

# *Weekly* **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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**131st LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**BILLS ENACTED**

**Public Laws**

Signed by the Governor  
Monday, June 12, 2023

**Ch. 148** - An Act to Amend the Legislative Membership of the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 385, L.D. 893)

**Ch. 149** - An Act to Align Maine's Elevator Safety Laws with Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Standards. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 622, L.D. 975)

**Ch. 150** - An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2023-24. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 833, L.D. 1308)

**Ch. 151** - An Act to Ensure Access by Parties and Attorneys to Records in Child and Adult Protection Proceedings. (S.P. 332, L.D. 773)

**Ch. 152** - An Act to Authorize Kickboxing and Muay Thai Competition Under the Combat Sports Authority of Maine. (H.P. 597, L.D. 950)

**Ch. 153** - An Act to Require All Uniformed Patrol Officers to Carry Naloxone Hydrochloride When on Duty. (H.P. 672, L.D. 1036)

**Ch. 154** - An Act to Expand Good Samaritan Protections for Naloxone Hydrochloride Administration. (S.P. 421, L.D. 1052)

**Ch. 155** - An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Time Estimates for Responding to Public Records Requests. (H.P. 768, L.D. 1208)

**Ch. 156** - An Act to Include Endangered and Threatened Species Habitat in the Definition of "Significant Wildlife Habitat" Under the Natural Resources Protection Act. (H.P. 794, L.D. 1246)

**Ch. 157** - An Act to Amend the Tax Credit for Major Business Headquarters Expansions Regarding Employees' Location and Time of Hire for Purposes of the Credit. (S.P. 531, L.D. 1313)

**Ch. 158** - An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Remote Participation. (H.P. 837, L.D. 1322)

**Ch. 159** - An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Records of Disciplinary Actions Against Public Employees. (H.P. 892, L.D. 1397)

**Ch. 160** - An Act Regarding Limits on Medication in Vending Machines. (H.P. 1040, L.D. 1615)

**Ch. 161** - An Act to Ensure Access to Federally Approved Opioid Overdose-reversing Medication. (S.P. 692, L.D. 1728)

**Ch. 162** - An Act to Strengthen Third-party Liability Requirements for the MaineCare Program. (S.P. 51, L.D. 84)

**Ch. 163** - An Act to Prohibit Off-trail Operation of a Snowmobile in an Area Closed to Off-trail Operation. (S.P. 290, L.D. 732)

