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Signed by the Governor  
Monday, March 13, 2023

**Ch. 4** - An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission for Amending the Maine Uniform Probate Code and Related Provisions of Law. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 120, L.D. 196)

Signed by the Governor  
Wednesday, March 15, 2023

**Ch. 5** - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Invasive Aquatic Plants. (H.P. 14, L.D. 10)

**Ch. 6** - An Act to Clarify State Policy Regarding Cannabis Paraphernalia in the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act and the Cannabis Legalization Act. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 50, L.D. 83)

## **BILLS PRINTED AS OF FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023**

### **L.D. 1129, H.P. 714**

An Act to Enact the Curriculum Transparency Act. (Presented by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred)

### **L.D. 1130, H.P. 715**

An Act to Reduce the Burden of Asset Recovery on Family Caregivers. (Presented by Representative FAY of Raymond)

### **L.D. 1131, H.P. 716**

An Act to Support Continuity in Perinatal and Emergency Care by Requiring Notice of a Voluntary Hospital or Facility Closure or Reduction in Services. (Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

### **L.D. 1132, H.P. 718**

An Act to Allow Certain Liquor Sellers to Conduct Off-premises Taste-testing Events and Retail Sales. (Presented by Representative LANDRY of Farmington)

### **L.D. 1133, H.P. 719**

An Act Regarding Emergency Management Funding for Municipal Shelters. (Presented by Representative ADAMS of Lebanon)

### **L.D. 1134, H.P. 720**

An Act to Improve Housing Affordability by Amending the Definition of "Subdivision" Under the Site Location of Development Laws. (Presented by Representative BOYLE of Gorham)

### **L.D. 1135, H.P. 721**

An Act to Ensure that Carbon Credits Can Be Sold on Forest Land Enrolled in the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law. (Presented by Representative BOYLE of Gorham)

### **L.D. 1136, H.P. 722**

An Act to Clarify Term Limitations for Legislators, Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor. (Presented by Representative TERRY of Gorham)

### **L.D. 1137, H.P. 723**

An Act to Prohibit Deceptive Advertising in Limited Pregnancy Services Centers. (Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

### **L.D. 1138, H.P. 724**

An Act to Improve Work and Family Mobility by Altering and Removing Certain Requirements for Driver's Licenses and Nondriver Identification Cards. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

**L.D. 1139, S.P. 466**

An Act to Improve Ferry Service Reliability by Providing Scholarships at the Maine Maritime Academy. (Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

**L.D. 1140, S.P. 467**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Allow All-terrain Vehicle Traffic on a Section of Trail in the City of Caribou. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

**L.D. 1141, S.P. 468**

An Act to Improve Access and System Preservation by Providing Shoulders and Bicycle Lanes on State Roadways Leading to State Parks and Other Significant Destinations. (Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington)

**L.D. 1142, S.P. 469**

An Act to Eliminate Motor Vehicle Registration Fees for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Emergency Medical Services Providers. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

**L.D. 1143, S.P. 470**

An Act to Address Late Medical Billing by Limiting Hospital Billing to One Year. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

**L.D. 1144, S.P. 471**

An Act to Ban Monitoring Software Targeting Maine Students. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

**L.D. 1145, S.P. 472**

An Act to Create the Southern Maine Coastal Waters Commission. (Presented by Senator BAILEY of York)

**L.D. 1146, S.P. 473**

An Act to Authorize Certain Health Care Professionals to Prescribe Methadone. (Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin)

**L.D. 1147, S.P. 474**

An Act to Exempt Gold and Silver Coins and Bullion from the State Income Tax. (Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin)

**L.D. 1148, S.P. 475**

An Act to Prohibit COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates for Students Enrolled in Public Institutions of Learning. (Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin)

**L.D. 1149, S.P. 476**

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Strengthen the Due Process Rights of Persons Accused by Requiring Notification of Those Rights. (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

**L.D. 1150, S.P. 477**

Resolve, Requiring the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Document, Disclose and Publish All Best Management Practices Regarding the Use of Noise Devices to Control Birds at Orchards. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

**L.D. 1151, S.P. 478**

An Act to Decrease Barriers for Preventive Health Services by Allowing Pharmacy Technicians to Administer Vaccines. (Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York)

**L.D. 1152, S.P. 479**

An Act to Make Long-term Disability Insurance Coverage Available to Public Employees. (Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York)

