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Bill Requests For Screening

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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DEPT

POWERS

LR: 2781 Sponsor: Representative Paul, R of Winterport

Title: An Act to Protect the Cultural Resources and Historical Heritage of Sears Island in Searsport

Comment: This bill would grant a conservation easement to Maine Coast Heritage Trust for the entirety of Sears Island that is not privately owned.

LR: 2960 Sponsor: Senator Ingwersen, H of York

Title: An Act to Address Food Insecurity by Helping Maine Residents Access Locally Produced Food

Comment: This bill would establish ongoing funding for the Fund To Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 568 Senator Pouliot, M

ANIMALS

COMPANION

LR: 2935 Sponsor: Representative Sheehan, E of Biddeford

Title: An Act to Establish the Animal Law Enforcement Response Team

Comment: This bill would establish the Animal Law Enforcement Response Team to provide a coalition of trained professionals to assist with and enhance the enforcement of the State's animal laws, either by consultation or physical response. Team members would include police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors and animal control professionals.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1121 Senator Harrington, M

ANIMALS

KENNELS

LR: 2814 Sponsor: Senator Bailey, D of York

Title: An Act to Strengthen Oversight of Municipal Kennels by Changing the Licensing Body of Municipal Kennel Licenses from the Municipality to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Comment: This bill would change the licensing body of municipal kennel licenses from the municipality that the kennel is in to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, which oversees all other kennel licenses. The bill would set forth the requirements for license approval by the department along with a fee structure determined by the number of animals kept. The bill would also give animal welfare agents the authority to inspect municipal kennels and revoke licenses under specific circumstances.

Potential JR 217: LD 157 Representative Perkins, C

ANIMALS

PETS

LR: 2724 Sponsor: Representative Doudera, V of Camden

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ANIMALS

PETS

Title: An Act to Address the Rise in Rabies Rates by Appointing Certified Rabies Vaccine Administrators

Comment: This bill would create volunteer certified rabies vaccine administrators who would address the problem of rising rabies rates in Maine.

FOOD

REGULATIONS

LR: 2943 Sponsor: Speaker Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act to Strengthen Maine's Agriculture, Food System and Forest Products Infrastructure Investment

Comment: This bill would strengthen Maine's agriculture, food system and forest products infrastructure investment by making changes and providing funding for grants to the Maine Agriculture, Food System and Forest Products Infrastructure Investment Advisory Board.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 650 Senator Hickman, C

FORESTRY

PRACTICES

LR: 2951 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Protect Natural Forestry Habitat by Preventing Clear-cutting on Certain Public Lands in Allagash

Comment: This bill would protect natural forestry habitat by preventing clear-cutting on certain public lands in Allagash.

MILK

COMMISSION

LR: 2837 Sponsor: Representative Hall, R of Wilton

Title: An Act Regarding the Maine Milk Commission's Fees and Pricing

Comment: This bill would allow the Maine Milk Commission to adjust its licensing and per hundredweight fees through rulemaking. It would also remove the requirement that the commission publish a schedule of applicable prices in newspapers.

MILK

PRICES

LR: 2853 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Increase Milk Tier Reimbursements for Organic Dairy Farmers

Comment: This bill would increase milk tier reimbursements for organic dairy farmers.

PARKS AND LANDS BUREAU

AUTHORITY TO CONVEY CERTAIN LANDS

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PARKS AND LANDS BUREAU

AUTHORITY TO CONVEY CERTAIN LANDS

LR: 2651 Sponsor: Representative Matlack, A of St. George

Title: Resolve, Requiring the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Modify the Deed That Conveyed Montpelier, the General Henry Knox Museum in Thomaston, to the Friends of Montpelier

Comment: This resolve would require the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to modify the deed that conveyed Montpelier, the General Henry Knox Museum in Thomaston, to the Friends of Montpelier. The modification would remove the historic easement.

PESTICIDES

APPLICATION PROCESS

LR: 2930 Sponsor: Senator Bennett, R of Oxford

Title: An Act to Improve Maine's Pesticide Use Disclosure Laws

Comment: This bill would require a landowner to notify the landowner's neighbors if the landowner is using pesticides on the landowner's property.

Potential JR 217: LD 1770 Representative Osher, L

PUBLIC LANDS

STATE PARKS

LR: 2721 Sponsor: Representative Light Lookner, G of Portland

Title: Resolve, to Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Assess the Feasibility of Making Fort Gorges a State Park

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to assess the feasibility of establishing a state park with jurisdiction over Fort Gorges in Casco Bay.

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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

BOND ISSUES

MILITARY

LR: 2635 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Infrastructure Improvements at the Loring Development Authority and the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority

Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue providing \$20,000,000 to be made available to both the Loring Development Authority and the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CRIMES

ASSAULT

LR: 2621 Sponsor: Speaker Talbot Ross, R of Portland
Title: An Act to Establish a Civil Rights Unit Within the Office of the Attorney General to Provide Public Education on Issues Regarding Hate and Bias
Comment: This bill would establish a civil rights unit within the Office of the Attorney General to provide public education on issues regarding hate and bias.

LR: 2838 Sponsor: Representative Malon, II, M of Biddeford
Title: An Act to Require Information on Domestic Terrorism to Be Included in the Department of Public Safety's Annual Report and Add Minimum Training Standards on Domestic Terrorism and Hate Crimes to the Standards Established by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for Law Enforcement Agencies
Comment: This bill would require information on domestic terrorism to be included in the Department of Public Safety's annual report and add minimum training standards on domestic terrorism and hate crimes to the standards established by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for law enforcement agencies.

Potential JR 217: LD 963 Representative Malon, II, M

CRIMES

DRUG OFFENSES

LR: 2907 Sponsor: Representative Hasenfus, T of Readfield
Title: 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
Comment: This bill would add criminal operating under the influence and operating a watercraft, snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle under the influence to the list of crimes that do not qualify for immunity from arrest, prosecution and revocation and termination proceedings when assistance has been requested for a suspected drug-related overdose.

Potential JR 217: LD 714 Representative Campbell, D

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

EVIDENCE

LR: 2786 Sponsor: Representative Geiger, V of Rockland
Title: An Act to Implement Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Testing Reform
Comment: This bill would implement changes to the requirements for the testing and tracking of backlogged and new sexual assault forensic examination kits.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

FORFEITURES

LR: 2831 Sponsor: Senator Carney, A of Cumberland
Title: An Act to Ensure the Safe Disposition of Forfeited Firearms

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

FORFEITURES

Comment: This bill would amend the laws related to the disposition of forfeited firearms. Current law requires that forfeited firearms used in a murder or homicide be destroyed. This bill would extend that requirement to all forfeited firearms.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

BOARD

LR: 2840 Sponsor: Senator Harrington, M of York

Title: An Act to Fill All Vacant Seats on the Emergency Medical Services' Board

Comment: This bill would require that all vacancies on the Emergency Medical Services' Board be filled in order to provide representation on the board to residents in all regions of the State.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

SYSTEM

LR: 2835 Sponsor: Representative Fay, J of Raymond

Title: An Act to Protect Access to Emergency Treatment for Injured Law Enforcement Dogs

Comment: This bill would allow emergency medical personnel to provide emergency medical services to law enforcement dogs in accordance with canine clinical protocols adopted by the Medical Direction and Practices Board.

LR: 2876 Sponsor: Representative Roeder, A of Bangor

Title: An Act to Offset the Cost to Public Agencies and to Municipalities for Training New Emergency Medical Services Personnel

Comment: This bill would establish a program to allow public emergency medical services agencies and municipal governments to apply for grants to provide reimbursement for training required for new emergency medical services personnel.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1409 Representative Fay, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2729 Representative Campbell, D

Potential JR 217: LD 1859 Representative Libby, L

Potential JR 217: LD 326 Senator Tipping, M

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PERSONNEL

LR: 2729 Sponsor: Representative Campbell, D of Orrington

Title: An Act Regarding the Equitable Reimbursement of Training Costs for Newly Trained Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians Who Change Governmental Employers

Comment: This bill would require the equitable reimbursement of training costs for newly trained firefighters and emergency medical technicians who change governmental employers, in the same way reimbursement is required for police officers.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1409 Representative Fay, J

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

PERSONNEL

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2876 Representative Roeder, A

Potential JR 217: LD 1859 Representative Libby, L

Potential JR 217: LD 326 Senator Tipping, M

LR: 2878 Sponsor: Senator Moore, M of Washington

Title: An Act to Provide Funding for Dispatchers at the Washington County Regional Communications Center

Comment: This bill would provide ongoing General Fund appropriations for the Washington County Regional Communications Center to hire 4 new dispatchers.

FIRE SAFETY

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

LR: 2868 Sponsor: Representative Roeder, A of Bangor

Title: An Act to Support Adequate Staffing in Fire Departments Through Grants

Comment: This bill would increase firefighter recruitment and retention rates by establishing a system of hiring grants and recruitment and retention grants.

JUVENILE OFFENDERS

DETENTION

LR: 2670 Sponsor: Representative Milliken, N of Blue Hill

Title: An Act to Provide Tablet Devices for Juveniles at the Long Creek Youth Development Center

Comment: This bill would provide a tablet device for each juvenile in the custody of the Department of Corrections at the Long Creek Youth Development Center.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

PERSONNEL

LR: 2906 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: Resolve, to Require the Establishment of a Stakeholder Group to Examine and Improve the Recruitment, Retention and Wellness of Law Enforcement Professionals

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Public Safety to convene a stakeholder group composed of law enforcement officials, educators and administrators, employees of private security firms and mental health professionals to examine and propose long-term solutions to improve the recruitment, retention and wellness of law enforcement professionals.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

SHERIFFS PATROL

LR: 2883 Sponsor: Senator Moore, M of Washington

Title: An Act to Provide Funding for Positions in the Washington County Sheriff's Office

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LAW ENFORCEMENT

SHERIFFS PATROL

Comment: This bill would provide ongoing funding to hire 2 additional sheriffs in the Washington County Sheriff's Office to provide coverage no longer being provided by the Maine State Police.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 630 Representative Graham, A

LAW ENFORCEMENT

STATE POLICE

LR: 2773 Sponsor: Senator Timberlake, J of Androscoggin

Title: An Act to Reinstate State Police Rural Patrol Services

Comment: This bill would direct the State Police to reinstate rural patrol services in all counties in which rural patrol services were eliminated.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 630 Representative Graham, A

OPERATING UNDER INFLUENCE

PENALTIES

LR: 2939 Sponsor: Representative O'Connell, K of Brewer

Title: Resolve, to Review Fatalities Occurring While an Operator Was Under the Influence and Subsequent Prosecution of Those Occurrences

Comment: This resolve would create a commission to review fatalities occurring while an operator was under the influence and subsequent prosecution of those occurrences. The commission would also create a set of best use practices as a guide.

OPERATING UNDER INFLUENCE

VICTIMS

LR: 2920 Sponsor: Representative Stover, H of Boothbay

Title: An Act to Create a Victim Advocate for Victims and Survivors of Operating Under the Influence Crashes

Comment: This bill would create a position for a victim advocate for victims and survivors of operating under the influence injuries and deaths. The victim advocate would provide immediate crisis intervention and support, court accompaniment and guidance regarding a victim's or survivor's legal, financial, mental health and medical needs. The position would collaborate with other victim services positions to provide consultation and support to victims and survivors as needed.

PRISONERS

OTHER

LR: 2905 Sponsor: Representative Salisbury, S of Westbrook

Title: An Act Regarding the Authority to Transport Prisoners Confined in Jail and the Use of Physical Force with Respect to Prisoners and Persons Who Have Been Arrested

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PRISONERS

OTHER

Comment: This bill would add transport officers and corrections officers to the laws governing the transport of prisoners to and from court and the provision of safe and secure custody of prisoners during court proceedings. It would also provide standards for the use of physical force by officers with respect to prisoners and persons who have been arrested.

PUBLIC SAFETY

BUILDING CODES

LR: 2857 Sponsor: Representative Shaw, K of Auburn

Title: An Act to Exempt Buildings Used to Cultivate Crops from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code

Comment: This bill would exempt buildings used to cultivate crops from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.

VICTIMS OF CRIME

DEDICATED FUND

LR: 2908 Sponsor: Senator Carney, A of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Provide Funding for Essential Services for Victims of Crimes

Comment: This bill would provide funding for essential services for victims of crimes across the State.

WEAPONS

SALES

LR: 2801 Sponsor: Representative Doudera, V of Camden

Title: An Act Relating to Preventing Suicide by Permitting the Voluntary Waiver of Firearms Rights

Comment: This bill would allow people to place themselves on a list preventing them from purchasing firearms, potentially preventing a substantial number of suicides.

