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Public Laws

Signed by the Governor
Friday, April 21, 2023

Ch. 28 - An Act to Align Maine's Lead Abatement Law with Federal Definitions and to Clarify Lead Abatement Licensing and Certification Requirements. (S.P. 19, L.D. 27)

Ch. 29 - An Act to Improve Family Economic Security Under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program. (H.P. 50, L.D. 80)

Ch. 30 - An Act to Make Technical Amendments to Banking Laws. (S.P. 53, L.D. 114)

Ch. 31 - An Act to Allow the Department of Health and Human Services to Authorize Standing Orders. (H.P. 180, L.D. 282)

Ch. 32 - An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Foreign Subpoenas. (H.P. 264, L.D. 431)

Ch. 33 - An Act to Allow the Adjutant General to Sell the Houlton Armory. (S.P. 240, L.D. 569)

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Monday, April 24, 2023

Ch. 34 - An Act to Make Permanent the Ability of Certain Retailers and Distilleries to Sell Liquor for Off-premises Consumption and Cocktails for On-premises Consumption. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 101, L.D. 201)

Ch. 35 - An Act to Provide Electronic Access to Confidential Juror Information. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 213, L.D. 339)

Ch. 36 - An Act to Establish Adult Protective Services Training Requirements for Professionals Mandated to Report Suspected Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation to Enhance Protection of Incapacitated and Dependent Adults. (S.P. 27, L.D. 35)

Ch. 37 - An Act to Repeal the Hospital and Health Care Provider Cooperation Act. (H.P. 65, L.D. 97)

Ch. 38 - An Act to Ensure Continuity of Care for Pretrial Defendants. (S.P. 57, L.D. 118)

Ch. 39 - An Act to Clarify Maine Law Regarding Background Checks for the Office of Child and Family Services. (H.P. 139, L.D. 218)

Ch. 40 - An Act to Strengthen Maine's Health Care Workforce by Preventing Discrimination by Requiring Maintenance of Certification for Insurance Reimbursement. (H.P. 145, L.D. 224)

Ch. 41 - An Act to Update the Maine Human Rights Act with Respect to Gender Identity. (H.P. 476, L.D. 707)

Ch. 42 - An Act to Expand Access to Banking Services for Minors. (S.P. 310, L.D. 752)

Ch. 43 - An Act to Promote Higher Blends of Biofuel by Regulating the Sale or Transfer of Biofuels. (S.P. 313, L.D. 755)

Resolves

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Ch. 7 - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 570: Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 226, L.D. 375)

Ch. 8 - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection. (H.P. 243, L.D. 392)

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Ch. 9 - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 5, Section 63: Home Based Supports and Services for Older and Disabled Adults and Chapter 11: Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services.
(EMERGENCY) (H.P. 328, L.D. 523)

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L.D. 1759, S.P. 706

An Act to Clarify the Disability Retirement Program of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.
(Presented by Senator DUSON of Cumberland)

L.D. 1760, S.P. 707

An Act to Include Certain Crisis Outreach and Crisis Services Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1761, S.P. 708

An Act to Include Certain Mental Health Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1762, S.P. 709

An Act to Require the Bureau of Labor Standards to Create and Distribute in Workplaces a Veterans' Benefits and Services Poster. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1763, S.P. 710

An Act Regarding Trustee Duties to Beneficiaries. (Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

L.D. 1764, S.P. 711

An Act Regarding the Charge for Research Time by State Agencies for Freedom of Access Act Requests.
(Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

L.D. 1765, H.P. 1129

An Act Authorizing the Governor to Enter into Interstate Agreements Regarding the Cannabis Industry.
(Presented by Representative PERRY of Bangor)

L.D. 1766, H.P. 1130

An Act to Require Insurance Carriers to Compensate Providers for Costs of Providing Medical Records for Utilization Review. (Presented by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford)

L.D. 1767, H.P. 1131

An Act to Develop and Provide Technical Assistance for Meat Slaughtering and Processing. (Presented by Representative CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham)

L.D. 1768, H.P. 1132

An Act to Update the Alternative Base Year Payment Method for Federally Qualified Health Centers.
(EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook)

L.D. 1769, H.P. 1133

An Act Concerning Students Who Experience Educational Disruption Due to Temporary or Permanent Changes Where They Live. (Presented by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick)

L.D. 1770, H.P. 1134

An Act to Improve Pesticides Sales and Use Data Collection and Accessibility by the State. (Presented by Representative OSHER of Orono)

L.D. 1771, H.P. 1135

An Act Regarding Speedy Trials. (Presented by Representative MOONEN of Portland)

L.D. 1772, I.B. 4

An Act to Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and to Provide Voters More Information Regarding That Borrowing. (Transmitted to the Clerk of the 131st Maine Legislature by the Secretary of State on April 21, 2023 and ordered printed.)

