An Act To Encourage Major Investments in Shipbuilding Facilities and the Preservation of Jobs

Comment: This bill would allow a certified applicant a shipbuilding facility tax credit of \$3,000,000 per year for up to 20 years if certain criteria are met.

INCOME TAX

DEDUCTIONS

LR: 2513 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

Title: An Act To Increase Blood Donations

Comment: This bill would provide a state income tax reduction for every blood donation provided to a licensed and approved blood donation collection organization.

LR: 2530 Sponsor: Representative O'Connor of Berwick

Title: An Act To Amend the Tax Laws To Strengthen Charitable Institutions, Encourage Home Ownership and Manage Medical Expenses

Comment: This bill would allow a resident individual who itemizes deductions in determining federal adjusted gross income to claim those deductions to the full extent allowed under federal law in determining Maine adjusted gross income.

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TAXATION

INCOME TAX

RATE

LR: 2453 Sponsor: Representative Hamann of South
Portland

Title: An Act To Establish the Fund for Maine's Future

Comment: This bill would add a 3% tax, effective January 1, 2019, on individual Maine taxable income above \$200,000 to create a state fund that would provide direct support for student learning in kindergarten to grade 12 public education. It creates a dedicated fund that may not be used for any purpose other than direct education funding to schools.

Potential JR 217: LD 829

LR: 2548 Sponsor: Representative Kinney of Limington

Title: An Act To Increase Take-home Pay for Maine Taxpayers

Comment: This bill would reduce by one percent the current income tax rates of 5.8%, 6.75% and 7.15% .

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

EXCISE TAX

LR: 2509 Sponsor: Senator Dill of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Excise Tax on Automobiles

Comment: This bill would require that the initial year of excise tax on an automobile be based on the purchase price of the car rather than the sticker price of the car.

Potential JR 217: LD 707

LR: 2531 Sponsor: Representative O'Connor of Berwick

Title: An Act To Allow Municipalities To Reduce Mill Rates on the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax to Zero Percent

Comment: This bill would allow municipalities to reduce mill rates on the motor vehicle excise tax to 0% beginning in 2019.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2606 Senator Collins, R

LR: 2606 Sponsor: Senator Collins of York

Title: An Act To Allow Municipalities To Reduce Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Rates

Comment: This bill would allow a municipality to charge a reduced motor vehicle excise tax rate, as determined by the municipality, or to not charge the motor vehicle excise tax.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2531 Representative O'Connor, B

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TAXATION

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

MAINE SERVICE PROVIDER TAX

LR: 2616 Sponsor: Senator Woodsome of York

Title: An Act To Exempt Certain Low-income Residents of the State from Certain Telecommunications Fees and Taxes

Comment: This bill would exempt certain low-income residents of the State from certain telecommunications fees and taxes. It would exempt federal Lifeline program telecommunications services from telecommunications fees and taxes, such as the service provider tax and prepaid wireless fees.

PROPERTY TAX

ELDERLY

LR: 2565 Sponsor: Representative Hilliard of Belgrade

Title: An Act To Allow Seniors To Stay in Their Homes

Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to allow seniors to stay in their homes.

PROPERTY TAX

PROVISIONS REVISED

LR: 2552 Sponsor: Senator Katz of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Establish a Statewide Uniform Property Tax

Comment: This bill would establish a statewide uniform property tax.

SALES AND USE TAX

EXEMPT PURCHASERS

LR: 2471 Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

Title: An Act To Exempt Nonprofit Cemeteries from the Sales and Use Tax

Comment: This bill would exempt a nonprofit cemetery from paying the sales and use tax when purchasing equipment necessary for the maintenance of the cemetery.

LR: 2710 Sponsor: Speaker Gideon of Freeport

Title: An Act To Create a Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Educational Organizations That Provide Educational Programs That Require Overnight Accommodations and Meal Service

Comment: This bill would create a tax exemption for educational organizations that are 501 (c)(3) organizations and that provide educational programs that require overnight accommodations and meal service.

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SALES AND USE TAX

EXEMPT PURCHASERS

LR: 2711 Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway

Title: An Act To Encourage Computer Data Center Development by Providing a Sales Tax Refund or Exemption

Comment: This bill would provide a sales tax refund or exemption for sales of eligible server equipment, eligible power infrastructure and electronic data storage and data management services to an eligible computer data center that begins operation in 2018 or later.

LR: 2717 Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for All Nonprofit Charitable Organizations

Comment: This bill would provide a sales tax exemption for all nonprofit charitable organizations.

LR: 2718 Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Organizations That Assist Victims of Human Trafficking

Comment: This bill would provide a sales tax exemption for purchases by nonprofit organizations that assist victims of human trafficking.

