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Bill Requests For Screening By Subject

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

BOND ISSUES

AGRICULTURE

LR: 2625 Sponsor: Senator Johnson of Lincoln
Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Agricultural
Development Fund
Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of
\$10,000,000 to fund the agricultural development fund.

BOND ISSUES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR: 2564 Sponsor: Speaker Eves of North Berwick
Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Technology
Infrastructure and Grow the Maine Economy in Existing and Emerging
Industries
Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to build infrastructure to
promote innovation, commercialization and job growth in the State's marine
economy and biotechnology sectors.

Closely Related CO: LD 1223 Senator Cain, E

Closely Related CO: LD 1492 Senator Katz, R

LR: 2644 Sponsor: Representative Monaghan-Derrig of Cape Elizabeth
Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for a Convention Center in
Portland
Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to provide funds for a
convention center in the City of Portland.

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ENERGY

LR: 2235 Sponsor: Representative Dion of Portland
Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage a Strong Job Market by Promoting Affordable Electricity
Comment: This bill would provide a bond issue in the amount of \$10,000,000 to be used to provide a one-to-one match to public and private sources to allow small power producers and cogenerators to sell electricity at cost to businesses, municipalities and individuals in order to provide low-cost electricity to these entities as an economic benefit to encourage a strong job market.

BOND ISSUES

HEALTH

LR: 2417 Sponsor: Speaker Eves of North Berwick
Title: An Act To Improve Care for Maine's Senior Citizens through a General Fund Bond Issue To Repair Long-term Care Facilities
Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$25,000,000, the proceeds of which would be used to establish a loan forgiveness or grant program for repairs at long-term care facilities.

BOND ISSUES

MARINE RESOURCES

LR: 2347 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds To Develop Lobster Processing Capacity in the State
Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to provide funds to develop lobster processing capacity in the State.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2353 Representative Cassidy, K

LR: 2353 Sponsor: Representative Cassidy of Lubec
Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Develop Maine's Lobster Processing Industry
Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to develop the State's lobster processing industry.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2347 Senator Jackson, T

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BOND ISSUES

MARINE RESOURCES

LR: 2364 Sponsor: Senator Mazurek of Knox
Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Repair and Renovate the Rockland Fish Pier
Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to finance the repair and renovation of the Rockland Fish Pier.

BOND ISSUES

NATURAL RESOURCES

LR: 2627 Sponsor: Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin
Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund
Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$2,100,000 to fund the safe drinking water revolving loan fund.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2596 Sponsor: Senator Cain of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Improve the Disability Benefits Process under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System
Comment: This bill would make changes to the process of applying for disability benefits from the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to improve the application process and enhance applicant rights.
Closely Related CO: LD 186 Representative Beck, H

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
BENEFITS

LR: 2291 Sponsor: Representative Pringle of Windham
Title: An Act To Eliminate Unfairness in the Payment of Retirement Benefits To Divorced Spouses
Comment: This bill would allow a divorced spouse entitled to retirement benefits to be eligible for benefits at retirement age regardless of the date of retirement of the ex-spouse. This would change current policy, which determines the payment of retirement benefits to a divorced spouse as of the retirement date of the ex-spouse.

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SPENDING

EDUCATION

LR: 2495 Sponsor: Representative Pringle of Windham
Title: An Act To Fund the Maine HIV Education and Prevention Program within the Department of Education
Comment: This bill would provide \$150,000 to the Department of Education to provide training in HIV prevention education in order to partially make up for funding that has been lost in the last few years. This funding would make possible training for 165 health educators and special education teachers and 420 teachers and youth workers and training for student peer educators through student leadership conferences in 44 schools.

SPENDING

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR: 2404 Sponsor: Senator Craven of Androscoggin
Title: An Act To Support Homeless Shelters
Comment: This bill would appropriate money for emergency shelters in the State to offset a reduction in federal funding.

LR: 2459 Sponsor: Representative Cassidy of Lubec
Title: An Act To Preserve Maine's Long-term Care Facilities
Comment: This bill would give "Appendix C" private nonmedical institutions a 2% cost-of-living increase in funding.

LR: 2513 Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland
Title: An Act To Fully Fund the Priority 1 and 2 Waiting List for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
Comment: This bill would fully fund the residential programs and day programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are on a waiting list.

Potential JR 217: LDs 29 and 30

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2634 Senator Lachowicz, C

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SPENDING

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR: 2577 Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Continue Maine's School-based Oral Health Program
Comment: This bill would fund professional positions and continue the fluoride rinse program for children in kindergarten through 4th grade from the General Fund.

LR: 2612 Sponsor: Representative Frey of Bangor
Title: An Act To Preserve Head Start and Child Care Services
Comment: This bill would provide \$2,000,000 to Head Start programs in fiscal year 2014-15 to replace cuts made in fiscal year 2013-14 and to match available federal block grants.

Potential JR 217: LDs 517 and 1383

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2385 Representative Berry, S

LR: 2634 Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Fund Disability Services and Eliminate the Waiting List for Elderly, Disabled Residents
Comment: This bill would fund disability services and eliminate the waiting list for elderly, disabled residents.

Potential JR 217: LDs 29 & 30

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2513 Representative Farnsworth, R

LR: 2653 Sponsor: Representative Rochelo of Biddeford
Title: An Act To Improve Education about and Awareness of Maine's Health Laws and Resources
Comment: This bill would allocate \$5,000,000 in funds the State will receive under the tobacco master settlement agreement to enhance enforcement of current tobacco prevention and control laws, improve public education about tobacco laws and restore funds to the Fund for a Healthy Maine.

SPENDING

JUDICIARY

LR: 2531 Sponsor: Representative Fowle of Vassalboro
Title: An Act To Provide Funding for the Veterans Treatment Courts
Comment: This bill would provide funding for the veterans treatment courts.

