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

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Not Enacted	LD 249	An Act to Update Certain Medical Examiner Fees	Died On Adjournment
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Enacted	LD 1544	An Act to Support Families by Improving the Court Process for Child Protection Cases	PUBLIC 774
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Not Enacted	LD 1022	An Act to Protect and Increase Access to Justice in Civil Legal Matters for Persons with Low Incomes	Died On Adjournment
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Enacted	LD 2106	An Act to Limit Consent for Entry into Nonpublic Areas of and to Limit Access to Protected Records Maintained by Certain Public Entities	PUBLIC 770
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Not Enacted	LD 340	An Act Regarding Speedy Trials	Died On Adjournment
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Not Enacted	LD 449 An Act to Authorize a Court to Conditionally Discharge Certain Criminal Defendants	ONTP
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	LD 2168	An Act to Increase Accountability for Persons Engaged in Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking and to Support Victims	PUBLIC 696
	LD 2207	An Act Regarding the Statute of Limitations for Certain Sexual Offenses Committed Against Minors	PUBLIC 617
Not Enacted	LD 549	An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Update Certain Requirements Regarding Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kits	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1816	An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Conduct an Inventory of Existing Forensic Examination Kits in the Possession of Law Enforcement	Died On Adjournment
	LD 2120	An Act to Enable Survivors of Abuse to Disable Connected Vehicle Services	ONTP

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Enacted	LD 259	An Act to Establish the Criminal Records Review Commission in Statute	PUBLIC 526
	LD 1871	An Act to Permit Sealing Criminal History Record Information of Victims of Sex Trafficking or Sexual Exploitation	PUBLIC 513
Not Enacted	LD 1805	An Act to Establish a Post-judgment Review Process for Crimes Committed by Victims of Sex Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1911	An Act to Automatically Seal Criminal History Record Information for Certain Crimes	Veto Sustained

Domestic Violence

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	LD 2120	An Act to Enable Survivors of Abuse to Disable Connected Vehicle Services	ONTP

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Not Enacted	LD 504	An Act to Improve Family Court Procedure	Died On Adjournment
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Not Enacted	LD 127	An Act to Strengthen Legislative Oversight of Government Agencies and Programs by Reaffirming the Legislature's Access to Confidential Records	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1788	An Act to Strengthen the Freedom of Access Act by Categorizing Commercial Requesters	ONTP
	LD 2121	Resolve, to Convene a Working Group to Study Methods for Enhancing the Safety of Judicial and Elected Officials	Died On Adjournment

Gender, Orientation and Identity

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	LD 1647	An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act to Provide Additional Remedies for Educational Discrimination	Died On Adjournment

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	LD 2176	An Act to Safeguard Personal Information and Strengthen Tenant Rights in Maine	PUBLIC 767
Not Enacted	LD 1259	An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Maine by Defining the Relationship Between Local and Federal Law Enforcement	ONTP

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	LD 2059	An Act to Provide Required Funding for the Reimbursement of Assigned Counsel	PUBLIC 581
	LD 2193	An Act to Extend the Requirement That the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services Compensate Certain Private Attorneys Appointed to Provide Indigent Legal Services	PUBLIC 607
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Not Enacted	LD 374	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Make Recommendations for Equity in the Compensation of Prosecutors and Public Defenders in the State	Died On Adjournment

LD 456	An Act to Improve Public Defense Services	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
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LD 2194	An Act to Clarify Responsibility for Compensation of Court-appointed Attorneys in Certain Proceedings	Died On Adjournment

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Landlord and Tenant Issues

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	LD 2176	An Act to Safeguard Personal Information and Strengthen Tenant Rights in Maine	PUBLIC 767

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	LD 2150	An Act to Enhance Notice to Individuals Whose Access to State Property Has Been Restricted	PUBLIC 775

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Enacted	LD 517	An Act Regarding Synthetic Media in Campaign Advertising	PUBLIC 593
	LD 524	An Act to Protect Children from Technology-facilitated Sexual Abuse	PUBLIC 719
Not Enacted	LD 595	An Act to Update Privacy Protections for Maine Consumers	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310

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LD 1822 An Act to Enact the Maine Online Data Privacy Act Died Between Houses

Probate Code and Probate Court

Not Enacted LD 505 An Act to Update Processes and Fees in the Probate Court System Died On Adjournment

LD 1766 An Act to Incorporate Probate Judges into the Maine Judicial Branch Died Between Houses

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	LD 1126	An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms	PUBLIC 537
	LD 2032	An Act to Amend the Extreme Risk Protection Order Procedure	PUBLIC 545
Not Enacted	LD 208	An Act to Eliminate the 72-hour Waiting Period on Firearm Purchases	Died Between Houses
	LD 1009	An Act to Restore Full Civil Rights to Possess Firearms to Persons Previously Convicted of Certain Nonviolent Felonies	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1230	An Act to Abolish the 72-hour Waiting Period for a Gun Purchase	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1821	An Act to Ensure Responsible Business Practices by Licensed Firearms Dealers	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1867	An Act to Prohibit Financial Institutions from Using Merchant Category Codes to Identify or Track Firearm Purchases or Disclose Firearm Purchase Records	Died On Adjournment

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Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

