

Weekly **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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132nd LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

Please note: The Legislature adjourned on June 25, 2025.

The next report will be the End of Session issue.

BILLS ENACTED

Public Laws

Became law without the Governor's Signature
Thursday, June 19, 2025

Ch. 368 - An Act to Support Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma and Active Duty Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 430, L.D. 662)

Ch. 369 - An Act to Continue Funding for the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program. (S.P. 376, L.D. 843)

Ch. 370 - An Act to Prohibit a Person from Obtaining an Elver Dealer's License for a Minimum of 5 Years in Cases of Repeat Violations of License Conditions. (H.P. 716, L.D. 1094)

Ch. 371 - An Act Concerning Displaced Civilian Federal Firefighters in Maine. (H.P. 724, L.D. 1105)

Ch. 372 - An Act to Amend the Dirigo Business Incentives Program. (S.P. 658, L.D. 1664)

Signed by the Governor
Friday, June 20, 2025

Ch. 373 - An Act Regarding the Management of Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge at the State-owned Landfill. (H.P. 197, L.D. 297)

Ch. 374 - An Act to Regulate Municipal Parking Space Minimums. (H.P. 281, L.D. 427)

Ch. 375 - An Act to Amend the Maine Death with Dignity Act to Ensure Access by Qualified Patients. (H.P. 381, L.D. 613)

Ch. 376 - An Act to Protect Maine Consumers by Simplifying Subscription and Health Club Membership Cancellations. (S.P. 650, L.D. 1642)

Ch. 377 - An Act to Enhance Businesses' Understanding of Labor Standards and Grow Maine's Energy Economy Through Project Development Information Resources. (H.P. 1166, L.D. 1748)

Ch. 378 - An Act to Regulate Nonwater-dependent Floating Structures on Maine's Waters. (H.P. 1182, L.D. 1763)

Ch. 379 - An Act to Address Coercive Control in Domestic Abuse Cases. (H.P. 438, L.D. 670)

Ch. 380 - An Act to Remove Certain Wharves and Piers from the Laws Governing the Current Use Valuation of Working Waterfront Land. (H.P. 486, L.D. 744)

Ch. 381 - An Act to Preserve Affordability in Publicly Assisted Housing Developments. (H.P. 670, L.D. 1041)

Ch. 382 - An Act to Authorize the Display of an Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal Decal on a Special Veterans License Plate and Authorize Certain Other Service Members to Receive Special Commemorative Decals. (S.P. 545, L.D. 1315)

Ch. 383 - An Act to Improve Recycling by Updating the Stewardship Program for Packaging. (S.P. 579, L.D. 1423)

Ch. 384 - An Act to Update Provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. (H.P. 1189, L.D. 1778)

Ch. 385 - An Act to Build Housing for Maine Families and Attract Workers to Maine Businesses by Amending the Laws Governing Housing Density. (H.P. 1224, L.D. 1829)

Ch. 386 - An Act to Advance a Clean Energy Economy by Updating Renewable and Clean Resource Procurement Laws. (S.P. 738, L.D. 1868)

Ch. 387 - An Act to Increase Penalties for Human Trafficking Offenses. (H.P. 1248, L.D. 1877)

Ch. 388 - An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027. (H.P. 132, L.D. 210) (Governor's Bill)

Ch. 389 - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Regulation of Aquaculture Leases. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1149, L.D. 1722)

Ch. 390 - An Act to Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1328, L.D. 1984)

Ch. 391 - An Act to Ensure Fair and Equitable Recovery of Post-restructuring Stranded Costs. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 694, L.D. 1792)

Ch. 392 - An Act to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Conduct Procurements for Energy or Renewable Energy Credits. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 281, L.D. 597)

Ch. 393 - An Act to Improve the Growth Management Program Laws. (H.P. 1169, L.D. 1751)

Ch. 394 - An Act to Protect Residents Living in Mobile Home Parks. (S.P. 477, L.D. 1145)

Ch. 395 - An Act Regarding Municipal Road Standards. (H.P. 1020, L.D. 1562)

Ch. 396 - An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program and Establish the Community Workforce Connections Program. (S.P. 764, L.D. 1956)

Ch. 397 - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Elections. (S.P. 773, L.D. 1977)

Ch. 398 - An Act to Establish the Manufactured Housing Community and Mobile Home Park Preservation and Assistance Fund. (S.P. 433, L.D. 1016)

Ch. 399 - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Manufactured Housing Communities to Prevent Excessive Rent and Fees Increases. (H.P. 1150, L.D. 1723)

Ch. 400 - An Act to Protect Individuals from the Threatened Unauthorized Dissemination of Certain Private Images, Including Artificially Generated Private Images. (H.P. 1303, L.D. 1944)

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Ch. 401 - An Act to Impose a Moratorium on the Ownership or Operation of Hospitals in the State by Private Equity Companies or Real Estate Investment Trusts. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 416, L.D. 985)

Ch. 402 - An Act to Establish the Option of Sentencing Alternatives for Primary Caregivers. (S.P. 112, L.D. 246)

Ch. 403 - An Act to Protect Communications by Alleged Victims Regarding Sexual Assault, Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Cyberbullying or Discrimination from Litigation. (S.P. 154, L.D. 385)

Ch. 404 - An Act to Establish Net Neutrality. (H.P. 355, L.D. 536)

Ch. 405 - An Act to Increase Government Transparency in the Procurement of Goods and Services. (H.P. 543, L.D. 857)