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SPENDING

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

LR: 2580 Sponsor: Senator Johnson of Lincoln
Title: An Act To Fund the Maintenance of Veterans' Grave Sites
Comment: This bill would provide funding to municipalities for the requirement enacted by the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature in Public Law 2013, chapter 421 that municipalities maintain the grave sites of veterans in public burying grounds.

SPENDING

NATURAL RESOURCES

LR: 2638 Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade
Title: An Act To Improve the Water Quality of Inland Waters by Increasing the Ability of the Department of Environmental Protection To Protect Those Waters
Comment: This bill would appropriate funds to the Department of Environmental Protection to increase the number of staff biologists and technicians to allow the department to better protect the quality of Maine's inland waters.

STATE FINANCES

BUDGET PROCEDURES

LR: 2354 Sponsor: Representative Jones of Freedom
Title: An Act To Subject New Tax Expenditures to a Sunset Review
Comment: This bill would require all newly enacted tax expenditures to be subject to a sunset review after 5 years to determine whether the tax expenditure is accomplishing the purpose for which it was enacted.

STATE FINANCES

DEDICATED FUNDS

LR: 2385 Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham
Title: An Act To Improve Health Care and Disease Prevention Efforts in the Fund for a Healthy Maine
Comment: This bill would provide additional funding for programs funded by the Fund for a Healthy Maine and for Head Start.
Potential JR 217: LDs 517 & 1383
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2612 Representative Frey, A

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

**CORRECTIONS DEPT
PROCEDURES**

LR: 2360 Sponsor: Representative Brooks of Winterport
Title: An Act To Provide Mental Health Services in Appropriate Mental Health Settings
Comment: This bill would repeal the new law that expands the mental health unit at the Maine State Prison in the Town of Warren, allows the transfer to that unit of persons in the county jails and persons awaiting psychiatric evaluations at the Riverview Psychiatric Center and allows involuntary medication for mental health purposes of persons in the mental health unit at the Maine State Prison. This bill would remove funding for indigent legal services that was provided because of the involuntary medication provision. This bill would remove funding from the Department of Corrections for mental health services in the mental health unit at the Maine State Prison that was provided because of the transfer provisions. This bill would direct the mental health services funding to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide needed mental health services in appropriate mental health settings instead of in a correctional setting.

**CRIMES
DRUG OFFENSES**

LR: 2329 Sponsor: Representative Russell of Portland
Title: An Act To Align Maine's Marijuana Laws with the Guidelines Governing Taxation and Regulation Issued by the Federal Government
Comment: This bill would align Maine's marijuana laws with the guidelines governing taxation and regulation issued by the Federal Government.

LR: 2373 Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta
Title: An Act To Add a Category of Child Care Centers to the Safe Zones List
Comment: This bill would add child care centers to the list of places that are designated as safe zones of a municipality.

LR: 2375 Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta
Title: An Act To Establish Criminal Penalties for Violations of the Medical Marijuana Laws
Comment: This bill would establish criminal penalties for violations of the medical marijuana law that would equal the penalties charged for nonmedical marijuana violations.

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CRIMES

DRUG OFFENSES

LR: 2376 Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta

Title: An Act To Control the Sale of Marijuana To Limit Addiction

Comment: This bill would establish a process and system for allowing the cultivation and sale of marijuana by companies and nonprofit organizations as approved by the State, including a system to license retailers similar to the system for liquor agencies. All revenue is to be in an established dedicated fund for law enforcement, education and substance abuse prevention.

LR: 2446 Sponsor: Representative Johnson of Greenville

Title: An Act To Enhance Drug Enforcement in Residential Neighborhoods

Comment: This bill would require the court to consider during sentencing for a drug crime whether children were present when the crime was committed, whether the crime was committed in a residential neighborhood and the number of drug crimes committed at the same residence. It would clarify that a person who owns residential property and has knowledge of illegal drug trafficking occurring within that property is liable under existing accomplice laws.

It would require a study to assess the current criminal justice system for drug crimes and propose a long-term plan to document the impact of illegal drug activity and respond to the crisis of illegal drugs in this State. The study would include an assessment of existing studies and data and provide authority for the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety to report out a bill relating to the study in the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

LR: 2553 Sponsor: Representative Russell of Portland

Title: An Act To Decriminalize, Tax and Regulate Cannabis for Responsible Adult Use

Comment: This bill would decriminalize, tax and regulate cannabis for responsible adult use.

Potential JR 217: LD 1229

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CRIMES

SEX OFFENSES

LR: 2263 Sponsor: Representative Maker of Calais
Title: An Act To Improve the Maine Sex Offender Registry
Comment: This bill would require sex offender registration by persons convicted of sex offenses in other countries.

LR: 2397 Sponsor: Senator Youngblood of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Criminalize Sexual Contact between Clergy and Their Congregants
Comment: This bill would prohibit sexual contact between a cleric and a congregant of that cleric.

CRIMES

STALKING

LR: 2660 Sponsor: Senator Burns of Washington
Title: An Act To Enhance Maine's Stalking Law To Include Illegal Stalking of Groups or Members of an Organization
Comment: This bill would make it a crime for a person to stalk a group of people or members of an organization. The penalty for the crime would be enhanced one classification if one or more of the targeted victims was 16 years of age or younger.

CRIMINAL HISTORIES

CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS

LR: 2514 Sponsor: Representative Volk of Scarborough
Title: An Act To Assist Victims of Human Trafficking
Comment: This bill would allow prostitution convictions to be expunged from a person's criminal record when that person was a victim of human trafficking.