**L.D. 1153, H.P. 725**

An Act to Allow Municipalities to Tax Personal Solar Energy Equipment Under 5 Megawatts. (Presented by Representative WOODSOME of Waterboro)

**L.D. 1154, H.P. 726**

An Act Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units and Municipal Zoning Ordinances. (Presented by Representative WOODSOME of Waterboro)

**L.D. 1155, H.P. 727**

An Act to Address Legislative Salaries. (Presented by Representative WOODSOME of Waterboro)

**L.D. 1156, H.P. 728**

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Promote the Design, Development and Maintenance of Trails for Outdoor Recreation and Active Transportation. (Presented by Representative FAY of Raymond)

**L.D. 1157, H.P. 729**

An Act to Stabilize Licensing Fees. (Presented by Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield)

**L.D. 1158, H.P. 730**

An Act to Recognize the Critical Nature of Workforce Development Through Career and Technical Education by Establishing an Adjustment for Career and Technical Education Centers in the School Funding Formula. (Presented by Representative WHITE of Waterville)

**L.D. 1159, H.P. 731**

An Act to Establish a Pilot Project Regarding Harm Reduction Health Centers. (Presented by Representative OSHER of Orono)

**L.D. 1160, H.P. 732**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Conduct a Study on the Equity of the State Education Subsidy Formula. (Presented by Representative GEIGER of Rockland)

**L.D. 1161, H.P. 733**

An Act to Fund Free Health Clinics. (Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

**L.D. 1162, H.P. 734**

An Act to Protect the Environment by Funding Ash Tree Management. (Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

**L.D. 1163, H.P. 735**

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Capital Improvements for Arts and Cultural Facilities. (Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

**L.D. 1164, H.P. 736**

An Act to Continue the Department of Education Diploma Program Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

**L.D. 1165, H.P. 737**

An Act to Enhance Cost Savings to Consumers of Prescription Drugs. (Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston)

**L.D. 1166, H.P. 738**

An Act to Allow Sunday Hunting by Landowners on Their Land. (Presented by Representative HALL of Wilton)

**L.D. 1167, H.P. 739**

An Act to Require Communications Service Providers to Prorate Customer Bills for Cancellation and Allow a Reduction in Service for a Customer with an Outstanding Balance. (Presented by Representative PERRY of Bangor)

**L.D. 1168, H.P. 740**

An Act to Adjust Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Rates. (Presented by Representative PERRY of Bangor)

**L.D. 1169, H.P. 741**

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program. (Presented by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

**L.D. 1170, H.P. 742**

Resolve, to Promote Passenger Rail for Commuters. (Presented by Representative O'NEIL of Saco)

**L.D. 1171, H.P. 743**

An Act to Raise Funding to Support Waste Reduction, Reuse, Recycling and Composting in Maine. (Presented by Representative BELL of Yarmouth)

**L.D. 1172, H.P. 744**

An Act to Reestablish Annual Reporting on Solid Waste in Maine. (Presented by Representative BELL of Yarmouth)

**L.D. 1173, H.P. 745**

An Act Directing the Bureau of General Services to Ensure Adequate Air Quality in All State-owned and State-leased Buildings. (Presented by Representative MONTELL of Gardiner)

**L.D. 1174, H.P. 746**

An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products. (Presented by Representative PERRY of Bangor)

**L.D. 1175, H.P. 747**

An Act to Provide for the Review and Uniform Application of All Transmission and Distribution Utility Rates. (Presented by Representative ADAMS of Lebanon)

**L.D. 1176, H.P. 748**

An Act to Create Municipal Cannabis Revenue Sharing. (Presented by Representative ADAMS of Lebanon)

**L.D. 1177, H.P. 749**

An Act to Assess a Slip Fee on Megayachts Registered in Overseas Tax Havens. (Presented by Representative LOOKNER of Portland)

**L.D. 1178, H.P. 750**

Resolve, to Reduce Barriers to Recovery from Addiction by Expanding Eligibility for Targeted Case Management Services. (Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville)

**L.D. 1179, H.P. 751**

An Act to Reestablish the Marine Recreational Fishery Advisory Council at the Department of Marine Resources. (Presented by Representative RUSSELL of Verona Island)