L.D. 1773, H.P. 1136

An Act to Increase the State's Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers. (EMERGENCY)
(Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

L.D. 1774, H.P. 1137

An Act Exempting Certain Emergency Distributions and Emergency Savings Accounts from Taxation. (Presented by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester)

L.D. 1775, H.P. 1138

An Act to Establish a Clean Hydrogen Pilot Program. (Presented by Representative DOUDERA of Camden)

L.D. 1776, H.P. 1139

An Act to Allow Citizen Oversight of Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Marine Resources Actions and Rulemaking. (Presented by Representative WORTH of Ellsworth)

L.D. 1777, H.P. 1140

An Act to Create Economic Opportunity for Wabanaki Nations Through Internet Gaming. (Presented by Representative SUPICA of Bangor)

L.D. 1778, H.P. 1141

An Act to Ensure a Sustainable Electric Grid. (Presented by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft)

L.D. 1779, H.P. 1142

An Act to Develop a Continuum of Care for Youth Involved in the Justice System and to Develop Alternatives for Juveniles Incarcerated in Long Creek Youth Development Center. (Presented by Representative LOOKNER of Portland)

L.D. 1780, H.P. 1143

An Act to Regulate the Operation of Micromobility Devices on Public Ways. (Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport)

L.D. 1781, H.P. 1144

An Act to Establish the Homeless Substance Use Disorder Service Program. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook)

L.D. 1782, H.P. 1145

An Act to Empower Jurors by Allowing Instructions That They May Find a Defendant Not Guilty if a Guilty Verdict Would Yield an Unjust Result. (Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland)

L.D. 1783, H.P. 1146

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Governor's Advisory Council on Military Sexual Trauma. (Presented by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook)

L.D. 1784, H.P. 1147

Resolve, to Improve Access to Appropriate Levels of Long-term Care by Rebasing and Increasing Reimbursement Rates. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 1785, H.P. 1148

Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Make Recommendations to Update Laws Governing the Continuum of Long-term Care Options. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 1786, H.P. 1149

An Act to Repeal and Replace the Charter of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District. (Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

L.D. 1787, H.P. 1150

Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Convene a Stakeholder Group Tasked with a Comprehensive Overhaul and Modernization of the State Subdivision Statutes. (Presented by Representative DUCHARME of Madison)

L.D. 1788, S.P. 713

An Act to Establish the Office of the Inspector General of Child Protection. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 1789, S.P. 714

An Act to Remove All Marijuana-related Provisions from the Maine Criminal Code and Expunge All Convictions Involving Marijuana. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 1790, S.P. 715

An Act Removing the Statute of Limitations on Criminal and Civil Actions Involving Sexual Abuse of Minors. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 1791, S.P. 716

An Act to Make the ConnectMaine Authority Responsible for Attachments to and Joint Use of Utility Poles and to Establish Procedures for Broadband Service Infrastructure Crossing Railroad Tracks. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 1792, S.P. 717

Resolve, to Establish the Rural Health Services Task Force. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1793, S.P. 718

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Contract for Discounted Insulin Manufactured and Distributed by Civica Rx. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1794, S.P. 719

An Act to Enhance the Predictability of Mandated Overtime for Pulp or Paper Manufacturing Facility Employees. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1795, S.P. 720

An Act to Protect Patients by Prohibiting Certain Medical Facility Fees. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1796, S.P. 721

An Act to Protect Maine's Transit Employees. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1797, S.P. 722

An Act to Expand Maine's Health Care Workforce by Expanding Educational Opportunities and Providing Tax Credits. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1798, S.P. 723

An Act to Support School Choice by Establishing Empowerment Scholarship Accounts. (Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland)

L.D. 1799, S.P. 724

An Act to Expand Maine's High-quality Early Learning and Care for Children by Increasing Public Preschool Opportunities in Communities. (Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

L.D. 1800, S.P. 725

An Act Regarding Parental Rights in Education. (Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

L.D. 1801, S.P. 726

Resolve, to Increase Transparency and Evaluate Emergency Response Through a COVID-19 Review Commission. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

L.D. 1802, S.P. 727

An Act to Add Certain Volunteer Firefighters to the Definition of "Volunteer Firefighter". (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 1803, S.P. 728

An Act to Improve the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

L.D. 1804, S.P. 729

An Act to Provide Transparency and Accountability for Corporate Tax Expenditures. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 1805, S.P. 730

An Act to Increase State Oversight of Election Funding by Requiring Approval by the Legislature. (Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

L.D. 1806, S.P. 731

An Act to Require Online Used Car Dealers to Be Licensed. (Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

L.D. 1807, H.P. 1152

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Report on Boater Safety Education. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 656, section 8.)

L.D. 1808, H.P. 1153

An Act to Amend the State Tax Laws. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative PERRY of Bangor)

L.D. 1809, H.P. 1154

An Act to Prohibit Health Care Services Without Parental Consent. (Presented by Representative ADAMS of Lebanon)

L.D. 1810, H.P. 1155

An Act to Expand the Maine Historic Rehabilitation Credit and Establish a Weatherization Tax Credit. (Presented by Representative TERRY of Gorham)

L.D. 1811, H.P. 1156

An Act to Clarify Required Political Committees 24-hour Reports. (Presented by Representative TERRY of Gorham)

L.D. 1812, H.P. 1157

An Act to Provide a Source of Funding for the Construction and Implementation of a Food Security Hub. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative TERRY of Gorham)