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CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE

LR: 2494 Sponsor: Senator Cain of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Increase Safety for Victims of Domestic Violence
Comment: This bill would require that some preconviction criminal investigation reports be released to high-risk response teams. This bill would also address the issue of abusers who, while being held over for judicial review of bail, intimidate victims or witnesses.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

FEES AND SURCHARGES

LR: 2322 Sponsor: Representative Willette of Mapleton
Title: An Act To Increase the Amount of Funds Available to Counties for Witness Fees and Prosecution Costs
Comment: Current law requires forfeited bail to be paid into an account maintained by each prosecutorial district for the purpose of paying expenses related to extradition of fugitives from justice. The maximum amount that may be retained in that account is \$20,000. This bill would increase the amount that may be retained to \$40,000 and allow the funds to be used to pay for fees or expenses, including witness fees, incurred by the district attorney in a criminal prosecution.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

AMBULANCE SERVICES

LR: 2400 Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset
Title: An Act Concerning Patients' Choice for Emergency Care
Comment: This bill would allow a person who calls 9-1-1 to choose the hospital to which the emergency responder takes the person. The bill would also make it clear that, if complications arise while the person is being transported to the hospital of choice, the responder is not liable.

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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
SYSTEM**

LR: 2626 Sponsor: Representative Gideon of Freeport
Title: An Act To Address Preventable Deaths from Drug Overdose
Comment: This bill would require all paramedics, emergency medical technicians, police officers and firefighters to receive training to administer naloxone and to carry at least 2 doses when on duty.

FIRE SAFETY

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

LR: 2345 Sponsor: Representative Parry of Arundel
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Firefighter Absence for Emergency Response
Comment: Current law prohibits an employer from discharging for absence an employee who is a volunteer firefighter and who responds to a fire in that capacity. The law does not pertain to a person who belongs to a municipal fire department. This bill would amend the definition of "firefighter" to include a member of a municipal fire department.

FIRE SAFETY

FIREWORKS

LR: 2306 Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta
Title: An Act To Allow the Sale of Fireworks by Religious Organizations
Comment: This bill would allow religious organizations to sell fireworks as a method of raising funds.

LR: 2349 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title: Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Examine the Establishment of Safeguards on the Use of Fireworks
Comment: This resolve would establish a legislative task force to examine the establishment of safeguards on the use of fireworks.

Closely Related CO: LD 168 Senator Johnson, C
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2463 Representative McClellan, M

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FIRE SAFETY

FIREWORKS

LR: 2463 Sponsor: Representative McClellan of Raymond

Title: An Act To Establish Reasonable Restrictions on the Sales and Use of Fireworks

Comment: This bill would establish restrictions on the sale and use of fireworks after examining various criteria, such as the level of fire danger in the area where the fireworks would be used and the presence of farm animals.

Closely Related CO: LD 168 Senator Johnson, C

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2349 Senator Jackson, T

JAILS

STATE FUNDING

LR: 2524 Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan

Title: An Act To Clarify County Jail Debt Financing

Comment: This bill would allow a percentage of the revenue received by a county from the Federal Government for the boarding of federal prisoners to be applied to the retirement of jail debt in existence as of July 1, 2008.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2565 Senator Thomas, D

LR: 2565 Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset

Title: An Act To Require Counties To Use Revenue from Boarding Federal Prisoners To Retire County Jail Debt in Existence before July 1, 2008

Comment: This bill would require counties to use revenue from boarding federal prisoners to retire county jail debt in existence before July 1, 2008.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2524 Representative McCabe, J

OPERATING UNDER INFLUENCE

PENALTIES

LR: 2529 Sponsor: Representative Marks of Pittston

Title: An Act To Amend the Period of Time for the Calculation of a Prior Conviction for Operating under the Influence

Comment: This bill would amend the period of time for calculating a prior conviction for operating under the influence from 10 years to 15 years.

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PRISONERS

MEDICAL CARE

LR: 2454 Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Create a Therapeutic Mental Health Unit at Two Bridges County Jail

Comment: This bill would create a therapeutic mental health unit at Two Bridges County Jail in Wiscasset to treat persons under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections who have mental health challenges as well as violent persons in the State's mental health institutions. Under this bill, the Department of Corrections would be responsible for security in the unit, and the Department of Health and Human Services would be responsible for the mental health treatment of patients.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2562 Senator Gerzofsky, S

LR: 2506 Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland

Title: An Act Regarding the Involuntary Medication of an Inmate at a Correctional Facility

Comment: This bill would require, in addition to the court procedure provided for in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, prior to administering medication to an inmate without that inmate's consent, a correctional facility obtain the consent of a treating physician, an attending nurse and the family of the inmate.

LR: 2562 Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Create a Therapeutic Mental Health Unit at a County Jail Located within 40 Miles of the City of Augusta

Comment: This bill would create a therapeutic mental health unit at a county jail located within 40 miles of the City of Augusta to treat persons diagnosed with mental illness who are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections or the county sheriffs, as well as violent patients in the State's mental health institutions.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2454 Senator Gerzofsky, S

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PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMUNICATIONS

LR: 2484 Sponsor: Senator Flood of Kennebec
Title: Resolve, To Study the Ability of Dispatchers To Transfer E-9-1-1 Calls to
Emergency Responders in Another State
Comment: This resolve would establish a commission to study the ability of E-9-1-1
dispatchers in this State to transfer emergency calls to emergency
dispatchers in another state.

WEAPONS
SALES

LR: 2241 Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta
Title: An Act To Ensure Confidentiality of Personally Identifying Information on
Certain Firearms Forms
Comment: This bill would ensure the confidentiality of forms regarding firearms
purchases in the custody of state agencies or dealers.

