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An Act to Provide Free School Lunches to Special Purpose Private Schools That Receive Students from the Public School System. (Presented by Representative O'HALLORAN of Brewer)

L.D. 777, H.P. 502

An Act to Standardize the Muzzle-loading Season Statewide. (Presented by Representative MASON of Lisbon)

L.D. 778, S.P. 334

An Act to Establish a State Tax Amnesty Program to Increase Revenue Collections. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 779, S.P. 336

An Act to Fund the Aroostook County Drug Treatment Court. (Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

L.D. 780, S.P. 338

An Act to Fund State Government. (Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin)

L.D. 781, S.P. 339

An Act to Provide for Appropriations and Allocations. (Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin)

L.D. 782, S.P. 340

An Act to Amend MaineCare Financial Eligibility Requirements. (Presented by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc)

L.D. 783, S.P. 341

An Act to Continue Support for the Maine Multicultural Center. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

L.D. 784, S.P. 343

An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Specialized Risk Screening for First Responders. (Presented by Senator BAILEY of York)

L.D. 785, S.P. 344

An Act to Enact the Remaining Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act. (Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland)

L.D. 786, S.P. 346

An Act to Promote Public Safety and Retain Essential First Responders by Funding the Maine Length of Service Award Program. (Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

L.D. 787, S.P. 347

An Act to Clarify Residency Requirements for and Provide Funding to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics. (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

L.D. 788, S.P. 348

An Act to Promote an Innovation-driven Economy by Increasing Research and Development Spending. (Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland)

L.D. 789, S.P. 350

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Legislative Approval of Any State of Emergency Lasting Longer than 60 Days. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 790, S.P. 353

An Act to Prevent Denial of Patient Access Through Collaborative Care. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 791, S.P. 354

An Act Regarding Children with Behavioral Health Needs Awaiting Placement in Residential Care Facilities. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 792, S.P. 355

An Act to Fund Medical Research and Cancer Prevention. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 793, S.P. 358

An Act to Modernize Gaming Revenue Allocations and Increase Efforts to Prevent Gambling Addiction. (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

L.D. 794, S.P. 359

An Act to Include Judicial Marshals in the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement. (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

L.D. 795, S.P. 360

An Act to Exempt Pegmatite Mining from the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act and Establish a Permit-by-rule Process. (Presented by Senator MARTIN of Oxford)

L.D. 796, S.P. 362

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Windham and Gorham the Little Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge. (Presented by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland)

L.D. 797, S.P. 363

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Work Search Efforts for Unemployment Benefits and to Eliminate Benefits for Temporary Unemployment. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 798, H.P. 505

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund Mass Timber Manufacturing. (Presented by Representative ZAGER of Portland)

L.D. 799, H.P. 506

An Act to Report Gender Wage Gaps. (Presented by Representative ROEDER of Bangor)

L.D. 800, H.P. 507

An Act to Fund the Provision of Advocacy Services to Persons with Intellectual Disabilities. (Presented by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook)

L.D. 801, H.P. 508

An Act to Prevent Consumer-generated Electricity from Being Used by Anyone Other than That Consumer. (Presented by Representative CIMINO of Bridgton)

L.D. 802, H.P. 509

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Design a Mentoring Program for Youth Who Have Extended Care and Support Agreements with the Department. (Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport)

L.D. 803, H.P. 510

An Act to Address Certification Violations for School Staff. (Presented by Representative CROCKETT of Portland)

L.D. 804, H.P. 511

An Act to Encourage Election Involvement by Making Election Day a State Holiday in Even-numbered Years. (Presented by Representative ARDELL of Monticello)

L.D. 805, H.P. 512

Resolve, to Direct the Board of Licensure in Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Licensure to Conduct a Study Regarding the Feasibility of Combining Those Boards. (Presented by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery)

L.D. 806, H.P. 513

An Act to Amend the Scope of Practice for Expanded Function Dental Assistants. (Presented by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford)

L.D. 807, H.P. 514

An Act to Limit the Number of Free Motor Vehicle Registrations That May Be Provided to a Disabled Veteran and Reimburse Municipalities for the Loss of Excise Taxes. (Presented by Representative DRINKWATER of Milford)