Committee	LD	Title	Sponsor	Committee Vote	Disposition	Law	Ch #	Analyst Note
JUD	127	An Act to Strengthen Legislative Oversight of Government Agencies and Programs by Reaffirming the Legislature's Access to Confidential Records	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	208	An Act to Eliminate the 72-hour Waiting Period on Firearm Purchases	Faulkingham, Billy Bob	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Died Between Houses			
JUD	249	An Act to Update Certain Medical Examiner Fees	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			√
JUD	259	An Act to Establish the Criminal Records Review Commission in Statute	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	526	
JUD	260	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish That All Maine Residents Have Equal Rights Under the Law	Sargent, Holly	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	338	An Act to Increase the Size and Balance of Jury Pools	Lee, Adam	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	708	
JUD	340	An Act Regarding Speedy Trials	Moonen, Matt	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	374	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Make Recommendations for Equity in the Compensation of Prosecutors and Public Defenders in the State	Rotundo, Margaret	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	391	An Act to Advance Recognition of the Inherent Rights of the Wabanaki Nations	Carney, Anne	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	395	Resolve, Establishing the Working Group to Develop Recommendations for Extending Federal Beneficial Laws to the Wabanaki Nations	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM	Finally Passed	Resolve	165	
JUD	411	Resolve, Directing the Attorney General to Update Rules Relating to the Disposition of Forfeited Firearms	Sachs, Melanie	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Finally Passed	Resolve	123	
JUD	426	An Act to Protect the Human Rights of Individuals in the State	Kuhn, Amy	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	449	An Act to Authorize a Court to Conditionally Discharge Certain Criminal Defendants	Sinclair, David	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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JUD	456	An Act to Improve Public Defense Services	Carney, Anne	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	504	An Act to Improve Family Court Procedure	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	505	An Act to Update Processes and Fees in the Probate Court System	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	517	An Act Regarding Synthetic Media in Campaign Advertising	Kuhn, Amy	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	593	
JUD	524	An Act to Protect Children from Technology-facilitated Sexual Abuse	Kuhn, Amy	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	719	
JUD	549	An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Update Certain Requirements Regarding Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kits	Bennett, Richard	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			√
JUD	595	An Act to Update Privacy Protections for Maine Consumers	Carney, Anne	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	739	An Act to Reimburse the City of Ellsworth for a Public Road to a New Court Facility in Hancock County	White, Russell	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	785	An Act to Amend Certain Tax Laws Regarding the Wabanaki Nations	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	705	
JUD	847	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Improve Tenant-Landlord Relationships and Increase the Use of Housing Vouchers	Golek, Cheryl	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	1009	An Act to Restore Full Civil Rights to Possess Firearms to Persons Previously Convicted of Certain Nonviolent Felonies	Perkins, Chad	ONTP/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	1022	An Act to Protect and Increase Access to Justice in Civil Legal Matters for Persons with Low Incomes	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			√
JUD	1085	Resolve, Directing the State Court Administrator to Perform an Inspection and Study of the Rumford Courthouse Building	Henderson, Rachel	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			

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JUD	1126	An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms	Zager, Sam	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	537	
JUD	1136	An Act to Defend the Rights of LGBTQ+ Persons in the State	Daughtry, Matthea	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	1139	An Act to Provide Funding for Essential Services for Victims of Crimes	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			√
JUD	1230	An Act to Abolish the 72-hour Waiting Period for a Gun Purchase	Chapman, Quentin	ONTP/OTP-AM	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
JUD	1259	An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Maine by Defining the Relationship Between Local and Federal Law Enforcement	Rana, Ambureen	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	1347	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Maine Tort Claims Act	Lawrence, Mark	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	1444	An Act to Clarify the Application of Finch v. U.S. Bank, N.A.	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	677	
JUD	1544	An Act to Support Families by Improving the Court Process for Child Protection Cases	Bailey, Donna	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	774	
JUD	1572	An Act Regarding Prosecution Standards for Nonfatal Strangulation or Suffocation in Domestic Violence Cases	Stover, Holly	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	1618	Resolve, to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Dedicated Family Court in Maine	Gramlich, Lori	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	1647	An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act to Provide Additional Remedies for Educational Discrimination	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	1667	Resolve, to Allow Hemphill Farms, Inc. to Sue the State	Stewart, Trey	ONTP/OTP-AM	Finally Passed	Resolve	129	
JUD	1706	An Act Regarding Notification of Appointment of Legal Representation for Indigent Clients in Custody	Warren, Sophia	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			

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JUD	1766	An Act to Incorporate Probate Judges into the Maine Judicial Branch	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died Between Houses			
JUD	1788	An Act to Strengthen the Freedom of Access Act by Categorizing Commercial Requesters	Henderson, Rachel	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	1796	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services to Clarify the Types of Cases for Which the Commission Is Responsible for Providing Counsel		OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	511	
JUD	1805	An Act to Establish a Post-judgment Review Process for Crimes Committed by Victims of Sex Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	1810	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Judicial Disciplinary Process	Lee, Adam	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	1816	An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Conduct an Inventory of Existing Forensic Examination Kits in the Possession of Law Enforcement	Duson, Jill	ONTP/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			√
JUD	1821	An Act to Ensure Responsible Business Practices by Licensed Firearms Dealers	Kuhn, Amy	ONTP/OTP-AM	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
JUD	1822	An Act to Enact the Maine Online Data Privacy Act	Kuhn, Amy	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	Died Between Houses			
JUD	1867	An Act to Prohibit Financial Institutions from Using Merchant Category Codes to Identify or Track Firearm Purchases or Disclose Firearm Purchase Records	Harrington, Matthew	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	1871	An Act to Permit Sealing Criminal History Record Information of Victims of Sex Trafficking or Sexual Exploitation	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	513	

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JUD	1911	An Act to Automatically Seal Criminal History Record Information for Certain Crimes	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM/ONTP	Veto Sustained			
JUD	1927	An Act to Add Mold to the Implied Warranty and Covenant of Habitability	Kessler, Christopher	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	515	
JUD	1941	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Examine the Intersection of Parole and Current Sentencing Practices	Milliken, Nina	ONTP/OTP-AM/OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Finally Passed	Resolve	176	
JUD	1965	Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Create a Court Navigation Program Plan	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM	Emergency Finally Passed	Resolve	146	
JUD	1971	An Act to Protect Workers in This State by Clarifying the Relationship of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies with Federal Immigration Authorities	Dhalac, Deqa	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	517	

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JUD	1994	An Act to Provide Immunity from Civil Liability for Justices of the Peace	Carney, Anne	OTP	Enacted	PL	560	
JUD	1997	An Act to Authorize Issuance of Securities to Modernize and Consolidate Certain Court Facilities	Haggan, David	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	716	
JUD	2032	An Act to Amend the Extreme Risk Protection Order Procedure	Kuhn, Amy	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	545	
JUD	2059	An Act to Provide Required Funding for the Reimbursement of Assigned Counsel	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	581	
JUD	2106	An Act to Limit Consent for Entry into Nonpublic Areas of and to Limit Access to Protected Records Maintained by Certain Public Entities	Sato, Ellie	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	770	
JUD	2107	An Act to Establish the Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program	Brennan, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	728	
JUD	2120	An Act to Enable Survivors of Abuse to Disable Connected Vehicle Services	Roberts, Tiffany	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
JUD	2121	Resolve, to Convene a Working Group to Study Methods for Enhancing the Safety of Judicial and Elected Officials	Faircloth, Sean	OTP-AM/ONTP/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	2126	An Act to Eliminate the Juvenile Crime of Willful Refusal to Pay a Fine or Comply with the Terms of a Court Order	Carney, Anne	OTP	Enacted	PL	551	
JUD	2142	An Act to Establish Guidance for Awarding General Spousal Support	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	571	
JUD	2150	An Act to Enhance Notice to Individuals Whose Access to State Property Has Been Restricted	Grohoski, Nicole	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	775	
JUD	2163	An Act to Enhance Crime Victims' Rights	Gramlich, Lori	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	695	
JUD	2168	An Act to Increase Accountability for Persons Engaged in Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking and to Support Victims	Stover, Holly	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	696	
JUD	2170	An Act to Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine		OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	655	