LR: 2538 Sponsor: Representative Dion of Portland
Title: An Act To Promote the Safe Sale and Use of Firearms
Comment: This bill would promote the safe sale and use of firearms by establishing
requirements for a firearm safety course by the Department of Inland
Fisheries and Wildlife, increasing the fine for providing a false name to a
firearms dealer and requiring private sales of firearms to be subject to
background checks. This bill would take effect only upon approval at
referendum.

Potential JR 217: LDs 267 & 1240

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

CULTURAL AGENCIES

STATE MUSEUM

LR: 2636 Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade
Title: An Act To Allow the Maine State Museum To Retain Revenues from Fees Imposed for Admission
Comment: This bill would place all revenue generated by admission fees to the Maine State Museum in a dedicated account for use by the Maine State Museum.

EDUCATION DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2555 Sponsor: Representative Hobbins of Saco
Title: An Act To Eliminate Student Reimbursement Inequity for Special Purpose Schools
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Education to reimburse special purpose schools in the same manner as it reimburses public schools. Under this bill, reimbursement of special purpose schools would not be denied when a student is not in attendance.

EDUCATION DEPT

POWERS

LR: 2532 Sponsor: Representative Nelson of Falmouth
Title: Resolve, To Create the Civics Education Council
Comment: This resolve would establish the Civics Education Council.
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2227 Representative Peterson, M

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

CHARTER SCHOOLS

LR: 2380 Sponsor: Representative Gillway of Searsport
Title: An Act To Establish the Maine School of Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering
Comment: This bill would establish in Regional School Unit 20 the Maine School of Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering, which would offer courses in marine-related fields such as oceanography, ship building and navigation.

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**SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA
ADJUSTMENTS**

LR: 2343 Sponsor: Representative Clark of Easton
Title: An Act To Ensure Fair Distribution of Funds within the Education Funding Formula
Comment: This bill would restore to any school district money that was lost due to the extra money that was added to the funding formula through Public Law 2013, chapter 368. The bill would also require that a school cannot lose state funding dollars as a result of adding more money into the funding formula.

**SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA
STATE/LOCAL SHARE**

LR: 2283 Sponsor: Representative Kinney of Limington
Title: An Act To Limit Local Contribution to School Construction
Comment: This bill would limit local contribution to school construction to 10% of the basic school plan approved by the State. This 10% would not include items added to the plan by the local school board.

LR: 2430 Sponsor: Representative Kruger of Thomaston
Title: An Act To Amend the School Funding Formula
Comment: This bill would amend the school funding formula to consider median family income as a factor in determining the allocation of state funding to local school districts. The bill would require a formula adjustment for any school district that has a combined median family income that is equal to or greater than 25% below the State's median family income.

Closely Related CO: LD 369 Senator Johnson, C

LR: 2486 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Improve Educational Outcomes for Students in Poverty in Maine's Public Schools
Comment: This bill would remove the provisions in current law that require the amount of a school administrative unit's state contribution to be reduced by the amount that school administrative unit receives in federal Title I funds. It also would allow the Department of Education to audit on a regular basis schools that received Title I funds to make sure these funds are being used in compliance with federal law.

Closely Related CO: LD 369 Senator Johnson, C

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**SCHOOL PERSONNEL
TRAINING**

LR: 2433 Sponsor: Representative Short of Pittsfield
Title: An Act To Ensure the Safety During the School Day of Students Who Have Food Allergies
Comment: This bill would require that teachers and school personnel receive training to recognize the symptoms of anaphylaxis and in the proper use epinephrine pens and asthma inhalers.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2221 Representative Peterson, M

**SCHOOL POLICIES
COMPUTERS**

LR: 2225 Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford
Title: An Act To Expand Technology Access for Maine's Citizens through the Department of Education's Laptop Program
Comment: This bill would repeal the provision of law requiring the Department of Education to dispose of Maine Learning Technology Initiative computers and peripheral equipment through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services' surplus property program with the proceeds to be used for continued support of the Maine Learning Technology Initiative. This bill would direct the Department of Education to recondition and refurbish the used computers and peripheral equipment to be distributed to MaineCare program members and other Maine residents based upon need and income eligibility.

LR: 2694 Sponsor: Senator Katz of Kennebec
Title: An Act to Prohibit Providers of Cloud Computing Service to Primary and Secondary Educational Institutions from Processing Student Data for Commercial Purposes
Comment: This bill would prohibit providers of cloud computing service to primary and secondary educational institutions from processing student data for commercial purposes.

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SCHOOL POLICIES
CURRICULUM

LR: 2227 Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Formulate and Implement a Citizenship Education Component for the Public School Curriculum
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Education to formulate and implement a citizenship education component in the social studies curriculum for all public schools at the elementary school, middle school and high school levels.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2532 Representative Nelson, M

LR: 2340 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Strengthen Public Schools in Maine
Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to strengthen public schools in the State.

LR: 2482 Sponsor: Representative Daughtry of Brunswick
Title: An Act To Recognize Agricultural Work in Maine High Schools
Comment: This bill would prohibit a high school from suspending or taking disciplinary action against a student who takes time off from school to take part in 4-H activities at fairs. The bill would also allow schools to give the student school credit for the agricultural work done.

SCHOOL POLICIES
DRUG ENFORCEMENT

LR: 2646 Sponsor: Representative Sirocki of Scarborough
Title: An Act To Allow Secondary School Students To Carry Over-the-counter Medication
Comment: This bill would allow a secondary school student to carry over-the-counter medication while at school or a school activity with the permission of that student's parent or guardian.