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

MARITIME ACADEMY

LR: 2800 Sponsor: Senator Grohoski, N of Hancock

Title: An Act to Equalize Funding for the Maine Maritime Academy

Comment: This bill would create funding parity among public higher education systems in this State by increasing the state share of operational funding to the Maine Maritime Academy, bringing it into alignment with public higher education systems in the State and with other states' maritime academies.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

LR: 2947 Sponsor: Representative Collamore, A of Pittsfield

Title: An Act to Allow Equitable Access to College Tuition Funds by Reallocating Funds from the Free Community College Program to the Maine State Grant Program

Comment: This bill would combine the free community college program and the Maine State Grant Program to enable students to attend community colleges or the University of Maine System. The bill would also allow students to attend part-time.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 512 Senator Tipping, M

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

CHARTER SCHOOLS

LR: 2918 Sponsor: Representative Bagshaw, B of Windham

Title: An Act to Remove the Enrollment Cap on Maine's Virtual Charter Schools

Comment: This bill would remove the enrollment cap on virtual charter schools.

Potential JR 217: LD 1741 Representative Bagshaw, B

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

MAGNET SCHOOLS

LR: 2751 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Provide Funding Through the School Funding Formula to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics

Comment: This bill would make the Maine School of Science and Mathematics eligible for funding under the school funding formula.

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

SCHOOL CHOICE

LR: 2901 Sponsor: Representative Walker, M of Naples

Title: An Act to Provide Statewide Equity in Public Education

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EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

SCHOOL CHOICE

Comment: This bill would allow a student to attend any public school in the State as long as the superintendent of the school administrative unit in which the school is located approves and the student's family provides transportation for the student to and from school activities.

Potential JR 217: LD 1798 Senator Libby, J

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS

LR: 2799 Sponsor: Representative Paul, R of Winterport

Title: An Act to Require the Return of School Budget Surplus Funds to Their Respective Municipalities

Comment: This bill would require a regional school unit to return budget surplus amounts to the municipalities in the regional school unit in the proportion that they pay in and allow the funds to be used at the municipalities' discretion. It also would require annual mandatory audits of regional school units that have continual budget surpluses.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

BUILDINGS

LR: 2683 Sponsor: Senator Bennett, R of Oxford

Title: An Act Regarding Temperature Standards for School Buildings

Comment: This bill would require school boards to set temperature standards for school buildings and publish those standards.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

CONSTRUCTION

LR: 2710 Sponsor: Senator Vitelli, E of Sagadahoc

Title: An Act to Help Public Schools Affected by Disasters to Apply for State Construction Funding and to Establish an Emergency School Construction Fund

Comment: This bill would change how emergency school construction projects are evaluated for approval and create an emergency school construction fund.

SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

FUND ACCOUNTS

LR: 2610 Sponsor: Senator Pouliot, M of Kennebec

Title: An Act Regarding the Carrying Forward of School Administrative Unit Fund Balances

Comment: This bill would allow a school administrative unit to carry forward a fund balance only if the school administrative unit's budget does not raise municipal taxes.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

TRAINING

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SCHOOL PERSONNEL

TRAINING

LR: 2827 Sponsor: Representative Kuhn, A of Falmouth
Title: An Act to Provide Education and Training to School Personnel to Recognize and Treat Seizures
Comment: This bill would require school personnel to be prepared to recognize and respond to students experiencing seizures at school.

SCHOOL POLICIES

CURRICULUM

LR: 2616 Sponsor: Representative Underwood, J of Presque Isle
Title: An Act to Require Elementary School Students to Learn Cursive Writing
Comment: This bill would require elementary school students to learn cursive writing.

LR: 2631 Sponsor: Senator Farrin, B of Somerset
Title: An Act to Require Fentanyl Use Prevention Education and Drug Poisoning Awareness in Grades 6 to 12
Comment: This bill would require up to 10 hours of education in a school year for grades 6 to 12 regarding fentanyl use prevention education and drug poisoning awareness. The bill would also establish a drug poisoning awareness week.

Potential JR 217: LD 1315 Senator Pouliot, M

SCHOOL POLICIES

SECURITY

LR: 2735 Sponsor: Senator Stewart, T of Aroostook
Title: An Act to Align Background Checks Between the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Education to accept a background check performed by the Department of Health and Human Services for purposes of meeting the Department of Education's background check requirements.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMAS

LR: 2861 Sponsor: Senator Ingwersen, H of York
Title: An Act to Lower the Minimum Age Requirement for the Maine High School Equivalency Diploma
Comment: This bill would lower the minimum age requirement for the Maine high school equivalency diploma from 17 years of age to 16 years of age.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

FUNDING

LR: 2889 Sponsor: Representative Gattine, D of Westbrook

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

SPECIAL EDUCATION

FUNDING

Title: An Act to Fund the Delivery of Educational Services to Children with Special Needs as Required by State and Federal Law in Special Purpose Private Schools

Comment: This bill would require the State Controller to transfer \$15,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Education, Child Development Services program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to fund the delivery of educational services to children with special needs.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

PLANNING

LR: 2791 Sponsor: Representative Millett, R of Cape Elizabeth

Title: An Act to Establish a Pilot Program to Increase Postsecondary Educational Opportunities for Students with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder

Comment: This bill would establish a pilot program in the Department of Education to increase postsecondary educational opportunities for students with intellectual or developmental disabilities or autism spectrum disorder.

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

AIR QUALITY

EMISSIONS

LR: 2826 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook
Title: An Act to Protect Maine's Supply Chain and Consumers by Requiring Major Substantive Rulemaking for Certain Emissions Standards
Comment: This bill would require major substantive rulemaking prior to Maine adopting the California Advanced Clean Trucks Regulation.

CONTAINERS - RETURNABLE

BOTTLES

LR: 2839 Sponsor: Representative Hepler, A of Woolwich
Title: An Act Regarding Responsibility for Actions Intended to Increase the Use of Reusable and Refillable Beverage Containers
Comment: This bill would move responsibility for certain activities intended to increase the use of reusable and refillable beverage containers from the Department of Environmental Protection to the commingling cooperative established in Public Law 2023, chapter 482.

Potential JR 217: LD 1909 Representative Hepler, A

CONTAINERS - RETURNABLE

FOOD CONTAINERS

LR: 2867 Sponsor: Senator Grohoski, N of Hancock
Title: An Act to Allow the Reuse of Food Containers by More than One Customer
Comment: This bill would allow a vendor that provides food items to a customer in a container to accept that container back and reuse it for other customers, after following the proper sanitation process for the container's material.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPT

POWERS

LR: 2715 Sponsor: Representative Dunphy, L of Embden
Title: An Act to Authorize the Department of Environmental Protection to Issue Stop-work Orders
Comment: This bill would authorize the Department of Environmental Protection to issue a stop-work order when an activity is performed in violation of state law, rules or a license and the activity is creating a substantial adverse effect on a protected natural resource.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPT

PROCEDURES

LR: 2686 Sponsor: Representative Soboleski, M of Phillips
Title: An Act Regarding the Disposal of Wind Turbine Blades
Comment: This bill would provide for the disposal of wind turbine blades from wind power facilities whose construction begins on or after January 1, 2025. It also includes provisions regarding the permitting entity, transfer of ownership and financial assurance.

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LAND USE

SHORELAND ZONING

LR: 2898 Sponsor: Senator Nangle, T of Cumberland
Title: An Act to Establish the Municipal Shoreline Protection Legal Fund
Comment: This bill would establish the Municipal Shoreline Protection Legal Fund to assist municipalities in covering legal fees incurred in the pursuit of shoreland zoning violations.

LR: 2899 Sponsor: Senator Nangle, T of Cumberland
Title: An Act Regarding Municipal Shoreland Zoning Enforcement
Comment: This bill would clarify the authority of municipalities in shoreland zoning enforcement.

SOLID WASTES MANAGEMENT

LR: 2798 Sponsor: Representative Dill, J of Old Town
Title: Resolve, to Investigate and Address Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Services Issues
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services and the Department of Environmental Protection to immediately investigate and make recommendations to the Legislature to address several critical issues and developments in solid waste management systems that have converged to create a crisis for approximately 159 central and northern Maine municipalities and for sewer and utility districts and departments all across the State.

SURFACE WATER RIVERS

LR: 2634 Sponsor: Representative Craven, M of Lewiston
Title: An Act to Reclassify a Section of the Androscoggin River to Class B
Comment: This bill would reclassify from Class C to Class B the lower section of the Androscoggin River from Gulf Island Dam to a line formed by the extension of the Bath-Brunswick boundary across Merrymeeting Bay in a northwesterly direction.

WATER QUALITY NONPOINT DISCHARGES

LR: 2849 Sponsor: Representative Bell, A of Yarmouth
Title: An Act to Strengthen Storm Water Infrastructure
Comment: This bill would establish the Storm Water Infrastructure Repair and Replacement Fund in the Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of issuing grants to municipalities to repair or replace storm water infrastructure. It would provide funding for grants and one Environmental Engineer position.

Potential JR 217: LD 1570 Representative Ankeles, D

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

RENEWABLE RESOURCES

LR: 2866 Sponsor: Representative Zeigler, S of Montville
Title: An Act to Align Maine Law Regarding Energy Portfolios with Those of the New England Independent System Operator
Comment: This bill would align Maine's law regarding energy portfolios with the New England independent system operator for the purpose of meeting Maine Climate Council goals.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

SOLAR ENERGY

LR: 2787 Sponsor: Representative Geiger, V of Rockland
Title: An Act to Establish Solar-ready New Construction Requirements
Comment: This bill would require that new buildings be constructed in a manner that will facilitate the future installation of a solar energy system.
Potential JR 217: LD 1232 Representative Skold, C
LR: 2865 Sponsor: Senator Grohoski, N of Hancock
Title: An Act to Ensure That Community Solar Subscriptions Benefit Low-income Customers
Comment: This bill would require that when a community solar subscriber cancels a subscription, the subscription must be filled by a customer in the Maine State Housing Authority's low-income assistance program.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

WIND ENERGY

LR: 2873 Sponsor: Representative Strout, T of Harrington
Title: Resolve, to Protect Maine's Right to Energy Independence by Requiring the State to Bid on Lobster Management Area 1
Comment: This resolve would require the State to bid on Lobster Management Area 1 in the Gulf of Maine, a major fishing area for Maine residents that is being auctioned by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to allow companies to install offshore wind turbines.

ELECTRIC UTILITIES

RATES

LR: 2755 Sponsor: Representative Runte, Jr., W of York
Title: An Act to Enhance Electric Utility Performance-based Ratemaking
Comment: This bill would add new performance criteria to provisions of law regarding electric utility performance-based ratemaking. It would establish financial consequences for utilities based on the utilities' performance.
Potential JR 217: LD 542 Representative Runte, Jr., W

LR: 2780 Sponsor: Representative Foster, S of Dexter

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ELECTRIC UTILITIES

RATES

Title: An Act to Continue Arrearage Management Program Availability for Low-income Residential Electricity Customers

Comment: This bill would indefinitely continue transmission and distribution utilities' arrearage management programs for low-income residential customers. Current law governing the programs includes a repeal date of September 30, 2024.

LR: 2863 Sponsor: Senator Grohoski, N of Hancock

Title: An Act Regarding Fair Service for All Electricity Supply Customers

Comment: This bill would ensure that competitive electricity provider customers are notified of the standard offer price and have the right to switch to standard offer service without a penalty. The bill would also address rapid switching between providers by customers.

LR: 2864 Sponsor: Representative Arford, P of Brunswick

Title: An Act to Enhance Transparency and Informed Decision Making for Subscribers of Maine Community Solar Farms

Comment: This bill would specify the type and format of information that must be provided to residential electricity consumers who participate in, are solicited to participate in or seek information about a net energy billing arrangement for a shared distributed generation resource.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 417 Senator Vitelli, E

ELECTRIC UTILITIES

TRANSMISSION LINES

LR: 2609 Sponsor: Senator Curry, C of Waldo

Title: An Act to Protect Property Owners by Preventing the Use of Eminent Domain to Build Transmission Lines Under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program

Comment: This bill would prohibit the use of eminent domain to take land needed for the high-impact transmission line under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program as approved by the Legislature in Resolve 2023, chapter 66.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2637 Representative Cyrway, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2719 Representative Cyrway, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2743 Representative Smith, K

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2783 Representative Foster, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2844 President Jackson, T

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2914 Senator Keim, L

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TRANSMISSION LINES

LR: 2637 Sponsor: Representative Cyrway, S of Albion

Title: An Act Relating to Eminent Domain for Land for Electric Transmission Lines

Comment: This bill would alter eminent domain requirements for land to be used for certain high-impact electric transmission lines.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2609 Senator Curry, C

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2719 Representative Cyrway, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2743 Representative Smith, K

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2783 Representative Foster, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2844 President Jackson, T

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2914 Senator Keim, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2915 Senator Keim, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2719 Sponsor: Representative Cyrway, S of Albion

Title: An Act to Consider Alternative Transmission Technology for the Aroostook Renewable Gateway That Improves Socioeconomic Benefit Without Sacrificing Climate Change Initiatives

Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to contract with an independent engineering firm to perform a feasibility study on buried high-voltage direct current transmission methods for the Aroostook Renewable Gateway project.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2609 Senator Curry, C

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2637 Representative Cyrway, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2743 Representative Smith, K

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2783 Representative Foster, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2844 President Jackson, T

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2914 Senator Keim, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2915 Senator Keim, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2743 Sponsor: Representative Smith, K of Palermo

Title: Resolve, Requiring a Transparent Public Hearing Regarding the Finalized Route of the Northern Maine Transmission Infrastructure

Comment: This resolve would require the finalized route of the northern Maine transmission infrastructure to receive a public hearing and legislative vote in order to be constructed.