SALES AND USE TAX

INTERSTATE SALES

LR: 2587 Sponsor: President Thibodeau of Waldo

Title: An Act To Clarify the Interstate Commerce Sales Tax Exemption

Comment: This bill would clarify the interstate commerce sales tax exemption by taking into account the amount of time that a trailer sits loaded or waiting to be loaded when computing the amount of time a vehicle is used as an instrumentality of interstate commerce and by incorporating the federally recognized standard of interstate commerce.

SALES AND USE TAX

ITEMS TAXED

LR: 2462 Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox

Title: An Act Regarding the Sales Tax on Trailers Sold in This State for Use Outside the State

Comment: This bill would exempt from the sales tax trailers sold in this State for use outside of the State.

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TAXATION

SALES AND USE TAX

PROVISIONS REVISED

LR: 2490 Sponsor: Representative Hilliard of Belgrade
Title: An Act To Require Transient Rental Platforms To Register To Collect and Report Sales Taxes
Comment: This bill would require online real property rental platforms to register to collect and report sales taxes.

LR: 2649 Sponsor: Senator Brakey of Androscoggin
Title: An Act To Allow a Municipality To Retain 50 Percent of Sales Tax Revenues That Exceed Annual Projections
Comment: This bill would allow a municipality to keep 50% of sales tax revenues generated within the municipality that exceed annual projections.

Potential JR 217: LD 915

LR: 2680 Sponsor: Representative Ackley of Monmouth
Title: An Act To Track Medical Marijuana Caregiver Sales Tax Collection
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to develop a method to track the amount of sales tax revenue that is generated by the sale of medical marijuana by caregivers.

TAX ASSESSMENT

VALUATION

LR: 2660 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York
Title: An Act To Ensure Equality in the Property Valuation Appeal Process
Comment: This bill would allow state residents who make the State their secondary residence to file appeals for the property tax valuation changes within their municipalities.

LR: 2661 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York
Title: An Act To Properly Notify Taxpayers of Property Valuation Changes
Comment: This bill would require municipalities to notify their residents of any property valuation changes at least 30 days prior to distributing property tax bills. The notices must provide clear instructions for the property tax valuation appeal process.

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TRANSPORTATION

BUSES

EQUIPMENT

LR: 2780 Sponsor: Senator Chipman of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Increase Safety for Persons with Visual Impairments on Public Transportation

Comment: This bill would require buses providing public transportation to have audio announcements of upcoming stops by 2019.

MOTOR VEHICLES

OTHER

LR: 2567 Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox

Title: An Act To Allow the Operation of "Autocycles" on Roads in Maine

Comment: This bill would allow a person licensed for the operation of a motor vehicle to legally operate a 3-wheeled vehicle with automotive controls, or "autocycle," on roads in this State

NAVIGATION

FERRIES

LR: 2673 Sponsor: Senator Dion of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Promote Passenger Ferry Service between Maine and Nova Scotia by Amending the Laws Governing Pilotage Requirements

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing pilotage requirements for vessels providing regularly scheduled passenger service between Maine and Nova Scotia.

NAVIGATION

WATERCRAFT

LR: 2602 Sponsor: Representative Alley, Sr. of Beals

Title: An Act To Increase the Safety of Nonmotorized Watercraft in the Ocean by Requiring Lights When Visibility Is Impaired

Comment: This bill would require that nonmotorized watercraft in the ocean have a white light attached to the stern when visibility is impaired and at night.

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TRANSPORTATION

OPERATORS LICENSES

COMMERCIAL

- LR: 2753 Sponsor: Representative Harvell of Farmington
Title: An Act To Exempt Subcontractors for Municipal Snow Removal from Class B License Requirements
Comment: This bill would exempt subcontractors for municipal snow removal from Class B license requirements.

RAILROADS

TRESPASS

- LR: 2510 Sponsor: Senator Dill of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Require That Railroads Provide Easements to Owners of Land That Would Otherwise Be Inaccessible
Comment: This bill would require that a railroad provide a permanent easement over a railroad crossing to a landowner whose property would be inaccessible absent the easement.

ROADS

BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

- LR: 2555 Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock
Title: Resolve, To Designate Route 182 in Franklin as a Blue Star Memorial Highway
Comment: This resolve would designate Route 182 in Franklin as a Blue Star Memorial Highway.

ROADS

CONSTRUCTION

- LR: 2657 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Prioritize and Increase the Funding for Rural Roads
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Transportation to prioritize and increase the funding for the construction and repair of rural roads.

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ROADS

HIGHWAY SAFETY

LR: 2595 Sponsor: Senator Collins of York

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Install a Traffic Signal in Wells

Comment: This bill would direct the Department of Transportation to install a traffic signal in the town of Wells at the intersection of Route 109, Branch Road and Crediford Road.