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JUD	2176	An Act to Safeguard Personal Information and Strengthen Tenant Rights in Maine	Duson, Jill	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	767	
JUD	2193	An Act to Extend the Requirement That the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services Compensate Certain Private Attorneys Appointed to Provide Indigent Legal Services		OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	607	
JUD	2194	An Act to Clarify Responsibility for Compensation of Court-appointed Attorneys in Certain Proceedings		OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
JUD	2195	An Act to Prohibit the Appointment or Assignment of an Attorney to Provide Indigent Legal Services Without That Attorney's Consent		OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	639	
JUD	2205	An Act to Update the Laws Governing the Geographic Boundaries Between Certain Judicial Divisions in Aroostook County		OTP	Enacted	PL	552	
JUD	2207	An Act Regarding the Statute of Limitations for Certain Sexual Offenses Committed Against Minors		OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	617	
JUD	2219	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Certain Existing Public Records Exceptions		OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	659	
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
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LD 259 An Act to Establish the Criminal Records Review Commission in Statute

Public Law 2025, chapter 526 establishes the Criminal Records Review Commission. The commission members include Legislators, Executive Department commissioners or their designees and leaders and representatives from various organizations. The commission's duties include reviewing laws, rules and procedures pertaining to criminal history record information in this State. The commission may submit legislation to the Legislature at the start of each regular session and may also make recommendations to the Department of Public Safety, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, the judicial branch's advisory committee on the Maine Rules of Unified Criminal Procedure and any other organization or committee whose affairs pertain to the use, maintenance or dissemination of criminal history record information. The commission may consult with outside experts in fields related to its duties and may seek funding to partially or fully fund its costs. Members who are Legislators are entitled to receive a legislative per diem and reimbursement of expenses.

Public Law 2025, chapter 526 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 526 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 338 An Act to Increase the Size and Balance of Jury Pools

Public Law 2025, chapter 708 adds registered voters and recipients of state unemployment compensation to the source list of prospective jurors in each county, effective January 1, 2028.

The legislation that became Public Law 2025, chapter 708 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. The legislation was recalled from the Governor during the Second Regular Session and further amended before being enacted as Public Law 2025, chapter 708.

LD 395 Resolve, Establishing the Working Group to Develop Recommendations for Extending Federal Beneficial Laws to the Wabanaki Nations

Resolve 2025, chapter 165 establishes the Working Group to Develop Recommendations for Extending Federal Beneficial Laws to the Wabanaki Nations. The working group is charged with developing consensus recommendations for extending to the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation, notwithstanding Sections 6(h) and 16(b) of the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act, the benefits of federal laws enacted before, on or after October 1980 that are generally applicable to, enacted for the benefit of or that relate to a special status of rights or lands owned by or held in trust for Indians or Indian tribes. The working group shall submit a report by December 2, 2026, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters that includes the working group's findings and consensus recommendations, including any suggested legislation.

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The joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 411 Resolve, Directing the Attorney General to Update Rules Relating to the Disposition of Forfeited Firearms

Resolve 2025, chapter 123 directs the Attorney General to update the rules relating to the disposition of forfeited firearms to clarify that all proceeds from the auction of forfeited firearms go to the Safe Homes Program except that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services may retain 12% of the total proceeds and the Department of Public Safety, Maine State Police, sheriff's departments and municipal police departments may retain the proceeds resulting from the auction of firearms forfeited to their respective departments.

Resolve 2025, chapter 123 was finally passed in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Resolve 2025, chapter 123 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 517 An Act Regarding Synthetic Media in Campaign Advertising

Public Law 2025, chapter 593 requires that certain political public communications containing synthetic media be accompanied by a disclosure revealing that the communication contains audio, video or images that have been manipulated or altered. Under the law, "synthetic media" is defined as an image, an audio recording or a video recording depicting a candidate's appearance, speech or conduct that either depicts the candidate saying or doing something the candidate did not do or say in a manner that is likely to deceive a reasonable person or that has been manipulated or altered in a manner likely to provide a reasonable person with a materially different understanding or impression of the candidate's appearance, action or speech than a reasonable person would have from an unaltered, original version of the communication. Public communications that are satire or parody or that contain only minor modifications are not subject to the disclosure requirement. In addition, broadcasters and newspapers may not be found in violation of the disclosure requirement unless they broadcast or publish a paid public communication with actual knowledge that it contains synthetic media.

Violations of the disclosure requirement are subject to investigation by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, which may impose a civil penalty of up to 500% of the amount of the expenditure made for the public communication. The Attorney General may also bring a civil action for injunctive or other appropriate equitable relief requiring compliance with the disclosure requirement.

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LD 524 An Act to Protect Children from Technology-facilitated Sexual Abuse

Public Law 2025, chapter 719 makes several changes to chapter 12 of the Maine Criminal Code, which prohibits the creation, possession and dissemination of sexually explicit material, referred to in the law as “child sexual abuse material.” These changes are intended to protect children from offenses involving child sexual abuse material that are facilitated by technology.

Public Law 2025, chapter 719 renames the crime of “dissemination of sexually explicit material” to the crime of “dissemination of child sexual abuse material” and similarly renames the crime of “possession of sexually explicit material” to the crime of “possession of child sexual abuse material.” The law also expands the elements of these crimes as well as the crime of sexual exploitation of a minor, which involves the creation of child sexual abuse material, to apply both to child sexual abuse material that has been created or modified so that it appears to depict an identifiable child engaged in sexually explicit conduct and to child sexual abuse material, including an image created through generative AI or machine learning, that appears to depict a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct regardless of whether the minor is an identifiable child, if that child sexual abuse material is obscene material.

