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Ch. 1 - An Act to Establish the Winter Energy Relief Payment Program to Aid Residents with High Heating Costs and to Finalize the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 5, L.D. 3)

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L.D. 3, H.P. 5

An Act to Establish the Winter Energy Relief Payment Program to Aid Residents with High Heating Costs and to Finalize the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 4, H.P. 8

An Act to Update Provisions of the Department of Corrections Laws Regarding Operation and Administration of Jails, Women's Services and Juvenile Detention. (Presented by Representative PLUECKER of Warren)

L.D. 5, H.P. 9

An Act to Expand Access to Postsecondary Education for Low-income Parents. (Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot)

L.D. 6, H.P. 10

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory. (Presented by Representative TERRY of Gorham)

L.D. 7, H.P. 11

An Act to Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative TERRY of Gorham)

L.D. 8, H.P. 12

An Act to Increase Support for the Modernization of the Board of Pesticides Control by Increasing the Annual Pesticide Registration Fee. (Presented by Representative PLUECKER of Warren)

L.D. 9, H.P. 13

An Act to Establish Processing Time Limits for Permit by Rule Applications Under the Site Location of Development Laws. (Presented by Representative BOYLE of Gorham)

L.D. 10, H.P. 14

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Invasive Aquatic Plants. (Presented by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield)

L.D. 11, H.P. 15

An Act to Strengthen Temporary Protections for Children Living in Dwellings with Identified Lead Hazards. (Presented by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

L.D. 12, H.P. 16

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Severance Pay to Cover More Types of Employers and Include More Workers. (Presented by Representative ROEDER of Bangor)

L.D. 13, H.P. 17

An Act to Define "Mail" in the Employment Security Law to Include Electronic Notification. (Presented by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport)

L.D. 14, H.P. 18

An Act to Simplify an Assessment Notice Requirement Under Department of Labor Laws. (Presented by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport)

L.D. 15, H.P. 19

An Act to Amend the Law Governing the State Grant Program Administered by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. (Presented by Representative DODGE of Belfast)

L.D. 16, H.P. 20

An Act to Make Technical Changes to Maine's Marine Resources Laws. (Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich)

L.D. 17, H.P. 21

An Act to Amend the Membership Requirements of the State Claims Commission. (Presented by Representative WHITE of Waterville)

L.D. 18, H.P. 22

An Act to Provide Ongoing Funding for up to 2 Years of Community College for Certain Maine Students. (Presented by Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta)

L.D. 19, H.P. 23

An Act to Authorize the National Institute of Funeral Service to Grant Associate Degrees. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative DOUDERA of Camden)

L.D. 20, H.P. 24

An Act to Further Protect Survivors of Economic Abuse. (Presented by Representative FAY of Raymond)

L.D. 21, S.P. 13

Resolve, Designating Maine Turnpike Approach Road in South Portland as Samantha Smith Way. (Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

L.D. 22, S.P. 14

An Act to Impede the Transfer of Firearms to Prohibited Persons. (Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

L.D. 23, S.P. 15

An Act to Limit Public Access to or Dissemination of Electronic Citation Information. (Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

L.D. 24, S.P. 16

An Act to Prohibit Open Burning Under a Red Flag Warning and Regulate Recreational Campfires. (Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

L.D. 25, S.P. 17

An Act to Provide Indigenous Peoples Free Access to State Parks. (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

L.D. 26, S.P. 18

An Act to Provide Postage Prepaid Return Envelopes to Voters Who Send Absentee Ballots by Mail. (Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

L.D. 27, S.P. 19

An Act to Align Maine's Lead Abatement Law with Federal Definitions and to Clarify Lead Abatement Licensing and Certification Requirements. (Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

L.D. 28, S.P. 20

An Act to Streamline Rulemaking for Revisions to Screening Levels for the Solid Waste Beneficial Use Program. (Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland)

L.D. 29, S.P. 21

An Act to Reduce Air Emissions at Petroleum Storage Facilities. (Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

L.D. 30, S.P. 22

An Act to Increase the Statutory Fee for Defensive Driving Courses. (Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset)

L.D. 31, S.P. 23

An Act to Allow the Commissioner of Transportation to Reduce Speed Limits at Construction Sites with Input from Municipalities and Utilities. (Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset)

L.D. 32, S.P. 24

An Act to Update the Maine State Grant Program. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

L.D. 33, S.P. 25

An Act to Expand Access to Career and Technical Education Opportunities for Middle School Students. (Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York)

L.D. 34, S.P. 26

An Act to Require a Person to Show Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting. (Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

L.D. 35, S.P. 27

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. (Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington)

L.D. 36, S.P. 28

An Act to Make Corrections to the Maine Insurance Code. (Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland)

L.D. 37, S.P. 29

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens to Eliminate the Requirement for an Annual Application. (Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

L.D. 38, S.P. 30

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Freeport the Matthew MacMillan Memorial Bridge. (Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin)

L.D. 39, S.P. 31

An Act to Amend the Maine Juvenile Code. (Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox)

L.D. 40, S.P. 32

An Act to Amend the Cannabis Laws. (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

L.D. 41, S.P. 33

An Act to Increase the Hourly Reimbursement Rate of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Lawyers to \$150 per Hour. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

L.D. 42, S.P. 34

An Act Regarding the Commissioner of Corrections' Role in Death Benefit Determinations and Regarding Training for Corrections Officers. (Presented by Senator LAFOUNTAIN of Kennebec)

L.D. 43, S.P. 35

An Act to Reduce the Cost of Electricity by Removing the 100-megawatt Limit on Renewable Resources of Energy. (Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin)

L.D. 44, S.P. 36

Resolve, to Rename the Bridge Between Bingham and Concord Township on Route 16 the Jason Dore Memorial Bridge. (Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin)

