

STATE OF MAINE
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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IDEA	65	An Act to Require That Printing Services Provided to the General Public by the University of Maine System Be Provided at Market Rates	Reported Out	ONTP		3/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
IDEA	93	An Act to Ensure Access for All Caregivers to Diaper Changing Stations in State Buildings Open to the Public	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/22/23					S1
IDEA	103	Resolve, Directing the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council to Study Incentives for the Provision of Child Care in Maine	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		5/17/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	28		S1
IDEA	105	An Act to Prohibit Minimum Usage or Tank Rental Fees for Certain Propane Customers	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/17/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
IDEA	150	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	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/1/23	Enacted	PL	173		S1
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IDEA	184	An Act to Provide for the 2023 and 2024 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/17/23	Emergency Enacted	P&S	5		S1
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IDEA	262	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Workforce	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IDEA	281	An Act to Require Ski Area Safety Plans and Reporting	Reported Out	ONTP		4/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IDEA	284	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IDEA	323	An Act to Improve Compliance with Maine's Implied Warranty Law	Reported Out	ONTP		4/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IDEA	342	An Act to Streamline Licensing by Matching Federal Licensing Requirements for Occupations Licensed Federally	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IDEA	366	An Act to Promote Workforce Development	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IDEA	374	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 12: Transportation of Human Remains, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine State Board of Funeral Service	Reported Out	OTP		5/11/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	20		S1
IDEA	377	An Act to Relieve Student Debt	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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IDEA	532	An Act to Simplify the Plumbing and Heating Licensing Process	Reported Out	ONTP		3/28/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
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IDEA	787	An Act to Create the New Maine Resident Service Coordination Program in the Department of Economic and Community Development	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/12/23					S1
IDEA	807	An Act to Create the Small Communities Tourism Fund	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
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IDEA	890	An Act to Create the Child Care Provider Student Loan Repayment Fund	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IDEA	941	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study Improvements to Conventional Infrastructure and Storm Water Management at the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/30/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
IDEA	950	An Act to Authorize Kickboxing and Muay Thai Competition Under the Combat Sports Authority of Maine	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/17/23	Enacted	PL	152		S1
IDEA	975	An Act to Align Maine's Elevator Safety Laws with Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Standards	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/17/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	149		S1

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IDEA	1157	An Act to Stabilize Licensing Fees	Reported Out	ONTP		5/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
IDEA	1169	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		5/17/23	Enacted	PL	456		S1
IDEA	1198	Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to Convene an Advisory Council to Improve the State's 10-year Economic Development Strategy	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	68		S1
IDEA	1256	An Act to Increase Access to Oral Health Care by Expanding the Maine Dental Education Loan Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/8/23	Enacted	PL	130		S1
IDEA	1281	An Act to Protect Economic Competitiveness in Maine by Extending the End Date for Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23					S1
IDEA	1286	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Economy Task Force to Support Maine's Emergence as a Center for Blue Economy Innovation and Opportunity in the 21st Century	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/13/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	119		S1
IDEA	1291	An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Provide for Statewide and Equitable Access to Experiential Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/12/23	Died Between Houses				S1
IDEA	1306	An Act to Protect Homeowners from Unfair Agreements to Exclusively List Residential Real Estate for Sale	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	290		S1

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IDEA	1487	An Act to Ensure That Residents of the State Have the Right to Repair Their Own Electronic Devices	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
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IDEA	1605	An Act to Amend the Terms of the Members of the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors by Requiring Staggered Terms	Reported Out	OTP		4/27/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	76		S1
IDEA	1628	An Act to Reform the Occupational Licensing Regime by Including Portability and Removing Good Character Requirements	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
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IDEA	1709	An Act to Update the Elevator and Tramway Safety Laws Regarding Construction Hoists	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	326		S1
IDEA	1713	An Act to Update Electrical Education and Other Licensure Requirements for Electricians	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	327		S1
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IDEA	1918	An Act to Modernize Maine's Business Incentive Programs by Creating the Dirigo Business Incentives Program and Eliminating Certain Other Tax Incentive Programs	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1
IDEA	1927	An Act to Create the Rural Prosperity Council	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IDEA	1929	An Act to Protect Consumers by Licensing Home Building Contractors	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
IDEA	1981	An Act to Extend and Expand the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
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IDEA	1997	An Act to Implement Critical Reforms to the Department of Environmental Protection Outlined in the State COVID-19 Reopening Plan	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
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LD 32 An Act to Update the Maine State Grant Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 23 updates the Maine State Grant Program as a result of recently enacted federal legislation pertaining to free application for federal student aid simplification and associated terminology. It also removes the term "expected family contribution" from the governing laws and replaces it with "student aid index."

LD 46 An Act to Amend the Statutory Balance Limit on the Finance Authority of Maine's Loan Insurance Reserves

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 422 increases the cap on the combined amount that the Finance Authority of Maine may have in its Loan Insurance Reserve and Finance Authority of Maine Mortgage Insurance Fund from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000. Below that cap a transfer of up to \$1,000,000 from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund is allowed under certain circumstances.