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ELECTRIC UTILITIES

TRANSMISSION LINES

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2609 Senator Curry, C
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2637 Representative Cyrway, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2719 Representative Cyrway, S
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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2914 Senator Keim, L
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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2783 Sponsor: Representative Foster, S of Dexter

Title: Resolve, to Reconsider Legislative Approval of the Transmission Project Selected by the Public Utilities Commission Pursuant to the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program

Comment: This resolve would require the Legislature to reconsider approval of the transmission project selected by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2609 Senator Curry, C
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2637 Representative Cyrway, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2719 Representative Cyrway, S
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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2844 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Require Feasibility Studies for Energy Transmission Projects

Comment: This bill would require feasibility studies for proposed energy transmission projects to fully examine potential and alternative pathways for those projects.

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TRANSMISSION LINES

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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2914 Sponsor: Senator Keim, L of Oxford

Title: Resolve, to Require Legislative Approval of Increased Costs to Ratepayers of the Transmission Project Approved Under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program

Comment: This resolve would require approval by the Legislature of any increased costs to ratepayers, as determined by the Public Utilities Commission, of the 1,200-megawatt capacity, 345-kilovolt transmission line and associated facilities approved under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program by the Legislature in Resolve 2023, chapter 66.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2609 Senator Curry, C
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2637 Representative Cyrway, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2719 Representative Cyrway, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2743 Representative Smith, K
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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2915 Senator Keim, L
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2915 Sponsor: Senator Keim, L of Oxford

Title: An Act to Prohibit the Use of Eminent Domain to Take Land Needed for Any Project Approved Under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program

Comment: This bill would prohibit the use of eminent domain to take land needed for any project approved under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program.

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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2844 President Jackson, T
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2914 Senator Keim, L
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2953 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2953 Sponsor: Senator LaFountain, D of Kennebec

Title: An Act to Protect Maine Landowners by Requiring the Examination of Alternative Pathways for Energy Transmission Lines

Comment: This bill would require a study to fully examine potential pathways and alternative paths for proposed energy transmission line projects.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2609 Senator Curry, C
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2637 Representative Cyrway, S
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2719 Representative Cyrway, S
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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2915 Senator Keim, L
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2924 Representative Foster, S

ENERGY

PLANNING

LR: 2924 Sponsor: Representative Foster, S of Dexter

Title: An Act Regarding Energy Infrastructure Development

Comment: This bill would improve the process of approving energy infrastructure corridors.

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ENERGY

PLANNING

Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2609	Senator Curry, C
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2637	Representative Cyrway, S
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2719	Representative Cyrway, S
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2743	Representative Smith, K
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2783	Representative Foster, S
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2844	President Jackson, T
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2914	Senator Keim, L
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2915	Senator Keim, L
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2953	Senator LaFountain, D

ENERGY CONSERVATION

HEAT PUMPS

LR: 2855	Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook
Title:	An Act to Expand the Availability of Heat Pump Rebates in Certain Areas of the State
Comment:	This bill would remove some of the restrictions on rebates for the installation of heat pumps for specific areas of the State based on relative temperatures.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE

POWERS

LR: 2677	Sponsor: Senator Lawrence, M of York
Title:	An Act to Clarify the Duties of the Public Advocate in Developing and Advocating for Legislation
Comment:	This bill would restrict the ability of the Public Advocate to collaborate with certain sources, including taking funds from those sources, when developing legislation and advocating before the Legislature.
LR: 2897	Sponsor: Representative Geiger, V of Rockland
Title:	An Act to Enhance Regulatory Decision Making Regarding Energy
Comment:	This bill would enhance the duties and functions of the Office of the Public Advocate by requiring consideration of the greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirements and climate action plan in its work representing the public.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS

LR: 2649	Sponsor: Representative Zeigler, S of Montville
Title:	An Act to Increase the Number of Commissioners on the Public Utilities Commission
Comment:	This bill would increase the number of commissioners on the Public Utilities Commission to 5 over a 10-year period.

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

INTERNET DEVICES

LR: 2675 Sponsor: Representative Reckitt, L of South Portland
Title: An Act to Establish Protections to Prevent Children from Accessing Pornography
Comment: This bill would establish protections to prevent children from accessing pornography, including filter and age-verification requirements and enforcement mechanisms for so-called smartphones and tablet devices at the user level.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TELEPHONES

LR: 2740 Sponsor: Representative Campbell, D of Orrington
Title: An Act to Prohibit the Use of Caller Identification Spoofing
Comment: This bill would prohibit a person from deliberately falsifying the information transmitted to a caller identification display to disguise that person's identity.

UTILITIES

PROVIDERS

LR: 2654 Sponsor: Senator Beebe-Center, A of Knox
Title: An Act to Repeal the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank Act
Comment: This bill would repeal the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank Act.
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2834 Representative Riseman, W

LR: 2834 Sponsor: Representative Riseman, W of Harrison
Title: An Act to Repeal the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank Act
Comment: This bill would repeal the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank Act.
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2654 Senator Beebe-Center, A

WATER DISTRICTS

CHARTER CHANGES

LR: 2896 Sponsor: Senator Reny, C of Lincoln
Title: An Act to Amend the Charter of the Wiscasset Water District
Comment: This bill would amend the charter of the Wiscasset Water District to expand the district's service territory to include the Town of Edgecomb and to allow the district to provide sewer service to the towns of Edgecomb and Wiscasset and to existing customers in the Town of Woolwich.

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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

CREDIT CARDS

LR: 2796 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook
Title: An Act to Protect Patients from Predatory Medical Credit Card Providers
Comment: This bill would prohibit health care providers from offering medical credit cards to patients in any health care setting or opening a medical credit card account on a patient's behalf; prohibit deferred interest on medical credit cards; prohibit medical credit card providers from placing a charge on an account or issuing funds before a medical procedure is completed or before a medical product is delivered; and ensure that medical credit cards are subject to consumer medical debt protections.

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

DEBT COLLECTION

LR: 2795 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook
Title: An Act to Require Hospitals to Engage in Fair Practices When Selling Medical Debt
Comment: This bill would require that any hospital seeking to sell medical debt to a debt collector at a reduced price must first offer to sell the debt at the reduced price to the patient who owes the debt.

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

LOANS

LR: 2948 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook
Title: An Act to Provide Relief to Federal Employees Affected by the Federal Shutdown
Comment: This bill would establish the Federal Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program to provide easier access to no-interest loans for certain federal employees in Maine affected by a shutdown of the Federal Government by guaranteeing up to 10% of the loans eligible credit unions and financial institutions make to affected employees. The bill would provide affected employees eligibility for up to 3 loans, each equal to their monthly after-tax pay, up to \$4,000, less unemployment benefits. The bill would prohibit interest on the loans during the shutdown and for 270 days after the shutdown ends.

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

PAYROLL PROCESSORS

LR: 2850 Sponsor: Senator Timberlake, J of Androscoggin
Title: An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Payroll Processors
Comment: This bill would remove the authority of the Superintendent of Consumer Credit Protection and the Superintendent of Financial Institutions in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to require licensing of payroll processors through the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry.

HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL

DENTAL

LR: 2881 Sponsor: Representative Morris, J of Turner

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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL

DENTAL

Title: An Act to Join the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact

Comment: This bill would require Maine to join the dentist and dental hygienist interstate compact.

LR: 2965 Sponsor: Senator Vitelli, E of Sagadahoc

Title: An Act to Improve Maine Residents' Oral Health by Strengthening the Dental Hygienist Workforce

Comment: This bill would improve Maine residents' oral health by strengthening the dental hygienist workforce.

HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

LR: 2722 Sponsor: Representative Cloutier, K of Lewiston

Title: An Act to Add the State of Maine to the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact

Comment: This bill would enact the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact, an interstate licensure compact for physician assistants, to provide a streamlined process via a compact privilege for physician assistants to practice in other compact member states without the need to obtain multiple state licenses.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2880 Representative Morris, J

LR: 2880 Sponsor: Representative Morris, J of Turner

Title: An Act to Join the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact

Comment: This bill would require Maine to join the interstate licensure compact for physician assistants.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2722 Representative Cloutier, K

HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL

PHYSICIANS

LR: 2646 Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot

Title: An Act Authorizing Granting Limited Provisional Licenses to Medical School Graduates

Comment: This bill would allow limited provisional licenses to be granted to medical school graduates.

HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL

SOCIAL WORKERS

LR: 2874 Sponsor: Representative Crafts, L of Newcastle

Title: An Act to Enact the Interstate Counseling Compact to Address Inequities in Access to Clinical Counseling Services and Increase Maine's Provider Workforce

Comment: This bill would allow licensed social workers from approved states to practice in Maine under an interstate compact.

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INSURANCE

HEALTH INSURANCE

LR: 2612 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Improve Access to Over-the-counter Contraceptives

Comment: This bill would, in order to keep health insurance coverage of contraceptives consistent, require health insurance carriers to cover over-the-counter hormonal birth control.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2756 Representative Arford, P

LR: 2756 Sponsor: Representative Arford, P of Brunswick

Title: An Act to Expand Access to Federally Approved Over-the-counter Contraceptives

Comment: This bill would make it clear that state-regulated individual and group health insurance policies must provide coverage for any contraceptive drug, device or product approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for over-the-counter sale without a prescription in the same manner as current law requires for all prescribed contraceptive drugs, devices and products. The bill would require health insurers to provide coverage at the point of sale or through a reimbursement mechanism when point of sale coverage is not available. The bill would require carriers to include an explanation of the coverage provided for any FDA-approved contraceptive drug, device or product purchased over the counter without a prescription in each member's certificate of coverage.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2612 President Jackson, T

LR: 2771 Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot

Title: An Act to Create an Affordable Public Health Insurance Option

Comment: This bill would create an affordable public health insurance option that would require a multiyear phase-in.

Potential JR 217: LD 1856 Representative Arford, P

INSURANCE

MOTOR VEHICLE

LR: 2872 Sponsor: Representative Perry, A of Calais

Title: An Act to Exempt Certain Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Policies from Covering Towing and Storage Charges for Certain Vehicles

Comment: This bill would exempt insurance policies issued prior to July 1, 2024 from the requirement that motor vehicle liability policies provide coverage in an amount up to \$500 per accident for the reasonable towing and storage charges incurred as a result of an accident involving the insured vehicle if the vehicle is towed at the request of a law enforcement officer.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2884 Representative Morris, J

LR: 2884 Sponsor: Representative Morris, J of Turner

Title: An Act to Eliminate the Requirement for Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Policies to Provide Coverage for Towing and Storing Certain Motor Vehicles

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INSURANCE

MOTOR VEHICLE

Comment: This bill would repeal the law requiring motor vehicle liability insurance policies to provide coverage for towing and storing motor vehicles involved in accidents that are towed at the request of a law enforcement officer.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2872 Representative Perry, A

INSURANCE

PROPERTY

LR: 2676 Sponsor: Representative Milliken, N of Blue Hill

Title: An Act to Mitigate Some of the Risk Involved in Long-term House Rentals

Comment: This bill would provide up to \$100,000 in insurance for damages to a home or rental property by a person who rents out the property on a long-term basis.

LR: 2836 Sponsor: Representative Perry, A of Calais

Title: An Act to Prohibit Property and Casualty Insurance Companies Licensed in This State from Denying Policyholders in This State Insurance on Their Residences in This State Because of a Loss Sustained to a 2nd Home Located in Another State

Comment: This bill would prohibit property and casualty insurance companies licensed in this State from denying policyholders in this State insurance on their residences in this State because of a loss sustained to a 2nd home located in another state.

INSURANCE

RATES AND PREMIUMS

LR: 2794 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Protect Residents of the State from Unfair Use of Credit Scores in Insurance Pricing

Comment: This bill would prohibit the use of credit scores in determining insurance rates and premiums.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

AFFORDABILITY

LR: 2797 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Improve Access to Affordable Medication in Underserved Areas

Comment: This bill would direct the Office of Affordable Health Care to establish a grant program to provide support for federally qualified health centers to develop or expand their capacity to provide access for patients in underserved areas to affordably priced drugs by increasing the health centers' ability to deliver pharmacy services to those patients.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

FORMULARIES

LR: 2790 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

FORMULARIES

Title: An Act to Improve Patient Access and Savings from Generic and Biosimilar Prescription Drugs

Comment: This bill would require a pharmacy benefits manager to more rapidly provide coverage for new generic and biosimilar drugs.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

REGULATION

LR: 2904 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Ensure Access to Non-opioid Medication for Pain Relief

Comment: This bill would prevent insurers from establishing more restrictive or prohibitive coverage criteria for federal Food and Drug Administration-approved, non-opioid, non-narcotic drugs to treat and manage acute pain in comparison to opioid and narcotic drugs.

