

Weekly **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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131st LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION BILLS ENACTED

Public Laws

Signed by the Governor
Monday, May 15, 2023

Ch. 81 - An Act to Allow the Crew Member of a Holder of an Elver Fishing License to Empty an Elver Fyke Net. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 506, L.D. 817)

Ch. 82 - An Act to Strengthen Temporary Protections for Children Living in Dwellings with Identified Lead Hazards. (H.P. 15, L.D. 11)

Ch. 83 - An Act to Improve Access to Children's Behavioral Health Services. (H.P. 52, L.D. 82)

Ch. 84 - An Act to Ensure Release of Relevant Background Investigation Material to Current Employers of Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers. (H.P. 64, L.D. 96)

Ch. 85 - An Act to Remove the Limit on Sets of Special Veterans Registration Plates. (S.P. 67, L.D. 128)

Ch. 86 - An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Raffles Conducted by Eligible Organizations. (S.P. 76, L.D. 147)

Ch. 87 - An Act to Allow Electronic Distribution of Certain Documents to Municipalities and Electronic Acknowledgment of Receipt of Certain Documents as Acceptable Communications. (H.P. 94, L.D. 153)

Ch. 88 - An Act to Establish the Pink-edged Sulphur as the State Butterfly. (H.P. 160, L.D. 239)

Ch. 89 - An Act to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to License Home-based and Community-based Services for Persons with an Intellectual Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder or a Related Condition or an Acquired Brain Injury and Define Autism Spectrum Disorder. (H.P. 278, L.D. 449)

Ch. 90 - An Act Regarding the Appointment of Expert Witnesses in Certain Family Court Actions. (H.P. 343, L.D. 538)

Ch. 91 - An Act Regarding the Transfer of Seized Currency to the Federal Government for Criminal Asset Forfeiture. (H.P. 609, L.D. 962)

Ch. 92 - An Act to Require All Emergency Medical Services Persons to Be Trained to Administer and Dispense Naloxone Hydrochloride. (S.P. 400, L.D. 981)

Signed by the Governor
Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Ch. 93 - An Act to Amend the Membership of the Rare Disease Advisory Council. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 678, L.D. 1083)

Ch. 94 - An Act to Amend the Duties of the Office of Affordable Health Care. (H.P. 570, L.D. 914)

Ch. 95 - An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Public Sector Bargaining in Public Schools. (H.P. 690, L.D. 1095)

Private and Special Laws

Signed by the Governor
Monday, May 15, 2023

Ch. 4 - An Act Regarding the Terms of Trustees of the Phippsburg Cemetery District. (H.P. 84, L.D. 138)

Resolves

Became law without the Governor's Signature
Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Ch. 15 - Resolve, Directing Maine Emergency Medical Services to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Explore Emergency Medical Services Career Pathways and Educational Opportunities in the State. (S.P. 110, L.D. 244)

(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, MAY 19, 2023**L.D. 1931, H.P. 1239**

An Act to Foster Stable and Affordable Home Ownership in Mobile Home Parks by Amending the Laws Relating to the Sale of Mobile Home Parks. (Presented by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport)

L.D. 1932, H.P. 1240

An Act to Require Broadband Internet Access Service Providers to Prorate Customer Bills. (Presented by Representative FAY of Raymond)

L.D. 1933, H.P. 1241

An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the Limerick Water District. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative WOODSOME of Waterboro)

L.D. 1934, H.P. 1242

Resolve, to Improve the Coordination and Delivery of Planning Grants and Technical Assistance to Communities in Maine. (Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport)

L.D. 1935, H.P. 1243

An Act to Promote Workforce Development by Establishing a Workforce Development Program. (Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

L.D. 1936, H.P. 1244

An Act to Allow Certified Nurse Practitioners to Provide In-home Care Without a Home Health Care Provider License. (Presented by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth)

L.D. 1937, H.P. 1245

An Act to Remove the Confidentiality of the Transportation of Hazardous Materials by Railroad Companies. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 1938, H.P. 1246

An Act to Require a Reminder for Vehicle Registration Renewal. (Presented by Representative SOBOLESKI of Phillips)

L.D. 1939, S.P. 788

An Act to Amend the Membership of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 1940, S.P. 789

An Act to Promote Consistent Policies within Growth Management Programs in Order to Increase Food Security and Economic Resiliency in Local Communities. (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