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SCHOOL POLICIES
SECURITY

LR: 2431 Sponsor: Senator Plummer of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Allow Certain Employees of School Administrative Units To Become Part-time Law Enforcement Officers

Comment: This bill would allow a school administrative unit to invite a school employee who is qualified to carry a concealed handgun on school premises to become a part-time law enforcement officer. It would provide that the school administrative unit may enter into an agreement with a local law enforcement agency to commission a qualified school employee as a part-time law enforcement officer. Before becoming a part-time law enforcement officer, the school employee would have to successfully complete the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's training requirements for a part-time law enforcement officer.

Potential JR 217: LD 1429

LR: 2465 Sponsor: Representative Libby of Lewiston

Title: An Act Regarding School Emergency Drills

Comment: This bill would allow a school to comply with the number of emergency evacuation drills required annually by including lockdown drills.

LR: 2599 Sponsor: Representative Dickerson of Rockland

Title: An Act To Ensure Student Safety and Privacy and To Protect Student Identity

Comment: This bill would prohibit the use of a student's name or state identification number by a school in e-mail in a manner that would allow someone to use that information for illegal purposes.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS
HEALTH CARE

LR: 2221 Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford

Title: An Act To Establish Guidelines for the Stocking and Administration of Epinephrine in Schools

Comment: This bill would establish guidelines for the stocking and administration of epinephrine autoinjectors in schools.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2433 Representative Short, S

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

TRUANTS AND DROPOUTS
INTERVENTION

LR: 2466 Sponsor: Representative Libby of Lewiston
Title: An Act To Decrease the Rate of Truancy in Elementary and Secondary
Schools
Comment: This bill would decrease the rate of truancy in elementary and secondary
schools by promoting regular attendance and attainment of a high school
diploma.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2383 Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset
Title: An Act To Increase Transparency of Administrative Costs within the
University of Maine System
Comment: This bill would increase the ability of the public to determine the cost of
administering the University of Maine System.

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPT
POWERS**

LR: 2665 Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title: An Act Concerning the Establishment of Water Levels
Comment: This bill would replace the requirement for an adjudicatory hearing by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the Board of Environmental Protection on a request or petition for a water level regime or, if applicable, a minimum flow requirement with a requirement for a preliminary determination of jurisdiction by the board and a public meeting by the commissioner. This bill would also authorize the commissioner to dismiss without prejudice any petition that does not contain evidence of mediation or other substantial good faith efforts to resolve any disputes regarding current water level management practices or minimum flow requirements.

**LAND USE
SITE LOCATION**

LR: 2426 Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade
Title: An Act To Allow Site Permits To Be Amended To Require Them To Address Health Effects
Comment: This bill would allow a site permit to be amended to address health effects that become known after the permit has been issued.

**PROTECTED NATURAL RESOURCES
SAND DUNES**

LR: 2686 Sponsor: Senator Valentino of York
Title: An Act To Relieve the Impact of Erosion Caused by Facilities Installed by the United States Government
Comment: This bill would allow a municipality to fill, construct, replace or rebuild a sand dune if the sand dune incurs erosion attributable to the construction, maintenance or extension of a facility built or owned by the United States Government or any of its departments or agencies.

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SURFACE WATER

LAKES

LR: 2438 Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan
Title: An Act To Protect Maine Lakes
Comment: This bill would protect Maine lakes.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2468 Representative McClellan, M

LR: 2450 Sponsor: Senator Valentino of York
Title: An Act To Require Swimmers in Open Water To Be More Visible
Comment: This bill would require a person swimming in open water more than 100 feet from shore to be accompanied by a person in a watercraft or to carry a buoy to make that person more visible to watercraft. A person who did not meet this requirement would be subject to a fine and could not hold a watercraft owner who struck that person liable.

LR: 2468 Sponsor: Representative McClellan of Raymond
Title: An Act To Leverage Expert, State-based Resources for Emergent Intervention and Long-term Comprehensive Resource Protection of Lakes
Comment: This bill would provide funding for programs to remove milfoil infestation from lakes over 10,000 acres in size. The source of the funding would be an increase in the fee for a milfoil sticker.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2438 Representative McCabe, J

LR: 2527 Sponsor: Representative DeChant of Bath
Title: An Act To Change the Name and Classification of New Meadows Lake
Comment: This bill would change the name and classification of New Meadows Lake.

TOXIC SUBSTANCES

EMERGENCY PLANNING

LR: 2480 Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title: An Act To Require an Earlier Implementation Date for Maine's Stewardship Program for Architectural Paint if Certain Conditions Are Met
Comment: This bill would require an earlier implementation date for Maine's stewardship program for architectural paint if certain conditions are met.

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

TOXIC SUBSTANCES
RIGHT-TO-KNOW

LR: 2597 Sponsor: Representative Harlow of Portland
Title: An Act To Require Notification of the Potential Hazards of Coal Tar Sealant Products
Comment: This bill would require companies using coal tar sealants to seal driveways to notify their customers in writing of the potential hazards associated with coal tar sealants.

TOXIC SUBSTANCES
TOXIC CHEMICALS

LR: 2488 Sponsor: Representative Grant of Gardiner
Title: An Act To Protect the Health of Maine's Citizens from Toxic Chemicals in Products
Comment: This bill would designate pthalates as priority chemicals. The bill would require manufacturers or distributors with more than \$100,000,000 in gross annual sales to report their use of these chemicals in children's products sold in the State. The bill would amend the authority of the Board of Environmental Protection to regulate these chemicals. The bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection to report to the Legislature and to implement law using its existing fee authority and with existing resources.

WATER QUALITY
CLASSIFICATIONS

LR: 2601 Sponsor: Representative Stuckey of Portland
Title: An Act To Reclassify the Lower Presumpscot River from Class C to Class B
Comment: This bill would upgrade the water quality classification on the Presumpscot River from Saccarappa to the estuary from Class C to Class B.