LR: 2961 Sponsor: Representative Perry, J of Bangor

Title: An Act Concerning Health Care Cost Fairness Relating to Pharmacy Benefits Managers

Comment: This bill would provide that a pharmacy benefits manager may not derive income from pharmacy benefits manager services provided to a carrier or health plan in this State except for income derived from a pharmacy benefits management fee. It would set standards for pharmacy benefits management fees and provide that a pharmacy benefits manager, carrier or health plan may not engage in, facilitate or enter into a contract with another person involving spread pricing in this State.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CHILD CARE

LR: 2825 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Ensure Sustainable Reimbursement for Child Care Providers and to Support the Expansion of Child Care Services

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse child care providers for subsidies based on enrollment rather than attendance. This bill would also create a short-term emergency fund or grant program for struggling child care providers that can be used for services, business expenses and financial planning expenses by child care workers and that can also be used to support the expansion of services to infants and toddlers.

Potential JR 217: LD 1726 President Jackson, T

Potential JR 217: LD 573 Representative Craven, M

LR: 2854 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Make Background Checks Efficient and Consistent for All Child Care Workers

Comment: This bill would streamline the criminal background check process in the Department of Health and Human Services for child care workers.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

COORDINATION OF SERVICES

LR: 2674 Sponsor: Representative Mathieson, K of Kittery

Title: An Act to Create an Independent Child Advocate Ombudsman Service

Comment: This bill would establish an independent child advocate ombudsman service to provide complaint resolution, unbiased investigation, mediation and other alternative dispute resolution methods and referral services.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1788 Senator Baldacci, J

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 500 Senator Keim, L

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

FOSTER CARE

LR: 2870 Sponsor: Representative Roeder, A of Bangor

Title: An Act to Increase Oversight by the Department of Health and Human Services over Benefits Owed to Foster Children

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to determine a foster child's eligibility for federal benefits and to apply for those benefits on behalf of that child.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CHILD)

LR: 2913 Sponsor: Senator Keim, L of Oxford

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CHILD)

Title: Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Alleviate the Crisis in the Offices of Regional Child Protective Services

Comment: This resolve would establish a pilot project to allow the Department of Health and Human Services to employ, on a part-time basis, case aides in child protective services who are paid at a higher rate of compensation and are not in positions covered by a union. The case aides would be used in those areas most in need as determined by the department.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

SOCIAL SERVICES

LR: 2911 Sponsor: Representative Graham, A of North Yarmouth

Title: An Act to Strengthen Maine's Child Welfare System

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services, through an external strategic consultant, to undertake a process to support child welfare reform. The process would include all agency leadership and staff in gathering information, analyzing system problems and identifying opportunities for change.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1788 Senator Baldacci, J

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 779 Senator Timberlake, J

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 878 Senator Keim, L

Potential JR 217: LD 915 Representative Shagoury, D

Potential JR 217: LD 151 Senator Stewart, T

Potential JR 217: LD 715 Senator Nangle, T

DISEASES

AIDS

LR: 2789 Sponsor: Representative Perry, A of Calais

Title: An Act to Protect Health Care Workers from HIV

Comment: This bill would modify the law governing the process for testing health care workers for the presence of HIV.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2630 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Strengthen Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Standards by Establishing a Family Advocacy Program for Military Families

Comment: This bill would establish a military family advocacy program within the Department of Health and Human Services to share reports of child abuse or neglect involving military families with military authorities.

LR: 2632 Sponsor: Representative Craven, M of Lewiston

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ADMINISTRATION

Title: An Act to Create an Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Coordinator Position Within the Department of Health and Human Services

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a full-time, permanent Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Coordinator position to lead coordination on efforts to address Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia across state agencies and branches of State Government.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2633 Representative Craven, M

LR: 2633 Sponsor: Representative Craven, M of Lewiston

Title: An Act to Establish a Dementia Advisory Council Within the Department of Health and Human Services and to Require a State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Other Types of Dementia

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish and maintain an advisory council to examine the needs of individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia, the services available in the State for those individuals and the ability of health care providers and facilities to meet those individuals' current and future needs. This bill would also require the department to develop a state plan to address Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2632 Representative Craven, M

LR: 2927 Sponsor: Senator Bennett, R of Oxford

Title: An Act to Ensure Compliance by the Department of Health and Human Services with Federal Rules and Regulations

Comment: This bill would specify that any program in the State receiving federal financial assistance may not have any policies, rules or regulations that violate any federal law or act, Maine law or the United States Constitution.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

PROCEDURES

LR: 2625 Sponsor: Senator Libby, J of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Require the Reporting of Alpha-gal Syndrome

Comment: This bill would add alpha-gal syndrome, a potentially life-threatening red meat allergy caused by a tick bite, to the list of conditions that must be reported to the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

HOSPICE FACILITIES

LR: 2782 Sponsor: Representative Cloutier, K of Lewiston

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Cease Implementation of Electronic Visit Verification for Hospice Providers Unless Mandated by the Federal Government

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HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

HOSPICE FACILITIES

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Health and Human Services to cease implementation of electronic visit verification for hospice providers unless mandated by the Federal Government.

HEALTH CARE RECORDS

COPIES

LR: 2753 Sponsor: Representative Craven, M of Lewiston

Title: An Act Regarding the Cost of Copies of Medical Records

Comment: This bill would change the fees that a hospital or its vendor may charge for providing copies of medical records.

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

DELIVERY

LR: 2928 Sponsor: Senator Beebe-Center, A of Knox

Title: An Act to Provide That Persons with Traumatic and Acquired Brain Injuries Are Subject to the Same Eligibility Standards for Certain Medical Programs

Comment: This bill would provide that persons with traumatic and acquired brain injuries are subject to the same eligibility standards for certain medical programs.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 539 Representative Hepler, A

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

LONG-TERM CARE

LR: 2820 Sponsor: Senator Daughtry, M of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Strengthen Long-term Care for the People of Maine by Ensuring Adequate Nursing Personnel

Comment: This bill would allow the Department of Health and Human Services to evaluate temporary nursing services agency rates and adopt rules to ensure that long-term care facilities have adequate nursing personnel.

Potential JR 217: LD 451 Senator Baldacci, J

HOMELESS PERSONS

EMERGENCY SHELTER

LR: 2714 Sponsor: Representative Mastraccio, A of Sanford

Title: An Act to Support Shelters for the Unhoused

Comment: This bill would increase the shelter operating subsidy for the unhoused in the General Fund from \$2.5 million to \$12.5 million.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 599 Representative Brennan, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2767 Representative Madigan, C

LR: 2767 Sponsor: Representative Madigan, C of Waterville

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HOMELESS PERSONS

EMERGENCY SHELTER

Title: An Act to Improve Funding for Homeless Shelters

Comment: This bill would improve funding for homeless shelters.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 599 Representative Brennan, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2714 Representative Mastraccio, A

LR: 2879 Sponsor: Representative Light Lookner, G of Portland

Title: An Act to Establish Sanctioned Areas for Emergency Encampments in Certain Municipalities

Comment: This bill would direct certain municipalities with encampments exceeding 20 individuals experiencing homelessness to identify areas where nighttime camping is permitted. The areas must be accessible by foot to necessary services and transportation. The appropriate state departments would be required to cooperate in identifying these areas.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2940 Representative Rana, A

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2967 Representative Rana, A

LR: 2932 Sponsor: Representative Light Lookner, G of Portland

Title: An Act to Prohibit Certain Municipalities from Enforcing Moratoria on Emergency Shelters

Comment: This bill would prohibit municipalities with populations exceeding 30,000 from enacting moratoria on the establishment of emergency homeless shelters.

LR: 2940 Sponsor: Representative Rana, A of Bangor

Title: An Act to Prohibit Clearing of Unhoused Encampments Without Providing Proper Housing Options

Comment: This bill would prohibit the removing of individuals and the clearing of unhoused encampments unless the individuals are provided with alternative housing options such as Section 8 housing.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2879 Representative Light Lookner, G

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2967 Representative Rana, A

LR: 2967 Sponsor: Representative Rana, A of Bangor

Title: An Act to Prohibit Clearing Encampments of Unhoused Individuals

Comment: This bill would prohibit the removal of individuals and clearing of belongings from encampments of individuals who are unhoused.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2879 Representative Light Lookner, G

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2940 Representative Rana, A

MEDICAID

DENTAL CARE

LR: 2730 Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot

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MEDICAID

DENTAL CARE

Title: An Act to Provide Dental Managed Care

Comment: This bill would require the implementation of a statewide Medicaid prepaid dental health program for children and adults with a choice of at least 2 licensed dental managed care providers.

Potential JR 217: LD 1334 Representative Millett, S

MEDICAID

MAINECARE

LR: 2611 Sponsor: Speaker Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act to Restore Access to the MaineCare Program for Certain Residents

Comment: This bill would provide MaineCare coverage for noncitizen residents of Maine who are parents or caretaker relatives with qualifying low incomes and who are ineligible for MaineCare coverage due to their immigration status. This bill would provide a \$15,000,000 annual appropriation for this purpose.

Potential JR 217: LD 199 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

LR: 2671 Sponsor: Representative Milliken, N of Blue Hill

Title: An Act to Provide MaineCare Coverage to All Residents of County Jails and Their Dependents

Comment: This bill would require that all residents of county jails receive MaineCare coverage, and that the residents' dependents do not lose access to MaineCare coverage when their parents or guardians are detained in or sentenced to the jails.

Potential JR 217: LD 1204 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

LR: 2673 Sponsor: Representative Mathieson, K of Kittery

Title: An Act Regarding Continuance of MaineCare Coverage for up to 12 Months for Juveniles Detained in the Long Creek Youth Development Center

Comment: This bill would allow continuance of MaineCare coverage for juveniles detained in the Long Creek Youth Development Center for up to 12 months to ameliorate difficulties caused by disruptions to care and treatment.

LR: 2738 Sponsor: Representative Madigan, C of Waterville

Title: An Act to Equalize MaineCare Members' Health Care Rights Regarding Transportation

Comment: This bill would require MaineCare contracts with providers of transportation to include provisions allowing another adult to accompany a patient to a MaineCare-reimbursable appointment.

LR: 2847 Sponsor: Representative Dhalac, D of South Portland

Title: An Act to Improve Equity in Health Care Access by Reimbursing Community Health Workers Through MaineCare

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MEDICAID

MAINECARE

Comment: This bill would improve equity in health care access by reimbursing community health workers through the MaineCare program.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 619 Representative Madigan, C

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 825 Representative Lemelin, M

Potential JR 217: LD 389 Representative Madigan, C

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

CHILDREN

LR: 2711 Sponsor: Representative Graham, A of North Yarmouth

Title: An Act to Create and Support a Youth Crisis Receiving Center

Comment: This bill would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to create a crisis receiving center for youth experiencing behavioral crises.

LR: 2941 Sponsor: Representative Gramlich, L of Old Orchard Beach

Title: An Act to Support Clinicians in Adverse Childhood Experience and Resiliency Assessments

Comment: This bill would require licensed clinical social workers engaging in children, youth and family systems clinical therapeutic interventive work to attend a one-time training on adverse childhood experience assessments and strength-based resiliency assessments.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1360 Representative Gramlich, L

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

DELIVERY

LR: 2845 Sponsor: Senator Bennett, R of Oxford

Title: An Act to Ensure the Financial Stability of Behavioral Health Service and Housing Providers

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to pay administrative expenses and interest charged on lines of credit or loans accessed by behavioral health service providers and housing assistance providers when a delay in department contracts or payments necessitates the provider accessing the line of credit or loan.

LR: 2860 Sponsor: Senator Brenner, S of Cumberland

Title: Resolve, to Ensure Timely Access to Medication Management Across the State

Comment: This resolve would prohibit the Department of Health and Human Services from implementing any negative rate changes for any provider or category of providers of medication management for behavioral health services until the department convenes a stakeholder group of medication management providers, consumers, family members, physicians and advocates to determine current use and problem areas. The department would be required to present data to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services documenting current use of medication management services, wait lists and predictions for unmet needs over the next 5 years.

