

Weekly **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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131st LEGISLATURE
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BILLS ENACTED

Public Laws

Signed by the Governor
Monday, May 1, 2023

Ch. 44 - An Act to Simplify the Sale of Food Requirement for Certain Licenses for the Sale of Liquor to Be Consumed on the Licensed Premises. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 87, L.D. 141)

Ch. 45 - An Act to Establish Processing Time Limits for Permit by Rule Applications Under the Site Location of Development Laws. (H.P. 13, L.D. 9)

Ch. 46 - An Act to Protect the Public Health by Allowing the Appointment of Associate Health Officers. (S.P. 227, L.D. 510)

Ch. 47 - An Act to Designate Maine Irish Heritage Day. (H.P. 405, L.D. 628)

Signed by the Governor
Friday, May 5, 2023

Ch. 48 - An Act to Increase the Handling Fee for Beverage Containers Reimbursed to Dealers and Redemption Centers. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 73, L.D. 134)

Ch. 49 - An Act to Include an Expanded Archery Permit in the Super Pack License Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. (S.P. 93, L.D. 189)

Ch. 50 - An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 165, L.D. 260) (Governor's Bill)

(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, MAY 5, 2023

L.D. 1851, H.P. 1181

An Act to Allow Replacement Candidates to Qualify for Certification Under the Maine Clean Election Act. (Presented by Representative TERRY of Gorham)

L.D. 1852, H.P. 1182

An Act to Eliminate the Lodging Tax on Campground Sites and Revert to Using the Current Sales Tax. (Presented by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan)

L.D. 1853, H.P. 1183

An Act to Conform the Mining Excise Tax Laws to the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act and Set the Mining Excise Tax at 10 Percent. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

L.D. 1854, H.P. 1184

An Act to Complete and Implement the Comprehensive Review of the Classification and Compensation System for Executive Branch Employees. (Presented by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook)

L.D. 1855, H.P. 1185

Resolve, Directing the Office of Tax Policy to Study Maine's Mining Excise Tax. (Governor's Bill) (Presented by Representative PERRY of Bangor)

L.D. 1856, H.P. 1186

Resolve, to Study the Establishment of a MaineCare Public Health Plan. (Presented by Representative ARFORD of Brunswick)

L.D. 1857, H.P. 1187

An Act to Create the Public Safety Health and Wellness Reimbursement Fund to Benefit Public Safety Workers and Volunteers. (Presented by Representative COPELAND of Saco)

L.D. 1858, H.P. 1188

An Act to Ensure Access to Newly Born Male Infant Circumcision by Requiring MaineCare Coverage. (Presented by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough)

L.D. 1859, H.P. 1189

An Act to Reimburse Training Costs for Emergency Medical and Public Safety Dispatchers. (Presented by Representative LIBBY of Auburn)

L.D. 1860, H.P. 1190

An Act to Create the Educational Opportunity Account Program. (Presented by Representative LIBBY of Auburn)

L.D. 1861, H.P. 1191

An Act to Reduce Chronic Student Absenteeism. (Presented by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick)

L.D. 1862, H.P. 1192

An Act to Restore Balanced Powers During a State of Emergency. (Presented by Representative WHITE of Guilford)

L.D. 1863, H.P. 1193

An Act to Facilitate the Provision of Medically Appropriate Levels of Care for Clients of Correctional Facilities. (Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport)

L.D. 1864, H.P. 1194

An Act to Increase Maine's Housing Supply by Prohibiting Certain Zoning Requirements in Areas Where Public Sewer and Water Infrastructure Are Available and in Designated Growth Areas. (Presented by Representative BOYLE of Gorham)

L.D. 1865, H.P. 1195

An Act Establishing the Maine Sentencing Guidelines Commission. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 1866, H.P. 1196

An Act to Establish 5 New Tax Brackets and a Surcharge for Higher Income Levels. (Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

L.D. 1867, H.P. 1197

An Act to Establish the Community Housing and Rural Development Authority. (Presented by Representative LOOKNER of Portland)

