

# *Weekly* **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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## **129th LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

### **BILLS ENACTED**

#### **Public Laws**

Signed by the Governor  
Friday, April 5, 2019

**Ch. 18** - An Act To Permit Plantations To Fill Vacancies of Town Officials. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 56, L.D. 59)

**Ch. 19** - An Act To Give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the Authority To Extend Any Trapping Season Based on Weather Conditions or Other Factors. (S.P. 155, L.D. 490)

**Ch. 20** - An Act To Permit Disability Insurance To Be Offered through the Surplus Lines Market. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 72, L.D. 260)

**Ch. 21** - An Act To Ensure Responsible Operation of Political Action Committees. (S.P. 68, L.D. 256)

**Ch. 22** - An Act To Prohibit Questions Regarding Criminal History on Certain State Employment Applications. (H.P. 133, L.D. 170)

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**Ch. 23** - An Act To Resolve Tie Votes by the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 377, L.D. 520)

**Ch. 24** - An Act To Permit a Veterans Organization To Lease Its Facility to an Organization That Is Registered To Operate Beano or Bingo Games without Obtaining a Commercial Beano Hall Permit. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 113, L.D. 131)

**Ch. 25** - An Act To Require Notification of Proposed Rate Increases for Long-term Care Policies. (H.P. 6, L.D. 5)

**Ch. 26** - An Act To Improve the Record Keeping of Utilities and the Public Utilities Commission. (S.P. 21, L.D. 68)

**Ch. 27** - An Act To Amend Educator Evaluation Requirements. (H.P. 78, L.D. 92)

**Ch. 28** - An Act To Require an Annual Report on the Activities of the Maine Child Welfare Advisory Panel. (H.P. 155, L.D. 192)

**Ch. 29** - An Act To Provide for Legislative Review of Federally Mandated Major Substantive Rules under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. (H.P. 209, L.D. 285)

**Ch. 30** - An Act Regarding Responsibility for the Duplicative or Incorrect Payment of Health Insurance Claims. (H.P. 215, L.D. 291)

**Ch. 31** - An Act To Exempt School Buses from Snow Tire Restrictions. (H.P. 276, L.D. 350)

**Ch. 32** - An Act To Reduce Childhood Exposure to Harmful Ultraviolet Radiation by Allowing Students To Use Sunscreen in Schools. (S.P. 119, L.D. 441)

**Ch. 33** - An Act To Strengthen the Qualifications for County Sheriffs. (S.P. 134, L.D. 456)

**Ch. 34** - An Act Regarding the Use of Interchangeable Biological Products. (H.P. 480, L.D. 659)

**Private and Special Laws**

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**Ch. 2** - An Act To Provide for the 2019 and 2020 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 113, L.D. 435)

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**Ch. 3** - An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Membership of the Town of York Planning Board and the Town of York Appeals Board. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 76, L.D. 90)

**Ch. 4** - An Act To Amend the Charter of the Town of Madison's Department of Electric Works. (S.P. 207, L.D. 694)

**Resolves**

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**Ch. 11** - Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Review the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts. (H.P. 293, L.D. 384)

(Chaptered copies of the above measures may be obtained from the Engrossing Department, Room 106, State House, 7 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0007, Ph. 207-287-1324.)

**BILLS PRINTED AS OF FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019****L.D. 1512, H.P. 1105**

An Act Regarding Persons Who Are Found Not Criminally Responsible and Are Sent out of State for Treatment. (Presented by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook)

**L.D. 1513, H.P. 1106**

An Act To Amend the Date by Which an Applicant for Funds under the Local Road Assistance Program Must Provide Certification to the Department of Transportation. (Presented by Representative McLEAN of Gorham)

**L.D. 1514, H.P. 1107**

An Act To Improve Enforcement in the Elver Fishery. (Presented by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell)

**L.D. 1515, H.P. 1108**

An Act To Allow Sports Wagering in Maine. (Presented by Representative WHITE of Washburn)

**L.D. 1516, H.P. 1109**

An Act To Improve Efficiency in Communication in the Court System. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative MOONEN of Portland)

**L.D. 1517, H.P. 1110**

An Act To Facilitate the Deployment of Small Wireless Facilities in Maine. (Presented by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth)

**L.D. 1518, H.P. 1111**

An Act To Establish a Fund for Portions of the Operations and Outreach Activities of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory and To Increase Statewide Enforcement of Pesticide Use. (Presented by Representative STANLEY of Medway)

**L.D. 1519, S.P. 468**

An Act Concerning the Establishment of Benefit Corporations. (Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo)

**L.D. 1520, S.P. 469**

An Act To Create and Sustain Jobs through Development of Cooperatives and Employee-owned Businesses. (Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin)

**L.D. 1521, S.P. 470**

An Act To Expand Skill Development Opportunities for Maine Youth. (Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

**L.D. 1522, S.P. 471**

An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Orders of Abandonment for Residential Properties in Foreclosure. (Presented by Senator FOLEY of York)

