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L.D. 1464, S.P. 583

An Act to Remove the Waiting Period for Benefits Under Maine's Unemployment Insurance System. (Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

L.D. 1465, S.P. 584

An Act to Amend the Calculation of Tariff Rates and Billing Credits Under Net Energy Billing. (Presented by Senator HARRINGTON of York)

L.D. 1466, S.P. 585

An Act to Fund Adult Intellectual Disability and Autism Spectrum Disorder Services by Eliminating Certain Tax Funding from the Maine Clean Election Fund. (Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin)

L.D. 1467, S.P. 586

An Act to Establish the Maine Cannabis Research Committee and Facilitate Research into Alternative Therapeutics. (Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin)

L.D. 1468, S.P. 587

An Act to Ensure Equal Treatment by the Law Court by Requiring 7 Justices to Decide All Cases. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 1469, S.P. 588

Resolve, to Sufficiently Staff Overnight Behavioral Health Crisis Facilities. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 1470, S.P. 589

An Act Regarding Transfers of Land in Resource Protection Areas. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 1471, S.P. 590

An Act to Amend Provisions of the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 1472, S.P. 591

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to Amend Their Rules Regarding the Maine School Facilities Finance Program and the School Revolving Renovation Fund. (Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York)

L.D. 1473, S.P. 592

An Act to Protect Certain Unfiltered Drinking Water Sources. (Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin)

L.D. 1474, S.P. 593

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Expedite Reimbursement of Nursing Facilities. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 1475, S.P. 595

An Act to Promote Biomanufacturing and Biotechnology Development by Establishing a Tax Credit. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1476, S.P. 596

An Act to Amend the Definition of "Metallic Mineral" in the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act. (Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

L.D. 1477, S.P. 597

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Align the Proceedings for Circulating Written Petitions for People's Vetoes and Direct Initiatives with Federal Law. (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

L.D. 1478, S.P. 598

An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services. (Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland)

L.D. 1479, S.P. 599

Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission to Convene a Stakeholder Group Regarding Liquefied Propane Gas Systems and the So-called Dig Safe Law. (Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

L.D. 1480, S.P. 601

An Act to Protect Union Wharf and Sustain Maine's Maritime Industries. (Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland)

L.D. 1481, S.P. 602

An Act Regarding Clearance for Occupancy Under the Lead Poisoning Control Act. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

L.D. 1482, S.P. 603

An Act to Impose a Moratorium on Open-pit Rock Quarry Excavation. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

L.D. 1483, S.P. 604

An Act to Protect the Rights of Agricultural Workers. (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

L.D. 1484, S.P. 605

An Act to Improve Sexual Assault Kit Tracking. (Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York)

L.D. 1485, S.P. 606

An Act to Provide Funding for Hospital Security in Aroostook County. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 1486, S.P. 607

An Act to Exempt Tractor Trailer Trucks from the Excise Tax. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 1487, S.P. 608

An Act to Ensure That Residents of the State Have the Right to Repair Their Own Electronic Devices. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

L.D. 1488, H.P. 943

An Act to Expand Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Private Drinking Water Wells. (Presented by Representative OSHER of Orono)

L.D. 1489, H.P. 944

Resolve, to Capitalize on Opportunities from Newly Revised Federal Renewable Fuels Standards by Studying the Environmental and Economic Benefits of Electric and Steam Generation Facilities Powered by Biomass. (Presented by Representative THERIAULT of Fort Kent)

L.D. 1490, H.P. 945

An Act to Reduce Rental Housing Costs by Eliminating Additional Fees at or Prior to the Commencement of Tenancy. (Presented by Representative KESSLER of South Portland)

L.D. 1491, H.P. 946

An Act to Support Rural Education. (Presented by Representative EATON of Deer Isle)

L.D. 1492, H.P. 947

An Act to Increase the Transparency and Accountability of the Maine Information and Analysis Center. (Presented by Representative LOOKNER of Portland)

L.D. 1493, H.P. 948

An Act to Increase Affordable Housing by Expanding Tax Increment Financing. (Presented by Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta)

L.D. 1494, H.P. 949

An Act to Help Address the Worker Shortage in Behavioral Health Care Services by Allowing Provisional Licensure and Providing for Reimbursement for Out-of-state Licensees. (Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle)

L.D. 1495, H.P. 950

Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Role of Critical Minerals as a Resource in the State. (Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle)

