

Weekly **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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

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Monday, March 18, 2024

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131st LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION BILLS ENACTED

Public Laws

Signed by the Governor
Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Ch. 531 - An Act to Amend the Natural Resources Protection Act to Enhance the State's Ability to Respond to and Prepare for Significant Flood Events and Storm Surge. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 858, L.D. 2030)

Ch. 532 - An Act to Amend a Notice Provision Regarding Registration of Out-of-state Child Custody Determinations Under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act. (H.P. 1340, L.D. 2081)

Ch. 533 - An Act to Make Changes to Certain Laws Governing Renewable Energy Projects. (S.P. 892, L.D. 2099)

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Thursday, March 14, 2024

Ch. 534 - An Act to Continue the Arrearage Management Program for Low-income Residential Electricity Customers. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1330, L.D. 2067)

Ch. 535 - An Act to Update the Electric Vehicle Rebate Program and to Establish a Pilot Program to Support the Uptake of Medium Duty and Heavy Duty Zero-emission Vehicles. (S.P. 61, L.D. 122)

Ch. 536 - An Act Regarding the Ordinances Governing Residential Units Located in Buildings in a Location Zoned for Commercial Use. (H.P. 819, L.D. 1294)

Ch. 537 - An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools. (H.P. 1052, L.D. 1642)

Ch. 538 - An Act to Increase Penalties for Violations of the Law Governing Monopolies and Profiteering. (H.P. 1161, L.D. 1815)

Ch. 539 - An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding State-chartered Credit Unions. (S.P. 783, L.D. 1921)

Ch. 540 - An Act to Authorize Medical Waivers for Menhaden Fishing Licenses. (S.P. 854, L.D. 2026)

Ch. 541 - An Act to Improve Maine's Labor Laws by Changing the Laws Governing Elections of Collective Bargaining Agents for Certain Public Employees. (S.P. 860, L.D. 2032)

Ch. 542 - An Act to Increase Safety for Child Welfare Services Workers. (H.P. 1311, L.D. 2049)

Ch. 543 - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Real Estate Appraisers and Appraisal Management Companies. (H.P. 1324, L.D. 2062)

Ch. 544 - An Act to Add Schedule V Substances to the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program. (H.P. 1363, L.D. 2139)

Ch. 545 - An Act to Require Constitutional Officers to Complete Harassment Training. (H.P. 1374, L.D. 2150)

Ch. 546 - An Act to Clarify MaineCare Copayments. (H.P. 1377, L.D. 2153)

Private and Special Laws

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Thursday, March 14, 2024

Ch. 18 - An Act to Provide for the 2024 and 2025 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 916, L.D. 2160)

Resolves

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Ch. 138 - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 270: Uniform Reporting System for Quality Data Sets, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1385, L.D. 2165)

Ch. 139 - Resolve, Directing the Workers' Compensation Board to Analyze Data on the Adequacy of Certain Maine Workers' Compensation Benefits. (S.P. 767, L.D. 1896)

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Thursday, March 14, 2024

Ch. 140 - Resolve, to Rename the Interstate 295 Interchange in the Town of Freeport the Matthew MacMillan Bridge. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 924, L.D. 2173)

Ch. 141 - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 61: State Board of Education Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education, State Board of Education. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1396, L.D. 2181)

Ch. 142 - Resolve, to Authorize the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory. (S.P. 852, L.D. 2024)

Ch. 143 - Resolve, to Adopt Conceptual Elements of the 2023 Augusta State Facilities Master Plan. (S.P. 869, L.D. 2068)

(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, MARCH 15, 2024**L.D. 2260, S.P. 977**

An Act to Update the Laws Regarding the Sale of Pari-mutuel Pools for Simulcast Races. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs pursuant to Public Law 2023, chapter 440, section 13.)

L.D. 2261, H.P. 1451

An Act Designating New Motor Vehicle Emissions Rules as Major Substantive Rules. (Presented by Representative SOBOLESKI of Phillips)

L.D. 2262, H.P. 1452

An Act to Amend the Process for the Sale of Foreclosed Properties Due to Nonpayment of Taxes. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation pursuant to Public Law 2023, chapter 358, section 2, subsection 7.)

L.D. 2263, H.P. 1453

An Act to Fund Military Sexual Trauma Liaison Positions at Community-based Organizations. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 3, subsection 1, paragraph D, subparagraph (25))

L.D. 2264, S.P. 982

An Act to Further Clarify the Meaning of "Private Road" and "Public Easement" in Certain Provisions of Maine Law. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Public Law 2023, chapter 387, section 4.)

L.D. 2265, H.P. 1454

An Act to Implement Recommendations Resulting from the State Government Evaluation Act Review of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4.)

L.D. 2266, H.P. 1456

An Act Regarding Offshore Wind Terminals Located in Coastal Sand Dune Systems. (Governor's Bill) (Presented by Representative RUNTE of York)

L.D. 2267, H.P. 1457

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to Support International Medical Graduates in Securing Employment. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 93, section 8.)

L.D. 2268, H.P. 1458

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to Establish a Sponsorship Program for International Medical Graduates. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 93, section 8.)

L.D. 2269, H.P. 1459

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 7.)

L.D. 2270, S.P. 986

An Act to Create the Lincoln Mill Facilities District. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

L.D. 2271, S.P. 987

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients to Improve Facility Fee Transparency and Notification and to Prohibit Facility Fees for Certain Services. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services pursuant to Public Law 2023, chapter 410, section 2.)

(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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