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IDEA	119	An Act To Increase Faculty in Nursing Education Programs by Amending the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	4/26/21	Died On Adjournment			see note
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IDEA	892	An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Governor's Economic Recovery Committee	Reported Out	LTW	Carried Over In Comm	3/7/22	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
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IDEA	1005	Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Strategies To Assist Working-class Families in Building Wealth and Achieving Upward Mobility	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP	Carried Over	6/3/21	Died On Adjournment			

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IDEA	1493	Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Create and Administer a Fund To Provide Seasonal and Tourism Industry Recovery Grants	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/2/21	Died On Adjournment			
IDEA	1497	An Act To Expand Youth-led Perspectives in Economic and Workforce Development through the Maine Development Foundation's Realize Maine Network	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/16/21	Died On Adjournment			
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IDEA	1641	Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Create a Program and Fund To Provide Grants To Movie and Stage Theaters and Music Venues	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/2/21	Died On Adjournment			
IDEA	1652	An Act To Build a Child Care System by Recruiting and Retaining Maine's Early Childhood Educators Workforce	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried Over	3/28/22	Died On Adjournment			see note
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IDEA	1694	An Act To Create the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP	Carried Over In Comm	4/7/22	Enacted	PL	664	
IDEA	1785	Resolve, To Examine Recruitment and Retention Programs and Incentives for Public Safety Workers	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ OTP-AM		3/28/22	Died On Adjournment			

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IDEA	1800	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Small Enterprise Growth Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP		2/3/22	Enacted	PL	502	
IDEA	1810	An Act Regarding Examinations and Applications for Professional Engineers and Engineer-interns	Reported Out	OTP-AM		1/27/22	Enacted	PL	505	
IDEA	1811	An Act To Provide for the 2022 and 2023 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP		1/26/22	Emergency Enacted	P&SL	14	
IDEA	1885	An Act To Increase Maine's Veterinary Workforce	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/8/22	Enacted	PL	725	
IDEA	1896	An Act To Allow Certain Bulk Sale Customers To Opt Out of Paper Delivery Tickets	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/21/22	Enacted	PL	579	
IDEA	1923	An Act To Establish the Maine Space Corporation	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP		4/1/22	Enacted	PL	631	
IDEA	1977	An Act To Require Registration by General Contractors for Home Improvement and Construction	Reported Out	ONTP		3/7/22	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
IDEA	1978	An Act To Promote Home Ownership by Reducing Education Debt	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP		3/11/22	Died On Adjournment			
IDEA	2035	An Act To Make Changes to the Laws Regarding Licensure of Certain Individuals from Other Jurisdictions	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP		4/6/22	Enacted	PL	642	

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LD 730 An Act Regarding Staffing and Funding of the Citizen Trade Policy Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 687 moves funding for the Citizen Trade Policy Commission to the Department of Economic and Community Development. It provides that the Maine International Trade Center, whose president is an ex officio member of the Citizen Trade Policy Commission, provides and manages staffing services for that commission. It also directs other state agencies that have ex officio members on the commission to provide information and assistance to the commission when the expertise of the agencies is relevant to the work for which the assistance is requested by the commission.

LD 1694 An Act To Create the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 664 establishes the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority, whose purpose is to assist municipalities and other entities in this State in the redevelopment of properties, including properties that are blighted, abandoned, environmentally hazardous and functionally obsolete, in order to return those properties to productive use. The redevelopment authority may acquire property at the request of a municipality or county. It also establishes a fund to support the purpose of the redevelopment authority, which includes as a source of revenue a fee on the disposal of construction and demolition debris. It also establishes the Development Ready Advisory Committee within the redevelopment authority in order to develop and maintain best practices for community development and to assist the redevelopment authority and any other entity that requests assistance with redevelopment matters.

LD 1793 An Act To Support Statewide Economic Recovery through Strategic Investments

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 501 authorizes the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to make strategic investments, through loans or direct equity investments, in economic development projects that support economic and business growth, rural manufacturing and industrial site redevelopment and implementation of a strategic plan. It also adds a rule-making provision for such investments and a reporting section for such investments for activities that do not already have specific reporting requirements within authorizing statutory or appropriation language.

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LD 1800 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Small Enterprise Growth Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 502 amends the laws governing the Small Enterprise Growth Program, also known as the Maine Venture Fund, to permit the Small Enterprise Growth Board to invest in certain privately managed venture capital funds and makes certain technical changes to the statutes.

LD 1810 An Act Regarding Examinations and Applications for Professional Engineers and Engineer-interns

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 505 makes the following changes to the laws governing licensure of professional engineers or certification as an engineer-intern.

1. It moves from the section of law related to examinations to the section related to applications the requirement that an applicant for licensure as a professional engineer or certification as an engineer-intern reapply to the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers if the application process is not completed within five years. The Law updates language to clarify the requirement.
2. It removes the requirement that references for applicants for certification as engineer-interns be character references.
3. It removes the requirement that the application form must be furnished by the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers.
4. It eliminates the requirement that an applicant complete a period of mandated engineering work experience before the applicant is allowed to sit for the principles and practices of engineering examinations.