Ch. 406 - An Act to Prohibit the Public Advocate and a Commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission from Certain Employment Activities Following Service. (H.P. 547, L.D. 861)

Ch. 407 - An Act to Require Certain Notice Requirements for Whistleblower Protections. (H.P. 677, L.D. 1048)

Ch. 408 - An Act to Support Maine's Public Health Objectives by Increasing Access to Hypodermic Apparatus Exchange Programs. (H.P. 700, L.D. 1078)

Ch. 409 - An Act to Reinforce Free Speech at Town Meetings by Requiring Opportunity for Public Comment. (H.P. 713, L.D. 1091)

Ch. 410 - An Act to Establish the Community Schools Success Fund to Ensure the Implementation and Success of Community Schools Programs. (H.P. 867, L.D. 1332)

Ch. 411 - An Act to Require Energy Efficiency Disclosure Statements for Certain Rental Housing in the State. (H.P. 963, L.D. 1471)

Ch. 412 - An Act to Reform the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority. (S.P. 645, L.D. 1637)

Ch. 413 - An Act to Provide Reduced Interest Rates for Logging and Fishing Operations. (S.P. 679, L.D. 1733)

Ch. 414 - An Act to Strengthen Oversight of Kennels by Changing the Licensing Authority from Municipalities to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. (S.P. 689, L.D. 1771)

Ch. 415 - An Act to Make Technical Changes to the Laws Governing the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services. (S.P. 700, L.D. 1801)

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Ch. 416 - An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Potentially Intoxicating Hemp Products to a Person Under 21 Years of Age. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1281, L.D. 1920)

Ch. 417 - An Act to Prohibit the Doxing of a Minor and to Authorize a Related Civil Action. (H.P. 356, L.D. 537)

Ch. 418 - An Act to Require Minimum Pay for Reporting to Work. (S.P. 282, L.D. 598)

Ch. 419 - An Act Regarding the Reduction and Recycling of Food Waste. (S.P. 438, L.D. 1065)

Ch. 420 - An Act Regarding Fairness in Sentencing for Persons Based on Age. (H.P. 732, L.D. 1113)

Ch. 421 - An Act to Limit Corporate Use of the Visual Media Production Credit. (S.P. 608, L.D. 1493)

Ch. 422 - An Act to Establish the Maine Green Schools Network. (S.P. 627, L.D. 1543)

Ch. 423 - An Act to Modify Certification Standards for Full-time Teachers in Public Charter Schools and Standards for Reissuance of Educational Technician Certificates. (H.P. 1029, L.D. 1571)

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Ch. 424 - An Act to Allow Nonprofit Organizations to Sell Progressive Sealed Ticket Games and to Offer Partner-assisted Beano. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 605, L.D. 1490)

Ch. 425 - An Act to Protect the Drinking Water for Consumers of Certain Water Systems by Establishing Maximum Contaminant Levels for Certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances. (H.P. 861, L.D. 1326)

Ch. 426 - An Act to Require the Attorney General to Create and Update Biennially a Model Residential Lease. (H.P. 1168, L.D. 1750)

Ch. 427 - An Act to Clarify the Eligibility of Certified Recovery Residences for Bridging Rental Assistance Program Housing Vouchers. (H.P. 1305, L.D. 1946)

Resolves

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Thursday, June 19, 2025

Ch. 88 - Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study Student Teacher Compensation. (H.P. 862, L.D. 1327)

Ch. 90 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Report on Sexual Harassment. (H.P. 1012, L.D. 1554)

Ch. 91 - Resolve, to Expand the Recipients of the Report on the Public Safety Health and Wellness Grant Pilot Program and Authorize Legislation to Be Submitted in Response to the Report. (H.P. 1225, L.D. 1830)

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Friday, June 20, 2025

Ch. 92 - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 113: Assisted Housing Programs Licensing Rule, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 639, L.D. 979)

Ch. 93 - Resolve, to Study the Delivery of Emergency Medical Services to and Ferry Service Effects on Unbridged Island Communities in the State. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 374, L.D. 841)

Ch. 94 - Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory. (H.P. 5, L.D. 41)

Ch. 95 - Resolve, to Require the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Lower Road Rail Use Advisory Council and the Calais Branch Rail Use Advisory Council. (S.P. 46, L.D. 29)

Ch. 96 - Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council. (S.P. 47, L.D. 30)

Ch. 97 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Study the Feasibility of Ferry Service to Monhegan Island. (H.P. 791, L.D. 1186)

Ch. 98 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health to Convene a Working Group to Propose a Plan for Expanding the Reach of Treatment Courts. (H.P. 841, L.D. 1266)

Ch. 99 - Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Report Progress Made Toward Implementing Recommendations Based on the 2025 Public Transit Advisory Council Report. (H.P. 882, L.D. 1359)

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Ch. 100 - Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Facilitate Public Access and Resilience Planning for Swan Island. (H.P. 636, L.D. 976)

Ch. 101 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Establish the Maine Coordinating Working Group on Access and Mobility. (S.P. 592, L.D. 1451)

Ch. 102 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Marine Resources to Submit a Report on the Findings and Recommendations of the Aquaculture Advisory Council. (H.P. 1054, L.D. 1596)

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Ch. 103 - Resolve, to Study Authorization for Municipal Fire Departments with Trained Personnel to Conduct Fire Sprinkler System Plan Reviews. (H.P. 652, L.D. 1005)

(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.)

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