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132nd LEGISLATURE
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BILLS ENACTED

Public Laws

Became law without the Governor's Signature
Monday, May 5, 2025

Ch. 47 - An Act to Prohibit Persons Under 18 Years of Age from Marrying. (H.P. 790, L.D. 1185)

Signed by the Governor
Friday, May 9, 2025

Ch. 52 - An Act to Clarify Processes of the Board of Environmental Protection. (S.P. 58, L.D. 36)

Signed by the Governor
Friday, May 9, 2025

Ch. 60 - An Act to Provide for a Vessel Breakdown License Exception for Commercial Halibut Fishing License Holders. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 318, L.D. 489)

Ch. 61 - An Act to Amend the Definition of "Transient Occupancy" in the Laws Governing the Maine Land Use Planning Commission. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 252, L.D. 398)

Ch. 62 - An Act to Update Waste Discharge License Fees. (S.P. 200, L.D. 465)

Ch. 63 - An Act to Require Reporting of Sheltering or Aiding Missing Children. (H.P. 755, L.D. 1150)

Ch. 64 - An Act to Allow Persons to Label Their Wild Animal Traps with Their Online Identification Number Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. (S.P. 18, L.D. 6)

Ch. 65 - An Act to Establish the PFAS Response Program and to Modify the Fund To Address PFAS Contamination. (S.P. 66, L.D. 130)

Ch. 66 - An Act to Amend the Transportation Laws. (H.P. 87, L.D. 154)

Ch. 67 - An Act Clarifying Exemptions from the Law Regulating Products Containing PFAS. (S.P. 419, L.D. 987)

Ch. 68 - An Act to Change in Statute the Areas Represented by the Members of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Insurance Arena from Sets of Municipalities to the County Commissioner Districts of Cumberland County. (H.P. 758, L.D. 1153)

(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 9, 2025

L.D. 1857, S.P. 727

An Act to Expand Property Tax Relief for Veterans and Their Survivors and to Modify Certain Corporate Tax Expenditures. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

L.D. 1858, S.P. 728

An Act to Promote Local Seafood in Schools. (Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

L.D. 1859, S.P. 729

An Act to Improve Access to Child Care and Early Childhood Education by Establishing Regional Resource Hubs. (Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York)

L.D. 1860, S.P. 730

An Act to Allow Certain Distributed Energy Resources to Participate in the State's Net Energy Billing Program. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

L.D. 1861, S.P. 731

An Act to Require Training on Textured Hair for Aestheticians, Barber Hair Stylists, Cosmetologists and Hair Designers. (Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland)

L.D. 1862, S.P. 732

An Act to Provide That Authority over In-person Sports Betting Resides Solely with the Gambling Control Board. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 1863, S.P. 733

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Space Corporation. (Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

L.D. 1864, S.P. 734

An Act to Facilitate the Reconstruction of Storm-damaged Commercial Fisheries Facilities and Infrastructure. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

L.D. 1865, S.P. 735

Resolve, to Create a Tax Incentive Pilot Project to Encourage Businesses to Adopt a 4-day Workweek. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 1866, S.P. 736

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the State-designated Agency Advocating for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness. (Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

L.D. 1867, S.P. 737

An Act to Prohibit Financial Institutions from Using Merchant Category Codes to Identify or Track Firearm Purchases or Disclose Firearm Purchase Records. (Presented by Senator HARRINGTON of York)

L.D. 1868, S.P. 738

An Act to Advance a Clean Energy Economy by Updating Renewable and Clean Resource Procurement Laws. (Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

L.D. 1869, S.P. 739

An Act to Lower Property Taxes by Allowing a Local Option Sales Tax on Recreational Cannabis Sales. (Presented by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland)

L.D. 1870, S.P. 740

An Act to Establish a Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program to Impose Penalties on Climate Polluters. (Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland)

L.D. 1871, S.P. 741

An Act to Permit Sealing Criminal History Record Information of Victims of Sex Trafficking or Sexual Exploitation. (Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland)

L.D. 1872, H.P. 1243

An Act to Reinvest in the Pension Funds of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. (Presented by Representative SKOLD of Portland)

L.D. 1873, H.P. 1244

An Act to Require Age Verification for Online Obscene Matter. (Presented by Representative SMITH of Palermo)

L.D. 1874, H.P. 1245

An Act to Enable the Maine Pilotage Commission to Oversee Pilots Operating in Portland Harbor. (Presented by Representative CROCKETT of Portland)