The law further provides that, for the purposes of each of the crimes set forth in chapter 12 of the Maine Criminal Code, the age of a person who is depicted or who appears to be depicted in an image and the fact that the person is an identifiable child may be reasonably inferred from the contents of the image or may be established through competent medical evidence or other expert testimony. Under prior law, this rule of evidence only explicitly applied to possession crimes, not to crimes involving the creation or dissemination of prohibited child pornography.

Public Law 2025, chapter 719 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 16, 2026.

LD 785 An Act to Amend Certain Tax Laws Regarding the Wabanaki Nations

Public Law 2025, chapter 705 amends several provisions of state law affecting the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the Mi’kmaq Nation, referred to in this summary as “the Wabanaki Nations.”

Part A provides that, beginning with the First Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature, the Mi’kmaq Nation may, like the other Wabanaki Nations, elect a representative to the House of Representatives of the Maine Legislature. The representative of the Mi’kmaq Nation has, to the same extent as other members of the Legislature, the right to receive a salary for each regular session of the Legislature, an allowance for constituent services, allowances for travel-related expenses and per diem payments for the duration of any special session of the Legislature.

Part B authorizes an individual who is an enrolled member of one of the Wabanaki Nations to subtract from the individual’s income for Maine income tax purposes the value of any otherwise taxable compensation, including benefits, received for personal services performed as an employee of one of the Wabanaki Nations, regardless of whether the individual resides on Indian territory or trust land. This adjustment applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

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Part C clarifies that the sale of new manufactured housing to an enrolled member of one of the Wabanaki Nations is exempt from Maine sales tax if the new manufactured housing is to be installed on Indian territory or trust land. Beginning January 1, 2027, it also newly exempts from Maine sales tax the sale of new manufactured housing to a construction contractor or subcontractor if the new manufactured housing is intended to be physically incorporated in, and become a permanent part of real property located on, Indian territory or trust land for sale to one of the Wabanaki Nations or to an enrolled member of one of the Wabanaki Nations.

Part D makes the following two changes to the State's sales tax laws.

1. Under existing law, sales of property or services to a tribal entity that are sourced to tribal land, including Indian territory or trust land, are exempt from Maine sales tax. Part D provides that, for purposes of determining whether sales to tribal entities are sourced to tribal land, the phrase "tribal land" also includes no more than one parcel or two abutting parcels of fee land owned by each of the Wabanaki Nations or the Wabanaki Nation's tribal entity to operate a business in Aroostook County, Hancock County, Franklin County, Penobscot County, Piscataquis County, Somerset County, Oxford County or Washington County as long as the specifically identified parcel or abutting parcels of land remain owned by the Wabanaki Nation or the Wabanaki Nation's tribal entity.
2. Under existing law, the State Controller makes a monthly transfer of funds to each of the Wabanaki Nations in an amount equal to the sales tax revenue collected by the State in the previous month for sales occurring on the respective Wabanaki Nation's Indian territory or trust land. Part D also provides that sales tax collected by the State for sales occurring on no more than one parcel or two abutting parcels of fee land owned by each of the Wabanaki Nations or the Wabanaki Nation's tribal entity to operate a business in Aroostook County, Hancock County, Franklin County, Penobscot County, Piscataquis County, Somerset County, Oxford County or Washington County must be transferred to the Wabanaki Nation on a monthly basis as long as the specifically identified parcel or abutting parcels of land remain owned by the respective Wabanaki Nation or the respective Wabanaki Nation's tribal entity.

The sales tax provisions in Part D take effect January 1st following adoption of routine technical rules by the Bureau of Revenue Services identifying the affected parcels of fee land.

Part E provides that, for property tax years beginning on or after April 1, 2027, the property of a federally recognized Indian tribe, including the property of a Wabanaki Nation, is exempt from property taxes if the property is used for governmental or public purposes; the property is located within 50 miles of the federally recognized Indian tribe's tribal land; and there is a pending application to have the United States Secretary of the Interior acquire the property for the benefit of the federally recognized Indian tribe.

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LD 1126 An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms

Public Law 2025, chapter 537 provides that it is unlawful for a person to intentionally or knowingly possess one or more unfinished frames or receivers unless each unfinished frame or receiver has been imprinted with a serial number by a federal firearms licensee. Under the law, a first offense of unlawful possession is a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$50 may be adjudged. For a 2nd offense of unlawful possession, a violation is a Class D crime and for a 3rd or subsequent offense, a violation is a Class C crime. Under the law, a first offense of unlawful importation, transfer, offer to transfer or purchase is a Class D crime. For a 2nd or subsequent offense of unlawful importation, transfer, offer to transfer or purchase, a violation is a Class C crime. A person who uses a firearm without a serial number while committing a Class A or Class B crime or while committing reckless conduct under Title 17-A, section 211 commits a Class C crime.

Public Law 2025, chapter 537 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 537 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1444 An Act to Clarify the Application of *Finch v. U.S. Bank, N.A.*

Public Law 2025, chapter 677 clarifies that for any cause of action arising prior to January 11, 2024 for a claim in which a foreclosure action was dismissed due to a defective notice of a mortgagor's right to cure, any subsequent cause of action asserting a claim for any sums due on the obligation as of the date of the final judgment dismissing the prior action is barred. The law indicates that the holding in the case of *Finch v. U.S. Bank, N.A.*, 2024 Me. 2, may not be applied to any cause of action arising prior to January 11, 2024.

LD 1544 An Act to Support Families by Improving the Court Process for Child Protection Cases

Public Law 2025, chapter 774 makes the following changes to the laws governing child protection proceedings.

1. It repeals the provision of law treating a parent's prior involuntary termination of parental rights to a sibling as an "aggravating factor" that may form the basis of a court order that the Department of Health and Human Services need not commence or may cease its efforts to reunify the parent with the child who is the subject of a child protection proceeding.
2. It requires the department to include in a request for an ex parte preliminary protection order a detailed summary of how the department weighed the trauma to the child of removal from the child's home against the alleged immediate risk of serious harm to the child.

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3. It requires the court to consider the trauma to the child of removal from the child’s home and whether the department has exhausted options to mitigate the immediate risk of serious harm to the child and avoid removing the child from the child’s home when deciding both whether to grant an ex parte request for a preliminary protection order and whether to continue the removal after a summary preliminary hearing.

LD 1667 Resolve, to Allow Hemphill Farms, Inc. to Sue the State

Resolve 2025, chapter 129 authorizes Hemphill Farms, Inc., in Presque Isle, which claims to have suffered damages in connection with actions taken by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, to sue the department for damages resulting from those actions.