L.D. 808, H.P. 515

An Act to Require School Boards and Governing Bodies of Approved Private Schools to Implement Wearable Panic Alert Systems. (Presented by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford)

L.D. 809, H.P. 516

An Act to Allow a Motion to Extend a Protection from Abuse Order After Expiration of the Original Order. (Presented by Representative KUHN of Falmouth)

L.D. 810, H.P. 517

An Act Regarding the Approval of Transmission Lines. (Presented by Representative KESSLER of South Portland)

L.D. 811, H.P. 518

An Act to Require a Municipal Public Hearing and Vote Before a Sports Wagering Facility May Be Established. (Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

L.D. 812, H.P. 519

An Act to Provide State Recognition of the Kineo St. John Tribe. (Presented by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan)

L.D. 813, H.P. 520

An Act Regarding State Recognition of Native American Tribes. (Presented by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan)

L.D. 814, H.P. 521

An Act to Provide Funding to Area Agencies on Aging for Community-based Services and Programs to Support Older Adults. (Presented by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

L.D. 815, H.P. 522

An Act to Provide Funding for Respite Care and Supplemental Services Provided by the Family Caregiver Support Program. (Presented by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

L.D. 816, H.P. 523

An Act Regarding the Emptying of Elver Fyke Nets. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative STROUT of Harrington)

L.D. 817, H.P. 524

An Act to Remove Restrictions That Prohibit School Administrative Units from Making Purchases Through Cooperatives. (Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Cumberland)

L.D. 818, H.P. 525

An Act to Allow Expenditure of Maine Clean Election Act Funding for the Care of Candidates' Dependents. (Presented by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

L.D. 819, H.P. 526

An Act Concerning the Status of Battery Storage Systems with Regard to the Business Equipment Tax Exemption. (Presented by Representative SATO of Gorham)

L.D. 820, H.P. 527

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the Right to Hunt and Fish. (Presented by Representative CARUSO of Caratunk)

L.D. 821, H.P. 528

An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2026. (Submitted by the Maine Turnpike Authority pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.)

L.D. 822, S.P. 335

An Act to End the Collection of Certain Probation Fees. (Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox)

L.D. 823, S.P. 337

An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Provide for Statewide and Equitable Access to Experiential Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Competition Programs. (Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot)

L.D. 824, S.P. 342

An Act Regarding Pet Fees in Rental Housing. (Presented by Senator BAILEY of York)

L.D. 825, S.P. 345

An Act to Prohibit Geoengineering, Including the Use of Cloud Seeding, Weather Modification, Excessive Radio Waves and Microwave Radiation. (Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin)

L.D. 826, S.P. 349

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Establish the School Energy Savings Revolving Loan Fund. (Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland)

L.D. 827, S.P. 351

An Act to Allow the Sale of Polymer-coated Cookware That Is Authorized for Food Contact by the United States Food and Drug Administration. (Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin)

L.D. 828, S.P. 352

An Act to Allow Chiropractors to Be Designated as School Health Advisors. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 829, S.P. 356

An Act to Standardize the Laws Regarding the Carrying of Concealed Handguns in State Parks. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot)

L.D. 830, S.P. 357

An Act to Protect Maine's Scenic Beauty by Requiring Solar Panel Fields to Be Hidden from View. (Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot)

L.D. 831, S.P. 361

An Act Regarding Abandoned Vehicles Due to Involuntary Psychiatric Hospitalization. (Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington)

L.D. 832, S.P. 364

An Act to Provide Funds to Reduce the Debt of the Vassalboro Sanitary District. (Presented by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec)

L.D. 833, S.P. 365

An Act to Expand the Earned Paid Leave Exception. (Presented by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec)

L.D. 834, S.P. 366

An Act to Update the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

L.D. 835, S.P. 368

An Act to Allow Children to Participate in Beano Games Conducted by Nonprofit Charitable Organizations. (Presented by Senator BERNARD of Aroostook)

L.D. 836, S.P. 369

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Upgrade Municipal Culverts at Stream Crossings. (Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

L.D. 837, S.P. 370

An Act to Require the Office of the Public Advocate to Implement the State's Climate Action Plan. (Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

