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Ch. 3 - An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 127, L.D. 206) (Governor's Bill)

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L.D. 764, S.P. 323

An Act to Ensure That Effective Dates of First Regular Session Direct Initiatives of Legislation Will Occur After the November 2023 Election. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 765, S.P. 324

An Act to Permit Recordings of a Protected Person to Be Admissible in Evidence. (Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

L.D. 766, S.P. 325

An Act Regarding the Residence of Incarcerated Persons for Voting Purposes. (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

L.D. 767, S.P. 326

An Act to Provide Uniform Protections from Retaliation for Maine Workers in Connection with the Exercise of Rights Protected Under the Laws Governing Employment Practices. (Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

L.D. 768, S.P. 327

An Act to Authorize State Political Parties to Opt Out of Ranked-choice Voting for Primary Elections. (Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin)

L.D. 769, S.P. 328

An Act to Reduce the Enrollment Requirement for Minor Political Parties That Seek Official Party Status. (Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin)

L.D. 770, S.P. 329

An Act to Prohibit Ballot Harvesting by Preventing a 3rd Person from Returning More than 2 Absentee Ballots per Day. (Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin)

L.D. 771, S.P. 330

An Act to Protect a Woman's Right to Withdraw Consent for an Abortion. (Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin)

L.D. 772, S.P. 331

An Act to Establish a Process to Vest Rights for Land Use Permit Applicants. (Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

L.D. 773, S.P. 332

An Act to Ensure Access by Parties and Attorneys to Records in Child and Adult Protection Proceedings. (Presented by Senator BAILEY of York)

L.D. 774, S.P. 333

An Act to Require the Maine State Housing Authority to Report to the Legislature on the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund. (Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

L.D. 775, S.P. 334

An Act to Require and Standardize Labeling of Water Treatment Equipment. (Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

L.D. 776, S.P. 335

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the Right to Bodily Autonomy. (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

L.D. 777, S.P. 336

An Act to Align the Minimum Rate of Pay for Manufacturers of Maine License Plates at the Maine State Prison with Maine's Minimum Wage Laws. (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

L.D. 778, S.P. 337

An Act Regarding Work Requirements for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents Under the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 779, S.P. 338

An Act to Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services. (Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin)

L.D. 780, S.P. 339

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Protect Personal Reproductive Autonomy. (Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

L.D. 781, S.P. 340

An Act to Protect Nursing Home Residents by Requiring Nursing Homes to Provide Silent Bed Alarms for Residents with Dementia. (Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

L.D. 782, S.P. 341

An Act to Support Statewide Economic Opportunities Through Strategic Investments of Property and Funds, Including Emergency Relief Funds. (Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland)

L.D. 783, S.P. 342

An Act to Protect Certain Private Emergency Services Personnel from Liability Under the Maine Tort Claims Act. (Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

L.D. 784, S.P. 343

An Act to Establish Welfare Work Requirements for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents. (Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin)

L.D. 785, S.P. 344

An Act to Create Accountability Within the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services. (Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington)

L.D. 786, S.P. 345

Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to Study Financial Incentives for Plumbing and Electrical Contractor Services. (Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington)

L.D. 787, S.P. 346

An Act to Create the New Maine Resident Service Coordination Program in the Department of Economic and Community Development. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 788, S.P. 347

Resolve, Directing the Treasurer of State to Review and Develop Options for Meeting the Banking Needs of the Cannabis Industry. (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

L.D. 789, S.P. 348

An Act Regarding Dental Licensure for Charitable Care. (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

L.D. 790, S.P. 349

An Act to Require Disclosure for Communications Paid for Using Maine Clean Election Act Funding. (Presented by Senator HARRINGTON of York)

L.D. 791, S.P. 350

An Act to Support the Maintenance of Historic Fort George in Castine. (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

L.D. 792, S.P. 351

An Act to Provide a Turnpike Gasoline Fairness Credit for Maine Turnpike Drivers. (Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin)

L.D. 793, S.P. 352

An Act to Support Municipal Services with Revenue Sharing. (Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin)

L.D. 794, S.P. 353

An Act to Expand the Membership of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women. (Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

L.D. 795, H.P. 484

An Act to Clarify Requirements for Moose Hunting Permittees. (Presented by Representative LANDRY of Farmington)

L.D. 796, H.P. 485

An Act Concerning Prior Authorizations for Health Care Provider Services. (Presented by Representative PRINGLE of Windham)

L.D. 797, H.P. 486

Resolve, to Authorize the Conveyance of Real Property to the Capitol Area Recreation Association. (Presented by Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta)