LD 1811 An Act To Provide for the 2022 and 2023 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2021, chapter 14 establishes the allocations of the state ceiling on issuance of tax-exempt private activity bonds for calendar years 2022 and 2023 among the state-level issuers of tax-exempt bonds.

Private and Special Law 2021, chapter 14 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 16, 2022.

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LD 1885 An Act To Increase Maine’s Veterinary Workforce

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 725 makes the following changes to the Maine Veterinary Medicine Loan Program.

1. It amends the definition of “insufficient veterinary services” to include an insufficient number of practitioners of emergency and critical care services.
2. It adds the option for veterinary students to qualify for the program by demonstrating an interest in working in underserved geographic regions of the State, as determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by rule.
3. It requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to give priority consideration to regions within Aroostook County, Oxford County, Penobscot County, Piscataquis County, Somerset County and Washington County when determining regions of the State identified as having insufficient veterinary services related to emergency and critical care and when determining regions of the State that are underserved.
4. It increases the maximum allowable number of annual loan awards from two to eight and requires that at least half, but no fewer than two, of those awards go to applicants who have demonstrated a likelihood to practice livestock veterinary medicine. Should there not be enough applicants who demonstrate a likelihood to practice livestock veterinary medicine, the Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine may award the remaining loans to other eligible applicants.
5. It increases the maximum loan amount from \$25,000 to \$35,000 per year for a period of up to four years.
6. It requires veterinarians requesting loan forgiveness under the Maine Veterinary Medicine Loan Program to report annually on the location of their practice.
7. It requires the Finance Authority of Maine to include details related to the program in its annual report to the Governor and the Legislature under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 974, subsection 1.
8. It appropriates an additional \$220,000 annually in order to increase the number of loans available to be awarded annually from two to three and to increase the maximum loan amount available under the program to each participant to the new statutory limits.

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LD 1896 An Act To Allow Certain Bulk Sale Customers To Opt Out of Paper Delivery Tickets

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 579 authorizes vendors using bulk sale delivery systems equipped with the capability of issuing electronic receipts, tickets or other recorded representations to give purchasers the option to receive required information through electronic means in lieu of or in addition to a paper delivery ticket.

LD 1923 An Act To Establish the Maine Space Corporation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 631 establishes the Maine Space Corporation to leverage the State's geographic, rocketry, manufacturing and higher education assets and capabilities to establish the State as a national and international industry destination and an authority in launching small launch vehicles and small satellites into polar orbit. The corporation shall work closely with the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System, the career and technical education centers and regions and satellite programs, elementary and secondary schools and other organizations in Maine to ensure education, training and recruitment programs are in place in order to ensure the availability of a highly skilled workforce.

The corporation may establish and promote the Maine Space Complex, which is to include the following business units:

1. The Maine Space Data and Advanced Analytics Center of Excellence, a state-of-the-art computer center with networks equipped to import or downlink, store, cleanse, manage and analyze satellite data in concert with terrestrial data for the purposes of addressing business and public issues in innovative ways and creating new data products and services;
2. The Maine New Space Innovation Hub, an industry meeting place, a hub for new business incubation and acceleration, facilities for satellite and launch vehicle manufacturing and integration and ground control for satellite launch operations containing specialized equipment to facilitate business research and development, academic and scientific inquiry and a kindergarten to grade 12 learning center and designed to attract both in-state and out-of-state interests; and
3. Maine Launch Sites and Services, staging and launch sites for sending small vehicles with nanosatellites into polar orbit, which is required to prioritize Maine-based businesses and businesses that minimize the environmental effects of their space vehicles and launches.

The Maine Space Complex is restricted to commercial, research and educational uses.

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It also establishes the Maine Space Complex Fund for the purpose of receiving funds from the State and gifts, grants, devises, bequests, trusts or security documents to support the operations of the corporation and the complex.

LD 2035 An Act To Make Changes to the Laws Regarding Licensure of Certain Individuals from Other Jurisdictions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 642 implements the legislative intent of Public Law 2021, chapter 167. It clarifies that certain documentation and fee waivers may be authorized only in situations of extreme and demonstrated hardship. It also adds language to the powers of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation and to certain licensing entities within the office to clarify that the licensing entities are required to establish a process for licensure by endorsement for each license that the licensing entities determine is appropriate for licensure by endorsement despite any conflicting statutory language. It clarifies that an applicant to the licensing entities within the office may apply under the application process of the applicant's choice.

In addition, the law allows the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation and the licensing boards and commissions within the office to issue a license by endorsement on a case-by-case basis to an applicant for licensure by endorsement that has met the requirements of Title 10, section 8003-H before rules pursuant to the section are finally adopted.