L.D. 838, S.P. 371

An Act to Explore Public Financing and Ownership of Electric Transmission and Distribution Infrastructure. (Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

L.D. 839, S.P. 372

An Act to Lower Consumer Electricity Costs by Prohibiting the Recovery Through Rates of Costs Attributable to Net Energy Billing. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 840, S.P. 373

An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Removing Marriage Disincentives. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

L.D. 841, S.P. 374

Resolve, to Study the Delivery of Emergency Medical Services to and Ferry Service Effects on Island Communities in the State. (Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

L.D. 842, S.P. 375

An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Amending the Laws Governing the MaineCare, Maine Rx Plus and Emergency MaineCare Programs. (Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland)

L.D. 843, S.P. 376

An Act to Continue Funding for the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

L.D. 844, H.P. 530

An Act to Regulate Social Media Use by Minors Under 16 Years of Age. (Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport)

L.D. 845, H.P. 531

An Act to Establish a First-time Home-buyer Program Administered by the Finance Authority of Maine. (Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport)

L.D. 846, H.P. 532

An Act to Protect Natural Resources by Clarifying Hydropower Dam Removal Requirements. (Presented by Representative BLIER of Buxton)

L.D. 847, H.P. 533

An Act to Prohibit Housing Discrimination. (Presented by Representative GOLEK of Harpswell)

L.D. 848, H.P. 534

An Act Regarding the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program. (Presented by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford)

L.D. 849, H.P. 535

An Act to Establish a Recall Process for Public School Board Members. (Presented by Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk)

L.D. 850, H.P. 536

An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws. (Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle)

L.D. 851, H.P. 537

An Act to Establish a Senior Retiree Lobster License. (Presented by Representative FOLEY of Wells)

L.D. 852, H.P. 538

An Act to Reduce the Property Tax Burden by Adequately Funding County Jail Operations. (Presented by Representative DUCHARME of Madison)

L.D. 853, H.P. 539

An Act to Replace the Minimum Hourly Wage with a Regionally Based Living Wage. (Presented by Representative GEIGER of Rockland)

L.D. 854, H.P. 540

An Act to Provide Equitable Capital Construction Funding for Maine's Charter Schools. (Presented by Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls)

L.D. 855, H.P. 541

An Act to Limit Eligibility Under the Maine Clean Election Act. (Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland)

L.D. 856, H.P. 542

An Act to Phase Out the Income Tax. (Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland)

L.D. 857, H.P. 543

An Act to Increase Government Transparency in the Procurement of Goods and Services. (Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland)

L.D. 858, H.P. 544

An Act to Ensure Behavioral and Mental Health Services Are Available to Students by Providing Grants to Schools That Contract for Those Services. (Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

L.D. 859, H.P. 545

Resolve, Directing the Treasurer of State to Review and Develop Options for Meeting the Banking Needs of the Cannabis Industry. (Presented by Representative CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham)

L.D. 860, H.P. 546

An Act to Require Competitive Electricity Providers to Provide Certain Information to the Public Advocate. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport)

L.D. 861, H.P. 547

An Act Related to the Work of the Public Advocate. (Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

L.D. 862, H.P. 548

Resolve, to Honor Scarborough Veterans by Renaming the Pine Point Crossing Bridge the Scarborough Veterans Memorial Bridge. (Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

L.D. 863, H.P. 549

An Act to Exempt Internet Raffles Conducted by Certain Organizations with Prizes of \$2,500 or Less from Registration and Licensing Requirements. (Presented by Representative WHITE of Guilford)

L.D. 864, H.P. 550

An Act to Allow the Use of Transporter Plates for Transporting Campers or Motor Homes. (Presented by Representative CRAY of Palmyra)

L.D. 865, H.P. 551

An Act to Require MaineCare to Reimburse for Lactation Services in the Homes of Eligible Persons. (Presented by Representative BOYER of Cape Elizabeth)

L.D. 866, H.P. 552

An Act to Reduce Posting of Hunting Lands by Providing Free Antlerless Deer Permits to Certain Landowners Who Keep Their Lands Open to Hunting. (Presented by Representative FOSTER of Dexter)

L.D. 867, H.P. 553

An Act Regarding Pre-need Funeral Insurance. (Presented by Representative MORRIS of Turner)

