

Weekly **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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

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131st LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION BILLS ENACTED

Public Laws

Became law without the Governor's Signature
Sunday, January 7, 2024

Ch. 487 - An Act to Restore the Former State of Maine Flag. (H.P. 54, L.D. 86)

Ch. 488 - An Act to Increase the Governor's Salary. (H.P. 106, L.D. 165)

Ch. 489 - An Act to Protect Against Discrimination by Public Entities. (H.P. 177, L.D. 279)

Ch. 490 - An Act to Repurpose Vacant Shopping Mall and Retail Space to Mixed-use Housing and Retail. (H.P. 309, L.D. 492)

Ch. 491 - An Act to Enhance Certain Penalties for Possession of Firearms by Prohibited Persons. (S.P. 250, L.D. 582)

Ch. 492 - An Act Requiring Water Bottle Filling Stations in New and Renovated Public Schools. (H.P. 604, L.D. 957)

Ch. 493 - An Act to Ensure That a Teacher Who Participates in the Prevention of Dangerous Behavior Is Protected Under a Collective Bargaining Agreement. (S.P. 770, L.D. 1898)

Initiated Bills

Public Approval Tuesday, November 7, 2023
Effective Date Friday, January 5, 2024

Ch. 1 - An Act to Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and to Provide Voters More Information Regarding That Borrowing. (I.B. 4, L.D. 1772)

Ch. 2 - An Act to Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution. (I.B. 1, L.D. 1610)

Ch. 3 - An Act Regarding Automotive Right to Repair. (I.B. 3, L.D. 1677)

(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, JANUARY 12, 2024

L.D. 2157, H.P. 1383

An Act to Prohibit Tobacco Sales near Schools. (Presented by Representative MOONEN of Portland)

L.D. 2158, H.P. 1382

An Act to Improve the Housing Voucher System. (Presented by Representative GOLEK of Harpswell)

L.D. 2159, S.P. 915

An Act to Protect the Confidentiality of Attorney-Client E-mail Communications for Residents of Jails and Correctional Facilities. (Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

L.D. 2160, S.P. 916

An Act to Provide for the 2024 and 2025 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

L.D. 2161, H.P. 1381

An Act to Make Technical Corrections to the Maine Juvenile Code, the Maine Criminal Code and the Intelligence and Investigative Record Information Act. (Submitted by the Criminal Law Advisory Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection 2.)

L.D. 2162, H.P. 1384

An Act Regarding the Homestead Property Tax Exemption and the Property Value Reassessment Process. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick)

L.D. 2163, S.P. 918

An Act to Require Electricity Providers to Inform Customers of Alternative Electric Rates and Gather Consent Prior to Contract Renewal. (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

L.D. 2164, S.P. 919

An Act to Establish the Maine-Ireland Trade Commission and Improve Collaboration with Ireland. (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.)

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