L.D. 798, H.P. 487

An Act to Eliminate the Antlerless Deer Permit Fee for Holders of Senior Complimentary and Senior Lifetime Hunting Licenses. (Presented by Representative LANDRY of Farmington)

L.D. 799, H.P. 488

An Act to Fund Patrol Positions for the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office. (Presented by Representative PERRY of Bangor)

L.D. 800, H.P. 489

An Act to Allow Hitchhiking at Night. (Presented by Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta)

L.D. 801, H.P. 490

An Act to Require Municipalities to Obtain Housing Units for Residents Experiencing Homelessness. (Presented by Representative PERRY of Bangor)

L.D. 802, H.P. 491

An Act to Increase the Maine Exclusion Amount for Estate Tax Exemptions. (Presented by Representative DUCHARME of Madison)

L.D. 803, H.P. 492

An Act Regarding Taxation. (Presented by Representative PERRY of Bangor)

L.D. 804, H.P. 493

An Act to Increase the Time Period for Notice to Terminate a Tenancy at Will. (Presented by Representative KESSLER of South Portland)

L.D. 805, H.P. 494

An Act to Provide That a Licensed Motor Vehicle Dealer May Claim a Credit for Sales Tax on the Purchase and Installation of Equipment to Be Used for the Charging of Electric Vehicles. (Presented by Representative PERRY of Bangor)

L.D. 806, H.P. 495

Resolve, to Study the Issue of Persons Who Go Missing in State Parks. (Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais)

L.D. 807, H.P. 496

An Act to Create the Small Communities Tourism Fund. (Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais)

L.D. 808, H.P. 497

An Act to Amend Laws Affecting Tuition at State-approved Schools. (Presented by Representative DAVIS of East Machias)

L.D. 809, H.P. 498

An Act to Allow Regional School Units with School Choice to Opt Out of School Choice. (Presented by Representative DILL of Old Town)

L.D. 810, H.P. 499

An Act to Create the Maine Family First Employer Program. (Presented by Representative JAUCH of Topsham)

L.D. 811, H.P. 500

An Act to Create a Restricted Senior Lobster and Crab Fishing License. (Presented by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft)

L.D. 812, H.P. 501

An Act to Assist Clerks in Facilitating Elections and to Improve Access to In-person Absentee Voting for Working People by Increasing Time for Absentee Ballot Processing and In-person Voting. (Presented by Representative SKOLD of Portland)

L.D. 813, H.P. 502

Resolve, to Study Methods to Increase Access to Medication-assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorder. (Presented by Representative EATON of Deer Isle)

L.D. 814, H.P. 503

An Act to Restrict the Daytime and Nighttime Killing of Coyotes. (Presented by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor)

L.D. 815, H.P. 504

An Act to Provide Energy Efficiency Program Outreach and Assistance to Manufactured Housing Residents. (Presented by Representative GOLEK of Harpswell)

L.D. 816, H.P. 505

An Act to Provide Integrated Behavioral Health Services to Sexual Violence Survivors. (Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

L.D. 817, H.P. 506

An Act to Allow the Crew Member of a Holder of an Elver Fishing License to Empty an Elver Fyke Net. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative STROUT of Harrington)

L.D. 818, H.P. 507

An Act to Establish an Emergency Fuel Reserve. (Presented by Representative HYMES of Waldo)

L.D. 819, H.P. 508

An Act to Reduce the Penalty for Operating a Motor Vehicle Under a Suspended License in Certain Situations. (Presented by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick)

L.D. 820, H.P. 509

Resolve, to Provide Support for an Early Intervention and Preschool Child Care Services Program in Kennebec County. (Presented by Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea)

L.D. 821, H.P. 510

Resolve, to Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services. (Presented by Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea)

L.D. 822, H.P. 511

An Act to Allow All Corporations to Self-insure Motor Vehicles. (Presented by Representative FOSTER of Dexter)

L.D. 823, H.P. 512

An Act to Reimburse the Town of Charleston for Expenses Related to the Mountain View Correctional Facility. (Presented by Representative FOSTER of Dexter)

L.D. 824, H.P. 513

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Review Reimbursement Rates for Nursing Facilities on Islands. (Presented by Representative EATON of Deer Isle)

L.D. 825, H.P. 514

An Act Relating to Transportation Services for MaineCare Members with Multiple Disabilities. (Presented by Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea)