L.D. 1875, H.P. 1246

An Act to Create Equity in Maine's Highway Funding by Imposing a Road Use Fee for Electric Vehicles. (Presented by Representative ARDELL of Monticello)

L.D. 1876, H.P. 1247

An Act to Increase Use of State Tax Credits. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative DEBRITO of Waterville)

L.D. 1877, H.P. 1248

An Act to Increase Penalties for Human Trafficking Offenses. (Presented by Representative PAUL of Winterport)

L.D. 1878, H.P. 1249

An Act to Establish a Managed Care Program for MaineCare Services. (Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

L.D. 1879, H.P. 1250

An Act to Support Maine's Agricultural Economy by Increasing Revenue from the Corporate Income Tax and Providing Property Tax Exemptions. (Presented by Representative PLUECKER of Warren)

L.D. 1880, H.P. 1251

An Act to Require Photographic Identification for Voting. (Presented by Representative LIBBY of Auburn)

L.D. 1881, H.P. 1252

An Act to Ensure the Rights of Parents of Minor Children in Education. (Presented by Representative CARUSO of Caratunk)

L.D. 1882, H.P. 1253

Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Conduct Rulemaking Regarding Significant Vernal Pools. (Presented by Representative CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham)

L.D. 1883, H.P. 1254

An Act to Enact the All Maine Health Act. (Presented by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford)

L.D. 1884, H.P. 1255

Resolve, to Increase the Number of Kennebec County Commissioners. (Presented by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales)

L.D. 1885, H.P. 1256

An Act to Create a State Property Tax Directed Toward 2nd Homes for the Purposes of Funding Education, Early Childhood Programs and the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund. (Presented by Representative GEIGER of Rockland)

L.D. 1886, H.P. 1257

An Act Regarding Penalties for Violation of the Law Governing Distracted Driving When the Violation Results in the Death or Significant Injury of Another Person. (Presented by Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea)

L.D. 1887, H.P. 1258

Resolve, To Improve Air Quality and Ventilation in Newly Constructed Schools. (Presented by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester)

L.D. 1888, H.P. 1259

An Act to Combat Organized Criminal Enterprises in Maine. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester)

L.D. 1889, H.P. 1260

An Act to Expand Tax Incentives for Certain Barn Renovations. (Presented by Representative BLIER of Buxton)

L.D. 1890, H.P. 1261

An Act to Facilitate the Development of Ambulatory Surgical Facilities by Exempting Certain Facilities from the Requirement to Obtain a Certificate of Need. (Presented by Representative FOLEY of Wells)

L.D. 1891, H.P. 1262

An Act to Address the Dental Professional Workforce Shortage by Establishing Scholarship and Loan Programs and Updating the Dental Care Access Tax Credit. (Presented by Representative DAIGLE of Fort Kent)

L.D. 1892, H.P. 1263

An Act to Establish Procedures for School Construction Projects. (Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

L.D. 1893, H.P. 1264

An Act to Establish an Independent Office of the Child Advocate. (Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

L.D. 1894, H.P. 1265

An Act to Address Consumer Grocery Pricing Fairness. (Presented by Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk)

L.D. 1895, H.P. 1266

An Act to Require the Removal from a Property Tax Lien the Name of a Previous Owner Who Paid Prorated Property Taxes. (Presented by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester)

L.D. 1896, H.P. 1267

Resolve, to Support Pro Se Litigants Regarding the Return Receipt of Service. (Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

L.D. 1897, H.P. 1268

An Act Regarding Sun-grown Cultivation in the Medical Use and Adult Use Cannabis Industries. (Presented by Representative OSHER of Orono)

L.D. 1898, H.P. 1269

An Act to Correct Outdated References Regarding the Maine Human Rights Act. (Presented by Representative MOONEN of Portland)

L.D. 1899, H.P. 1270

An Act to Eliminate Taxation on Health Care Spending. (Presented by Representative LIBBY of Auburn)

L.D. 1900, H.P. 1271

An Act to Bring Parity to the State's Recognition of the Wabanaki Nations' Authority to Provide Electric Power Districts and Child Support Enforcement. (Presented by Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe)

L.D. 1901, H.P. 1272

An Act to Regulate Shared Appreciation Agreements Relating to Residential Property. (Presented by Representative BELL of Yarmouth)

L.D. 1902, S.P. 742

An Act to Support Nonprofit Organizations by Authorizing the Operation of Electronic Lucky Seven Devices and Similar Sealed Ticket Games. (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