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

DELIVERY

- LR: 2916 Sponsor: Senator LaFountain, D of Kennebec
Title: An Act to Establish a Mobile Geropsychiatric Team Pilot Project
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a pilot project in 3 counties under which a multidisciplinary team composed of licensed practitioners with geriatric expertise would perform comprehensive assessments of medications and care plans of individuals referred for assessment.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

PLANNING

- LR: 2910 Sponsor: Senator Rotundo, M of Androscoggin
Title: An Act to Protect and Enhance Access to Behavioral Health Services in Androscoggin County and Nearby Communities
Comment: This bill would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to provide emergency funding to cover losses from behavioral health services provided by St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Lewiston to ensure that those services can be continued and expanded to meet urgent needs in Androscoggin County and nearby communities while avoiding curtailment of other critically important health care services in the region. The bill would appropriate \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 for that purpose. The bill would provide that funds must be disbursed within 30 days of its effective date.

SMOKING

TOBACCO PRODUCTS

- LR: 2754 Sponsor: Representative Kuhn, A of Falmouth
Title: An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products Through Vending Machines
Comment: This bill would repeal the law allowing the sale of tobacco products through vending machines.
- LR: 2917 Sponsor: Representative Moonen, M of Portland
Title: An Act to Prohibit Tobacco Sales near Schools
Comment: This bill would prohibit the State from issuing a retail tobacco license to a retailer operating within 1,000 feet of a school.

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

TREATMENT

- LR: 2656 Sponsor: Representative Fredericks, A of Sanford
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to Reestablish a One-to-one Syringe Exchange Requirement

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SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

TREATMENT

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to amend its rules governing syringe services to require a one-to-one syringe exchange of one used syringe for each new syringe provided to a consumer.

LR: 2687 Sponsor: Representative Simmons, A of Waldoboro

Title: An Act to Require Drug Testing of Clients of Drug Treatment Facilities

Comment: This bill would require drug testing of clients of drug treatment facilities, including inpatient facilities and sober living facilities.

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INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS

BUSINESS PRACTICES

TICKETS

- LR: 2746 Sponsor: Senator Daughtry, M of Cumberland
Title: An Act to Protect Consumers by Requiring Vendors to Disclose All Fees Related to Purchasing a Concert Ticket
Comment: This bill, which is based on Connecticut legislation, would protect consumers by requiring vendors to disclose all fees related to purchasing a concert ticket.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

- LR: 2636 Sponsor: Senator Stewart, T of Aroostook
Title: An Act to Establish the Maine-Irish Trade Commission and Improve Collaboration with the Country of Ireland
Comment: This bill would establish the Maine-Irish Trade Commission and improve collaboration with Ireland.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING

- LR: 2716 Sponsor: Representative Ankeles, D of Brunswick
Title: An Act Regarding the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station and the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment Financing Fund
Comment: This bill would amend the laws regarding the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment Financing Fund and the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority, including those laws regarding remote workers, program duration, job caps, roads and tax allocations.
- LR: 2858 Sponsor: Senator Curry, C of Waldo
Title: An Act to Provide Additional Funds to Increase the Impact of the Maine Development Foundation
Comment: This bill would provide additional funding of \$250,000 per year to the Maine Development Foundation to become part of current services in fiscal year 2026 and subsequent fiscal years. The bill would also change term limits for foundation directors from 5 years to 8 years and permit and encourage state agencies and the University of Maine System to actively collaborate with the foundation consistent with the foundation's statutory mission.
- LR: 2931 Sponsor: Representative Kuhn, A of Falmouth
Title: Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Artificial Intelligence
Comment: This resolve would establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Artificial Intelligence to examine the impact of artificial intelligence on government, education and the private sector. The commission would be required to submit a report to the Legislature.

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INDUSTRIES

PLUMBING

- LR: 2919 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook
- Title: Resolve, to Provide Additional Options for Plumbing Inspections in the Unorganized Territory
- Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Health and Human Services to implement rulemaking to allow for the inspection of outhouses, gray water filler beds, septic systems and other plumbing-related systems by a master plumber or soil engineer using photography or other verification. This resolve would also require rulemaking to allow any licensed plumbing inspector, master plumber or consulting engineer to complete inspections.

INDUSTRIES

STORAGE FACILITIES

- LR: 2818 Sponsor: Representative Perry, A of Calais
- Title: An Act to Update the Maine Self-service Storage Act
- Comment: This bill would update the Maine Self-service Storage Act by clarifying the disposition of property upon termination or nonrenewal of a rental agreement; permitting electronic delivery of notices; permitting an online platform to be the location of the sale of personal property; and requiring watercraft and trailers to be treated in the same way as motor vehicles under the Act.

LICENSING

ARCHITECTS

- LR: 2744 Sponsor: Representative Doudera, V of Camden
- Title: An Act to Require Continuing Education for Maine Architects
- Comment: This bill would require continuing education for Maine architects to maintain licensure.

LICENSING

ELECTRICIANS

- LR: 2949 Sponsor: Representative Collamore, A of Pittsfield
- Title: An Act to Utilize Career and Technical Education Centers in the Development of the Electrician Workforce
- Comment: This bill would allow the use of career and technical education center course work for credits in electrician licensure.

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

FISH

PROTECTION

LR: 2623 Sponsor: Representative Boyer, Jr., D of Poland
Title: An Act to Designate the Landlocked Atlantic Salmon as a State Heritage Fish
Comment: This bill would designate the landlocked Atlantic salmon as a state heritage fish.

HUNTING

BEAR

LR: 2816 Sponsor: Senator Black, R of Franklin
Title: An Act Regarding the Issuance of Permits to Hunt Bear Using Bait on State Land
Comment: This bill would allow a person to pay the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands for a permit to hunt bear using bait on state land in December rather than having to wait until the following June.

HUNTING

MOOSE

LR: 2672 Sponsor: Representative Landry, S of Farmington
Title: An Act to Provide Hunting Opportunities for Maine Youth Experiencing Critical Illnesses
Comment: This bill would increase the number of moose permits issued to certain nonprofit organizations from 2 to 5 and would require that 3 of those 5 permits be issued to organizations based in the State that benefit children who are residents of the State.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2647 Sponsor: Senator Lawrence, M of York
Title: An Act to Allow the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Reimburse Volunteers of the So-called Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs Program for Gas Expenses
Comment: This bill would add a provision to allow reimbursement for the cost of gasoline used by volunteers during the course of volunteering for the so-called Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs program. The reimbursement would come from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE DEPT

POWERS

LR: 2933 Sponsor: Representative Hasenfus, T of Readfield
Title: An Act to Enhance Protections for and Better Address Invasive Aquatic Plant Infestations in Maine Lakes
Comment: This bill would provide an additional \$2,000,000 to address the most serious aquatic plant infestations in the State and require the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to review and recommend more stringent boat inspections protocols on infested lakes and review surface use restrictions and notification of those restrictions to the public.

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POWERS

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1342 Representative Riseman, W

Potential JR 217: LD 1534 Representative Hasenfus, T

WILDLIFE

WOUNDED AND DECEASED

LR: 2619 Sponsor: Senator Black, R of Franklin

Title: An Act to Allow the Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles to Locate Wounded or Deceased Wildlife

Comment: This bill would allow the use of unmanned aerial vehicles, also known as drones, to locate wounded or deceased wildlife.

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JUDICIARY

ABUSE

PROTECTION ACTIONS

LR: 2957 Sponsor: Senator Rafferty, J of York
Title: An Act to Protect Victims of Domestic Abuse and Violence
Comment: This bill would amend the law governing protection from abuse orders to give the court the authority to issue an order requiring a person to remain a specified distance from another person.

ACTIONS

WRONGFUL DEATH

LR: 2620 Sponsor: Senator Pouliot, M of Kennebec
Title: An Act to Change the Statute of Limitations for a Wrongful Death Action
Comment: This bill would change the statute of limitations for a wrongful death action to 3 years after the harm is discovered.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CHILD DEATH

LR: 2615 Sponsor: Representative Smith, K of Palermo
Title: An Act to Restrict the Sale or Transfer of Fetal Remains
Comment: This bill would prohibit, until October 15, 2027, a person from selling or transferring fetal remains to any for-profit or nonprofit entity, except for the purpose of burial or cremation. A violation would be a Class C crime.

Potential JR 217: LD 1869 Senator Stewart, T

COURTS

OTHER

LR: 2958 Sponsor: Senator Chipman, B of Cumberland
Title: An Act to Address Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder and Homelessness
Comment: This bill would establish a Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment Court in the State. The court would connect persons struggling with untreated mental illness or substance use challenges with a care plan, which may include clinically prescribed individualized interventions with supportive services, medication and a housing plan, and would include participation by an attorney from the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services and a supporter to help persons make self-directed care decisions.

CRIMES

STALKING

LR: 2832 Sponsor: Senator Carney, A of Cumberland
Title: An Act to Support Maine's Public Safety Response to Domestic Violence and Stalking

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CRIMES

STALKING

Comment: This bill would amend the laws of this State to account for the new standard set out in the case of *Counterman v. Colorado*, 600 U.S. 66 (2023). It would amend relevant sections of the Maine Criminal Code and the protection from abuse laws to provide that when a violation of the abuse laws or the crime of terrorizing, stalking or harassment by telephone relies on the content of the actor's speech, the actor must have consciously disregarded the risk that the actor's speech would place a reasonable person in fear of bodily injury.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

APPOINTED COUNSEL

LR: 2708 Sponsor: Senator Carney, A of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Protect the Confidentiality of Attorney-Client E-mail Communications for Residents of Jails and Correctional Facilities

Comment: This bill would extend the confidentiality protections, and consequences for violating that confidentiality, established in Public Law 2023, chapter 394 for attorney-client telephone calls to attorney-client e-mail communications.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

LIMITATION OF ACTIONS

LR: 2810 Sponsor: Representative Faulkingham, B of Winter Harbor

Title: An Act to Remove the Statute of Limitations for Sexual Assault, Child Molestation and Felony Sex Crimes

Comment: This bill would remove the statute of limitations for sexual assault, child molestation and felony sex crimes.

Potential JR 217: LD 1790 Senator Baldacci, J

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

DIVORCE

LR: 2964 Sponsor: Representative Collamore, A of Pittsfield

Title: An Act to Ensure Closure in Divorce Proceedings in Certain Cases

Comment: This bill would expedite the divorce process in certain cases in which there is a custody dispute. For individuals facing long-running court battles over child custody, this bill would provide a process to allow the divorce to happen more quickly.

HUMAN RIGHTS

PRIVACY

LR: 2925 Sponsor: Representative Sayre, D of Kennebunk

Title: An Act to Permit Maine Citizens to Prohibit Data Brokers from Holding or Selling Their Personal Data

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JUDICIARY

HUMAN RIGHTS

PRIVACY

Comment: This bill would require the Attorney General to establish an accessible deletion mechanism that allows a consumer to request that every data broker delete any personal information that is related to that consumer held by that data broker or an associated service provider or contractor.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1973 Senator Keim, L

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1977 Representative O'Neil, M

JUVENILE OFFENDERS

DETENTION

LR: 2747 Sponsor: Representative Cray, D of Palmyra

Title: An Act Regarding the Detention of Juveniles

Comment: This bill would amend the laws regarding juvenile detention.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2817 Senator Black, R

Potential JR 217: LD 148 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2817 Sponsor: Senator Black, R of Franklin

Title: An Act to Allow Detention of Juveniles for Certain Acts

Comment: This bill would return authority to juvenile community corrections officers to detain juveniles for certain offenses.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2747 Representative Cray, D

Potential JR 217: LD 148 Senator LaFountain, D

JUVENILE OFFENDERS

EVALUATION

LR: 2936 Sponsor: Representative Gramlich, L of Old Orchard Beach

Title: An Act to Enhance the Effectiveness of Juvenile Diversion Programs

Comment: This bill would clarify the procedure for obtaining a needs assessment through juvenile diversion prior to proceeding with a delinquency petition by making available to juveniles who encounter law enforcement the Juvenile Justice Needs Assessment. The assessment would help ensure that each juvenile who is facing arrest or court involvement is provided with the most appropriate services at the appropriate time.

JUVENILE OFFENDERS

JURISDICTION

LR: 2648 Sponsor: Senator Stewart, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act Establishing Concurrent Jurisdiction in Juvenile Matters with the United States Department of Defense

Comment: This bill would establish concurrent jurisdiction in juvenile matters with the United States Department of Defense.

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JUDICIARY

NATIVE AMERICANS

RELATIONS WITH STATE

LR: 2774 Sponsor: Representative Andrews, J of Paris

Title: An Act to Provide Certainty in Interpretation of the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act for Maine Tribes

Comment: This bill would give Maine tribes certainty through changing administrations regarding interpretation of provisions within the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act regarding federal benefits that affect or preempt state law. It would require decisions regarding the Act made by the Governor or the Attorney General to be made in writing and submitted to the appropriate joint standing committee of the legislature for review.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2809 Representative Faulkingham, B

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2959 Senator Carney, A

Potential JR 217: LD 2004 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

LR: 2792 Sponsor: Representative Poirier, J of Skowhegan

Title: An Act to Provide State Recognition for the Kineo Tribe of Malecites

Comment: This bill would recognize as a Native American tribe the Kineo Tribe of Malecites for the purpose of applying for federal and private grants. This bill would not grant to the tribe any rights or claims to land nor any rights to conduct gambling.

