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L.D. 1677, I.B. 3

An Act Regarding Automotive Right to Repair. (Transmitted to the Clerk of the 131st Maine Legislature by the Secretary of State on April 13, 2023 and ordered printed.)

L.D. 1678, H.P. 1077

Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Study and Report on Soil Carbon Sequestration Incentive Programs. (Presented by Representative OSHER of Orono)

L.D. 1679, H.P. 1078

An Act Regarding the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission. (Presented by Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe)

L.D. 1680, H.P. 1079

An Act to Allow Cannabis Advertising and to Allow Cannabis Delivery. (Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland)

L.D. 1681, H.P. 1080

An Act to Encourage Residential Water Testing by Providing an Income Tax Deduction. (Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland)

L.D. 1682, H.P. 1081

An Act to Create the Maine Experiential Education Program. (Presented by Representative SHAW of Auburn)

L.D. 1683, H.P. 1082

An Act to Provide for Civil Recovery Based on Nonconsensual Removal of or Tampering with a Condom and Considering Sexual Assault in Evaluating Parental Rights. (Presented by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill)

L.D. 1684, H.P. 1083

An Act to Invest in the Health and Wellness of Older Maine Residents by Expanding Coordinated Community Programming. (Presented by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook)

L.D. 1685, H.P. 1084

An Act to Increase Acreage Eligibility and Change Requirements for Filing Plans Under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law. (Presented by Representative MATLACK of St. George)

L.D. 1686, S.P. 673

An Act to Eliminate Unconstitutional Restrictions on Access to Cannabis by Removing Certain Restrictions on Medical Use and Personal Use and to Recognize Cannabis and Hemp as Food Protected as a Right Under the Constitution of Maine. (Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin)

L.D. 1687, S.P. 674

An Act to Improve Geographic Information System Data Acquisition and Maintenance. (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

L.D. 1688, S.P. 675

Resolve, to Allow Ronald Caron and Jennifer Berube to Sue the State. (Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin)

L.D. 1689, S.P. 676

An Act to Exempt Prescription Pet Medications from Sales Tax. (Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

L.D. 1690, S.P. 677

An Act Regarding Ongoing Absentee Voting and Tracking of Absentee Ballots. (Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

L.D. 1691, S.P. 678

An Act to Provide Parity in State Energy Rate Relief Payments and Tax Exemptions for Maine Cannabis Businesses. (Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

L.D. 1692, S.P. 679

An Act to Create the Guilford-Sangerville Utilities District. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot)

L.D. 1693, S.P. 680

An Act to Amend the Kennebunk Sewer District Charter. (Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York)

L.D. 1694, S.P. 681

An Act to Improve the Rest Stop Facilities Located on Interstate 95 in Medway. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 1695, S.P. 682

An Act to Provide for the Direct Shipment of Spirits to Consumers. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 1696, H.P. 1085

An Act to Create a Civil Cause of Action for Persons Suffering Damages Arising from the Sale of Abnormally Dangerous Firearms. (Presented by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth)

L.D. 1697, H.P. 1086

An Act to Implement Background Checks for School Board Members. (Presented by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

L.D. 1698, H.P. 1087

An Act to Eliminate Private Donations to the Maine Clean Election Fund. (Presented by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

L.D. 1699, H.P. 1088

An Act to Amend the Freedom of Access Act and Related Provisions. (Presented by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

L.D. 1700, H.P. 1089

An Act to Protect Agricultural Lands by Creating a Permitting Process for Solar Development on Those Lands. (Presented by Representative PLUECKER of Warren)

L.D. 1701, H.P. 1090

Resolve, to Reestablish and Continue the Work of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 1702, H.P. 1091

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Improve the Educational Experience of People Who Are Resettling in Maine. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 1703, H.P. 1092

An Act to Amend the Maine Equal Pay Law by Prohibiting Pay Discrimination Based on Race. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 1704, H.P. 1093

An Act Regarding Incarcerated Individuals and Legislative Apportionment. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 1705, H.P. 1094