L.D. 1868, H.P. 1198

Resolve, to Name 2 Brooks in the Town of Orient. (Presented by Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle)

L.D. 1869, S.P. 753

An Act to Prohibit the Private Funding of Elections. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 1870, S.P. 754

An Act to Require the Payment of Child Support by an Intoxicated Driver Who Kills a Parent. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 1871, S.P. 755

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Invest in a Green Energy Materials Building at the University of Maine. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1872, S.P. 756

An Act to Restore Balanced Emergency Powers. (Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin)

L.D. 1873, S.P. 757

An Act to Provide Heating Relief with Tax-free Home Energy Savings Accounts. (Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin)

L.D. 1874, S.P. 758

An Act to Support Maine Loggers' and Truckers' Right to Work in Maine by Improving Labor Standards. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1875, H.P. 1200

Resolve, to Create a Pilot Program for Apprenticeships for Inmates. (Presented by Representative MONTELL of Gardiner)

L.D. 1876, H.P. 1201

An Act to Enhance Legislative Participation in the Governor's Use of Emergency Powers. (Presented by Representative LEE of Auburn)

L.D. 1877, H.P. 1202

An Act to Reduce the Number of Children Living in Deep Poverty by Adjusting Assistance for Low-income Families. (Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot)

L.D. 1878, H.P. 1203

Resolve, to Create the Council to Transition Long Creek Youth Development Center. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 1879, H.P. 1204

An Act to Align Laws Governing Crossbow Hunting with Those Governing Archery Hunting. (Presented by Representative LANDRY of Farmington)

L.D. 1880, H.P. 1205

An Act to Amend the Adult Use Cannabis Laws. (Presented by Representative SUPICA of Bangor)

L.D. 1881, H.P. 1206

An Act Regarding Compensation Fees and Related Conservation Efforts to Protect Soils and Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat from Solar and Wind Energy Development and High-impact Electric Transmission Lines Under the Site Location of Development Laws. (Presented by Representative LANDRY of Farmington)

L.D. 1882, H.P. 1207

An Act to Increase the Deduction from Income for Pension Benefits. (Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

L.D. 1883, H.P. 1208

An Act to Enact the Protection of Shared Physical and Digital Property from Warrantless Searches Act. (Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

L.D. 1884, H.P. 1209

An Act to Prohibit Offshore Wind Energy Development. (Presented by Representative STROUT of Harrington)

L.D. 1885, H.P. 1210

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Improve Representation by Simplifying Legislative Redistricting for the Maine House of Representatives. (Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

L.D. 1886, S.P. 759

Resolve, to Construct a New District Headquarters Building for the Bureau of Forestry in Fort Kent. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1887, S.P. 762

An Act to Clarify the Review and Procurement Process for Nonwires Alternatives. (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

L.D. 1888, S.P. 763

An Act to Reduce Electricity Costs for Maine's Consumers and Businesses by Amending the Laws Governing Renewable Resources. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

L.D. 1889, S.P. 764

An Act to Provide Authorization to Aroostook County to Use the Statewide Radio and Network System. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1890, S.P. 765

An Act to Ensure Robust Contracts Between Insurers and Providers by Establishing Dispute Resolution Procedures. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1891, H.P. 1212

An Act to Support Maine Businesses Through a Child Care Tax Credit and a Pass-through Entity Tax. (Presented by Representative TERRY of Gorham)

L.D. 1892, H.P. 1213

An Act to Make Student Transfer Agreements Renew Automatically Except in Certain Circumstances. (Presented by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield)

L.D. 1893, H.P. 1214

An Act to Allow a Municipality to Impose a Fee on Short-term Rentals for the Benefit of That Municipality. (Presented by Representative STROUT of Harrington)

L.D. 1894, H.P. 1215

An Act to Establish a Home Heating Income Tax Deduction. (Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland)

L.D. 1895, S.P. 766

An Act Regarding the Procurement of Energy from Offshore Wind Resources. (Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

L.D. 1896, S.P. 767

An Act to Index Workers' Compensation Benefits to the Rate of Inflation. (Presented by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland)

(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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