Resolve 2025, chapter 129 was finally passed in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Resolve 2025, chapter 129 became law without the Governor’s signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1796 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services to Clarify the Types of Cases for Which the Commission Is Responsible for Providing Counsel

Public Law 2025, chapter 511 makes the following changes to the laws governing court-appointed counsel.

1. It amends the definition of “indigent legal services” to include services that an attorney performs at the direction of the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services that aid the commission in its duty to provide indigent legal services.
2. It provides that the commission is not responsible for compensating counsel appointed by a District Court or a county probate court to represent a party in a proceeding under the Maine Uniform Probate Code. It further clarifies that if a court appoints an attorney to represent a party who has a right to counsel at public expense under the Maine Uniform Probate Code, the court is responsible for paying reasonable compensation to and reimbursing the reasonable expenses of the attorney. The court is also responsible for paying reasonable compensation to and reimbursing the reasonable expenses of an attorney appointed at the court’s discretion to represent a minor or an indigent party in a proceeding under the Maine Uniform Probate Code.
3. It provides that the commission is not responsible for compensating a guardian ad litem appointed by a District Court or a county probate court in a termination of parental rights proceeding or in any proceeding under the Maine Uniform Probate Code.
4. It provides that if a termination of parental rights proceeding is brought under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, the court is responsible for compensating any counsel the court may, in its discretion, appoint to represent the petitioner in the termination proceeding. By

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contrast, the commission is responsible for compensating counsel appointed to represent the parent whose rights may be terminated.

5. It clarifies that the commission, not the court, is responsible for compensating an attorney appointed to represent a person subject to an involuntary commitment proceeding.
6. It prohibits a court from directly assigning public defenders or employed counsel, who are employees of the commission, to represent parties in particular proceedings.

Public Law 2025, chapter 511 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 511 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1871 An Act to Permit Sealing Criminal History Record Information of Victims of Sex Trafficking or Sexual Exploitation

Public Law 2025, chapter 513 amends provisions of the law governing post-judgment motions to seal criminal history record information by allowing a person to file a motion to seal criminal history record information for a criminal conviction for any current or former crime if the person shows by a preponderance of the evidence that the person has been a victim of sex trafficking or sexual exploitation and the commission of the crime for which the person was convicted was a substantial result of sex trafficking or sexual exploitation.

The law also provides that a person who is regularly engaged in the business of collecting, assembling, evaluating or disseminating criminal history record information related to specific individuals for a fee, also called a business screening service, is required to disseminate only complete and accurate records; investigate disputed records; correct or delete records found to be inaccurate or reflecting a criminal conviction that was sealed or pardoned; and provide a notice with disseminated records including the date the record was collected and a notice that information may include criminal records that have been sealed or otherwise have become inaccessible to the public. A person is considered in violation of these provisions only if the person's conduct violates these provisions and also violates relevant provisions of the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. A person found in violation of both the state and federal law is liable to the subject of the record for a penalty of \$1,000 and additional remedies.

Public Law 2025, chapter 513 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 513 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

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LD 1927 An Act to Add Mold to the Implied Warranty and Covenant of Habitability

Public Law 2025, chapter 515 provides that it is a breach of the implied warranty of fitness for human habitation when a landlord offers for rent a dwelling unit in which there is a leaking event, chronic moisture or humidity conditions outside of the control of a tenant that result in the growth of mold, bacteria or other biological organisms. It authorizes a municipality to adopt more stringent standards by ordinance than those provided in the law.

Public Law 2025, chapter 515 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 515 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1941 Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Examine the Intersection of Parole and Current Sentencing Practices

Resolve 2025, chapter 176 establishes the Commission to Examine the Intersection of Parole and Current Sentencing Practices and requires the commission to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters by November 4, 2026. It authorizes the joint standing committee to submit legislation based on the findings and recommendations in the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 1965 Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Create a Court Navigation Program Plan

Resolve 2025, chapter 146 directs the University of Maine System to convene a task force to create a court navigation program plan. In developing the plan, the task force must examine court navigation programs nationwide and consult with advocates for persons who are unhoused, survivors of domestic violence, survivors of sexual assault and other identifiable populations who may particularly benefit from the assistance of the court navigation program.

No later than January 15, 2027, the task force shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters recommending a model for a court navigation program and a plan for implementing the program. The program must provide guidance and information about court processes and procedures to persons involved with the court system; refer persons involved with the court system to community-based resources related to their behavioral health needs and their economic and social service-related needs; and be operated, in significant part, by social work students and law students who have the opportunity to earn academic credit for their participation in the program. The joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the subject matter of the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

The legislation that became Resolve 2025, chapter 146 was finally passed in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed

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by the Governor. The legislation was recalled from the Governor during the Second Regular Session and further amended before being finally passed as Resolve 2025, chapter 146.

Resolve 2025, chapter 146 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 22, 2026.

LD 1971 An Act to Protect Workers in This State by Clarifying the Relationship of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies with Federal Immigration Authorities

Public Law 2025, chapter 517 generally prohibits a state or local law enforcement agency from using agency funds or personnel to stop, investigate, interrogate, arrest or detain a person for immigration enforcement purposes, including in response to a hold request, immigration detainer or administrative warrant issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security. It also provides immunity from civil and criminal liability to a state or local law enforcement agency that acts in good faith compliance with this law in releasing a person subject to a hold request. If a state or local law enforcement agency receives a hold request, immigration detainer or administrative warrant for a person in the agency's custody, it must provide a copy of the request to the person, inform the person that the agency is prohibited from detaining the person based solely on the hold request and make reasonable efforts to retain a copy of the hold request for four years. The law also prohibits a state or local law enforcement agency from sharing with an immigration authority certain personal information or nonpublic release date information about a person; transferring a person to an immigration authority unless authorized by a court order or criminal warrant; placing a law enforcement officer under the supervision of a federal agency for immigration enforcement purposes; and using immigration authority employees as interpreters for persons in the agency's custody.