An Act to Give Consumers Control over Sensitive Personal Data by Requiring Consumer Consent Prior to Collection of Data. (Presented by Representative O'NEIL of Saco)

L.D. 1706, H.P. 1095

An Act to Clarify Statewide Laws Regarding Affordable Housing and Accessory Dwelling Units. (Presented by Representative MALON of Biddeford)

L.D. 1707, H.P. 1096

An Act to Allow Workers to Work Without Having to Pay Labor Organization Service Fees. (Presented by Representative MORRIS of Turner)

L.D. 1708, H.P. 1097

An Act to Address Anticompetitive Terms in Health Insurance Carrier and Health Care Provider Contracts. (Presented by Representative MORRIS of Turner)

L.D. 1709, H.P. 1098

An Act to Establish a Baseline of Consistency and Safety for the Operation of Construction Cranes and Elevators. (Presented by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick)

L.D. 1710, H.P. 1099

An Act to Establish the Maine Rental Assistance and Guarantee Program and Amend the Laws Regarding Tenants and the Municipal General Assistance Program. (Presented by Representative GOLEK of Harpswell)

L.D. 1711, H.P. 1100

An Act to Provide for Safe Roadway Construction Design Criteria. (Presented by Representative MALON of Biddeford)

L.D. 1712, H.P. 1101

An Act Regarding Driver's Licenses for Individuals in Foster Care. (Presented by Representative ROEDER of Bangor)

L.D. 1713, H.P. 1102

An Act to Update Electrical Education and Other Licensure Requirements for Electricians. (Presented by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick)

L.D. 1714, H.P. 1103

An Act to Create a Sustainable Funding Source for Recovery Community Centers Using a Percentage of the Adult Use Cannabis Tax Revenue. (Presented by Representative RANA of Bangor)

L.D. 1715, H.P. 1104

An Act to Replace Certain Stigmatizing Language in the Maine Revised Statutes, Titles 22, 25 and 34-A with Respectful Language. (Presented by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill)

L.D. 1716, H.P. 1105

An Act to Establish a Repairability Index for Consumer Electronic Products. (Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle)

L.D. 1717, H.P. 1108

An Act to Provide a Property Tax Exemption for All Veterans over 62 Years of Age. (Presented by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield)

L.D. 1718, H.P. 1107

An Act to Encourage Participation in Maine's Essential Support Workforce Through Access to Higher Education. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot)

L.D. 1719, H.P. 1106

An Act to Establish Substance Use Disorder Treatment Centers. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 1720, S.P. 683

An Act to Phase Out the Insurance Premium Tax on Annuities. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 1721, S.P. 684

An Act to Create Transitional Housing Communities for Homeless Populations in the State. (Presented by Senator DUSON of Cumberland)

L.D. 1722, S.P. 685

Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin)

L.D. 1723, S.P. 687

An Act to Prevent the Automatic Transfer of Permits and Contracts in a Sale of Assets of a Water Export Company Without Review and to Amend the Membership of the Water Resources Planning Committee and the Maine Public Drinking Water Commission. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 1724, S.P. 688

An Act to Enact the Beneficial Electrification Policy Act. (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

L.D. 1725, S.P. 689

An Act to Strengthen Legislative Oversight of Government Agencies and Programs by Providing the Government Oversight Committee Access to Confidential Records. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

L.D. 1726, S.P. 690

An Act to Build Maine's Economy by Supporting Child Care for Working Families. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1727, S.P. 691

An Act to Protect Northern Maine Standard-offer Ratepayers. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 1728, S.P. 692

An Act to Ensure Access to Federally Approved Opioid Overdose-reversing Medication. (Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington)

L.D. 1729, S.P. 693

An Act to Reduce Child Care Provider Regulation. (Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington)

L.D. 1730, H.P. 1109

An Act to Implement Changes to the Laws Relating to Judicial Separation and Divorce Regarding Preliminary Injunctions as Recommended by the Family Law Advisory Commission. (Submitted by the Family Law Advisory Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 354, subsection 2.)