L.D. 826, H.P. 515

An Act to Prohibit the Disposal of Certain Solar Panels in the State and to Require Bonds to Cover Disposal Costs. (Presented by Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea)

L.D. 827, H.P. 516

An Act to Allow Employees to Request Flexible Work Schedules. (Presented by Representative ROEDER of Bangor)

L.D. 828, H.P. 517

An Act to Ban the Drug Tianeptine. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea)

L.D. 829, H.P. 518

An Act to Improve Behavioral Health Support for Students in Public Schools. (Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle)

L.D. 830, H.P. 519

Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System to Study Providing On-campus Housing on All Campuses. (Presented by Representative HOBBS of Wells)

L.D. 831, H.P. 520

An Act Regarding Low Success Rates for Moose Hunting. (Presented by Representative WOOD of Greene)

L.D. 832, H.P. 521

An Act to Sustain the Medical Use of Cannabis Program. (Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland)

L.D. 833, H.P. 522

An Act to Prohibit Persons Who Donate to a Governor's Transition Committee and Inaugural Committee from Registering as Lobbyists. (Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland)

L.D. 834, H.P. 523

An Act to Ensure Transparency in the Labeling of Meat as Grass-fed. (Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland)

L.D. 835, H.P. 524

An Act to Phase Out the Income Tax. (Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland)

L.D. 836, H.P. 525

An Act to Codify Forfeiture by Wrongdoing as an Exception to the Rule Against Hearsay. (Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

L.D. 837, H.P. 526

An Act to Ensure College Credit Classes Taken in Secondary School Are Credited at the University Level. (Presented by Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls)

L.D. 838, H.P. 527

An Act to Identify the State's Unidentified Human Remains. (Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland)

L.D. 839, H.P. 528

An Act to Allow On-premises Consumption of Adult Use Cannabis and Adult Use Cannabis Products on the Premises of Cannabis Store Licensees. (Presented by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor)

L.D. 840, H.P. 529

An Act to Support Individuals with Personality Disorder or Emotional Dysregulation by Requiring Reimbursement Under the MaineCare Program. (Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville)

L.D. 841, H.P. 530

An Act to Permit a Short-term Waiver from the Minimum Wage for Chronically Unemployed Individuals. (Presented by Representative WALKER of Naples)

L.D. 842, H.P. 531

An Act to Strengthen the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority by Inviting Participation on the Board of Directors by and Negotiating for Funding from the State of New Hampshire and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. (Presented by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick)

L.D. 843, H.P. 532

An Act to Improve Income Tax Progressivity by Establishing a New Top Individual Income Tax Rate. (Presented by Representative OSHER of Orono)

L.D. 844, H.P. 533

An Act to Protect the Practice of Certain Cardiovascular Professionals. (Presented by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth)

L.D. 845, H.P. 534

An Act to Require Labeling and Signs to Warn Consumers About the Harmful Effects of Cannabis on Animals. (Presented by Representative CARLOW of Buxton)

L.D. 846, H.P. 535

An Act to Require Direct Wine Shippers to Comply with Maine Beverage Container Laws. (Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

L.D. 847, H.P. 536

An Act to Support Law Enforcement in Interactions with Individuals with Histories of Trauma. (Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

L.D. 848, H.P. 537

An Act to Expunge Certain Nonviolent Drug Crimes. (Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

L.D. 849, H.P. 538

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group to Review the Process for Ongoing Review of Tax Expenditures by the Legislature. (Presented by Representative TERRY of Gorham)

L.D. 850, H.P. 539

An Act to Require State Agencies to Complete the Rulemaking Process Within One Year of a Legislative Directive to Adopt Rules. (Presented by Representative CARLOW of Buxton)

L.D. 851, H.P. 541

An Act to Clarify That Maine Holds Title to Its Intertidal Lands. (Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

L.D. 852, H.P. 542

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Change the Length of Legislators' Terms to 4 Years. (Presented by Representative WHITE of Waterville)

L.D. 853, H.P. 543

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to Housing. (Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

L.D. 854, H.P. 544

An Act to Fund the Protection and Restoration of Riparian and Estuarine Ecosystems and to Impose an Excise Tax on Certain Bottled Water Operators. (Presented by Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk)

L.D. 855, H.P. 545

An Act to Provide That the Minimum Wage Increases by the Rolling Average of the Cost of Living of the Previous 3 Years. (Presented by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro)

L.D. 856, H.P. 546

An Act to Reduce Recurring Workplace Harassment and Provide Consequences for Serial Offenders. (Presented by Representative OSHER of Orono)