L.D. 1903, S.P. 744

An Act to Conform the State's Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Laws to Federal Standards. (Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin)

L.D. 1904, S.P. 745

An Act to Establish the Municipal Shoreline Protection Legal Fund. (Presented by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland)

L.D. 1905, S.P. 746

An Act Regarding the Authority of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation and the Licensing Boards and Commissions Within That Office to Pursue Complaints. (Presented by Senator BAILEY of York)

L.D. 1906, S.P. 747

An Act to Improve Accountability and Understanding of Data in Insurance Transactions. (Presented by Senator BAILEY of York)

L.D. 1907, S.P. 748

An Act to Protect Consumers from Unfair Dynamic Pricing in Grocery Stores. (Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

L.D. 1908, S.P. 749

An Act to Require the Cooperation of Original Manufacturers of Electronic Devices to Facilitate the Repair of Those Devices by Device Owners and Independent Repair Providers. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

L.D. 1909, S.P. 750

Resolve, to Provide a Comprehensive Analysis of Criminal Legal System Data. (Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland)

L.D. 1910, S.P. 751

An Act to Strengthen Housing Stability Services by Increasing Support and Outreach. (Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland)

L.D. 1911, S.P. 752

An Act to Automatically Seal Criminal History Record Information for Certain Crimes. (Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland)

L.D. 1912, S.P. 753

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Address Maine's Housing Shortage. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 1913, H.P. 1274

An Act to Allow Matinicus Isle Plantation to Issue a Revenue Bond for Urgently Needed Repairs to the Plantation's Electric Power Generating Facility. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative GEIGER of Rockland)

L.D. 1914, H.P. 1275

An Act to Address Housing Density Requirements in Sole Source Aquifer Island and Peninsular Communities. (Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

L.D. 1915, H.P. 1276

An Act to Regulate Earned Wage Access Services Providers. (Presented by Representative SKOLD of Portland)

L.D. 1916, H.P. 1277

An Act to Automatically Seal Criminal History Record Information for Class D and Class E Crimes Relating to Marijuana Possession and Cultivation. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 103, section 8.)

L.D. 1917, H.P. 1278

An Act to Allow the Sealing of Criminal History Record Information Related to Convictions for Conduct That Is No Longer a Crime in the State. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 103, section 8.)

L.D. 1918, H.P. 1279

An Act to Clarify the Criminal History Record Information Act with Respect to Criminal Charges Dismissed as the Result of a Plea Agreement. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 103, section 8.)

L.D. 1919, H.P. 1280

An Act to Expand the Types of Convictions Eligible for Sealing Through a Post-judgment Motion to Seal Criminal History Record Information. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 103, section 8.)

L.D. 1920, H.P. 1281

An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Potentially Intoxicating Hemp Products to a Person Under 21 Years of Age. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative STROUT of Harrington)

L.D. 1921, H.P. 1282

An Act to Create a Statewide Housing Resolution Board. (Presented by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport)

L.D. 1922, H.P. 1283

An Act to Support Workforce Development for Families That Were Involved in Child Protective Activities by Requiring the Sealing of Certain Records. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot)

L.D. 1923, H.P. 1284

An Act to Repurpose Long Creek Youth Development Center and Build a Community System of Support. (Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

L.D. 1924, H.P. 1285

An Act to Encourage New Residential Housing Through a Tax Exemption for the Sale or Rental of Such Housing. (Presented by Representative WALKER of Naples)

L.D. 1925, H.P. 1286

An Act to Improve Access to Grant Funding for the Maine Farms for the Future Program. (Presented by Representative OSHER of Orono)

L.D. 1926, H.P. 1287

An Act to Require Increased Housing Density or Lower Minimum Lot Sizes for Workforce Housing. (Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

L.D. 1927, H.P. 1288

An Act to Protect Housing Quality by Enacting Mold Inspection, Notification and Remediation Requirements. (Presented by Representative KESSLER of South Portland)

L.D. 1928, H.P. 1289

An Act to Prohibit Lodging Establishments from Providing Single-use Plastic Containers. (Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

L.D. 1929, H.P. 1290

An Act to Improve Public Utility Service by Addressing Seasonal Property Hazards. (Presented by Representative EATON of Deer Isle)

L.D. 1930, H.P. 1291

An Act Regarding Acts of Violence Committed Against a Pregnant Woman. (Presented by Representative PAUL of Winterport)