LD 103 Resolve, Directing the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council to Study Incentives for the Provision of Child Care in Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 28 directs the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council to identify and consider certain issues related to the provision of child care for parents working in this State, identify and consider mechanisms for overcoming identified obstacles, identify entities already conducting work related to those issues and submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business summarizing its findings no later than January 15, 2024. The Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 150 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

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 173 allows a company to subtract the reduction in its base level of employment established for an incentive program related to the locations that were affected by a catastrophic occurrence, lowering the base level of employment the company needs to maintain

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due to the catastrophic occurrence. It affects the Pine Tree Development Zone program and the tax credit for major food processing and manufacturing facility expansion.

LD 170 An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Director of the Real Estate Commission to Investigate Complaints

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 114 updates existing law to clarify that the director of the Real Estate Commission must, upon receipt of a written complaint, review the complaint to determine whether the complaint describes a violation of law or rule that is within the authority of the commission to enforce. If the director determines that a complaint does not describe a violation of law or rule that is within the authority of the commission to enforce, the director must notify the person who submitted the complaint of that determination. If the director determines that the complaint does describe a violation of law or rule that is within the authority of the commission to enforce, the director must investigate the actions described in the complaint and take appropriate actions.

LD 184 An Act to Provide for the 2023 and 2024 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 5 establishes the allocations of the state ceiling on issuance of tax-exempt private activity bonds for calendar years 2023 and 2024 among the state-level issuers of tax-exempt bonds.

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 5 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 30, 2023.

LD 203 Resolve, to Create a Working Group to Study Motor Vehicle Dealer Display Area and Licensing Requirements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 19 directs the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles to convene a working group to study motor vehicle dealer display area regulations and licensing requirements, establishes the membership and duties of the working group and requires the bureau to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business by January 15, 2024.

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LD 238 Resolve, Regarding Mortgage Assistance for Persons with Illnesses Related to COVID-19

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 58 directs the Maine State Housing Authority to continue its current programs providing mortgage assistance to residents of the State and submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business summarizing its implementation of the programs and analyzing the effectiveness of the programs in alleviating the financial burdens faced by those suffering the impact of illnesses or other factors related to COVID-19, no later than February 1, 2024. It also allows the committee to report out legislation related to the information provided in the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 374 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 12: Transportation of Human Remains, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine State Board of Funeral Service

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 20 provides legislative authorization for the final adoption of Chapter 12: Transportation of Human Remains, a major substantive rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine State Board of Funeral Service.

Resolve 2023, chapter 20 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 1, 2023.

LD 675 Resolve, to Improve the Convenience of Public Restrooms

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 65 requires the Plumbers' Examining Board to update Maine's plumbing code to ensure consistency with the provisions of the 2024 Uniform Plumbing Code that relate to the minimum number of required fixtures in public restrooms.

LD 677 An Act to Ensure Consumer Protection from Resale Ticket Vendors

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public law 2023, chapter 335 requires that for-profit ticket resellers that engage in the resale of tickets in this State and whose primary business is the sale or resale of tickets must refund the amount paid by the customer if the event for which a ticket was purchased is cancelled, the ticket is not accepted by the entity holding the event, the ticket is cancelled by the entity holding the entertainment event or the person who purchased the ticket does not receive the ticket in time to

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attend the event. The law also makes violation of the ticket reseller requirements an unfair trade practice.

LD 755 An Act to Promote Higher Blends of Biofuel by Regulating the Sale or Transfer of Biofuel

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 43 amends definitions applicable to the sale of biodiesel, biomass-based diesel, biomass-based diesel blends and biodiesel blends. It requires a person that transfers fuel containing biodiesel, biomass-based diesel, biomass-based diesel blends and biodiesel blends to prepare and maintain a transfer document.

LD 950 An Act to Authorize Kickboxing and Muay Thai Competition Under the Combat Sports Authority of Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 152 adds definitions for "kickboxing" and "Muay Thai" to the laws governing mixed martial arts and boxing, brings kickboxing and Muay Thai under the jurisdiction of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine and exempts kickboxing and Muay Thai, as authorized by the authority, from the crime of unlawful prize fighting.

LD 975 An Act to Align Maine's Elevator Safety Laws with Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Standards

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 149 requires that whenever a passenger elevator is installed in a building being newly constructed or in a new addition that extends beyond the exterior walls of an existing building, at least one passenger elevator must reach every story within the building and be of sufficient size to allow the transport of a person on an ambulance stretcher in the fully supine position, without having to raise, lower or bend the stretcher in any way. It also provides that "story" has the same meaning as in the International Building Code, as adopted by the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal, Technical Building Codes and Standards Board.

Public Law 2023, chapter 149 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 12, 2023.

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LD 1169 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 456 changes the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program to a grant program and increases the maximum allowable distribution of funds per applicant from \$700 to \$1,000.

