

Weekly **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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131st LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION BILLS ENACTED

Public Laws

Signed by the Governor
Friday, April 12, 2024

Ch. 618 - An Act Regarding the Transportation of Hazardous Materials by Railroad Companies. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1245, L.D. 1937)

Ch. 619 - An Act Updating References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 850, L.D. 2022)

Ch. 620 - An Act to Require the State to Notify Indian Tribes and Indian Nations When New Laws Are Enacted That Need to Be Certified. (H.P. 1167, L.D. 1835)

Ch. 621 - An Act to Prohibit Unauthorized Paramilitary Training. (H.P. 1354, L.D. 2130)

Ch. 622 - An Act to Reduce the Number of Children Living in Deep Poverty by Adjusting Assistance for Low-income Families. (H.P. 1202, L.D. 1877)

Ch. 623 - An Act to Authorize a Stop-work Order Regarding an Activity That Is Creating an Immediate and Substantial Adverse Impact to a Protected Natural Resource. (S.P. 971, L.D. 2253)

Ch. 624 - An Act Regarding New Motor Vehicle Emissions Rules. (H.P. 1451, L.D. 2261)

Ch. 625 - An Act to Implement Recommendations Resulting from the State Government Evaluation Act Review of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation. (H.P. 1454, L.D. 2265)

Became law without the Governor's Signature
Saturday, April 13, 2024

Ch. 626 - An Act to Strengthen Freedom of Speech Protections by Enacting the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act. (S.P. 367, L.D. 870)

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Ch. 627 - An Act to Require a Biennial Report on the Corporate Income Tax to the Joint Standing Committee Having Jurisdiction over Taxation Matters. (H.P. 851, L.D. 1337)

Ch. 628 - An Act to Adopt an Interstate Compact to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote. (H.P. 1023, L.D. 1578)

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Ch. 629 - An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Adjustments for Sudden and Severe Disruption of Municipal Valuation. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 828, L.D. 2006)

Ch. 630 - An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Prevention of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution. (S.P. 610, L.D. 1537)

Ch. 631 - An Act to Improve the Reporting Process for Certain Tax Expenditure Programs. (S.P. 729, L.D. 1804)

Ch. 632 - An Act Regarding Spirits Price Review and Recommendations. (S.P. 836, L.D. 2014)

Ch. 633 - An Act to Amend the Ownership Disclosure Requirements for Applicants for Liquor Licenses and Certificates of Approval. (S.P. 870, L.D. 2069)

Ch. 634 - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Motor Vehicles. (S.P. 873, L.D. 2072)

Ch. 635 - An Act to Create a Universal Exclusion List for All Forms of Gambling in the State. (H.P. 1339, L.D. 2080)

Ch. 636 - An Act to Require Consumer Consent for Certain Generation Service Contract Renewals. (S.P. 918, L.D. 2163)

Ch. 637 - An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee Regarding Public Records Exceptions. (H.P. 1421, L.D. 2215)

Ch. 638 - An Act to Implement the Recommendations Regarding the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services. (S.P. 949, L.D. 2219)

Ch. 639 - An Act to Expand the List of Crimes Eligible for a Post-judgment Motion to Seal Criminal History Record Information to Include Convictions for Possession and Cultivation of Marijuana. (H.P. 1435, L.D. 2236)

Ch. 640 - An Act to Amend the Process for the Sale of Foreclosed Properties Due to Nonpayment of Taxes. (H.P. 1452, L.D. 2262)

Private and Special Laws

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Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Ch. 23 - An Act to Create the Lincoln Mill Facilities District. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 986, L.D. 2270)

Ch. 24 - An Act to Allow a Member of the Town of Perham Select Board to Facilitate the Election to Vacant Seats on the Select Board and to Approve and Sign Disbursement Warrants. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 1001, L.D. 2288)

Resolves

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Friday, April 12, 2024

Ch. 166 - Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey by Sale the Interests of the State in 3 Properties Located in Biddeford, Sanford and York. (H.P. 1464, L.D. 2277) (Governor's Bill)

Became law without the Governor's Signature
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Ch. 167 - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1397, L.D. 2182)

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Ch. 168 - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 2: Medical Use of Cannabis Program Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1399, L.D. 2185)

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Ch. 169 - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 200: Metallic Mineral Exploration, Advanced Exploration and Mining, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 590, L.D. 1471)

Ch. 170 - Resolve, to Require the Office of Tax Policy to Study the Adoption of a Pass-through Entity Income Tax. (H.P. 1212, L.D. 1891)

Ch. 171 - Resolve, to Establish an Automotive Right to Repair Working Group. (S.P. 1002, L.D. 2289)

(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, APRIL 19, 2024**L.D. 2291, H.P. 1480**

Resolve, Approving the 2024 Draft and Arrangement of the Constitution of Maine Incorporating Amendments Approved at Referendum in 2023 and Providing for Its Publication and Distribution. (EMERGENCY) (Submitted by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 127.)

(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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