L.D. 1931, H.P. 1292

An Act to Annually Reimburse the Town of Charleston for 43 Percent of Property Tax Revenue Lost Due to the Mountain View Correctional Facility's Tax-exempt Status. (Presented by Representative FOSTER of Dexter)

L.D. 1932, H.P. 1293

An Act to Support Essential Support Workers and Enhance Workforce Development. (Presented by Speaker FECTION of Biddeford)

L.D. 1933, H.P. 1294

An Act to Require Law Enforcement Officers Employed by Tribal Governments to Complete the Same Training Required for Other Law Enforcement Officers. (Presented by Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe)

L.D. 1934, H.P. 1295

An Act to Promote Responsible Outdoor Lighting. (Presented by Representative OSHER of Orono)

L.D. 1935, H.P. 1296

An Act to Increase Penalties for Violations Related to Water Well Drilling. (Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport)

L.D. 1936, S.P. 754

An Act to Provide Greater Equity in and Reduce Costs Related to the State's Net Energy Billing Program. (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

L.D. 1937, S.P. 755

An Act to Require Hospitals and Hospital-affiliated Providers to Provide Financial Assistance Programs for Medical Care. (Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland)

L.D. 1938, H.P. 1297

An Act Regarding the Regulation of Tobacco. (Presented by Representative MOONEN of Portland)

L.D. 1939, H.P. 1298

An Act to Close Maine's Tax Loophole for Offshore Profit Shifting. (Presented by Representative MATLACK of St. George)

L.D. 1940, H.P. 1299

An Act to Revise the Growth Management Program Laws. (Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport)

L.D. 1941, H.P. 1300

An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Commission to Examine Reestablishing Parole. (Presented by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill)

L.D. 1942, H.P. 1301

An Act to Modify Taxes Applying to Adult Use Cannabis, Hemp and Hemp Products. (Presented by Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk)

L.D. 1943, H.P. 1302

Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Study the Role of Private Equity in Maine's Economy and in Key Economic Sectors. (Presented by Representative PUGH of Portland)

L.D. 1944, H.P. 1303

An Act to Protect Children and Adults from Technology-facilitated Sexual Abuse. (Presented by Representative KUHN of Falmouth)

L.D. 1945, H.P. 1304

An Act to Clarify Data Collection Processes in Health Care Facilities. (Presented by Representative RANA of Bangor)

L.D. 1946, H.P. 1305

An Act to Clarify the Eligibility of Certified Recovery Residences for Bridging Rental Assistance Program Housing Vouchers. (Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

L.D. 1947, H.P. 1306

An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. (Presented by Representative ROEDER of Bangor)

L.D. 1948, H.P. 1307

An Act to Fund MaineCare. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative DILL of Old Town)

L.D. 1949, S.P. 756

An Act Regarding Energy Fairness. (Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

L.D. 1950, S.P. 757

An Act to Authorize the Inclusion of Additional Counties in the Lincoln and Sagadahoc Multicounty Jail Authority. (Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

L.D. 1951, S.P. 758

An Act to Promote Food Processing and Manufacturing Facility Expansion and Create Jobs. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 1952, S.P. 760

An Act Regarding Home Heating Fuel Assistance. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 1953, S.P. 761

An Act to Ensure Public Access to Conservation Land by Providing Protections from Liability to Landowners. (Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland)

L.D. 1954, S.P. 762

An Act to Lower Household Costs by Expanding the Sales Tax Exemption for Certain Grocery Staples Sold in Grocery Stores. (Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

L.D. 1955, S.P. 763

An Act to Increase Child Care Affordability and Early Childhood Educator Stability. (Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

L.D. 1956, S.P. 764

An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program and Establish the Community Workforce Connections Program. (Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin)

L.D. 1957, H.P. 1309

An Act to Promote Film Production in Maine. (Presented by Representative COPELAND of Saco)

L.D. 1958, S.P. 765

An Act to Ensure Due Process for Recipients of No Trespass Orders on Certain State Properties. (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

L.D. 1959, S.P. 766

An Act to Prohibit the Department of Health and Human Services from Reducing General Assistance Reimbursement Maximums for Payment of Costs of Providing Emergency Shelter. (Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland)

L.D. 1960, S.P. 767

An Act to Exempt Electronic Smoking Devices or Other Tobacco Products Containing Ingestible Hemp from the Tax Imposed on Tobacco Products. (Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland)

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