Potential JR 217: LD 336 Representative Poirier, J

LR: 2809 Sponsor: Representative Faulkingham, B of Winter Harbor

Title: An Act to Amend the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act to Allow Maine Tribes to Benefit from Federal Laws

Comment: This bill would amend the state law implementing the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 to allow Maine tribes to benefit from federal laws.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2774 Representative Andrews, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2959 Senator Carney, A

Potential JR 217: LD 2004 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

LR: 2959 Sponsor: Senator Carney, A of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Advance Equality for Wabanaki Nations

Comment: This bill would ensure that federally recognized Wabanaki tribes have access to federal beneficial laws on an equal basis with all other federally recognized tribes in other states.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2774 Representative Andrews, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2809 Representative Faulkingham, B

Potential JR 217: LD 2004 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

REAL ESTATE

EMINENT DOMAIN

LR: 2731 Sponsor: Representative Hymes, B of Waldo

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JUDICIARY

REAL ESTATE

EMINENT DOMAIN

Title: An Act to Ensure Just Compensation When Eminent Domain Is Declared

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing eminent domain to ensure property owners are justly compensated.

REAL ESTATE

LANDLORD AND TENANT

LR: 2641 Sponsor: Senator Chipman, B of Cumberland

Title: An Act Regarding the Fees Charged for Keeping Pets

Comment: This bill would limit pet fees charged to tenants to no more than 1.5% of the total monthly rent or \$35, whichever is greater; limit additional pet security deposits to no more than \$300; and require that all pet security deposits be refundable.

Potential JR 217: LD 1193 Senator Chipman, B

LR: 2650 Sponsor: Representative Light Lookner, G of Portland

Title: An Act to Prevent Homelessness During Repairs for Breach of the Covenant of Habitability

Comment: This bill would require landlords to provide alternative housing and prohibit the eviction of tenants during repairs when landlords are found to have breached the covenant of habitability.

REAL ESTATE

MORTGAGES

LR: 2717 Sponsor: Representative Ankeles, D of Brunswick

Title: An Act to Protect Distressed Mortgage Holders from Fraud

Comment: This bill would require mortgage servicers to send a 2nd demand letter to distressed mortgage holders 6 months after the first demand letter is sent and would amend the required contents of the letter to include information regarding frauds perpetrated upon mortgage holders.

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LABOR AND HOUSING

COMPENSATION

MINIMUM WAGE

LR: 2644 Sponsor: Representative Drinkwater, G of Milford

Title: An Act to Pay Agricultural Workers the State Minimum Wage

Comment: This bill would require the state minimum wage to be paid to agricultural workers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2891 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

Potential JR 217: LD 398 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

LR: 2784 Sponsor: Representative Geiger, V of Rockland

Title: An Act to Change the Minimum Wage to a Living Wage

Comment: This bill would increase the minimum wage to an amount determined using the Living Wage Calculator developed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and subsequently indexed to the Consumer Price Index.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1376 Representative Collings, B

LR: 2891 Sponsor: Speaker Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act to Include Farm Workers in the Laws Establishing Minimum Wage Rates and Overtime Restrictions

Comment: This bill would provide that agricultural employees and seasonal farm employees are covered by the laws that place limits on mandatory overtime and the laws that set a minimum wage and overtime rate.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2644 Representative Drinkwater, G

Potential JR 217: LD 398 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

LR: 2892 Sponsor: Representative Landry, S of Farmington

Title: An Act to Exclude Seasonal Volunteer Ski Patrollers and Seasonal Volunteer Ski Ambassadors and Hosts at Ski Areas from the Minimum Wage Laws

Comment: This bill would exclude seasonal volunteer ski patrollers and seasonal volunteer ski ambassadors and hosts at ski areas from the minimum wage laws.

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

LEAVE

LR: 2769 Sponsor: Representative Lemelin, M of Chelsea

Title: An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Earned Paid Leave

Comment: This bill would amend the earned paid leave law to allow an employee to carry over earned paid leave from one year to the next. As that leave is used, the employee would have an opportunity to increase earned paid leave back up to 40 hours.

LR: 2813 Sponsor: Representative Faulkingham, B of Winter Harbor

Title: An Act to Encourage Business Growth and Improve Employment Benefits by Implementing a Voluntary Paid Medical Leave Program

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EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

LEAVE

Comment: This bill would implement a voluntary paid medical leave program.

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

MINORS

LR: 2645 Sponsor: Representative Light Lookner, G of Portland

Title: An Act to Update Child Labor Laws to Allow Individuals Who Appeared in Monetized Online Videos as Minors to Seek Deletion of Content and to Require Trust Accounts to Be Established for Such Minors

Comment: This bill would allow an individual who was a minor engaged in the work of video blogging to request the permanent deletion of any video segment including the likeness, name or photograph of the individual from any online platform that provided compensation to the individual's parent in exchange for that video content. It would provide that a video blogger who features a minor in a specified amount of the video blogger's content shared on an online platform must set aside a specified amount of gross earnings on the video content in a trust account to be preserved for the benefit of the minor upon the minor's reaching the age of majority. It would provide for the requirements of the trust account and define terms.

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

WORK ENVIRONMENT

LR: 2617 Sponsor: Speaker Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act to Enact a Farm Worker Bill of Rights

Comment: This bill would establish certain rights for farm workers.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 525 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 321 Senator Tipping, M

Potential JR 217: LD 398 Speaker Talbot Ross, R

LR: 2946 Sponsor: Speaker Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act to Create the Commission of Inquiry on Labor and Land Justice

Comment: This bill would create the Commission of Inquiry on Labor and Land Justice to study extractive labor performed by African Americans, Native Americans, migrant farmers and low-income Maine residents and land practices related to extractive labor.

HOUSING

ASSISTANCE

LR: 2921 Sponsor: Senator Chipman, B of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Address Maine's Affordable Housing Crisis

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HOUSING

ASSISTANCE

Comment: This bill would provide \$50,000,000 in one-time funds for fiscal year 2024-25 to create more units of affordable housing in the State to be administered by the Maine State Housing Authority. This bill would also require 500 additional rental assistance vouchers to be issued by the Maine State Housing Authority. This bill would also allow more smaller units of housing to be built by not allowing the minimum size requirement for housing units to be higher than the state minimum.

LR: 2938 Sponsor: Representative Golek, C of Harpswell

Title: An Act to Improve the Housing Voucher System

Comment: This bill would require the Maine State Housing Authority to collect the data necessary to request a waiver of the fair market rents set by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development so that the Maine State Housing Authority or a local housing authority may enter into contracts with landlords at the highest rent allowed.

LR: 2962 Sponsor: Senator Tipping, M of Penobscot

Title: An Act to Assist First-time Home Buyers by Increasing Assistance Available from the Maine State Housing Authority

Comment: This bill would require the income and purchase price thresholds for the Maine State Housing Authority's first-time home buyer program to be linked to inflation and would increase the assistance amount to \$7,000.

LR: 2966 Sponsor: Senator Nangle, T of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Remove Barriers to Heating Assistance for Low-income and Moderate-income Maine Residents

Comment: This bill would increase the income eligibility threshold for heating assistance to a maximum of \$55,000 as well as ensure timely payments to Maine businesses and residents in the heating assistance program.

HOUSING

REGULATION

LR: 2803 Sponsor: Senator Pouliot, M of Kennebec

Title: An Act to Increase Housing Options in Maine

Comment: This bill would require licensure for off-site home installation.

HOUSING

STATE FUNDED

LR: 2752 Sponsor: Senator Daughtry, M of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Create Workforce Housing to Promote Economic Development in Maine

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HOUSING

STATE FUNDED

Comment: This bill would create a loan fund administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development to create workforce housing for Maine employers who are having difficulty recruiting and retaining employees due to the lack of housing that is affordable to certain wage earners. The fund would provide 0% financing to community banks that underwrite the funds on behalf of the program.

LABOR RELATIONS

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

LR: 2869 Sponsor: Representative Roeder, A of Bangor

Title: An Act to Strengthen Firefighters' Collective Bargaining Rights

Comment: This bill would increase firefighter recruitment and retention rates by strengthening firefighters' collective bargaining rights.

LR: 2912 Sponsor: Senator Tipping, M of Penobscot

Title: An Act to Improve Maine's Labor Laws by Changing the Laws Governing Collective Bargaining Elections for Certain Public Employees

Comment: Current law allows municipal employees in a collective bargaining unit to have an election to be represented by a certain labor organization as their collective bargaining agent if, after examining the demonstration of majority support, the Maine Labor Relations Board finds majority support for the organization to be in question. For judicial, state and higher education public employees and employers, current law allows the public employer to request an election from the Maine Labor Relations Board in order to determine whether the organization indeed represents a majority of the members in the collective bargaining unit. This bill would extend the current law applying to municipal employees and employers to judicial, state and higher education public employees and employers.

LABOR RELATIONS

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

LR: 2956 Sponsor: Senator Carney, A of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Enhance Employer and Employee Harmony on Certain State-assisted Projects

Comment: This bill would require a party that enters into a contract supported in whole or in part by aid granted by the State or a municipality for constructing, altering, repairing, furnishing or equipping a building, a public works project or an energy project to enter into an employer-employee harmony agreement under which the employer agrees to be neutral during a union organizing campaign and other union activities.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING

STANDARDS

LR: 2823 Sponsor: Representative Malon, II, M of Biddeford

Title: An Act to Ensure That Manufactured Housing May Be Built on Lots Where Single-family Dwellings Are Allowed

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Comment: This bill would allow manufactured housing to be built on lots where single-family dwellings are allowed.

STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

FIREFIGHTERS

LR: 2851 Sponsor: Senator Grohoski, N of Hancock

Title: An Act to Improve Retention of State Employees Who Are Firefighters

Comment: This bill would remove the age requirement in the retirement plan for full-time state employees who work as firefighters. The current retirement plan requires 25 years of service and states that an employee must be a minimum of 55 years of age in order to be eligible.

STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

JUDICIAL RETIREMENT

LR: 2937 Sponsor: Representative Greenwood, R of Wales

Title: An Act to Create Equity Between Certain Members of the Judicial Branch and the Executive Branch Regarding Maine State Retirement

Comment: This bill would authorize deputy judicial marshals in the judicial branch to join a retirement plan that is substantially similar to the 1998 Special Plan for certain executive branch employees.

STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

MEMBERSHIP

LR: 2871 Sponsor: Representative Crafts, L of Newcastle

Title: An Act to Create the Central Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services Authority

Comment: This bill would create the Central Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services Authority for the purpose of allowing emergency medical services workers in central Lincoln County to participate in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 882 Representative Salisbury, S

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MARINE RESOURCES

**COMMERCIAL FISHING
LICENSES**

LR: 2785 Sponsor: Senator Moore, M of Washington

Title: An Act to Authorize Medical Waivers for Menhaden Fishing Licenses

Comment: This bill would add menhaden fishing licenses to the current law authorizing the Commissioner of Marine Resources to issue certain commercial fishing licenses on appeal if a substantial illness or medical condition prevented the applicant from meeting certain eligibility requirements.

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LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEES

LR: 2739 Sponsor: Representative Madigan, C of Waterville
Title: An Act to Require Health Care and Substance Use Disorder Legislation to Be Supported by Relevant Data and Analysis
Comment: This bill would require a legislative joint standing committee to request the Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention or other relevant state agency or public health organization to provide relevant testimony, data and analysis for every bill regarding health matters, including substance use disorder matters.

LEGISLATURE

PROCEDURES

LR: 2955 Sponsor: Representative Greenwood, R of Wales
Title: An Act to Establish the Process for the Selection of Delegates for a Convention Called Under Article V of the United States Constitution
Comment: This bill would clarify the process for selecting delegates for a convention proposing amendments to the United States Constitution and clarify restrictions on delegate actions.

LEGISLATURE

STUDIES

LR: 2737 Sponsor: Representative Madigan, C of Waterville
Title: An Act to Require Compensation for Persons with Lived Experience Participating in Legislative and State Studies and Commissions
Comment: This bill would require compensation, including compensation for travel, time spent and child care, for those persons with lived experience participating in legislative and state studies and commissions.

MUNICIPALITIES

ORDINANCES

LR: 2942 Sponsor: Representative Rana, A of Bangor
Title: An Act to Standardize Municipal Public Health Policies
Comment: This bill would require municipal standards and protocols that relate to public health to be standardized in accordance with state policy and the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention qualifications. The bill would prevent municipalities from creating ordinances and regulations that contradict the best practice recommendations of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

MUNICIPALITIES

PERSONNEL

LR: 2828 Sponsor: Representative Walker, M of Naples

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MUNICIPALITIES

PERSONNEL

Title: An Act to Assist Municipalities to Maintain Safe Public Ways

Comment: This bill would allow municipal public works departments to employ drivers who hold Class C licenses to operate certain municipal vehicles under certain conditions if those drivers successfully complete training equivalent to emergency vehicle operation training.