TRANSPORTATION DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2672 Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox

Title: An Act To Promote Recruitment and Retention of State Highway Workers

Comment: This bill would provide a wage increase for certain state highway workers.

TRANSPORTATION DEPT

PLANNING

LR: 2528 Sponsor: Senator Dow of Lincoln

Title: Resolve, To Improve the Department of Transportation's Wiscasset Village Traffic Management Plan

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Transportation to honor the Wiscasset citizens' majority vote from a June 13, 2017 referendum at the annual Wiscasset town meeting and subsequent Wiscasset Select Board majority vote that rejected the so-called Department of Transportation Option 2.

LR: 2754 Sponsor: Senator Cushing of Penobscot

Title: Resolve, To Study Methods for Better Transportation for Students and Workers in Maine

Comment: This resolve would establish a task force to study methods for better transportation for students and workers in Maine.

TRANSPORTATION DEPT

PROCEDURES

LR: 2611 Sponsor: Representative Sanborn of Portland

Title: An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Develop and Operate Pilot Programs for the Use of Autonomous Vehicles for Public Transportation

Comment: This bill would authorize municipalities to develop and operate pilot programs for the use of self-driving vehicles for public transportation.

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TRANSPORTATION

TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

DUTIES

LR: 2719 Sponsor: Representative Blume of York

Title: An Act To Increase Safety, Ensure Efficient Operation and Improve Traffic Flow on the Maine Turnpike by Requiring All Electronic Toll Collection

Comment: This bill would require new or rebuilt toll plazas on the Maine Turnpike to be built using all electronic toll collection technology.

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

AGENCY STORES

LR: 2473 Sponsor: Senator Brakey of Androscoggin

Title: An Act To Increase the Number of Retail Liquor Licenses Allowed in Certain Municipalities

Comment: This bill would allow the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to license one additional agency liquor store in a municipality for every additional 15,000 residents in municipalities with populations greater than 60,000.

LR: 2573 Sponsor: Senator Dion of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Modify the Number of Retail Liquor Licenses Allowed in a Jurisdiction per Person

Comment: This bill would modify the number of retail liquor licenses allowed in a jurisdiction per person.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

BUREAU OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

LR: 2575 Sponsor: Senator Dion of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Grant Liquor Inspectors Law Enforcement Authority and To Allow Them To Carry Weapons

Comment: This bill would grant liquor inspectors who are Maine Criminal Justice Academy graduates law enforcement authority and allow them to carry department-issued weapons in order that they may enforce criminal law relevant to their duties as inspectors.

LR: 2627 Sponsor: Representative Luchini of Ellsworth

Title: An Act To Ensure Stability for Certain Holders of Liquor Licenses

Comment: This bill would permanently prohibit the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations from suspending, revoking or refusing to renew certain licenses for the manufacture or sale of liquor issued prior to June 1, 2017 based solely on a change in the bureau's interpretation of the term "exclusively held" or "exclusively owned."

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

LICENSING

- LR: 2674 Sponsor: Representative Guerin of Glenburn
Title: An Act To Amend the Liquor Laws To Allow Certain Businesses in Airports To Sell Liquor for On-premises Consumption
Comment: This bill would allow establishments that do not meet certain current requirements and are located in airports to sell liquor for consumption on the premises.
- LR: 2688 Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta
Title: An Act To Address Separation of a Class A Restaurant and Off-premises Retail Licensee Located on the Same Premises
Comment: This bill would exempt licensed liquor manufacturers who hold accompanying retail licenses from the requirement to segregate their supplies and inventory.
- LR: 2745 Sponsor: Senator Deschambault of York
Title: An Act To Amend the Definition of "Premises" for Purposes of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws To Include Real Estate That Is Not Contiguous
Comment: This bill would amend the definition of "premises" as used in the alcoholic beverage laws to include noncontiguous real estate over which a licensee has control or an interest in and allow the public to pass between the noncontiguous portions of property.

ELECTIONS

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

- LR: 2650 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York
Title: An Act To Close Loopholes in Election Laws and Ban the Use of Leadership Political Action Committees for Personal Profit
Comment: This bill would close loopholes in election laws and ban the use of leadership political action committees for personal profit.
- LR: 2651 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York
Title: An Act To Clarify the Difference between Late and Unfiled Campaign Expenditures and Expenses Reports
Comment: This bill would clarify the difference between late and unfiled campaign expenditures and expenses reports.

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ELECTIONS

CITIZEN INITIATIVES

LR: 2625 Sponsor: Representative O'Connor of Berwick
Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Help Ensure Direct Initiatives of Legislation are Compatible with the Constitution of Maine and Statutory Law
Comment: This resolution would require a direct initiative of legislation to be reviewed by the Secretary of State, the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, the Governor, the Legislative Council and the Attorney General to help ensure the initiative is compatible with the Constitution of Maine and statutory law.