L.D. 1813, H.P. 1159

Resolve, to Provide for One Month of Free Passenger Rail Service in Maine. (Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

L.D. 1814, H.P. 1160

An Act to Reduce Mercury in the Environment by Phasing Out Certain Fluorescent Light Bulbs. (Presented by Representative BELL of Yarmouth)

L.D. 1815, H.P. 1161

An Act to Protect Maine's Consumers by Establishing an Abuse of Dominance Right of Action and Requiring Notification of Mergers. (Presented by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth)

L.D. 1816, H.P. 1162

An Act Requiring Reference-based Pricing to Reduce Prescription Drug Costs. (Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais)

L.D. 1817, S.P. 732

An Act to Support Outdoor Education by Establishing the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program. (Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland)

L.D. 1818, S.P. 733

An Act Regarding Port Facilities Relating to Offshore Wind Power Projects. (Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

L.D. 1819, S.P. 734

An Act to Create the Maine Medical Cannabis Advisory Commission and the Medical Cannabis Alternative Health Board. (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

L.D. 1820, S.P. 735

An Act to Expand Access to Good Jobs with Better Career and Technical Education. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1821, S.P. 736

An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by the City of Bath. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

L.D. 1822, S.P. 738

An Act to Amend the Specialty License Plate Laws and Extend the Moratorium on Approval of Specialty License Plates and Remove the Authority of Municipalities to Issue Driver's Licenses. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

L.D. 1823, S.P. 739

An Act to Respect and Protect the Right to Food. (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

L.D. 1824, S.P. 740

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Constitution of Maine. (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

L.D. 1825, S.P. 741

An Act to Clarify Licensing Jurisdiction for Manufactured Housing Communities. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1826, S.P. 742

An Act to Designate Deer Wintering Areas Under the Jurisdiction of the Bureau of Parks and Lands. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1827, S.P. 743

An Act to Prevent Closures and Ensure Sustainability of Nursing Facilities, Private Nonmedical Institutions and Residential Care Facilities by Removing So-called Budget Neutrality. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1828, S.P. 744

An Act Regarding Enhanced 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec)

L.D. 1829, S.P. 745

An Act to Reduce Prescription Drug Costs by Requiring Reference-based Pricing. (Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln)

L.D. 1830, S.P. 746

An Act to Advance Maine's Clean Energy Goals. (Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

L.D. 1831, H.P. 1163

Resolve, Relating to the Employment of Minors. (Presented by Representative PERRY of Bangor)

L.D. 1832, H.P. 1164

An Act to Require Reimbursement of Fees for Treatment Rendered by Public and Private Ambulance Services. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative CYRWAY of Albion)

L.D. 1833, H.P. 1165

An Act to Amend the Definition of "Educational Institution" Under the Maine Human Rights Act to Include Single-sex Educational Institutions. (Presented by Representative MOONEN of Portland)

L.D. 1834, H.P. 1166

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish an Officer on Tribal Relations. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 1835, H.P. 1167

An Act to Require the State to Notify Indian Tribes and Indian Nations When New Laws Are Enacted That Need to Be Certified. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 1836, H.P. 1168

An Act Regarding Insurance Coverage for Diagnostic and Supplemental Breast Examinations. (Presented by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery)

L.D. 1837, H.P. 1169

An Act to Increase Oral Health Services. (Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

L.D. 1838, H.P. 1170

An Act to Create the Empowerment Scholarship Account Program. (Presented by Representative SWALLOW of Houlton)

L.D. 1839, H.P. 1171

An Act to Study a Permitting Process for and Establish a Moratorium on Certain Tall Structures. (Presented by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill)

L.D. 1840, H.P. 1172

An Act to Reform the State's Administrative and Rule-making Procedures. (Presented by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

L.D. 1841, H.P. 1173

An Act to Establish the Hope and Inclusion Scholarship Program. (Presented by Representative BAGSHAW of Windham)

L.D. 1842, H.P. 1174

Resolve, to Support Energy Upgrades at Maine Public Schools and Ensure That New School Construction Meets Current Energy Efficiency Standards. (Presented by Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta)

L.D. 1843, H.P. 1175

Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Bremen the Kitty Breskin Memorial Bridge. (Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

L.D. 1844, H.P. 1176

An Act to Support Emergency Housing Facility Construction, Renovation and Acquisition Statewide by Creating a Matching Grant Program. (Presented by Representative ARFORD of Brunswick)

L.D. 1845, H.P. 1177

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

L.D. 1846, H.P. 1178

An Act to Amend a Circulator's Oath for Petitions and Nomination Papers by Including the Number of Signatures Collected. (Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland)

L.D. 1847, S.P. 748

An Act to Modify the Visual Impact Standards for Offshore Wind Port Development. (Governor's Bill) (Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

L.D. 1848, S.P. 749

Resolve, to Designate the Route 15 Bridge Located in the Town of Kenduskeag the William S. Pullen Bridge. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot)

L.D. 1849, S.P. 750

An Act to Ensure Fair and Timely Payment in the Harvesting of Forest Products. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1850, S.P. 751

An Act Relating to Energy Storage and the State's Energy Goals. (Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

(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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