**L.D. 1180, H.P. 752**

An Act to Add an Exception to the Law Regarding Intermediate Driver's Licenses Regarding Passengers. (Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich)

**L.D. 1181, H.P. 753**

An Act to Allow for the Recall of an Elected Municipal Official for Any Reason. (Presented by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

**L.D. 1182, H.P. 754**

An Act to Make Revisions to the Tax Increment Financing and Development District Laws. (Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook)

**L.D. 1183, H.P. 755**

An Act to Establish the School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund. (Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook)

**L.D. 1184, S.P. 480**

An Act to Exempt Certain Prescribed Home Medical Supplies from Sales Tax. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

**L.D. 1185, S.P. 481**

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund. (Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York)

**L.D. 1186, S.P. 482**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Develop a Hunting and Fishing Software Application. (Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

**L.D. 1187, S.P. 483**

An Act to Protect Inpatient Psychiatric Services in Northern Maine by Preserving the Current Reimbursement Rate. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

**L.D. 1188, S.P. 484**

An Act to Establish a Public Health Response to Substance Use. (Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox)

**L.D. 1189, S.P. 485**

An Act to Amend the Burden of Proof for Defendants Who Cannot Pay Criminal Restitution. (Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox)

**L.D. 1190, S.P. 486**

An Act to Ensure a Fair Workweek by Requiring Notice of Work Schedules. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

**L.D. 1191, S.P. 487**

An Act Regarding Transparency of Medical Billing. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

**L.D. 1192, S.P. 488**

An Act Regarding the Composition of the Judiciary. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

**L.D. 1193, S.P. 489**

An Act to Allow Residents of Low-income Housing to Keep Pets. (Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

**L.D. 1194, S.P. 490**

An Act to Implement Work Requirements Under the MaineCare Program. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

**L.D. 1195, S.P. 491**

An Act to Provide That Documents Obtained by Subpoena by the Government Oversight Committee May Be Reviewed by Committee Members and Staff. (Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin)

**L.D. 1196, H.P. 756**

An Act to Require Public Schools to Allow Parents and Guardians to Opt Out Their Children with Respect to Portions of the Curriculum. (Presented by Representative CARLOW of Buxton)

**L.D. 1197, H.P. 757**

An Act to Prevent Coerced Abortion. (Presented by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester)

**L.D. 1198, H.P. 758**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development to Convene a Working Group to Improve the State's 10-year Economic Development Strategy. (Presented by Representative MILLETT of Waterford)

**L.D. 1199, H.P. 759**

An Act to Provide Transparency in Public School Curricula. (Presented by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford)

**L.D. 1200, H.P. 760**

Resolve, to Convene a Driver Education Working Group to Evaluate Hardships to Underserved Populations and Low-income Families. (Presented by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick)

**L.D. 1201, H.P. 761**

Resolve, Requiring the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Convey Interest in a Parcel of Land at the Newfield Wildlife Management Area to a Private Landowner. (Presented by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred)

**L.D. 1202, H.P. 762**

An Act to Increase the Homestead Exemption to \$50,000. (Presented by Representative THERIAULT of Fort Kent)

**L.D. 1203, H.P. 763**

An Act to Clarify Deadlines in the Freedom of Access Act and Disclosure Provisions in the Intelligence and Investigative Record Information Act. (Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland)

**L.D. 1204, H.P. 764**

An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Closing Coverage Gaps in the MaineCare Program for Incarcerated Persons. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

**L.D. 1205, H.P. 765**

An Act Regarding the Scope of Practice of Certified Professional Midwives and Certified Midwives. (Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot)

**L.D. 1206, H.P. 766**

An Act to Create a Grant Program for Workplace Health and Safety Improvements. (Presented by Representative O'CONNELL of Brewer)

**L.D. 1207, H.P. 767**

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Exceptions. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph G.)

**L.D. 1208, H.P. 768**

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Time Estimates for Responding to Public Records Requests. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph G.)

**L.D. 1209, H.P. 769**

An Act to Reinstate the Religious and Philosophical Vaccine Exemptions for Private Schools and Virtual Public Charter Schools. (Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland)

**L.D. 1210, H.P. 770**

An Act to Establish a Maine Highway Capital Fund to Provide Consistent Funding for the Construction and Repair of Maine's Roads and Bridges. (Presented by Representative DUCHARME of Madison)

(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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