L.D. 1941, S.P. 790

Resolve, to Ensure Access to Critical Orthodontic Care by Increasing the MaineCare Reimbursement Rate. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 1942, S.P. 791

An Act to Ensure Equity in Career and Technical Education Staffing Support Ratios Across Varied Regions of the State. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1943, S.P. 792

An Act Regarding Future Energy Procurements for Renewable Energy Development in Northern Maine. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1944, H.P. 1248

An Act Regarding Tribal Gaming. (Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

L.D. 1945, H.P. 1249

An Act to Provide a Property Tax Exemption to All Veterans Who Are 62 Years of Age or Older and Increase the Current Exemption. (Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

L.D. 1946, H.P. 1250

An Act to Amend the Income Tax Law to Expand the Middle Tax Bracket, Increase the Lodging Tax and Increase the Short-term Automobile Rental Tax. (Presented by Representative MOONEN of Portland)

L.D. 1947, H.P. 1251

An Act to Amend the Maine Food Sovereignty Act. (Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

L.D. 1948, H.P. 1252

An Act to Amend the State's Data Governance Program Regarding Proprietary Data. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 1949, H.P. 1253

An Act to Establish an Affirmative Defense to the Crime of Criminal Trespass and Aggravated Criminal Trespass That the Person Was Unhoused and Seeking Shelter. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 1950, S.P. 793

An Act to Raise the Debt Limit of the Stonington Water Company. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

L.D. 1951, S.P. 794

An Act Regarding Marine Finfish Aquaculture. (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

L.D. 1952, H.P. 1254

An Act to Allow On-site Cannabis Consumption. (Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland)

L.D. 1953, H.P. 1255

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Parental Bill of Rights. (Presented by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan)

L.D. 1954, H.P. 1256

An Act to Address the Recent Mill Closure in the Town of Jay by Providing Funds to Offset Property Tax Loss. (Presented by Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls)

L.D. 1955, H.P. 1257

An Act to Require Hospitals and Hospital-affiliated Providers to Provide Financial Assistance for Medical Care. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 1956, H.P. 1258

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Optometrists. (Presented by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan)

L.D. 1957, H.P. 1259

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Invest in Maine's Railroad Infrastructure. (Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

L.D. 1958, H.P. 1260

An Act to Provide the Mi'kmaq Nation with Sales Tax Revenue for Sales Occurring on Mi'kmaq Nation Territory. (Presented by Representative PERRY of Bangor)

L.D. 1959, S.P. 795

An Act Regarding Open Primary Elections and Ranked-choice Voting. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 1960, S.P. 796

An Act to Support Farming in Maine by Extending the Deadline for Manufacturers of Products Containing Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Report on Those Products. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1961, S.P. 797

An Act to Support Potato Processing in Maine. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1962, S.P. 798

An Act to Limit Utility Shut-offs. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1963, S.P. 799

An Act Regarding the Future of Renewable Energy Transmission in Northern Maine. (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1964, S.P. 800

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program. (Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

L.D. 1965, H.P. 1262

An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Provide a New General Issue of License Plates. (Presented by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor)

L.D. 1966, H.P. 1263

An Act to Allow Candidates for County Office to Participate in the Maine Clean Election Act. (Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

L.D. 1967, H.P. 1264

An Act to Support Municipal Franchise Agreements. (Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport)

L.D. 1968, H.P. 1265

An Act to Amend the Membership of the Somerset Woods Trustees. (Presented by Representative DUCHARME of Madison)

L.D. 1969, S.P. 803

An Act to Expand the Use of Funds to Support Land Conservation. (EMERGENCY) (Governor's Bill) (Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland)

L.D. 1970, S.P. 804

An Act to Enact the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act. (Presented by Senator BAILEY of York)

L.D. 1971, S.P. 805

Resolve, to Ensure that Eligible Customers Receive Payments from the Energy Rate Relief Fund. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1972, S.P. 806

Resolve, to Improve Long-term Care for the People of Maine. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

L.D. 1973, S.P. 807

An Act to Enact the Maine Consumer Privacy Act. (Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

L.D. 1974, S.P. 808

An Act to Reauthorize Maine's New Markets Tax Credit Program. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 1975, H.P. 1266

An Act to Implement a Statewide Public Health Response to Substance Use and Amend the Laws Governing Scheduled Drugs. (Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle)

L.D. 1976, H.P. 1267

An Act to Update the Growth Management Program Laws. (Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport)

(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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