Public Law 2025, chapter 517 does not prohibit communication between law enforcement agencies and immigration authorities as provided by 8 United States Code, Sections 1373 and 1644. In addition, the law may not be interpreted to prohibit a state or local law enforcement agency from investigating, arresting or detaining a person pursuant to state or federal criminal law, including for immigration crimes detected during an unrelated law enforcement activity; conducting investigative and enforcement duties as part of a joint law enforcement task force as long as the primary purpose of the task force is not immigration enforcement and is instead related to a violation of state or federal law, including terrorism, drug trafficking or human trafficking; or permitting an immigration authority to interview an individual in the custody of the law enforcement agency when the immigration authority's interview request is supported by a valid court order. If an immigration authority seeks to interview a person in the custody of a state or local law enforcement agency regarding a civil immigration violation, the agency must notify the person that participation in the interview is voluntary and that the person may choose to have an attorney present.

Public Law 2025, chapter 517 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 517 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

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LD 1994 An Act to Provide Immunity from Civil Liability for Justices of the Peace

Public Law 2025, chapter 560 provides immunity under the Maine Tort Claims Act for justices of the peace for acts performed within the scope of their duties as justices of the peace.

LD 1997 An Act to Authorize Issuance of Securities to Modernize and Consolidate Certain Court Facilities

Public Law 2025, chapter 716 authorizes the use of securities issued for the purposes of planning, purchasing, financing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, furnishing, equipping, improving, extending, enlarging and consolidating new and existing facilities and projects relating to the judicial branch to include facilities in Cumberland, Franklin, Penobscot and Sagadahoc counties.

LD 2032 An Act to Amend the Extreme Risk Protection Order Procedure

Public Law 2025, chapter 545 requires that a copy of the judicial endorsement and all attachments of an extreme risk protection order be provided to the court.

Public Law 2025, chapter 545 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 3, 2026.

LD 2059 An Act to Provide Required Funding for the Reimbursement of Assigned Counsel

Public Law 2025, chapter 581 provides one-time appropriations of \$13,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$9,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 to the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services to address the shortfall in funding available to compensate constitutionally and statutory required assigned counsel.

Public Law 2025, chapter 581 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2026.

LD 2106 An Act to Limit Consent for Entry into Nonpublic Areas of and to Limit Access to Protected Records Maintained by Certain Public Entities

Public Law 2025, chapter 770 directs the Attorney General to publish model policies and guidance for ensuring that facilities providing public services remain safe and accessible to all state residents regardless of immigration status by limiting each covered facility's authority to voluntarily consent to law enforcement entry into nonpublic areas of the facility for immigration enforcement purposes or to law enforcement access to the facility's records for immigration enforcement purposes to the fullest extent possible consistent with state and federal law. Within three months of the date that the applicable model policy and guidance is published, public schools and postsecondary educational institutions, state health institutions and certain public libraries, referred to in this summary as "covered facilities," must adopt the published policy and guidance or establish an equivalent policy and guidance. As part of any applicable initial licensure or license renewal

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process, the Department of Health and Human Services may verify a state health institution's compliance with this requirement. The law also authorizes, but does not require, adoption of the model policy and guidance by private educational facilities; health care facilities that are not state institutions; facilities providing residential or community supports for adults or children; programs that provide health care, assisted living services, behavioral health services, services to persons with intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorder or acquired brain injuries or similar services; child care facilities and family child care providers; other public libraries; and houses of worship and other places where religious services are conducted.

Public Law 2025, chapter 770 also prohibits a person acting on behalf of a covered facility from granting voluntary consent for a law enforcement officer to enter a nonpublic area of the covered facility for immigration enforcement purposes. A person acting on behalf of a covered facility is also prohibited from granting voluntary consent for a law enforcement officer to access education records, protected health care information or protected patron records unless disclosure of the information is required by a court order or by state or federal law. Before the date that the covered facility adopts or is required to adopt the model policy and guidance published by the Attorney General, whichever is earlier, a person acting on behalf of the covered facility does not violate these nonpublic area and confidential record access prohibitions if the person is acting in good faith.

Public Law 2025, chapter 770 further directs that if federal law requires a covered facility to permit a law enforcement officer to inspect specific records or to conduct interviews regarding the eligibility of noncitizens to work in the United States, or if federal law requires a public school or state postsecondary educational institution to permit a law enforcement officer to inspect specific records or conduct interviews regarding the eligibility of noncitizens to attend school in the United States, the affected facility must designate a nonpublic area within the facility where federal immigration officials may conduct these inspections and interviews. If federal law requires that law enforcement officers be provided access to specific locations when conducting these inspections and interviews, the covered facility may permit law enforcement officers to access those specific locations.

LD 2107 An Act to Establish the Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program

Public Law 2025, chapter 728 establishes the Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency to provide grants to assist nonprofit organizations to improve security at property owned or occupied by those nonprofit organizations to protect against hate crimes and terror attacks. The law appropriates \$200,000 to the program from the General Fund in fiscal year 2026-27. The law allows for a portion of the funds to be used by the agency for program administration and requires any balance remaining in the program's General Fund account at the end of any fiscal year to be carried forward for use in the next fiscal year.

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LD 2126 An Act to Eliminate the Juvenile Crime of Willful Refusal to Pay a Fine or Comply with the Terms of a Court Order

Public Law 2025, chapter 551 repeals the provision of law establishing the juvenile crime of willful refusal to pay a fine imposed by court order or willful failure to comply with the terms of any other court order.

LD 2142 An Act to Establish Guidance for Awarding General Spousal Support

Public Law 2025, chapter 571 makes the following changes to the laws governing the award of general spousal support.

1. It establishes that general spousal support may be awarded if the duration of the marriage is sufficient that equity requires compensating a spouse with significantly lower income capacity for a portion of the anticipated decrease in standard of living that spouse will experience after the divorce and to allocate equitably between spouses of a marriage of significant duration any financial losses that will be incurred due to the divorce.
2. It establishes rebuttable presumptions that, if the parties have been married for at least 10 years, a spouse whose spousal support income is less than or equal to 65% of the other spouse's spousal support income is entitled to an award of general spousal support; that the award must be for an indefinite period if the parties were married for more than 20 years; and that the amount of spousal support must be calculated by multiplying the difference in the parties' spousal support income by a statutory durational factor based on the number of the years of the marriage. For purposes of these presumptions, spousal support income is calculated using the calculation of "gross income" under the child support statutes, regardless of whether there are any children of the marriage. This "gross income" must then be adjusted to reflect the amount that each spouse is determined or obligated to spend in support of the children of the marriage, if any, as reflected on the child support worksheet.
3. It provides that a court shall make written findings if it determines, based on the factors set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 951-A, subsection 5, that application of a rebuttable presumption would be inequitable or unjust in a particular case. It also amends that list of factors to require a court to consider the tax consequences resulting from the division of the marital property, not just from the sale of the marital home, and whether the spousal support incomes of the parties are sufficiently low or high that application of the presumptive spousal support award would be inequitable or unjust.
4. It authorizes a court to enter a separate spousal support award that will take effect upon expiration of a child support obligation that is expected to expire within three years of a final judgment awarding general support.