L.D. 1496, H.P. 951

An Act to Prohibit Noncompete Clauses. (Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

L.D. 1497, H.P. 952

An Act to Strengthen Medicare by Preventing Providers from Adding Excess Charges. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

L.D. 1498, H.P. 953

An Act to Create an Advocacy and Complaint Process for Health Care Providers Within the Bureau of Insurance. (Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais)

L.D. 1499, H.P. 954

An Act Regarding Penalties for Early Retirement for Certain Members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. (Presented by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell)

L.D. 1500, H.P. 955

An Act to Strengthen Maine's Elections by Requiring Video Monitoring of Drop Boxes and Amending the Laws Regarding Voter Rolls and Absentee Voting Envelopes. (Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland)

L.D. 1501, H.P. 956

An Act to Protect Maine Citizens from Discrimination by Including Vaccination Status as a Protected Class. (Presented by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales)

L.D. 1502, H.P. 957

An Act to Provide Consistency of Process for Maine's Electoral Votes by Prohibiting Enactment of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. (Presented by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

L.D. 1503, H.P. 958

An Act Regarding State Court Remedies for Violations of Legal or Constitutional Rights by Federal Employees. (Presented by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

L.D. 1504, H.P. 959

An Act to Exempt Broadband Equipment from the Sales and Use Tax. (Presented by Representative TERRY of Gorham)

L.D. 1505, H.P. 960

An Act to Amend the Maine Cooperative Affordable Housing Ownership Act. (Presented by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

L.D. 1506, H.P. 961

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Study the Scarcity of Licensed Clinical Behavioral Health Professionals Across the State. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative SARGENT of York)

L.D. 1507, H.P. 962

An Act to Ensure the Accuracy of Vital Records with Respect to Gender. (Presented by Representative SHEEHAN of Biddeford)

L.D. 1508, H.P. 963

An Act to Ensure a Strategic Approach to Maine's Energy Transition by Imposing a Moratorium on Lithium Mining. (Presented by Representative O'NEIL of Saco)

L.D. 1509, H.P. 964

An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of Maine's Drug Laws. (Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington)

L.D. 1510, H.P. 965

An Act to Provide Grants to Promote Innovative Learning Strategies. (Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

L.D. 1511, H.P. 966

An Act to Update the Laws Governing the University of Maine System's Board of Agriculture and to Rename the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station. (Presented by Representative DILL of Old Town)

L.D. 1512, H.P. 967

An Act to Require Restitution for a Child Whose Parent Is Killed by a Drunk Driver. (Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

L.D. 1513, H.P. 968

An Act to Improve Intensive Behavioral Health and Public Safety Case Management Services. (Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

L.D. 1514, H.P. 969

An Act to Provide Safe, Short-term Housing to Individuals Recently Released from Correctional Facilities. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 1515, H.P. 970

An Act to Fund Delivery of Emergency Medical Services. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 1516, H.P. 971

An Act to Establish Alternative Sentencing for Primary Caregivers. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 1517, H.P. 972

An Act to Create Equity in the State's Cannabis Industry. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 1518, H.P. 973

An Act Regarding the Rights of Parents to Withdraw Their Children from Public School Classes or Activities That Include Certain Controversial Viewpoints. (Presented by Representative THORNE of Carmel)

L.D. 1519, H.P. 974

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Operating Under the Influence. (Presented by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales)

L.D. 1520, H.P. 975

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and Department of Health and Human Services to Study Placing Child Care Facilities in Secondary Schools. (Presented by Representative GOLEK of Harpswell)

L.D. 1521, H.P. 976

An Act to Support the Essential Support Workforce by Promoting Enhanced Reimbursement and Benefits and Encouraging Information Sharing. (Presented by Representative CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham)

L.D. 1522, H.P. 977

An Act to Provide Economic Justice to Historically Disadvantaged Older Citizens by Amending the Laws Governing the Medicare Savings Program. (Presented by Representative FAY of Raymond)

L.D. 1523, H.P. 978

An Act to Establish a Qualifying Condition Review Board to Provide Benefits to Certain Service Members. (Presented by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook)

L.D. 1524, H.P. 979

An Act to Eliminate the Excise Tax on Recreational Vehicles and Permit Municipal Adoption of Fees to Cover the Cost of Municipal Services to Campgrounds and Recreational Vehicle Parks. (Presented by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred)

