

Weekly **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

From Robert B. Hunt, Clerk of the House - State House, Augusta, Maine

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Friday, March 29, 2024

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131st LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION BILLS ENACTED

Public Laws

Signed by the Governor
Monday, March 25, 2024

Ch. 560 - An Act Regarding the Reporting of Adult Name Changes by the Probate Courts to the State Bureau of Identification. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 305, L.D. 747)

Ch. 561 - An Act to Require Certain School Identification Cards to Include the Telephone Number of a Suicide and Crisis Hotline. (H.P. 811, L.D. 1263)

Ch. 562 - An Act to Provide for Medical and Vessel Breakdown License Exceptions for Commercial Menhaden License Holders. (S.P. 853, L.D. 2025)

Ch. 563 - An Act to Make Changes to the State's Marine Resources Laws. (S.P. 859, L.D. 2031)

Ch. 564 - An Act to Amend Maine's Aquaculture Leasing Laws. (H.P. 1327, L.D. 2065)

Ch. 565 - An Act to Exempt from Excise Tax Vehicles of Active Duty Service Members Deployed Out-of-state. (H.P. 1335, L.D. 2076)

Ch. 566 - An Act to Support Extended Learning Opportunities. (H.P. 1355, L.D. 2131)

Ch. 567 - An Act to Make Corrections and Updates to the Laws Affecting Children and Families. (H.P. 1378, L.D. 2154)

Ch. 568 - An Act to Improve Access to Affordable Wireless Communications by Allowing the Public Utilities Commission to Designate Eligible Telecommunications Carriers. (S.P. 932, L.D. 2193)

Ch. 569 - An Act Establishing a State Calendar for the State of Maine. (H.P. 1425, L.D. 2222)

Ch. 570 - An Act to Require Telephone Solicitors to Use the Reassigned Numbers Database. (H.P. 1433, L.D. 2234)

Ch. 571 - An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles' Motor Vehicle Dealer Display Area and Licensing Requirements Working Group. (S.P. 966, L.D. 2244)

Ch. 572 - An Act to Clarify the Definition of "Underground Facility" and Reduce Administrative Burdens Under the So-called Dig Safe Law. (S.P. 967, L.D. 2245)

Became law without the Governor's Signature
Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Ch. 573 - An Act to Establish Separate Inauguration and Transition Committees for a Governor-elect and to Limit Donations to Each. (H.P. 522, L.D. 833)

Ch. 574 - An Act to Amend the Maine Insurance Code Regarding Payments by Health Insurance Carriers to Providers. (H.P. 903, L.D. 1407)

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Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Ch. 575 - An Act Regarding the General Assistance Program. (H.P. 1111, L.D. 1732)

Ch. 576 - An Act to Delay Implementation of Electronic Visit Verification for Hospice Providers Within the MaineCare Program. (H.P. 1317, L.D. 2055)

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- Ch. 577** - An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Sports Wagering Licensing. (S.P. 913, L.D. 2117)
- Ch. 578** - An Act to Amend Maine's Charitable Organization Gaming Laws. (S.P. 901, L.D. 2108)
- Ch. 579** - An Act to Amend the Content of Notices Provided with Respect to Tax Liens on Certain Property. (H.P. 1310, L.D. 2048)
- Ch. 580** - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Optometrists. (H.P. 1258, L.D. 1956)
- Ch. 581** - An Act to Amend the State's Data Governance Program. (H.P. 1252, L.D. 1948)
- Ch. 582** - An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2024-25. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1414, L.D. 2207)
- Ch. 583** - An Act Related to Airboats and Airboat Noise Limits. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1461, L.D. 2272)

Private and Special Laws

Signed by the Governor
Thursday, March 28, 2024

- Ch. 20** - An Act to Allow School Administrative District No. 52 to Issue Temporary Notes for a Wastewater Treatment Project. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 974, L.D. 2257)

Resolves

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Monday, March 25, 2024

- Ch. 146** - Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Support Commercial Dairy Farms in the State. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 511, L.D. 1274)
- Ch. 147** - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 80: Reduction of Toxics in Packaging, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1428, L.D. 2227)
- Ch. 148** - Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to Address Aquatic Invasive Species. (S.P. 418, L.D. 1049)
- Ch. 149** - Resolve, to Review and Evaluate Film Production Incentives. (S.P. 444, L.D. 1075)
- Ch. 150** - Resolve, to Study Opportunities and Provide Guidance for School Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Programs. (S.P. 638, L.D. 1606)
- Ch. 151** - Resolve, Directing an Analysis of and Report on the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program. (S.P. 808, L.D. 1974)
- Ch. 152** - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 9: Rules Governing Administrative Civil Money Penalties for Labor Law Violations, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards. (H.P. 1398, L.D. 2184)
- Ch. 153** - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 41: Special Restrictions on Pesticide Use, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control. (H.P. 1403, L.D. 2189)

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- Ch. 154** - Resolve, to Fill All Vacant and Expired Seats on the Emergency Medical Services' Board. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 872, L.D. 2071)
- Ch. 155** - Resolve, to Direct the Maine Connectivity Authority to Develop Proposed Legislation to Increase Broadband Internet Access. (H.P. 161, L.D. 240)
- Ch. 156** - Resolve, Establishing a Working Group to Coordinate Collaboration Among State Agencies for the Purpose of Promoting Smart Growth and Development in High-use Corridors. (H.P. 1071, L.D. 1673)
- Ch. 157** - Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Study Timely Access to Psychiatric Medication Management Services Across the State. (S.P. 876, L.D. 2083)

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Ch. 158 - Resolve, to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Report on Children's Residential Treatment Services and Implementation of the Department's Strategic Priorities for Children's Behavioral Health Services. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 268, L.D. 435)

(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, MARCH 29, 2024

L.D. 2276, H.P. 1463

An Act to Increase Funding for the Snowmobile Trail Fund and the ATV Recreational Management Fund. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Order 2023, H.P. 1438.)

L.D. 2277, H.P. 1464

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey by Sale the Interests of the State in 3 Properties Located in Biddeford, Sanford and York. (Governor's Bill) (Presented by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport)

L.D. 2278, S.P. 993

An Act to Require Public Safety Answering Point and Dispatch Center Cost Reporting and to Direct the Formation of a Staffing and Recruiting Stakeholder Group. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology pursuant to Public Law 2023, chapter 186, section 3.)

L.D. 2279, S.P. 994

An Act to Promote Equity in the Forest Products Industry by Allowing Commercial Wood Haulers to Be Eligible for Certain Sales Tax Exemptions and Refunds. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 2280, S.P. 995

An Act to Strengthen Maine's Workforce Through Preapprenticeship Training Programs. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

L.D. 2281, H.P. 1467

An Act to Reconvene a Driver Education Working Group to Evaluate Hardships to Underserved Populations and Low-income Families. (EMERGENCY) (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 94, section 6.)

L.D. 2282, S.P. 996

An Act to Provide Greater Transparency About the Cost of Insulin and to Promote the Availability of Low-cost Insulin in the State. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Order 2023, S.P. 968.)

L.D. 2283, H.P. 1470

An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety of the Public. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

(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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