L.D. 868, H.P. 554

An Act to Ensure Equity and Safety in Athletics, Restrooms, Changing Rooms and Housing at Elementary, Secondary and Postsecondary Schools. (Presented by Representative CARUSO of Caratunk)

L.D. 869, H.P. 555

An Act to Give Grandparents Intervenor Status in Certain Child Protection Proceedings. (Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport)

L.D. 870, H.P. 556

An Act Regarding the Membership of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission. (Presented by Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta)

L.D. 871, H.P. 557

An Act to Exempt All Persons, Including Health Care and Emergency Services Personnel, from COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements. (Presented by Representative CIMINO of Bridgton)

L.D. 872, H.P. 558

An Act to Ensure Determinations Made by the State Are Free from Unethical, Unsafe or Illegal Interference by Artificial Intelligence. (Presented by Representative FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor)

L.D. 873, H.P. 559

An Act to Expand Municipal Authority over Utility Pole Permits. (Presented by Representative ABDI of Lewiston)

L.D. 874, H.P. 560

An Act to Provide Relief to Federal or State Employees Affected by a Federal Government or State Government Shutdown. (Presented by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery)

L.D. 875, H.P. 561

An Act to Fund Essential Services for Victims of Domestic Violence. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot)

L.D. 876, H.P. 562

An Act to Support Rural Resilience and Emergency Response Through the Maine Service Fellows Program. (Presented by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook)

L.D. 877, H.P. 563

An Act to Require Transportation Network Companies to Provide Fair Wages to Drivers. (Presented by Representative SATO of Gorham)

L.D. 878, H.P. 564

Resolve, to Study the Effects of 5G and Other Non-ionizing Radio Frequency Radiation-emitting Technology on Bird, Bee, Insect and Other Wildlife Populations and the Effects of Long-term Exposure on Children. (Presented by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon)

L.D. 879, H.P. 565

An Act to Increase Maximum Small Claim Limits for Home Construction Contracts. (Presented by Representative KESSLER of South Portland)

L.D. 880, H.P. 566

An Act Regarding Nondiscrimination in Financial Services. (Presented by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon)

L.D. 881, H.P. 567

An Act to Establish an Apprentice Insurance Producer License. (Presented by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan)

L.D. 882, H.P. 568

An Act to Protect Communication with Providers of Critical Incident Stress Management Peer Support. (Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook)

L.D. 883, H.P. 569

An Act to Reduce the Tax Burden on Maine Citizens. (Presented by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon)

L.D. 884, H.P. 570

Resolve, to Establish the Criminal Justice Legal Aid Clinic Pilot Project at the University of Maine School of Law. (Presented by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick)

L.D. 885, H.P. 571

An Act to Allow Certain Persons with a Permit to Carry Concealed Handguns to Possess or Discharge a Firearm on School Property. (Presented by Representative WHITE of Guilford)

L.D. 886, H.P. 572

An Act to Regulate Medication Abortions. (Presented by Representative GRIFFIN of Levant)

L.D. 887, H.P. 573

An Act to Make Manufacturers Responsible for Proper Disposal of Abortion Drugs and Require a Health Care Provider to Be Physically Present During a Chemical Abortion. (Presented by Representative PAUL of Winterport)

L.D. 888, H.P. 574

An Act to Expand Property Tax Relief for Veterans and Survivors of Veterans. (Presented by Representative HYMES of Waldo)

L.D. 889, H.P. 575

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Department of Health and Human Services. (Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot)

L.D. 890, S.P. 378

An Act to Permit the Dispensing of Ivermectin Pursuant to a Standing Order upon Request for COVID-19, Flu and Cancer Patients. (Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot)

L.D. 891, S.P. 379

An Act to Exclude Poverty as a Factor When Determining Instances of Willful Neglect or Abuse of a Child. (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

L.D. 892, S.P. 380

An Act to Expand Property Tax Relief for Veterans and Their Surviving Spouses, Minor Children and Parents. (Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset)

L.D. 893, S.P. 381

An Act to Exempt Nonprofit Agricultural Membership Organizations from Insurance Requirements. (Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin)

(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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