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

SOLAR ENERGY

LR: 2618 Sponsor: Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc
Title: An Act To Support Solar Energy Development in Maine
Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to take specific measures to support solar energy, including monitoring electricity markets, taking legal action to protect access to markets by solar power facilities located in the State and certifying a person as a community solar power generator.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

WIND ENERGY

LR: 2398 Sponsor: Senator Youngblood of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Require the Primary Siting Authority for an Expedited Wind Energy Development Project To Make Findings Regarding the Energy- and Emissions-related Benefits of the Project
Comment: This bill would require the primary siting authority for an expedited wind energy development project to make additional findings regarding the manner and extent to which the development provides energy- and emissions-related benefits.

LR: 2496 Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport
Title: An Act To Provide for Economic and Technological Development by Increasing the Allowable Customer Charge in the Event of More than One Grant Being Awarded for Wind Energy Projects
Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to increase the allowable customer charge if the United States Department of Energy provides more than one grant for a wind energy project in the Gulf of Maine.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2624 Senator Cleveland, J

LR: 2650 Sponsor: President Alford of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Amend the Maine Wind Energy Act
Comment: This bill would amend the Maine Wind Energy Act to clarify a definition, establish a decision-making basis, clarify energy- and emission-related benefits and confirm the Act's policy objectives.

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

ELECTRIC UTILITIES
DELIVERY

LR: 2606 Sponsor: Representative Hobbins of Saco
Title: An Act To Encourage Distributed Generation in the State
Comment: This bill would allow utilities to deploy distributed generation in the State, including assisting customers with the costs of home solar installations, to address reliability concerns, to enhance grid performance and to reduce peak load demand. It would also revise the rules on net-metering to reduce the financial impact of distributed generation on the general body of utility customers.

ELECTRIC UTILITIES
PLANNING

LR: 2348 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title: An Act To Preserve Certain Private and Special Rights in the Merger of Bangor Hydro Electric Company and Maine Public Service Company
Comment: This bill would provide that any private and special rights previously granted to Maine Public Service Company or its predecessors are not lost as a result of the merger between the company and Bangor Hydro Electric Company if those rights were in existence at the time of the merger.

ELECTRIC UTILITIES
RATES

LR: 2624 Sponsor: Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin
Title: An Act To Raise the Cap on Rate Impact for Offshore Wind Energy
Comment: This bill would raise the cap on the permitted impact on electricity rates of off-shore wind energy development.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2496 Representative Fredette, K

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

ELECTRIC UTILITIES
TRANSMISSION LINES

LR: 2671 Sponsor: Representative Boland of Sanford
Title: An Act To Facilitate Equitable Rebates for Improvements in the Reliability of Electric Power Transmission
Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to adopt rules to allocate benefits from electric ratepayer-supported investments to limit adverse effects of geomagnetically induced currents into transmission and distribution systems. This bill would also allow the commission to require the installation of equipment monitoring devices for the purpose of tracking changes in reliability of power flow.

ENERGY CONSERVATION
STANDARDS

LR: 2619 Sponsor: Senator Millett of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Protect Homeowners and Reduce Energy Costs
Comment: This bill would require Maine to explore the development of a home energy labeling system that would disclose the energy performance of homes in the State.

GAS UTILITIES
PROCEDURES

LR: 2334 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Require a Timely Response by a Gas Company to a Municipal Request for Service Expansion
Comment: This bill would establish parameters to require a timely response by a gas company to a municipal request for service expansion.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2328 Sponsor: Representative Russell of Portland
Title: An Act To Amend the Law Governing Conflict of Interest and Recusal with Respect to the Public Utilities Commission
Comment: This bill would amend the law governing conflict of interest and recusal with respect to the Public Utilities Commission.

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
COMMISSIONERS**

LR: 2424 Sponsor: Representative Hobbins of Saco
Title: An Act To Authorize a Temporary Commissioner at the Public Utilities Commission
Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to develop a list of former commissioners to be called upon and a process for temporary appointment when a current commissioner is recused from a case.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
POWERS**

LR: 2623 Sponsor: Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin
Title: An Act To Assist Electric Utility Ratepayers
Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to develop a program to permit electric ratepayers with high past-due bills to enter into a payment program to avoid disconnection if the current bill and a portion of the past-due bill are paid monthly.

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS
9-1-1 EMERGENCY SYSTEM**

LR: 2418 Sponsor: Representative Graham of North Yarmouth
Title: An Act To Prevent the Misuse of E-9-1-1 Services
Comment: This bill would prohibit the misuses of E-9-1-1 services by imposing a fine, after 2 warnings, for callers improperly calling E-9-1-1 for reasons other than an emergency.

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS
TELEPHONE SYSTEMS**

LR: 2523 Sponsor: Representative Hobbins of Saco
Title: An Act To Encourage a Provider of Last Resort To Expand Broadband
Comment: This bill would prohibit a provider of last resort service from receiving state universal fund support under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 7104 unless that provider has build-out targets for broadband in Maine that are equal to or greater than its build-out targets in New Hampshire. This bill would authorize the Public Utilities Commission to adopt routine technical rules to implement this requirement.

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

TELECOMMUNICATIONS
UNIVERSAL SERVICE

LR: 2445 Sponsor: Representative Hobbins of Saco
Title: An Act To Phase Out the State Universal Service Fund
Comment: This bill would direct the Public Utilities Commission to gradually decrease over 4 years the amounts collected for the state universal service fund under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 7104. After 4 years, the authorization to collect funds for a state universal service fund would be repealed.