L.D. 857, S.P. 354

An Act to Improve Family Team Meetings in Child Welfare Cases to Ensure Better Outcomes for Children by Providing Adequate Funding. (Presented by Senator BAILEY of York)

L.D. 858, S.P. 355

An Act to Require the State to Invest in Federal Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 859, S.P. 356

An Act to Assess, Develop, Implement and Fund the Reuse of Existing Facilities at Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center to Provide Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder and Homelessness Services. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 860, S.P. 357

An Act to Identify the Railroad Lines from Portland to Bangor as a Major Corridor and to Fund a Feasibility Study. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 861, S.P. 358

An Act to Identify the Canadian Pacific Railway Railroad Lines from Hermon Station Through Brownville and Jackman to Quebec and Montreal as a Major Corridor and to Fund a Feasibility Study. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 862, S.P. 359

An Act to Move Jurisdiction over Railroad Lines from the Department of Transportation to an Independent Rail Authority. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 863, S.P. 360

An Act to Require an Analysis Prior to the Start of State-funded Building Construction over \$1,000,000. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 864, S.P. 361

An Act to Clarify Provisions of the Maine Good Samaritan Law. (Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox)

L.D. 865, S.P. 362

An Act to Clarify the Roles and Responsibilities of the Board of Environmental Protection by Adjusting the Requirements for Certain Hearings and for Certain Agencies by Adjusting the Requirements for Cost-Benefit Analysis. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 866, S.P. 363

An Act to Improve Visibility and Restore the Beauty of Maine's Roadways by Limiting Signs in the Public Right-of-way. (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

L.D. 867, S.P. 364

An Act Regarding Undesignated Ready-to-use Glucagon Rescue Therapies in Schools. (Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot)

L.D. 868, S.P. 365

An Act to Extend the Protections of the Maine Civil Rights Act to Actions That Cause Emotional Distress or Fear of Violence. (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

L.D. 869, S.P. 366

An Act to Protect Education Access by Prohibiting a Mandate for Schoolchildren for a COVID-19 Vaccine or a Vaccine Under an Emergency Use Authorization. (Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

L.D. 870, S.P. 367

An Act to Strengthen Freedom of Speech Protections by Extending Laws Against Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

L.D. 871, S.P. 368

An Act to Provide Support for the Maine Discovery Museum's Informal Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education Programs Throughout the State. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 872, S.P. 369

An Act to Ensure That Adequate State Resources Are Available to Provide In-person Response to Calls Received on the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 873, S.P. 370

An Act to Continue the Department of Education Diploma Program Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 874, S.P. 371

An Act to Address the Shortage of Direct Care Workers for Children with Disabilities in Maine. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 875, S.P. 372

An Act to Allow Mini-trucks to Be Operated on Roads in the State. (Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

L.D. 876, S.P. 373

An Act to Expand Access to Oral Health Care in Rural Maine by Allowing Certain Out-of-state Dentists to Practice in Dental Clinics in the State. (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

L.D. 877, S.P. 374

An Act to Prohibit State Contracts with Companies Owned or Operated by the Government of the People's Republic of China. (Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

L.D. 878, S.P. 375

An Act to Improve Child Welfare. (Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

L.D. 879, S.P. 376

An Act to Place Restrictions on Candidate Speech and Clothing, Buttons and Other Items at Voting Places. (Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin)

L.D. 880, S.P. 377

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Initiate a Service Development Plan for Commuter and Passenger Train Service Between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area. (Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin)

L.D. 881, H.P. 547

Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Development of a Course Regarding the Use of Manufactured Wood Products. (Presented by Representative ZAGER of Portland)

L.D. 882, H.P. 548

An Act to Allow Nonmunicipal Emergency Medical Services Providers to Be Considered State Employees for Purposes of Certain Benefits. (Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook)

L.D. 883, H.P. 549

An Act to Exempt Emergency Medical Services Community Paramedicine Programs from Home Health Care Provider Licensing Requirements. (Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook)

L.D. 884, H.P. 550

Resolve, to Study the Creation of a State Employee and Legislative Child Care Center. (Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

L.D. 885, H.P. 551

An Act to Help First-time Home Buyers in Maine. (Presented by Representative SKOLD of Portland)

L.D. 886, H.P. 552

An Act to Allow Clerks to Issue Absentee Ballots After the 3rd Business Day Before Election Day to Voters Who Have a Nonphysical Disability and Voters Who Support a Person with a Disability. (Presented by Representative OSHER of Orono)

(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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