LD 1198 Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to Convene an Advisory Council to Improve the State's 10-year Economic Development Strategy

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 68 directs the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to update the State's economic development strategy to ensure that it provides a 10-year plan for economic development statewide and directs the commissioner to establish an advisory council to assist the commissioner in updating the strategy. No later than December 6, 2023 the commissioner is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business, and the committee may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature based on the information provided in the report.

LD 1256 An Act to Increase Access to Oral Health Care by Expanding the Maine Dental Education Loan Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 130 expands eligibility for the Maine Dental Education Loan Program to include dental hygienists, dental therapists, expanded function dental assistants and dental assistants.

LD 1286 Resolve, to Establish the Blue Economy Task Force to Support Maine's Emergence as a Center for Blue Economy Innovation and Opportunity in the 21st Century

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 119 directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to convene the blue economy task force. It defines the term "blue economy," designates who must be part of the task force, requires the task force to consult with individuals and entities representing certain business sectors not included on the task force, as well as federally recognized Indian tribes in the State and narrows the scope of the task force's duties. The task force is required to submit

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a written report to the Governor and the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business no later than February 1, 2025. The joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the findings and recommendations in the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

LD 1306 An Act to Protect Homeowners from Unfair Agreements to Exclusively List Residential Real Estate for Sale

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 290 prohibits the creation of a long-term agreement with an owner of residential real estate that includes a provision that purports to bind any future owner of the property; allow for the assignment of the real estate brokerage services without the consent of the owner; create any lien, encumbrance or other real property security interest; or obligate the owner to pay a fee or commission upon the sale of the residential real estate that is not the result of real estate brokerage services provided under the agreement.

LD 1318 Resolve, Directing the Maine Technology Institute to Review Targeted Technology Sectors and Industry Clusters

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 24 directs the Maine Technology Institute to review the targeted technology sectors and the industry clusters to determine whether the laws governing the sectors and clusters should be amended. The institute is required to solicit public input during the review. The resolve requires the institute to submit a report on the results of the review, including findings, recommendations and suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business, and the committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 1605 An Act to Amend the Terms of the Members of the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors by Requiring Staggered Terms

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 76 requires that the Governor, in making initial appointments of the members of the Board of Directors of the Maine Space Corporation, appoint the members for staggered terms.

Public Law 2023, chapter 76 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 11, 2023.

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LD 1709 An Act to Update the Elevator and Tramway Safety Laws Regarding Construction Hoists

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 326 defines "construction hoist" and requires the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to adopt rules regarding the proper operation of construction hoists and training requirements for construction hoist operators. It also provides that, after the rules are adopted, a person may not operate a construction hoist except as in accordance with the rules.

LD 1713 An Act to Update Electrical Education and Other Licensure Requirements for Electricians

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 327 amends the laws governing the licensing of electricians to eliminate unintended barriers for applicants seeking to complete the requisite electrical education needed to qualify to take an examination and requires the Electricians' Examining Board to establish in rule the minimum curriculum requirements for a program of study. The board is not required to approve any individual program of study or accredited institution as long as the offered course of study meets the coursework requirements set forth in rule. The law also does the following.

1. It reorganizes the current structure of the law regarding what is required in order for an applicant to qualify to take an examination and what is required at the stage the individual applies for a license after passage of an examination.
2. It clarifies that the board may require a person to first pass an examination approved by the board in order to obtain a limited electrician license.
3. For the journeyman, master and limited electrician categories of licensure, it provides that all applicants for licensure must have completed a 45-hour course in the National Electrical Code within two years of applying for a license.
4. For the journeyman-in-training electrician examination it allows an applicant to qualify for examination by completing at least 6,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations as a licensed apprentice electrician and a 576-hour course of study as adopted by the Electricians' Examining Board or a course of study approved by the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship or by a state apprenticeship agency recognized by the Office of Apprenticeship.

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ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this Digest; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 1918 An Act to Modernize Maine's Business Incentive Programs by Creating the Dirigo Business Incentives Program and Eliminating Certain Other Tax Incentive Programs

Although this bill died on adjournment on July 26, 2023, the version of the bill represented in the committee amendment was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, part J, which creates the Dirigo business incentives program to provide a tax credit to qualified businesses. The program provides an exemption from the requirement for confidentiality of tax records for information disclosed as part of certain reports to the Department of Economic and Community Development and legislative committees regarding the Dirigo business incentives program. It extends the end date of the Pine Tree Development Zone program by one year, eliminates the Pine Tree Recreation Zone program and eliminates the Maine capital investment credit as of January 1, 2025. It allows a business participating in the Dirigo business incentives program to qualify for certain benefits currently available to businesses participating in the Pine Tree Development Zone program, including electricity discount rates and exemption from certain requirements for the sale of electricity. It prohibits issuing a certificate of approval for employment tax increment financing after December 31, 2024 and eliminates the employment tax increment financing benefits as of December 31, 2034.