L.D. 1731, H.P. 1110

An Act Regarding Confidentiality of Juvenile History Record Information. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 1732, H.P. 1111

An Act to Expand the General Assistance Program. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot)

L.D. 1733, H.P. 1112

An Act to Require the Revenue Forecasting Committee to Prepare Economic Impact Statements for Certain Legislation. (Presented by Representative MILLETT of Waterford)

L.D. 1734, H.P. 1113

An Act to Clarify the Authority of Municipalities to Regulate Short-term Rentals. (Presented by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield)

L.D. 1735, H.P. 1114

An Act to Safeguard Gender-affirming Health Care. (Presented by Representative OSHER of Orono)

L.D. 1736, H.P. 1115

An Act to Advance the National HIV/AIDS Strategy in Maine by Broadening HIV Testing. (Presented by Representative OSHER of Orono)

L.D. 1737, H.P. 1116

An Act to Provide up to \$5,000 in Property Tax Relief to Veterans. (Presented by Representative HYMES of Waldo)

L.D. 1738, H.P. 1117

An Act to Create Lodging for Legislators. (Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

L.D. 1739, H.P. 1118

An Act to Extend Development District Tax Increment Financing Districts. (Presented by Representative KUHN of Falmouth)

L.D. 1740, H.P. 1119

An Act to Support an Insured Patient's Access to Affordable Health Care with Timely Access to Health Care Prices. (Presented by Representative ARFORD of Brunswick)

L.D. 1741, H.P. 1120

An Act to Promote Educational Opportunity Through the Educational Choice Tax Credit Program, Eliminating Certain Restrictions on Charter Schools and Virtual Public Charter Schools, Allowing More Entities to Authorize Charter Schools and Clarifying Educational Policy on Immunization Requirements. (Presented by Representative BAGSHAW of Windham)

L.D. 1742, H.P. 1121

An Act to Enhance the Use of Critical Incident Stress Management Teams and to Require Peer Team Support. (Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

L.D. 1743, H.P. 1122

An Act to Eliminate the Personal Property Tax. (Presented by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

L.D. 1744, H.P. 1123

An Act to Strengthen Accountability in Rulemaking by Providing for Legislative Oversight. (Presented by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

L.D. 1745, H.P. 1124

An Act to Support Public Health by Protecting Certain Activities Conducted Under Comprehensive Community Drug Checking Initiatives. (Presented by Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta)

L.D. 1746, H.P. 1125

An Act to Require Responsible Contracting Practices for Public Construction Projects. (Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

L.D. 1747, H.P. 1126

An Act to Return the Sales Tax Rate to 5 Percent. (Presented by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester)

L.D. 1748, H.P. 1127

An Act to Reform the School Budget Referendum Process by Limiting the Circumstances in Which Referenda Occur. (Presented by Representative ABDI of Lewiston)

L.D. 1749, S.P. 694

An Act to Establish the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact. (Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland)

L.D. 1750, S.P. 695

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Complete a Service Plan and Determine the Scope of Work for Restoration of Rail Use of the Berlin Subdivision Rail Corridor from Downtown Portland to Auburn. (Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

L.D. 1751, S.P. 696

An Act to Maximize Federal Funding in Support of Emergency Medical Services. (Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

L.D. 1752, S.P. 697

Resolve, to Prepare Preapproved Building Types. (Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

L.D. 1753, S.P. 699

An Act to Establish an Independent Adjudicatory Process Regarding the Department of Health and Human Services. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 1754, S.P. 700

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Delivery of Services to Children and Families. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

L.D. 1755, S.P. 701

An Act to Exempt All Youth Development Nonprofit Organizations from Sales Tax and the Service Provider Tax. (Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

L.D. 1756, S.P. 702

An Act to Protect Employee Freedom of Speech. (Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

L.D. 1757, S.P. 703

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Reporting and Tracking of Adult Use Cannabis. (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

L.D. 1758, S.P. 704

An Act to Require a Municipality to Pay a Homeless Shelter on a Per Capita Basis for Persons Released or Delivered by the Municipality to the Shelter. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

(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.)