Closely Related CO: LD 1479

UTILITY DISTRICTS
CHARTER CHANGES

LR: 2378 Sponsor: Representative Kumiega, III of Deer Isle
Title: An Act To Reduce the Number of Members on the Stonington Sanitary District Board
Comment: This bill would reduce the number of members on the Stonington Sanitary District Board from 7 to 5.

LR: 2473 Sponsor: Representative Dunphy of Embden
Title: An Act To Amend the Charter of the Anson and Madison Water District
Comment: This bill would permit the trustees of the Anson and Madison Water District the option of requesting that the Town of Anson and the Town of Madison appoint a trustee to fill a vacancy rather than requiring them to hold a special election.

UTILITY DISTRICTS
NEW

LR: 2319 Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport
Title: An Act To Create the Newport Natural Gas District
Comment: This bill would create the Newport Natural Gas District.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

ABUSE AND NEGLECT

LR: 2315 Sponsor: Representative Bennett of Kennebunk
Title: An Act To Amend Maine's Mandated Reporting of Abuse Laws
Comment: This bill would prohibit an employer from requiring its employees or volunteers to report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation by other employees or volunteers to the employer rather than to the Department of Health and Human Services.

LR: 2503 Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland
Title: An Act To Ensure That All Maine Children Are Protected from Abuse
Comment: This bill would ensure that the Department of Health and Human Services has a process and authority to investigate alleged abuse and neglect that is perpetrated by any caregiver so that children are protected from abuse or neglect in schools, in residential settings or while receiving community support and services.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CHILD CARE

LR: 2419 Sponsor: Representative Duprey of Hampden
Title: An Act To Protect Children in Home Day Care
Comment: This bill would require home day care operators that receive state funds to comply with the same child-staff ratios and other rules as licensed child care centers.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

COORDINATION OF SERVICES

LR: 2502 Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland
Title: An Act To Consolidate and Simplify Licensing and Program Requirements for Center-based Early Childhood Services for Children with Special Needs
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education to get together and establish a single licensing procedure and service plan for center-based early childhood services for children with special needs.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

FOSTER CARE

LR: 2389 Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham

Title: An Act To Support Maine Foster Children beyond the Age of 18

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan to advertise and promote the ability of foster children to remain in the foster care system beyond the age at which they would normally cease to be eligible.

Closely Related CO: LD 1047 Representative Berry, S

LR: 2452 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Extend Support to Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Who Are Completing Their Education

Comment: This bill would extend health care coverage to persons aging out of foster care who are participating in an educational training program.

Potential JR 217: LD 487

DISABLED PERSONS

ACCESSIBILITY

LR: 2352 Sponsor: Senator Tuttle of York

Title: An Act To Require Doctors' Offices To Be Accessible by Persons with Disabilities

Comment: This bill would establish a requirement that all physicians' offices be accessible by persons with disabilities.

DISABLED PERSONS

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

LR: 2220 Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford

Title: Resolve, To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Independent Living and Disability

Comment: This bill would establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Independent Living and Disability.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

FOOD STAMPS

SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

LR: 2492 Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec

Title: Resolve, To Reduce Hunger and Increase Access to Healthy Foods by Participants in the Food Supplement Program

Comment: This resolve would require the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to convene a work group to consider strategies, educational opportunities and other initiatives to reduce food insecurity, promote healthy eating habits and improve access to fresh fruits and vegetables and local foods through farmers' markets and community-supported agriculture by recipients of benefits under the state-administered federal food supplement program known as SNAP. This resolve would require the commissioner to report the work group's findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 15, 2015.

Potential JR 217: LD 1411

LR: 2682 Sponsor: Representative Dorney of Norridgewock

Title: An Act To Assist Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Recipients

Comment: This bill would authorize a voluntary program through the Department of Health and Human Services that would allow Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients to choose to receive benefits paid weekly rather than monthly. It would require the department to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on this option after 2 years.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2325 Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

Title: An Act To Help Recipients of Welfare Benefits To Transfer from Welfare to Work

Comment: This bill would require that all job-ready applicants for benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program or for a diversion program using alternative aid must present documented proof of job applications.

Potential JR 217: LD 256

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT
ADMINISTRATION**

LR: 2589 Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Educate the Public and Its Program Participants about Bisphenol A
Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Health and Human Services to update its website for accuracy and to prepare educational outreach materials to reach the most susceptible populations concerning bisphenol A.

**HEALTH CARE SERVICES
COMMUNITY-BASED**

LR: 2500 Sponsor: Representative Sanborn of Gorham
Title: An Act To Eliminate Financial Inequality in the Provision of Community-based Behavioral Health Services
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to require that all community-based health services bill at community-based rates and would prohibit community-based health services from billing at the hospital rate.

**HEALTH CARE SERVICES
DELIVERY**

LR: 2330 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title: An Act To Enhance the Stability and Predictability of Health Care Costs for Returning Veterans and Others by Addressing the Issues Associated with Hospital Charity Care and Bad Debt
Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to enhance the stability and predictability of health care costs for returning veterans and others by addressing the issues associated with hospital charity care and bad debt.

Potential JR 217: LD 1066

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2357 Speaker Eves, M

LR: 2331 Sponsor: Senator Woodbury of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Clarify the Law Governing Public Disclosure of Health Care Prices
Comment: This bill would clarify the recently enacted law requiring the public disclosure of health care prices.

