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131st LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

BILLS ENACTED

Public Laws

Signed by the Governor
Thursday, February 29, 2024

Ch. 506 - An Act to Require the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and the Board of Examiners in Physical Therapy to Obtain Fingerprint-based Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Background Checks for Applicants for Licensure. (H.P. 1319, L.D. 2057)

Ch. 507 - An Act to Exclude Certain Operating Under the Influence Crimes from the Immunity Provisions That Are Triggered When Law Enforcement Is Called for a Suspected Overdose. (H.P. 1316, L.D. 2054)

Ch. 508 - An Act Regarding the Duties of Bail Commissioners. (H.P. 1313, L.D. 2051)

Ch. 509 - An Act Regarding Compliance with Environmental Permit and License Application Requirements. (H.P. 1320, L.D. 2058)

Ch. 510 - An Act to Clarify Liability Under the Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Site Law and to Waive a Fee Regarding Voluntary Response Action Plans. (H.P. 1328, L.D. 2066)

Ch. 511 - An Act Removing the Lobster Advisory Council from the State Government Evaluation Act Review Requirements. (H.P. 1415, L.D. 2208)

Ch. 512 - An Act to Clarify the Roles and Responsibilities of the Board of Environmental Protection. (S.P. 362, L.D. 865)

Ch. 513 - An Act to Amend the Maine Cooperative Affordable Housing Ownership Act. (H.P. 960, L.D. 1505)

Ch. 514 - An Act to Require Broadband Internet Access Service Providers to Prorate Customer Bills. (H.P. 1240, L.D. 1932)

Ch. 515 - An Act to Restore the Board of Dental Practice's Authority to Issue Letters of Guidance. (H.P. 1302, L.D. 2040)

Ch. 516 - An Act to Increase the Expenditure Limit for Informal Bidding Processes and Update References to the Office of Procurement Services. (H.P. 1309, L.D. 2047)

Private and Special Laws

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Thursday, February 29, 2024

Ch. 17 - An Act to Transfer the Monhegan Water Company to Monhegan Plantation and to Repeal the Monhegan Water Company Charter. (H.P. 231, L.D. 380)

Resolves

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Ch. 130 - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 355: Coastal Sand Dune Rules, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection. (H.P. 1389, L.D. 2168)

Ch. 131 - Resolve, to Correct the Designation of a Bridge in Canaan to Be Named After Staff Sergeant Richard Gerald Salsbury. (S.P. 928, L.D. 2183)

Ch. 132 - Resolve, Designating Route 127 in Arrowsic the Private Merwin A. Delano, Jr. Memorial Highway. (H.P. 1318, L.D. 2056)

(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, MARCH 1, 2024**L.D. 2228, H.P. 1430**

An Act to Establish the Wabanaki Veterans Memorial. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 2229, H.P. 1431

An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund and Other Funds and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025. (EMERGENCY) (Governor's Bill) (Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle)

L.D. 2230, S.P. 955

An Act to Change Department of Health and Human Services Rules Regarding Youth Camps to Major Substantive Rules. (Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland)

L.D. 2231, S.P. 956

Resolve, to Promote Access to Education and Workforce Development by Transferring Ownership of the Hutchinson Center Property in Belfast to the City of Belfast. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

L.D. 2232, I.B. 5

An Act to Limit Contributions to Political Action Committees That Make Independent Expenditures. (Transmitted to the Clerk of the 131st Maine Legislature by the Secretary of State on February 27, 2024 and ordered printed.)

L.D. 2233, H.P. 1432

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 255: Workers' Compensation Fronting Companies, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance. (EMERGENCY) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 and approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council.)

L.D. 2234, H.P. 1433

An Act to Require Telephone Solicitors to Use the Reassigned Numbers Database. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology pursuant to Public Law 2023, chapter 144, section 6.)

L.D. 2235, H.P. 1434

Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the State Court Administrator and the Executive Director of the Legislative Council to Add a 3rd Option for Gender on State Forms. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 76, section 2.)

L.D. 2236, H.P. 1435

An Act to Expand the List of Crimes Eligible for a Post-judgment Motion to Seal Criminal History Record Information to Include Convictions for Possession and Cultivation of Marijuana. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 103, section 7.)

L.D. 2237, H.P. 1437

An Act to Strengthen Public Safety, Health and Well-being by Expanding Services and Coordinating Violence Prevention Resources. (Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

L.D. 2238, S.P. 958

An Act to Address Gun Violence in Maine by Requiring a Waiting Period for Certain Firearm Purchases. (Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin)

L.D. 2239, S.P. 959

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Mechanic Falls the Bill Dunlop Memorial Bridge. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 2240, S.P. 960

An Act to Implement Protections Against Deed Fraud. (Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York)

(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.)