**Ch. 164** - An Act to Require and Standardize Labeling of Water Treatment Equipment. (S.P. 334, L.D. 775)

**Ch. 165** - An Act Regarding Dental Licensure for Charitable Care. (S.P. 348, L.D. 789)

**Ch. 166** - An Act Regarding Licensure in the Field of Emergency Medical Services. (S.P. 390, L.D. 919)

**Ch. 167** - An Act to Advance the Maine Retirement Savings Program. (S.P. 451, L.D. 1082)

**Ch. 168** - An Act to Extend the Time for Certain Public Utilities Commission Proceedings. (S.P. 659, L.D. 1654)

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- Ch. 169** - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Eligibility Restrictions for Commercial Menhaden Fishing Licenses. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 940, L.D. 1444)
- Ch. 170** - An Act Concerning the Authority for Pharmacists to Administer Vaccines. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 478, L.D. 1151)
- Ch. 171** - An Act to Continue the Department of Education Diploma Program Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 370, L.D. 873)
- Ch. 172** - An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws as They Pertain to the Training of Dogs. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 352, L.D. 547)
- Ch. 173** - An Act to Allow Incentive Continuity Following a Catastrophic Occurrence Under the Pine Tree Development Zone and Major Food Processing and Manufacturing Facility Expansion Tax Credit Programs. (S.P. 80, L.D. 150)
- Ch. 174** - An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Use of Licensed Professional Engineers on Certain Public Works Projects. (S.P. 161, L.D. 354)
- Ch. 175** - An Act to Allow Nonalcoholic Sparkling Cider to Be Sold in Maine. (S.P. 196, L.D. 415)
- Ch. 176** - An Act to Simplify and Clarify the Licensing of Assisted Housing Facilities. (H.P. 292, L.D. 475)
- Ch. 177** - An Act to Require the State to Hold a Public Hearing in a Municipality Before the State Constructs a Solar Project in That Municipality. (S.P. 293, L.D. 735)
- Ch. 178** - An Act to Clarify Provisions of the Maine Good Samaritan Law. (S.P. 361, L.D. 864)
- Ch. 179** - An Act to Establish Parity in Tipping Laws for Restaurant Workers. (H.P. 559, L.D. 903)
- Ch. 180** - An Act Regarding Temporary Transfers of Elver Fishing Quotas for Medical Reasons. (S.P. 391, L.D. 920)
- Ch. 181** - An Act to Support the Distribution of Free Summer Lunches for Children. (H.P. 594, L.D. 947)
- Ch. 182** - An Act to Improve the Telecommunications Relay Services Council by Reducing Its Membership and Allowing for the Hiring of an Executive Director. (S.P. 434, L.D. 1065)
- Ch. 183** - An Act to Require Presentation of the Maine Charter School Commission's Annual Report. (H.P. 684, L.D. 1089)
- Ch. 184** - An Act to Expand and Strengthen the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program. (S.P. 561, L.D. 1394)
- Ch. 185** - An Act to Strengthen Freedom of Access Protections by Allowing Remote Meetings to Be Recorded. (H.P. 921, L.D. 1425)
- Ch. 186** - An Act Regarding Enhanced 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 744, L.D. 1828)
- Ch. 187** - An Act to Designate Deer Wintering Areas Under the Jurisdiction of the Bureau of Parks and Lands. (S.P. 742, L.D. 1826)
- Ch. 188** - An Act to Amend the Definition of "Educational Institution" Under the Maine Human Rights Act to Include Single-sex Educational Institutions. (H.P. 1165, L.D. 1833)

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- Ch. 189** - An Act Making Unified Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 164, L.D. 259) (Governor's Bill)

#### Private and Special Laws

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Monday, June 12, 2023

- Ch. 7** - An Act to Amend the Kennebunk Sewer District Charter. (S.P. 680, L.D. 1693)

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**Ch. 8** - An Act to Raise the Debt Limit of the Stonington Water Company. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 793, L.D. 1950)

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**Ch. 9** - An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by the City of Bath. (S.P. 736, L.D. 1821)

### Resolves

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Monday, June 12, 2023

**Ch. 33** - Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Study the Effects of Wake Boats on Shoreline Property and the Environment. (H.P. 230, L.D. 379)

**Ch. 34** - Resolve, to Update Allowable Limits on Mortuary Trusts for the Purposes of MaineCare Eligibility. (S.P. 201, L.D. 446)

**Ch. 35** - Resolve, Naming a Pond in Elm Stream Township as Plummer Pond. (H.P. 430, L.D. 661)

**Ch. 36** - Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Examine Issues Related to Moose Hunting Seasons. (H.P. 520, L.D. 831)

**Ch. 37** - Resolve, to Study Implementation of a Program to Provide Trauma-informed Training for Law Enforcement Officers at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. (H.P. 536, L.D. 847)

**Ch. 38** - Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Amend Its Rules Regarding Adjunct Faculty at Public Colleges and Universities. (H.P. 593, L.D. 946)

**Ch. 39** - Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission to Initiate a Proceeding to Explore Strategies to Procure Standard-offer Service in a Manner that Promotes the Stability of Residential Standard-offer Rates. (S.P. 406, L.D. 987)

**Ch. 40** - Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Report on the School Bus Driver Shortage. (H.P. 666, L.D. 1030)

**Ch. 41** - Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Develop and Distribute Guidance for Diploma Options at the Arthur R. Gould School. (H.P. 669, L.D. 1033)

**Ch. 42** - Resolve, to Study Expansion of Civics Education and Engagement Through the Secretary of State. (H.P. 808, L.D. 1260)

**Ch. 43** - Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Study and Report on Soil Carbon Sequestration Incentive Programs. (H.P. 1077, L.D. 1678)

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**Ch. 45** - Resolve, to Require the Maine National Guard to Sell Certain Property in Hallowell. (H.P. 151, L.D. 230)

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**Ch. 46** - Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to Enter into Certain Leases. (S.P. 664, L.D. 1659)

**Ch. 47** - Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission to Convene a Stakeholder Group Regarding Liquefied Propane Gas Systems and the So-called Dig Safe Law. (S.P. 599, L.D. 1479)

**Ch. 48** - Resolve, to Name 2 Brooks in the Town of Orient. (H.P. 1198, L.D. 1868)

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An Act to Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine. (EMERGENCY) (Submitted by the Revisor of Statutes pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 94.)

(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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