**L.D. 1523, S.P. 472**

An Act To Ensure the Quality of and Increase Access to Recovery Residences. (Presented by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec)

**L.D. 1524, S.P. 473**

An Act To Prevent Wage Theft and Promote Employer Accountability. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

**L.D. 1525, S.P. 474**

An Act To Require Insurance on Motorized Watercraft. (Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

**L.D. 1526, S.P. 475**

An Act To Increase the Availability of Foster Homes. (Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

**L.D. 1527, S.P. 477**

An Act To Require That Certain Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Snow and Ice When Operated on Public Ways. (Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York)

**L.D. 1528, S.P. 478**

An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Motor Vehicle Fees. (Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland)

**L.D. 1529, H.P. 1112**

An Act Concerning Nondisclosure Agreements in Employment. (Presented by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner)

**L.D. 1530, H.P. 1113**

An Act To Expand Incentives To Live and Work in Maine through a Tax Credit for Certain Student Loans. (Presented by Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebunk)

**L.D. 1531, H.P. 1114**

An Act To Establish the Maine Food System Investment Program To Create Quality Jobs and Support Farms, Fisheries and Food-related Businesses. (Presented by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

**L.D. 1532, H.P. 1115**

An Act To Eliminate Single-use Plastic Carry-out Bags. (Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

**L.D. 1533, H.P. 1116**

An Act To Eliminate Registration Plate Decals. (Presented by Representative McLEAN of Gorham)

**L.D. 1534, H.P. 1117**

An Act To Amend Maine Fireworks Laws To Include Flame Effects. (Presented by Representative WARREN of Hallowell)

**L.D. 1535, H.P. 1118**

An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies Related to the Maine Uniform Probate Code and To Make Other Substantive Changes. (EMERGENCY) (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary pursuant to Public Law 2017, chapter 402, Part G, section 2.)

**L.D. 1536, H.P. 1119**

An Act To Require Municipalities To Maintain Access on Public Rights-of-way. (Presented by Representative KESCHL of Belgrade)

**L.D. 1537, H.P. 1120**

An Act To Increase the Portion of Retirement Benefits to Which the Cost-of-living Adjustment Applies. (Presented by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake)

**L.D. 1538, H.P. 1121**

An Act Regarding Compensation Equity for Positions in the Maine Community College System. (Presented by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick)

**L.D. 1539, H.P. 1122**

An Act To Provide Maine Children Access to Affordable Health Care. (Presented by Representative CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth)

**L.D. 1540, H.P. 1123**

An Act Concerning Timber Harvesting on Public Lands and in State Parks, Historic Sites and the Restricted Zone of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway. (Presented by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town)

**L.D. 1541, H.P. 1124**

An Act To Establish "Ballad of the 20th Maine" as the Official State Ballad. (Presented by Representative CUDDY of Winterport)

**L.D. 1542, H.P. 1125**

An Act To Allow a Municipality To Choose Its Power Provider. (Presented by Representative DENK of Kennebunk)

**L.D. 1543, S.P. 480**

An Act To Amend the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. (Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

**L.D. 1544, S.P. 481**

An Act To Enact the Maine Revised Unclaimed Property Act. (Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

**L.D. 1545, S.P. 482**

An Act Regarding the Testing of Adult Use Marijuana and Marijuana Products. (Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox)

**L.D. 1546, S.P. 483**

An Act To Protect State Employees When Their Contracts Have Expired. (Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

**L.D. 1547, S.P. 484**

An Act To Use 10 Percent of E-9-1-1 Surcharges To Fund Public Safety Answering Point Staff and Projects. (Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin)

**L.D. 1548, S.P. 485**

Resolve, To Promote Quality and Transparency in the Provision of Services by Assisted Housing Programs That Provide Memory Care. (Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin)

**L.D. 1549, S.P. 486**

An Act To Increase the Supplement for Certain National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certified Teachers in Maine. (Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin)

**L.D. 1550, S.P. 487**

An Act To Create a Victims' Compensation Fund for Victims of Property Crimes. (Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin)

**L.D. 1551, H.P. 1126**

An Act To Clarify Fishing Laws between the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources as They Relate to Striped Bass in Inland Waters. (Presented by Representative NADEAU of Winslow)

**L.D. 1552, H.P. 1127**

An Act To Make Technical Changes to Maine's Marine Resources Laws. (Presented by Representative ALLEY of Beals)

**L.D. 1553, S.P. 488**

An Act Directing That the Towns Constituting Hospital Administrative District No. 4 Hold a Vote on the Proposed Merger with Northern Light Health. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis)

(Copies of the Bills may be obtained from the Document Room, First Floor, State House, Augusta, Maine 04333-0002 - Ph: 207-287-1408. Bill text, bill status and roll call information are available on the Internet at <http://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/search.asp>. The Weekly Legislative Report is also available on the Internet at the House home page at <http://legislature.maine.gov/house/house/> under the "Documents" tab.)

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