Public Law 2025, chapter 571 applies to all actions pending on or after January 1, 2027; however, the rebuttable presumption establishing the method for calculating the amount of general spousal support does not apply to a motion to modify an award of general spousal support issued prior to

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January 1, 2027 unless the court first finds that a party has established a substantial change in financial circumstances justifying a modification of the award.

LD 2150 An Act to Enhance Notice to Individuals Whose Access to State Property Has Been Restricted

Public Law 2025, chapter 775 clarifies that a notice or communication that restricts a person from accessing state property or services constitutes final agency action for the purposes of review under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, except that the restriction of access by an entity of the State does not apply to the Department of Corrections with respect to placing restrictions on a resident of a department facility as defined under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 3015, subsection 1.

The law requires the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to collect data on such notices or communications issued and to submit a report regarding that data and the implementation of the law to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters no later than January 15, 2028. The joint standing committee is authorized to report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

LD 2163 An Act to Enhance Crime Victims' Rights

Public Law 2025, chapter 695 amends the laws governing the rights of crime victims in the following ways.

1. It provides that a victim has a right to be notified of the filing, scheduling and outcome of an appeal of a decision of a court about a crime against that victim.
2. It provides that a victim has the right to receive timely notice of and have an opportunity to be heard at any hearing or court proceeding concerning a subpoena issued to a third party for any record that implicates a privilege or a confidentiality or privacy protection for the benefit of the victim as described in Rule 17A(f) of the Maine Rules of Unified Criminal Procedure, including the victim's medical records, mental health counseling or treatment records, educational records or electronic device content or location information.
3. It provides that, in any court proceeding in a criminal case in which a victim has a right to be heard, the victim may retain an attorney to speak on the victim's behalf or may elect to have a victim witness advocate or coordinator speak on the victim's behalf.

LD 2168 An Act to Increase Accountability for Persons Engaged in Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking and to Support Victims

Public Law 2025, chapter 696 provides that a person who committed a crime that caused or contributed to the injury or death for which compensation is sought may receive funds from the

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Victims' Compensation Fund if that person was a victim of aggravated sex trafficking, sex trafficking, sexual exploitation of a minor, commercial sexual exploitation of a minor or commercial sexual exploitation of a person with a mental disability and the crime committed by that person was the direct result of sex trafficking or sexual exploitation. The law increases the mandatory fee for a conviction of soliciting a child for commercial sexual exploitation and for a conviction of commercial sexual exploitation of a minor or person with a mental disability.

LD 2170 An Act to Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine

Public Law 2025, chapter 655 corrects technical inconsistencies, conflicts and errors in the laws of Maine, including by making grammatical changes, correcting cross-references and removing obsolete terminology.

Public Law 2025, chapter 655 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2026.

LD 2176 An Act to Safeguard Personal Information and Strengthen Tenant Rights in Maine

Public Law 2025, chapter 767 adds the disclosure of private information to the definition of "harassment" in the protection from harassment statute. The law increases from \$100 to \$250 the penalty when a landlord enters the dwelling of a tenant without reasonable notice. The law also makes it illegal for a landlord to disclose to any person the personal information of a tenant, prospective tenant, occupant or prospective occupant of a rental property owned or managed by the landlord without the express consent of the tenant, prospective tenant, occupant or prospective occupant, except in certain cases. The law establishes a \$1,000 penalty for a landlord who discloses personal information in violation of this provision.

LD 2193 An Act to Extend the Requirement That the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services Compensate Certain Private Attorneys Appointed to Provide Indigent Legal Services

Public Law 2025, chapter 607 extends the provision of Public Law 2025, chapter 40 that required the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services to compensate a private attorney appointed by a court to represent a person who is eligible to receive indigent legal services if the court finds that no public defender, assigned counsel, contract counsel or employed counsel is available to represent the person; the private attorney is willing to undertake the representation; the private attorney has not been disqualified by the commission; and, if the private attorney is appointed by the trial court, the attorney has least three years of relevant legal experience or, if the private attorney is appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court, the private attorney has either three years of relevant legal experience or previously served as a law clerk analyzing relevant cases. This requirement from Public Law 2025, chapter 40, which expired on February 1, 2026, is extended by Public Law 2025, chapter 607 through April 1, 2027.

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Unlike that prior law, Public Law 2025, chapter 607 clarifies that the commission is not required to reimburse or compensate a court-appointed private attorney for a task that the commission would not reimburse or compensate if the expense was incurred by or the task was performed by assigned counsel. It also clarifies that the commission is not required to compensate more than one private attorney appointed to represent a single indigent legal services client in a single court proceeding.

Public Law 2025, chapter 607 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

LD 2195 An Act to Prohibit the Appointment or Assignment of an Attorney to Provide Indigent Legal Services Without That Attorney’s Consent

Public Law 2025, chapter 639 provides that the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services is not required to reimburse the expenses of or to compensate an attorney appointed or assigned by a court to provide indigent legal services unless the attorney is an “assigned counsel” as that term is defined in the statutes governing the commission; the commission has determined that the attorney is eligible for appointment or assignment in the type of court proceeding to which the attorney has been appointed or assigned; and the attorney consents in advance to the appointment or assignment.

LD 2205 An Act to Update the Laws Governing the Geographic Boundaries Between Certain Judicial Divisions in Aroostook County

Public Law 2025, chapter 552 codifies in statute the geographic boundaries between the Western Aroostook division, served by the Fort Kent District Court, and the Eastern Aroostook division, served by the Caribou District Court, that were established by the Chief Judge for the convenience of the public and that took effect upon closure of the Madawaska District Court on November 1, 2025 as authorized by Public Law 2025, chapter 436.

LD 2207 An Act Regarding the Statute of Limitations for Certain Sexual Offenses Committed Against Minors

Public Law 2025, chapter 617 eliminates the statute of limitations for prosecution of the crime of aggravated sex trafficking and the crime of sexual exploitation of a minor if those crimes were committed against a victim who had not attained the age of 18 years at the time of the crime. These changes apply only to criminal conduct occurring on or after September 1, 2026, or for which the prosecution is not barred by the statute of limitations in force immediately prior to September 1, 2026.