L.D. 45, S.P. 37

An Act to Prevent Retaliatory Evictions. (Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

L.D. 46, S.P. 38

An Act to Amend the Statutory Balance Limit on the Finance Authority of Maine's Loan Insurance Reserves. (Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

L.D. 47, S.P. 39

An Act to Amend the Law Governing Licensing Actions of the Emergency Medical Services' Board. (Presented by Senator LAFOUNTAIN of Kennebec)

L.D. 48, S.P. 40

An Act to Clarify Provisions of the Cannabis Legalization Act Regarding Labels, Packaging and Testing. (Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland)

L.D. 49, S.P. 41

An Act to Authorize the Deorganization of Drew Plantation. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 50, H.P. 25

An Act to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect by Developing a System to Ensure Child and Family Well-being. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot)

L.D. 51, H.P. 26

An Act to Restore Religious and Philosophical Exemptions to Immunization Requirements. (Presented by Representative DRINKWATER of Milford)

L.D. 52, H.P. 27

An Act to Allow Certain School Employees to Carry Firearms on School Property. (Presented by Representative FOSTER of Dexter)

L.D. 53, H.P. 28

An Act to Ensure Accountability for Workplace Harassment and Assault by Removing Intentional Acts and Omissions from Workers' Compensation Exemptions. (Presented by Representative LEE of Auburn)

L.D. 54, H.P. 29

An Act to Require Compliance with Natural or Agricultural Resource Protection Ordinances. (Presented by Representative LEE of Auburn)

L.D. 55, H.P. 30

An Act to Move the Headquarters for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. (Presented by Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta)

L.D. 56, H.P. 31

An Act to Provide Free Admission to State Parks and Historic Sites for the Spouses and Children of Veterans Holding Free Day Use Passes. (Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich)

L.D. 57, H.P. 32

An Act to Amend Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species List. (Presented by Representative DILL of Old Town)

L.D. 58, H.P. 33

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Establish Seasons That Do Not Overlap for Hunting Bear over Bait and Hunting Bear with Dogs. (Presented by Representative DAVIS of East Machias)

L.D. 59, H.P. 34

An Act to Prohibit Inclusion of the COVID-19 Vaccine in the Universal Childhood Immunization Program. (Presented by Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle)

L.D. 60, H.P. 35

An Act to Require a 72-hour Waiting Period After the Sale of a Firearm. (Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston)

L.D. 61, H.P. 36

An Act to Conserve Coastal Habitat by Restricting Rockweed Harvesting on Private Property. (Presented by Representative EATON of Deer Isle)

L.D. 62, H.P. 37

An Act to Require Antipinch Sensors on School Bus Doors. (Presented by Representative GOLEK of Harpswell)

L.D. 63, H.P. 38

An Act to Clarify That Certain Imported Motor Vehicles Are Not Off-road Vehicles. (Presented by Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield)

L.D. 64, H.P. 39

An Act to Ensure In-state Tuition for Postsecondary Students Who Are Registered to Vote in the State. (Presented by Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield)

L.D. 65, H.P. 40

An Act to Require That Printing Services Provided to the General Public by the University of Maine System Be Provided at Market Rates. (Presented by Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield)

L.D. 66, H.P. 41

An Act to Prohibit the Taxation of Drinking Water. (Presented by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft)

L.D. 67, H.P. 42

An Act to Increase the Number of Educational Professionals by Accepting Out-of-state Certification. (Presented by Representative DOUDERA of Camden)

L.D. 68, H.P. 43

An Act to Exempt Certain Nonprofit Organizations from the Sales and Use Tax and the Service Provider Tax. (Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport)

L.D. 69, H.P. 44

An Act to Improve Electrical Supply Cost Transparency. (Presented by Representative CARMICHAEL of Greenbush)

L.D. 70, H.P. 45

An Act to Eliminate the Cap on Retirement Benefits for State Employees and Teachers to Which a Cost-of-living Adjustment Is Made. (Presented by Representative DODGE of Belfast)

L.D. 71, H.P. 46

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 171: Control of Petroleum Storage Facilities, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection. (EMERGENCY) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

L.D. 72, H.P. 47

An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2024. (Submitted by the Maine Turnpike Authority pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.)

L.D. 73, S.P. 45

An Act to Require Bottled Water Companies to Monitor for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 74, S.P. 46

An Act to Update the Responsibilities of the Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board. (Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

L.D. 75, S.P. 47

An Act to Establish Maximum Contaminant Levels Under the State's Drinking Water Rules to Prohibit Certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 76, S.P. 48

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Study the Width of Road Shoulders. (Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland)

L.D. 77, S.P. 49

An Act to Require the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Maintain Public Restrooms at State Parks. (Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland)

L.D. 78, H.P. 48

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to Article X of the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Publication of Maine Indian Treaty Obligations. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 79, H.P. 49

An Act to Ensure a High-quality Education for Students with Disabilities by Clarifying the Definition of "State Agency Client" and Who Provides Special Education Programs and Services. (Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle)

L.D. 80, H.P. 50

An Act to Improve Family Economic Security Under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program. (Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot)

L.D. 81, H.P. 51

An Act to Address Recovery Residence Participation in the Municipal General Assistance Program. (Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot)

L.D. 82, H.P. 52

An Act to Improve Access to Children's Behavioral Health Services. (Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot)

L.D. 83, S.P. 50

An Act to Clarify State Policy Regarding the Use of Cannabis Paraphernalia in the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

L.D. 84, S.P. 51

An Act to Strengthen Third-party Liability Requirements for the MaineCare Program. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 85, S.P. 52

Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority to Study Adding Exits off the Maine Turnpike to Aid Economic Development. (Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland)

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