LR: 2690 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York
Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Prohibit for One Year the Enactment of Legislation That Amends or Repeals a Law Proposed by Citizen Initiative That Was Enacted by Referendum
Comment: This resolution would prohibit for one year the enactment of legislation that amends or repeals a law proposed by citizen initiative that was enacted pursuant to a referendum.

LR: 2708 Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport
Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Direct Initiative of Legislation
Comment: This resolution would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Maine to prohibit the direct initiative of legislation that raises a tax or involves the spending of public money.

GAMBLING

BINGO

LR: 2583 Sponsor: Representative Farrin of Norridgewock
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Beano
Comment: This bill would remove the requirement that beano conducted by organizations such as volunteer fire departments, agricultural fair associations and nonprofit, charitable, educational, political, civic, recreational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans organizations be conducted by members of those organizations.

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GAMBLING

CASINO GAMBLING

LR: 2693 Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

Title: Resolve, To Acknowledge That a Ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States Applies To Permit Gaming by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians on Tribal Land of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

Comment: This resolve would acknowledge that the ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States in California v. Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, 480 U.S. 202 (1987), which provides that a state that permits regulated gaming in that state may not prohibit a federally-recognized Indian tribe from conducting gaming on tribal land in that state, applies to permit gaming by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians on tribal land of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.

Potential JR 217: LD 1447

LR: 2697 Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

Title: Resolve, To Accept WhiteSand Gaming's Final Report on Its Market Feasibility Study of Expanded Gaming in Maine Commissioned by the 126th Legislature

Comment: This resolve would accept the final report of WhiteSand Gaming on its market feasibility study of expanded gaming in Maine, which concluded that expanded gaming was feasible in this State, including tribal gaming in both the northern and eastern parts of this State.

LANDLORD AND TENANT

RENT

LR: 2535 Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway

Title: An Act To Make the Cost of Camp Leases Public Information

Comment: This bill would make the costs of leases for camps public information.

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LANDLORD AND TENANT

TENANTS RIGHTS

LR: 2524 Sponsor: Representative Cooper of Yarmouth

Title: An Act To Expand the Rights of Residential Tenants

Comment: This bill would provide that residential tenants under a lease must be given at least 75 days' notice of a material change in their obligations for rental of the premises they occupy, including increases in rent, security deposits, utility cost obligations and pet fees, and also be given at least 45 days to accept or reject the revised terms. A residential tenant also would be entitled to withhold all or a portion of rental amounts to compensate the tenant for the owner's failure to provide a rental property that constitutes a safe and healthy environment in which to live. Tenants are liable for withheld rental amounts when repairs are made. Alternatively, tenants may deduct amounts they have expended to rectify defects that the landlord or owner is obligated to repair but has failed to repair, or for damages arising from the landlord's or owner's failure to repair or maintain the premises, such as personal injury and property damage. Local and state health and code enforcement officers would be authorized to examine, report on and require remediation for these defects. If a dispute arises concerning the withholding of rental amounts, it may be adjudicated in small claims court. Tenants under a lease would be entitled to attorney's fees and double damages if they prevail.

LOBBYISTS

FORMER LEGISLATORS

LR: 2662 Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

Title: An Act To Create a Lifetime Ban on Lawmakers Becoming Lobbyists

Comment: This bill would create a lifetime ban on former state Legislators becoming lobbyists.

NATIONAL GUARD

BENEFITS

LR: 2746 Sponsor: President Thibodeau of Waldo

Title: An Act To Broaden Educational Opportunities for Members of the Maine National Guard

Comment: This bill would broaden the tuition benefit program that is available to members of the Maine National Guard who attend a state postsecondary institution to also provide a tuition benefit at private nonprofit postsecondary institutions.

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VETERANS

PREFERENCES

LR: 2465 Sponsor: Senator Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis

Title: An Act To Protect the Employment of Veterans during Layoffs and in Certain Union Contracts

Comment: This bill would require an employer to give consideration to retaining those employees who are veterans when the employer is engaging in layoffs and would provide for consideration to be given to those employees with regard to seniority in certain union contracts.

VETERANS

SERVICES

LR: 2543 Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

Title: An Act To Expand Resources for Veterans in the State through Phone Partnerships

Comment: This bill would expand the role of the Maine 2-1-1 program to include veteran-specific intake and assessment for referrals or calls.

LR: 2715 Sponsor: Representative Farrin of Norridgewock

Title: An Act To Establish a Grant Program for Community-based Veterans' Organizations

Comment: This bill would establish a grant program administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development. Under the program, grants would be provided to community-based veterans' organizations in the State to address veterans' homelessness and to encourage community-based efforts to develop agribusiness and agritourism in order to train veterans for job placement in and ownership of such business enterprises.

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