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LD 2219 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Certain Existing Public Records Exceptions

Public Law 2025, chapter 659 implements the following statutory changes recommended by the Right To Know Advisory Committee after reviewing certain existing public records exceptions in Titles 25 to 32.

1. It clarifies to which persons and agencies DNA records may be disclosed.
2. It clarifies the disclosure of information relating to substance abuse testing by an employer.
3. It clarifies that personal contact information of an applicant for an adult use cannabis establishment license and employees of that establishment is not confidential if it has been provided as public contact information.
4. It clarifies that motor vehicle records of certain nongovernment vehicles are confidential.
5. It clarifies that the Secretary of State may not disclose the social security number of an applicant for a driver's license or nondriver identification card.
6. It addresses the confidentiality of personally identifying accident report data contained in the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police accident report database.
7. It clarifies that certain personal contact information of osteopathic physician applicants and licensees is confidential.
8. It clarifies the Board of Osteopathic Licensure's ability to redact applicant or licensee records for potential risks to personal safety.
9. It addresses the disclosure of confidential information held by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection regarding an applicant or licensee related to investigations under the Maine Money Transmission Modernization Act.
10. It clarifies the confidentiality of records provided by a broker-dealer or investment adviser to the Department of Health and Human Services and law enforcement agencies relating to financial exploitation of eligible adults.

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LD 249 An Act to Update Certain Medical Examiner Fees

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of the bill was incorporated into the biennial budget in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 210, Public Law 2025, chapter 388, Section A-4 and Part X.

LD 549 An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Update Certain Requirements Regarding Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kits

Although this bill was not enacted, requirements for law enforcement agencies to complete inventories of all sexual assault forensic examination kits in their possession and for the Department of Public Safety to establish and maintain a sexual assault forensic examination kit tracking system were incorporated into the supplemental budget. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Public Law 2025, chapter 650, Part 000.

LD 1022 An Act to Protect and Increase Access to Justice in Civil Legal Matters for Persons with Low Incomes

Although this bill was not enacted, the biennial budget enacted in the First Special Session included a one-time appropriation of \$3,000,000 above the baseline to the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund in fiscal year 2025-26. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 210, Public Law 2025, chapter 388, Section A-22.

The supplemental budget enacted in the Second Regular Session also included a one-time appropriation of \$3,000,000 above the baseline to the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund in fiscal year 2026-27 and \$2,000,000 in ongoing appropriations above the baseline to the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund beginning in fiscal year 2026-27. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Public Law 2025, chapter 650, Section A-21.

LD 1139 An Act to Provide Funding for Essential Services for Victims of Crimes

Although this bill was not enacted, the biennial budget enacted in the First Special Session included an ongoing appropriation of \$3,000,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 and a one-time appropriation of an additional \$3,000,000 for each year of the 2025-2026 biennium to replace current and anticipated reductions in grants under the federal victim assistance formula grant program administered by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime pursuant to the federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984. See

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Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 210, Public Law 2025, chapter 388, Section A-17.

The supplemental budget enacted in the Second Regular Session deappropriated the one-time appropriation of \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2026-27 that had been included in the biennial budget and instead included an ongoing appropriation of an additional \$3,000,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2026-27 to replace current and anticipated reductions in grants under the federal victim assistance formula grant program administered by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime pursuant to the federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Public Law 2025, chapter 650, Section A-17.

LD 1816 An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Conduct an Inventory of Existing Forensic Examination Kits in the Possession of Law Enforcement

Although this bill was not enacted, requirements for law enforcement agencies to complete inventories of all sexual assault forensic examination kits in their possession and for the Department of Public Safety to establish and maintain a sexual assault forensic examination kit tracking system were incorporated into the supplemental budget. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Public Law 2025, Part OOO.

LD 2239 An Act to Designate School Sports Participation and Facilities by Sex

This legislation, which is a citizens' initiative, was not voted by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary prior to the adjournment sine die of the Second Regular Session in 2026. Under the Maine Constitution, such a measure shall be submitted to the electors unless enacted without change during the legislative session in which it was presented. Accordingly, this measure is expected to appear on the November 2026 ballot.

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Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	21	42.9%	2.9%
<i>Bills carried over from previous session</i>	<u>26</u> *	<u>53.1%</u>	<u>3.6%</u>
Total Bills referred	47	95.9%	6.4%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	1	2.0%	0.1%
C. Bills referred, but not reported out (LD 2239)	1		
Total Bills considered by Committee	49	100.0%	6.7%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
		% of this Committee's Reports	% of All Committee Reports
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	Number		
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	3	6.3%	0.7%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	12	25.0%	2.7%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	5	10.4%	1.1%
<i>Ought Not to Pass</i>	<u>6</u>	<u>12.5%</u>	<u>1.4%</u>
Total unanimous reports	26	54.2%	5.9%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	19	39.6%	4.3%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	2	4.2%	0.5%
<i>Four-way reports</i>	1	<u>2.1%</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
<i>Five-way reports</i>	<u>0</u>		
Total divided reports	22	45.8%	5.0%
Total committee reports	48 **	100.0%	10.9%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	12	N/A	N/A
		% of Comm Bills/Papers	% of All Bills/Papers
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	Number		
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	30	61.2%	4.1%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	5	10.2%	0.7%
<i>Constitutional Resolutions</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	35 ***	71.4%	4.8%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
<i>Rules authorized without legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules authorized with legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules carried over to the next session</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	1	2.0%	0.1%
<i>Held by the Governor</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	1	2.0%	0.1%

* Total number of bills carried over from the previous session does not include LD 1378, which was carried over in the JUD Committee and enacted into law by referendum in November of 2025; and LD 335, which was carried over in the JUD Committee and then referred to the HHS Committee during the Second Regular Session.

** Total committee reports does not include LD 2239, which was referred to the JUD Committee, but was not reported out.

*** Total number of enacted laws include one bill that was reported out of the JUD Committee during the 132nd First Regular or First Special Sessions, carried over on the Special Appropriations Table and enacted during the Second Regular Session; and eight bills reported out of the JUD Committee during the 132nd First Regular or First Special Sessions, held by the Governor and then became law at the beginning of the Second Regular Session.