L.D. 1525, H.P. 980

An Act to Provide for Administrative Suspension of Licenses and Certificates Issued Under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws. (Presented by Representative LANDRY of Farmington)

L.D. 1526, H.P. 981

An Act to Provide Grants to Support Reading Proficiency Programming in Schools. (Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

L.D. 1527, H.P. 982

An Act to Promote the Community School Program. (Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

L.D. 1528, H.P. 983

Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Program and Convene a Work Group Regarding the Provision of Services by the Child Development Services System. (Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

L.D. 1529, H.P. 984

An Act to Reform the State's Adult Use Cannabis Seed-to-sale Tracking System to Allow for Canopy Tagging. (Presented by Representative SUPICA of Bangor)

L.D. 1530, H.P. 985

An Act to Support Patients by Permitting On-site Consumption of Medical Cannabis and Medical Cannabis Products. (Presented by Representative SUPICA of Bangor)

L.D. 1531, H.P. 986

Resolve, to Implement a 4-year Moratorium on Solar Energy Subsidies and Direct the Department of Environmental Protection to Study the Economic Impact of Industrial Solar Energy Projects. (Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

L.D. 1532, H.P. 987

An Act to Require the Timely Reimbursement by the State of Costs Incurred by a School Administrative Unit for Special Education Programs. (Presented by Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls)

L.D. 1533, H.P. 988

An Act to Provide for Consistent Billing Practices by Health Care Providers. (Presented by Representative MORRIS of Turner)

L.D. 1534, H.P. 989

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Interagency Task Force on Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species. (Presented by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield)

L.D. 1535, H.P. 990

An Act to Advance Justice in Sentencing by Amending the Laws Governing the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute and Increasing Funding for Meetings of the Institute. (Presented by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield)

L.D. 1536, S.P. 609

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Amend the Governor's Power to Reprieve, Pardon and Commute Sentences and Remit Penalties. (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

L.D. 1537, S.P. 610

An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Prevention of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution and to Provide Additional Funding. (Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York)

L.D. 1538, S.P. 611

An Act to Provide Tax Benefits to Persons Constructing Accessory Dwelling Units. (Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland)

L.D. 1539, H.P. 991

An Act to Promote a Diverse, More Experienced Construction Workforce and Ensure High-quality Careers by Increasing Registered Apprenticeship Programs. (Presented by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport)

L.D. 1540, H.P. 992

An Act to Create the Stable Home Fund Program. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth)

L.D. 1541, H.P. 993

An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Certificate of Need. (Presented by Representative MORRIS of Turner)

L.D. 1542, H.P. 994

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Study the Use of Micromobility Devices. (Presented by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor)

L.D. 1543, H.P. 995

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Recommend Cost-effective, Safe, Administrable and Healthful Programs to Reduce Violence in Prisons and Jails. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative MOONEN of Portland)

L.D. 1544, H.P. 996

An Act to Improve Economic Security for Maine Children by Establishing the Maine Dependent Tax Credit. (Presented by Representative TERRY of Gorham)

L.D. 1545, H.P. 997

An Act to Reduce Drug Overdoses and Death by Expanding the Crime of Aggravated Trafficking of Scheduled Drugs by Including Compounds, Mixtures or Substances. (Presented by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon)

L.D. 1546, H.P. 998

An Act Regarding Nondiscrimination in Financial Services. (Presented by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon)

L.D. 1547, H.P. 999

An Act to Temporarily Prohibit the State from Mandating COVID-19 Vaccinations. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon)

L.D. 1548, H.P. 1000

An Act to Support Maine Craft Brewers by Amending the Law Regarding Breweries with Multiple Locations. (Presented by Representative CROCKETT of Portland)

L.D. 1549, H.P. 1001

An Act to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Seek Informational Bids Regarding Small Modular Nuclear Reactors in the State. (Presented by Representative PAUL of Winterport)

L.D. 1550, S.P. 613

An Act to Authorize the Expungement of Records of Nonviolent Crimes. (Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin)

L.D. 1551, S.P. 614

An Act to Increase Bicycle Safety by Allowing Cyclists to Treat Stop Signs as Yield Signs and Red Lights as Stop Signs. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

L.D. 1552, S.P. 615

An Act to Create the Lobster Innovation Fund. (Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

(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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