MUNICIPALITIES

SERVICES

LR: 2655 Sponsor: Senator Beebe-Center, A of Knox

Title: An Act to Eliminate Certain Reporting Requirements for Special Districts

Comment: This bill would eliminate the requirement for special districts, including districts established for the purposes of providing water, sewer, electric, educational, health, transportation, solid waste management, parking or recreation services or any other public purpose, to file an annual report of their total outstanding debt.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2843 Representative Riseman, W

LR: 2843 Sponsor: Representative Riseman, W of Harrison

Title: An Act to Repeal Reporting Requirements for Special Districts Regarding Outstanding Debt

Comment: This bill would repeal the annual reporting requirements for special districts regarding the outstanding debt of the special districts.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2655 Senator Beebe-Center, A

MUNICIPALITIES

TAX EXPENDITURES

LR: 2640 Sponsor: Representative Hepler, A of Woolwich

Title: An Act to Repeal the Law Relating to Payments from the Town of Georgetown for MacMahan Island

Comment: This bill would repeal the law requiring the Town of Georgetown to expend 20% of the taxes collected from MacMahan Island residents for municipal purposes for the benefit of those residents.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2887 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Improve Public Sector Workers' Rights

Comment: This bill would improve public sector workers' rights.

LR: 2890 Sponsor: Representative Gattine, D of Westbrook

Title: An Act to Address Chronic Understaffing of State Positions

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Comment: This bill would propose measures to address understaffing of state positions through job vacancy reports, work with bargaining agents, improvements to the hiring process, changes in compensation and outside evaluation of recruitment and retention issues.

STATE GOVERNMENT

AGENCY REGULATION

LR: 2642 Sponsor: Senator Timberlake, J of Androscoggin

Title: An Act to Eliminate State Agency Review of Program Evaluation Reports Prior to Release of Reports to the Government Oversight Committee

Comment: This bill would eliminate the requirement that the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability provide a draft of a program evaluation report to the evaluated state agency prior to releasing the report to the Government Oversight Committee.

LR: 2643 Sponsor: Senator Timberlake, J of Androscoggin

Title: An Act to Repeal the Law Requiring Initiation of Agency Routine Technical Rule-making Proceedings upon Receipt of a Petition of 150 Voters

Comment: This bill would repeal the law requiring a state agency to initiate routine technical rule-making proceedings upon receipt of a petition submitted by 150 or more registered voters.

STATE GOVERNMENT

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

LR: 2793 Sponsor: Representative Andrews, J of Paris

Title: An Act to Require Constitutional Officers to Complete Sexual Harassment Training

Comment: This bill would require constitutional officers to attend and complete a course of education and training regarding sexual harassment.

STATE GOVERNMENT

LAND CONVEYANCES

LR: 2742 Sponsor: Representative Davis, Jr., K of East Machias

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Conduct an Environmental Assessment of Certain Real Property in Machiasport

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to conduct an environmental assessment of a 9.5-acre parcel in Machiasport and report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

STATE GOVERNMENT

PURCHASES

LR: 2882 Sponsor: Senator Grohoski, N of Hancock

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PURCHASES

- Title: An Act to Ensure Determinations Made by the State Are Free from Unethical, Unsafe or Illegal Interference by Artificial Intelligence
- Comment: This bill would prohibit the State and any agency of the State from funding or using software employing any advanced systems of artificial intelligence such as Chat Generative Pre-trained Transformer, or ChatGPT, in a decision-making process unless the software conforms to ethical, legal and safety standards that ensure that the software can provide explicable, transparent decision-making that guarantees that the State controls the behavior of the software in ways that enable the State to fully comply with its legal requirements and guarantees all citizens affected by the software accessible and affordable ways to understand, review and appeal decisions made by the system. The bill would also require the State to establish and fund an ongoing commission to investigate ways in which it may, in collaboration with governments of other states, municipalities and countries and other organizations, promote access to ethical, safe and affordable forms of advanced artificial intelligence, for itself and its citizens, to allow them to effectively fulfill their governmental and civic obligations; guarantee their rights under the law; and advance their economic, cultural and ecological well-being while evading the threat of advanced artificial intelligence systems.

STATE GOVERNMENT

STATE COMMEMORATIONS

- LR: 2669 Sponsor: Representative Sachs, M of Freeport
Title: Resolve, to Add Legislators to the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission
Comment: This resolve would add Legislators to the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission, which was established to develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America.
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2745 Speaker Talbot Ross, R
- LR: 2685 Sponsor: Representative Soboleski, M of Phillips
Title: An Act to Move Patriot's Day to Election Day
Comment: This bill would move Patriot's Day to election day.
- LR: 2727 Sponsor: Senator Daughtry, M of Cumberland
Title: Resolve, to Initiate the Procedures to Request the United States Congress's Joint Committee on the Library to Replace 2 Statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection
Comment: This resolve would direct the replacement of the statues of Governor William King and Hannibal Hamlin with statues of Joshua Chamberlain and Cornelia "Fly Rod" Crosby in the National Statuary Hall Collection.
- LR: 2745 Sponsor: Speaker Talbot Ross, R of Portland
Title: Resolve, to Increase Participation in the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission

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STATE COMMEMORATIONS

Comment: This resolve would increase the membership of the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission by 10 members and provide all members compensation equal to the legislative per diem rate.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2669 Representative Sachs, M

STATE GOVERNMENT

STATE WORKPLACES

LR: 2733 Sponsor: Representative Montell, K of Gardiner

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to Improve the Health of Persons Working in or Visiting the State House by Increasing the Building's Air Exchange Rate to 20 Percent

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to improve the health of persons working in or visiting the State House by increasing the building's air exchange rate to 20%.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2734 Representative Montell, K

LR: 2734 Sponsor: Representative Montell, K of Gardiner

Title: Resolve, to Protect Legislators, Legislative Workers and the Public from Exposure to Harmful Substances

Comment: This resolve would require an inventory of the State House, the State House-Cross Office Building tunnel and legislative spaces in the Cross Office Building documenting mold, including black mold, as well as asbestos, lead and radon, similar to the inventory currently required for state-owned buildings.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2733 Representative Montell, K

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TAXATION

INCOME TAX CREDITS

LR: 2728 Sponsor: Representative Jackson, C of Oxford
Title: An Act to Amend the Student Loan Repayment Tax Credit
Comment: This bill would enable eligible borrowers of student loans who are paying back eligible loans to redeem up to \$25,000 in student loan tax credit, with a \$2,500 annual limit, to encourage those borrowers to live and work in the State.

LR: 2772 Sponsor: Senator Rotundo, M of Androscoggin
Title: An Act to Accelerate the Production of Housing and Strengthen the Maine Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit
Comment: This bill would increase the maximum tax credit allowed for certified historic property rehabilitation projects. It would also allow nonprofits that claim the historic preservation tax credit or the affordable housing tax credit to file their refund claims on a calendar year basis.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1810 Representative Terry, M

LR: 2856 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook
Title: An Act to Provide Investment Incentives to Keep the Portland Sea Dogs in the State
Comment: This bill would provide financial incentives to keep the Portland Sea Dogs in Maine, such as a tax credit for capital investment upgrades to the facilities used by the team.

LR: 2902 Sponsor: Representative Terry, M of Gorham
Title: An Act to Enhance the State Child Tax Credit by Establishing the Working Families Child Tax Credit Fund
Comment: This bill would establish the Working Families Child Tax Credit Fund to provide funding to increase the child tax credit. The fund would be funded from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

INCOME TAX EXEMPTIONS

LR: 2736 Sponsor: Senator Vitelli, E of Sagadahoc
Title: An Act to Support Child Care Workers by Exempting Child Care Worker Subsidies from State Income Tax
Comment: This bill would reduce the federal adjusted gross income of child care workers by an amount equal to the monthly wage supplement for purposes of calculating state income tax. It would not affect a child care worker's income level for purposes of federal taxes or benefits programs.

LR: 2750 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook
Title: An Act to Align Maine Tax Exemption Standards for Religious Organizations with Federal Standards

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Comment: This bill would align the standards in Maine law regarding tax exemptions for religious organizations with federal standards.

INCOME TAX

PRE-TAX ACCOUNTS

LR: 2909 Sponsor: Senator Chipman, B of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Establish an Employer Commuter Benefits Law

Comment: This bill would require employers in the State with 20 or more employees to proactively offer their employees the ability to use pretax earnings for qualified commuter transportation expenses.

INCOME TAX

RATE

LR: 2811 Sponsor: Representative Faulkingham, B of Winter Harbor

Title: An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Income Tax

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing the income tax.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1231 Representative Carmichael, M

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 499 Senator Chipman, B

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 457 Senator Chipman, B

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 803 Representative Perry, J

Potential JR 217: LD 843 Representative Osher, L

Potential JR 217: LD 971 Representative Carmichael, M

Potential JR 217: LD 1671 Representative Ducharme, J

Potential JR 217: LD 1651 Representative Arata, A

Potential JR 217: LD 1638 Senator Brakey, E

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

EXCISE TAX

LR: 2622 Sponsor: Senator Libby, J of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Eliminate the Excise Tax on Certain Recreational Vehicles

Comment: This bill would eliminate the excise tax on recreational vehicles that are hauled.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2950 Representative Faulkingham, B

Potential JR 217: LD 1524 Representative Sampson, H

LR: 2713 Sponsor: Senator LaFountain, D of Kennebec

Title: An Act to Assist Disabled Veterans in Applying for Excise Tax Exemptions

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Comment: This bill would streamline the process between the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and municipalities to allow disabled veterans who receive one or more excise tax exemptions to receive the exemptions without being required to have a disabled veteran registration plate.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2821 Senator Keim, L

LR: 2788 Sponsor: Representative Hepler, A of Woolwich

Title: An Act Regarding Excise Taxes on Antique Automobiles

Comment: This bill would limit the amount of excise tax required to be paid on antique automobiles.

LR: 2821 Sponsor: Senator Keim, L of Oxford

Title: An Act to Allow Disabled Veterans to Receive an Excise Tax Exemption Regardless of Whether They Have Disabled Veterans Registration Plates

Comment: This bill would allow disabled veterans without disabled veterans registration plates to receive the same excise tax exemption as those with disabled veteran registration plates.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2713 Senator LaFountain, D

LR: 2852 Sponsor: Representative Lemelin, M of Chelsea

Title: An Act to Exempt Motor Vehicles of Active Duty Service Members Stationed Out-of-state from Excise Tax

Comment: Current law provides an exemption from the excise tax imposed on motor vehicles owned by a person on active duty serving in the United States Armed Forces who is stationed in the State. This bill would extend that exemption to a person on active duty who is stationed outside of the State or deployed for military service for more than 180 days annually.

LR: 2950 Sponsor: Representative Faulkingham, B of Winter Harbor

Title: An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Excise Tax on Camper Trailers

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing the excise tax on camper trailers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2622 Senator Libby, J

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

LOGGING AND MEALS TAXES

LR: 2725 Sponsor: Representative Lanigan, L of Sanford

Title: An Act to Eliminate the Lodging Tax for Maine Seniors

Comment: This bill would exempt Maine residents 65 years of age and older from the imposition of a lodging tax by hoteliers.

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MOTOR FUEL TAX

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LR: 2770 Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot

Title: An Act to Refund Gasoline Taxes Paid by Nonprofit Transportation Providers

Comment: This bill would provide that taxes on gasoline paid by nonprofit organizations that have contracts with federal, state, county or local governments to provide transportation are refundable to the nonprofit organization.

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

SERVICE PROVIDER TAX

LR: 2726 Sponsor: Representative Lanigan, L of Sanford

Title: An Act to Eliminate the Taxation on Certain Senior Housing

Comment: This bill would include an exemption from the service provider tax for residential care facilities and private nonmedical institutions for the provision of housing services to individuals 65 years of age and older.

PROPERTY TAX

ABATEMENTS

LR: 2694 Sponsor: Senator Timberlake, J of Androscoggin

Title: An Act Regarding the Poverty Abatement Timeline

Comment: This bill would align the deadline for filing an application for poverty abatement, which may be filed up to 3 years from the date of commitment, with the timeline of the foreclosure process, in which liens automatically foreclose 18 months from the date of filing.

PROPERTY TAX

COLLECTION

LR: 2709 Sponsor: Representative Bridgeo, W of Augusta

Title: An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Create Lakefront Protection Improvement Districts

Comment: This bill would allow municipalities to create lakefront protection improvement districts and impose a property tax surcharge.

PROPERTY TAX

EXEMPTIONS

LR: 2653 Sponsor: Senator Reny, C of Lincoln

Title: An Act to Clarify the Property Tax Exemption for Air Pollution Control Facilities

Comment: This bill would specifically exclude from eligibility for a property tax exemption those facilities that store spent nuclear fuel and nuclear waste.

