

Weekly **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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131st LEGISLATURE
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Public Laws

Became law without the Governor's Signature
Sunday, April 21, 2024

Ch. 641 - An Act to Change the Requirement for Edible Cannabis Products to Be Stamped or Embossed on Each Serving with a Universal Symbol. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1371, L.D. 2147)

Ch. 642 - An Act to Clarify the Use of Public Equipment on Public Easements. (S.P. 982, L.D. 2264)

Signed by the Governor
Monday, April 22, 2024

Ch. 643 - An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General 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. (H.P. 1420, L.D. 2214) (Governor's Bill)

Ch. 644 - An Act to Protect Property Owners by Making Certain Changes to the Laws Governing the Use of Eminent Domain by Transmission and Distribution Utilities. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 880, L.D. 2087)

Ch. 645 - 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) (H.P. 1431, L.D. 2229) (Governor's Bill)

Ch. 646 - An Act to Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1478, L.D. 2290)

Ch. 647 - An Act Regarding the Criminal Jurisdiction of Tribal Courts and to Extend the Time for the Penobscot Nation to Certify Its Agreement to Public Law 2023, Chapter 369. (H.P. 1287, L.D. 2007)

Ch. 648 - An Act Regarding Legally Protected Health Care Activity in the State. (H.P. 148, L.D. 227)

Ch. 649 - An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute. (H.P. 182, L.D. 284)

Ch. 650 - An Act to Eliminate the Cannabis Advisory Commission. (S.P. 162, L.D. 355)

Ch. 651 - An Act to Increase Enforcement and Accountability for Wage Violations. (S.P. 179, L.D. 372)

Ch. 652 - An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Promote the Design, Development and Maintenance of Trails for Outdoor Recreation and Active Transportation. (H.P. 728, L.D. 1156)

Ch. 653 - An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Restore Historic Community Buildings. (H.P. 568, L.D. 912)

Ch. 654 - An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Research and Development and Commercialization. (S.P. 197, L.D. 416)

Ch. 655 - An Act Regarding Licensing Fees for Small Slot Machine Distributors. (S.P. 221, L.D. 504)

Ch. 656 - An Act to Expand the Membership of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women. (S.P. 353, L.D. 794)

Ch. 657 - An Act Directing the Department of Transportation to Adopt Rules Regarding Corrosion Mitigation Methods for Steel Bridges. (S.P. 657, L.D. 1640)

Ch. 658 - An Act to Create a Sustainable Funding Source for Recovery Community Centers Using a Percentage of the Adult Use Cannabis Tax Revenue. (H.P. 1103, L.D. 1714)

Ch. 659 - An Act to Facilitate the Provision of Medically Appropriate Levels of Care for Clients of Correctional Facilities. (H.P. 1193, L.D. 1863)

- Ch. 660** - An Act Regarding the Future of Renewable Energy Transmission in Northern Maine. (S.P. 799, L.D. 1963)
- Ch. 661** - An Act to Ensure Access to Pain Management Services in Health Insurance Plans. (S.P. 889, L.D. 2096)
- Ch. 662** - An Act to Replace the Money Transmitters Act. (S.P. 905, L.D. 2112)
- Ch. 663** - An Act to Prohibit Unfair Practices Related to the Collection of Medical Debt. (S.P. 908, L.D. 2115)
- Ch. 664** - An Act to Join the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact. (H.P. 1361, L.D. 2137)
- Ch. 665** - An Act to Allow Equitable Compensation of Certain Board Members. (H.P. 1376, L.D. 2152)
- Ch. 666** - An Act to Remove the Age-related Statutory Prerequisite for Sealing Criminal History Record Information. (H.P. 1423, L.D. 2218)
- Ch. 667** - An Act to Create an Income Tax Credit for Investments in a Team's Qualified Minor League Baseball Facility to Keep the Team in the State. (S.P. 975, L.D. 2258)
- Ch. 668** - An Act to Increase Funding for the Snowmobile Trail Fund and the ATV Recreational Management Fund. (H.P. 1463, L.D. 2276)
- Ch. 669** - An Act to Adopt the National 2022 Amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code. (H.P. 59, L.D. 91)

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- Ch. 670** - An Act to Add the State of Maine to the Compact for Licensing Physician Assistants. (H.P. 1305, L.D. 2043)
- Ch. 671** - An Act Regarding the Current Use Valuation of Working Waterfront Property. (H.P. 1384, L.D. 2162)

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- Ch. 672** - An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients to Improve Facility Fee Transparency and Notification. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 987, L.D. 2271)

Signed by the Governor
Friday, April 26, 2024

- Ch. 673** - An Act to Change the Taxation of Rental Tangible Personal Property to Make It Consistent with the Predominant Method in Other States' Rental Industry Laws for Sales and Use Tax. (H.P. 1278, L.D. 2000)
- Ch. 674** - An Act to Enact the Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact. (H.P. 1364, L.D. 2140)
- Ch. 675** - An Act to Strengthen Public Safety by Improving Maine's Firearm Laws and Mental Health System. (S.P. 953, L.D. 2224) (Governor's Bill)

Resolves

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Monday, April 22, 2024

- Ch. 172** - Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Convey Peacock Beach State Park to the Town of Richmond. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1323, L.D. 2061)
- Ch. 173** - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: Maine Unified Special Education Regulation Birth to Age Twenty-Two, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1395, L.D. 2180)
- Ch. 174** - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Milk Commission. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1402, L.D. 2188)
- Ch. 175** - Resolve, Approving the 2024 Draft and Arrangement of the Constitution of Maine Incorporating Amendments Approved at Referendum in 2023 and Providing for Its Publication and Distribution. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1480, L.D. 2291)
- Ch. 176** - Resolve, to Rename Bridges in the Towns of Limerick, Hiram and Limington. (S.P. 183, L.D. 402)
- Ch. 177** - Resolve, Directing the Superintendent of Insurance to Collect Data from Health Insurers Related to Prescription Drug Coverage of Generic Drugs and Biosimilars. (S.P. 907, L.D. 2114)

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Ch. 178 - 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) (H.P. 1432, L.D. 2233)

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Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Ch. 179 - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 20: Rules for the Licensure of Adult Use Cannabis Establishments, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1393, L.D. 2178)

Ch. 180 - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 30: Compliance Rules for Adult Use Cannabis Establishments, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1400, L.D. 2186)

Ch. 181 - Resolve, to Require a Stakeholder Group to Participate in the Development of Rules Regarding Youth Camps. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 955, L.D. 2230)

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Ch. 182 - Resolve, to Review the Timeliness of Contract Payments by the Department of Health and Human Services. (S.P. 875, L.D. 2082)

(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.)

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