PROPERTY TAX

FAIRNESS CREDIT

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FAIRNESS CREDIT

- LR: 2768 Sponsor: Representative Bridgeo, W of Augusta
Title: An Act Regarding Certain Disabled Veterans and the Property Tax Fairness Credit
Comment: This bill would classify a disabled veteran who has been determined to be individually unemployable by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as 100% permanently and totally disabled for purposes of the property tax fairness credit.
- LR: 2963 Sponsor: Senator Tipping, M of Penobscot
Title: An Act to Assist Residents of the State Who Have High Rents
Comment: This bill would expand the current property tax fairness credit program to increase the amount of relief available to residents who rent.

PROPERTY TAX

FARM AND OPEN SPACE TAX

- LR: 2848 Sponsor: Representative Terry, M of Gorham
Title: An Act to Amend the Recapture Penalty Imposed Under the Farm and Open Space Tax Law
Comment: This bill would make changes to the recapture penalty imposed when land is withdrawn from classification under the farm and open space tax law program.

PROPERTY TAX

RELIEF

- LR: 2779 Sponsor: Senator Black, R of Franklin
Title: An Act to Reestablish the Property Tax Stabilization Program for Senior Citizens
Comment: This bill would reestablish the property tax stabilization program for senior citizens discontinued by Public Law 2023, chapter 412 and update its eligibility requirements.
- LR: 2842 Sponsor: Representative Russell, R of Verona Island
Title: An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief
Comment: This bill would amend the property tax fairness credit to provide increased property tax relief.
- LR: 2900 Sponsor: Representative Russell, R of Verona Island
Title: An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Municipal Property Tax Deferral Programs
Comment: This bill would eliminate the requirement that interest be paid by seniors to the State on tax deferred under municipal property tax deferral programs.
- LR: 2922 Sponsor: Representative Perry, J of Bangor
Title: An Act to Decrease Property Taxes Through the Property Tax Deferral Program and Homestead Exemption Reimbursement to Municipalities

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RELIEF

Comment: This bill would remove income and asset restrictions in the property tax deferral program and increase homestead exemption reimbursement to municipalities.

PROPERTY TAX PROCEDURES

MUNICIPALITIES

LR: 2718 Sponsor: Representative Ankeles, D of Brunswick

Title: An Act Regarding the Property Value Reassessment Process

Comment: This bill would address property tax value reassessment, including reassessments of mobile homes and working waterfronts as well as the data used in the reassessments.

LR: 2833 Sponsor: Representative Malon, II, M of Biddeford

Title: An Act to Allow Municipalities to Use Land Value Taxation

Comment: This bill would allow municipalities, as an alternative to the usual model of property taxation, to use land value taxation, which is a levy based on the value of the land itself, not buildings or improvements. This would be an option for municipalities, not a requirement. The bill would provide an exemption for land currently protected under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law, farm and open space tax laws and working waterfront land tax laws.

LR: 2929 Sponsor: Senator Pierce, T of Cumberland

Title: An Act to Support Municipalities by Repealing the Law Limiting the Municipal Property Tax Levy

Comment: This bill would repeal the law limiting the municipal property tax levy.

SALES AND USE TAX

EXEMPT ITEMS

LR: 2846 Sponsor: Senator Brakey, E of Androscoggin

Title: An Act to Address Inflation by Eliminating the Sales Tax on Gold and Silver Coinage and Bullion, Establishing Home Energy Savings Accounts, Increasing the Personal Needs Allowance for Seniors in Residential Care and Nursing Facilities and Requesting an Audit of the Federal Reserve

Comment: This bill would address the problem of inflation by eliminating the state sales tax on gold and silver coinage and bullion; increasing the personal needs allowance for seniors in residential care and nursing facilities and providing an inflation adjustment for that allowance; establishing home energy savings accounts that allow account holders to save up to \$5,000 annually per household, with that amount to be increased annually by the inflation rate and exempt from the state income tax, for the purpose of paying for home electricity, heating and weatherization expenses; and directing the constitutional officers, on behalf of the Legislature, to send a letter to the Maine congressional delegation requesting their support for a full audit of the Federal Reserve Bank.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1873 Senator Brakey, E

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 587 Senator Brakey, E

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EXEMPT ITEMS

Potential JR 217: LD 1051 Senator Brakey, E

Potential JR 217: LD 1147 Senator Brakey, E

SALES AND USE TAX

EXEMPT PURCHASERS

LR: 2859 Sponsor: Representative White, B of Waterville

Title: An Act to Provide a Sales Tax Exemption to Incorporated Nonprofit Member Organizations to Promote Career and Technical Education

Comment: This bill would provide a sales tax exemption to incorporated nonprofit member organizations if the primary purpose of the organization is to assist a statewide organization of career and technical education administrators to promote career and technical education through the exchange of information among career and technical education administrators.

LR: 2926 Sponsor: Senator Guerin, S of Penobscot

Title: An Act to Allow Nonprofit Organizations with Multiple Purposes to Receive Maine Tax Benefits

Comment: This bill would allow nonprofit organizations with multiple purposes to receive Maine tax benefits similar to those received by single-purpose nonprofit organizations.

SALES AND USE TAX

ITEMS TAXED

LR: 2945 Sponsor: Speaker Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act to Remove the Exemption from Sales and Use Tax for Automobiles Purchased for Use as Rentals

Comment: This bill would remove the exemption from sales and use tax for automobiles, and parts or accessories related to those automobiles, purchased or used by persons engaged in the business of renting automobiles.

Potential JR 217: LD 1946 Representative Moonen, M

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TRANSPORTATION

BUSES

SCHOOL BUSES

LR: 2822 Sponsor: Senator Stewart, T of Aroostook
Title: An Act to Require Flame-retardant Seats on School Buses Manufactured After 2024
Comment: This bill would require all school buses manufactured after 2024 to be equipped with flame-retardant seats.

MOTOR VEHICLES

ALTERNATIVE

LR: 2885 Sponsor: Representative Morris, J of Turner
Title: An Act to Enhance Legislative Oversight of Rules Regulating Electric Vehicles
Comment: This bill would designate rules regarding electric vehicles as major substantive rules.

MOTOR VEHICLES

NUMBER PLATES

LR: 2934 Sponsor: Senator Chipman, B of Cumberland
Title: An Act to Allow the Secretary of State to Issue General Issuance License Plates
Comment: This bill would allow the Secretary of State to issue general issuance license plates every 10 years. The general issuance license plates would be a plain background color with a different color for the numbers and letters. The colors would be chosen by the Secretary of State.

LR: 2952 Sponsor: Representative Greenwood, R of Wales
Title: An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Issue a Gadsden Flag License Plate
Comment: This bill would authorize the Secretary of State to issue a Gadsden flag license plate as a specialty plate.

LR: 2954 Sponsor: Representative Carlow, N of Buxton
Title: An Act Authorizing the Secretary of State to Issue Commemorative License Plates in Honor of America's Semiquincentennial
Comment: This bill would authorize the Secretary of State to issue commemorative license plates in honor of America's semiquincentennial.

ROADS

BRIDGES

LR: 2614 Sponsor: Representative Strout, T of Harrington
Title: Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Roque Bluffs
Comment: This resolve would rename the Englishman River Bridge on Johnson Cove Road in the Town of Roque Bluffs Hope's Bridge.

LR: 2824 Sponsor: Representative Malon, II, M of Biddeford

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TRANSPORTATION

ROADS

BRIDGES

Title: Resolve, to Rename the Bridge Connecting Main Street in Biddeford to Main Street in Saco the General Wallace H. Nutting Memorial Bridge

Comment: This resolve would rename the bridge connecting Main Street in Biddeford to Main Street in Saco the General Wallace H. Nutting Memorial Bridge.

ROADS

NAMING

LR: 2639 Sponsor: Representative Hepler, A of Woolwich

Title: Resolve, Designating Route 127 in Arrowsic as the Private Merwin A. Delano Memorial Highway

Comment: This bill would designate Route 127 in Arrowsic as the Private Merwin A. Delano Memorial Highway.

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

AGENCY STORES

LR: 2638 Sponsor: Senator Daughtry, M of Cumberland
Title: An Act to Update the Number of Agency Liquor Stores Allowed in a Municipality
Comment: This bill would allow 7 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 10,000 but less than 20,001. It would also allow the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to issue one additional agency liquor store license beyond those otherwise authorized in a municipality with a population of less than 15,000.

CANNABIS

ADULT USE AND MEDICAL CANNABIS

LR: 2628 Sponsor: Representative Boyer, Jr., D of Poland
Title: An Act to Remove the Universal Symbol Requirement for Edible Cannabis Products
Comment: This bill would remove the requirement for edible cannabis products to be marked with a universal symbol.

LR: 2812 Sponsor: Representative Faulkingham, B of Winter Harbor
Title: An Act to Prohibit Noncitizen Participation in the Cannabis Industry
Comment: This bill would prohibit noncitizen participation in the cannabis industry.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2862 Representative Andrews, J

LR: 2862 Sponsor: Representative Andrews, J of Paris
Title: An Act to Combat Racketeering by Foreign Organizations in Maine Cannabis Markets
Comment: This bill would establish laws based on the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act to investigate and prosecute foreign organizations acting in a pattern of racketeering to cultivate, traffic and sell illegal cannabis.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2812 Representative Faulkingham, B

CANNABIS

ADULT USE CANNABIS

LR: 2903 Sponsor: Representative Soboleski, M of Phillips
Title: An Act to Provide Investigative Authority to the Maine State Police, Sheriffs and Local Police Regarding Maine's Recreational Cannabis Laws and Ordinances to Ensure Proper Enforcement
Comment: This bill would provide investigative authority to the Maine State Police, sheriffs and local police regarding Maine's recreational cannabis laws and ordinances to ensure proper enforcement.

ELECTIONS

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

LR: 2875 Sponsor: Representative Cloutier, K of Lewiston

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CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Title: An Act to Provide Greater Parity in Campaign Financing by Including Child Care as an Allowable Expense

Comment: This bill would provide greater parity between traditionally funded political campaigns and publicly financed political campaigns by allowing child care as an allowable expense under the Maine Clean Election Act.

GAMBLING

OFF-TRACK BETTING

LR: 2841 Sponsor: Representative Collings, B of Portland

Title: An Act to Clarify the Eligibility of an Off-track Betting Facility to Receive Funding When the Facility Is Sold or Relocates

Comment: This bill would clarify the eligibility of an off-track betting facility to receive funding from the Fund to Stabilize Off-track Betting Facilities when the facility is sold or moves to a different location.

LOBBYISTS

PROCEDURES

LR: 2877 Sponsor: Senator Hickman, C of Kennebec

Title: An Act to Increase Transparency in State Government by Expanding the Definition of "Lobbying" to Include Influencing the Procurement of Goods and Services and to Include Supporting or Opposing the Adoption of a Rule of a Department or Agency of the State

Comment: This bill would expand the definition of "lobbying" to include influencing the procurement of goods and services and supporting or opposing the adoption of a rule of a department or state agency.

MILITARY FORCES

TRAINING

LR: 2618 Sponsor: Representative Osher, L of Orono

Title: An Act to Prohibit Paramilitary Training Camps

Comment: This bill would prohibit unauthorized military training.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2624 Representative Light Lookner, G

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2626 Senator Baldacci, J

LR: 2624 Sponsor: Representative Light Lookner, G of Portland

Title: An Act to Ban Paramilitary Training Camps

Comment: This bill would prohibit paramilitary training camps.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2618 Representative Osher, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2626 Senator Baldacci, J

LR: 2626 Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot

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MILITARY FORCES

TRAINING

Title: An Act to Prohibit Paramilitary Training by Unauthorized Persons

Comment: This bill would prohibit training by unauthorized persons in the use, application or making of a firearm, explosive or incendiary device that is done in furtherance of civil disorder.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2618 Representative Osher, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2624 Representative Light Lookner, G

VETERANS

SERVICES

LR: 2944 Sponsor: Speaker Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act Regarding Quality of Care for Maine's Veterans

Comment: This bill would amend the law regarding the quality of care for veterans in Maine.

VETERANS

VETERANS HOMES

LR: 2613 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act to Strengthen Maine Veterans' Homes with Increased and Ongoing Funding

Comment: This bill would increase funding for Maine Veterans' Homes by providing a sustainable, ongoing source of funding and long-term strategies for ensuring all 6 Maine Veterans' Homes stay open, consistent with the Legislature's statutory mandate to keep the homes in Augusta, Bangor, Caribou, Machias, Scarborough and South Paris in continuous operation. The bill would also provide that, in the event of excess funding created by any long-term funding source, additional money may be transferred to the Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 613.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2741 Senator Farrin, B

LR: 2741 Sponsor: Senator Farrin, B of Somerset

Title: An Act to Provide Funding For Maine Veterans' Homes to Support Ongoing Operations

Comment: This bill would provide funding for Maine Veterans' Homes to support ongoing operations.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2613 President Jackson, T

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