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HEALTH CARE SERVICES
DELIVERY

LR: 2357 Sponsor: Speaker Eves of North Berwick
Title: An Act To Increase Health Security by Expanding Federally Funded Health Care for Maine People
Comment: This bill would expand federally funded health care to low-income Maine people, effective the first day of the quarter in which the state plan amendment is approved.
Potential JR 217: LD 1066
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2330 Senator Jackson, T

LR: 2447 Sponsor: Representative Johnson of Greenville
Title: An Act To Reduce Nuisance Marijuana Growing
Comment: This bill would reduce nuisance medical marijuana growing by requiring the Department of Health and Human Services, after consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to adopt rules for medical marijuana cultivation and processing for registered caregivers and dispensaries that set standards for air filtration, ventilation, noise, odor, disposal of water, plant cultivation and processing waste. The bill would propose that the rules, which would be major substantive rules, would apply in municipalities and in the unorganized territories and that a violation of the rules would be a civil violation for which a fine of up to \$1,000 could be imposed.

LR: 2491 Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec
Title: An Act Relating to Nursing Home and Hospice Patients and Medical Marijuana Use
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to allow nursing home and hospice patients with a prescription for medical marijuana to use their prescriptions in a facility. This bill would allow them to use nonsmoked forms of medical marijuana such as vaporized, edibles, tinctures and salves without restrictions put in place by Department of Health and Human Services rules.

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HEALTH CARE SERVICES
DELIVERY

LR: 2510 Sponsor: Representative Sanderson of Chelsea
Title: An Act To Further Protect Patient Access to Safe Medical Marijuana by Allowing Dispensaries To Purchase Excess Marijuana from Other Dispensaries
Comment: This bill would allow registered medical marijuana dispensaries to sell and purchase excess marijuana from other registered dispensaries.

LR: 2588 Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook
Title: An Act To Clarify Provisions of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act
Comment: This bill would amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act to clarify that access to a registered dispensary's cultivation facility by government officials acting within the scope of employment or government duties is allowed.

LR: 2600 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Amend the Requirements Regarding Self-identification by Health Care Practitioners
Comment: This bill would limit to outpatient settings the requirement that a health care practitioner display that practitioner's license. The bill would also allow mental health and behavioral health practitioners to cease wearing an identification badge after the first visit with a patient.

LR: 2664 Sponsor: Representative Hayes of Buckfield
Title: An Act To Facilitate the Detection of Breast Cancer
Comment: This bill would facilitate the detection of breast cancer in cases of dense breast tissue.

HEALTH CARE SERVICES
HOME HEALTH CARE

LR: 2501 Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland
Title: An Act To Promote and Sustain Home Care Services for Seniors Offered by the County Extension Services
Comment: This bill would provide funding from the Department of Health and Human Services budget to promote and sustain home care services provided to seniors by the county extension services.

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HEALTH CARE SERVICES

LONG TERM CARE

LR: 2224 Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford
Title: An Act To Establish a Program Providing for Adaptive Equipment
Accounts for Persons Receiving Long-term Care Services
Comment: This bill would propose to establish an adaptive equipment program for
consumers of in-home long-term care services. Under the program, a
consumer who elects to receive services at a value less than the value of the
services the consumer is eligible for may designate the remaining funds for
deposit into an account for future use to purchase adaptive equipment or
make adaptive renovations to the home of the consumer. This bill would
require the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt routine
technical rules to implement the program by January 1, 2015.

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

PHARMACIES

LR: 2366 Sponsor: Representative Beck of Waterville
Title: An Act Concerning Disclosure Requirements by Pharmacy Benefits
Managers
Comment: This bill would establish disclosure requirements on the use of a maximum
allowable cost pricing index by pharmacy benefits managers and transfers
oversight authority to the Maine Board of Pharmacy.

LR: 2367 Sponsor: Representative Beck of Waterville
Title: An Act To Allow Pharmacists To Dispense Sterile and Nonsterile
Compounds
Comment: This bill would allow pharmacists to dispense sterile and nonsterile
compounds when prescribed by a physician.

LR: 2613 Sponsor: Representative Gideon of Freeport
Title: An Act To Increase Safety for Children by Requiring the Labeling of
Inhalers
Comment: This bill would direct pharmacists to print an additional prescription sticker
for customers to apply on the inhaler when the inhaler box is opened at
home.

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HEALTH CARE SERVICES
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

LR: 2554 Sponsor: Representative Pringle of Windham

Title: Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services To Advance the Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs To Protect Health Care Personnel

Comment: This resolve would require the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to adopt a standard for the handling of antineoplastic drugs, as defined, in health care facilities regardless of the setting. This resolve would require the standard to be consistent with and not exceed specific recommendations adopted by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health for preventing occupational exposures to those drugs in health care settings.

LR: 2567 Sponsor: Representative Cooper of Yarmouth

Title: An Act To Require a Prescription for Any Medication Containing Pseudoephedrine

Comment: This bill would prohibit all dispensing of any medication that contains pseudoephedrine without a prescription.

HOMELESS PERSONS
ACCESS TO SERVICES

LR: 2569 Sponsor: Representative Briggs of Mexico

Title: Resolve, To Require State Government To Work in Concert To Further Maine's Plan To End and Prevent Homelessness

Comment: This resolve would require all relevant agencies of State Government to work with the Maine State Housing Authority, the Statewide Homeless Council and regional homeless councils to fully implement Maine's plan to end and prevent homelessness.

MEDICAID
MAINECARE

LR: 2293 Sponsor: Senator Mazurek of Knox

Title: An Act To Strengthen the Process of Notifying MaineCare Applicants of the MaineCare Estate Recovery Program

Comment: This bill would require a separate disclosure form to be presented to and signed by MaineCare applicants concerning the MaineCare estate recovery program.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS

LR: 2614 Sponsor: Representative Frey of Bangor
Title: An Act To Utilize the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center To Manage Need
for Inpatient Hospitalization
Comment: This bill would require the use of the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center to
address bed shortage and population management issues at the Riverview
Psychiatric Center.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

PLANNING

LR: 2512 Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland
Title: An Act To Improve Hospital-based Acute Behavior Health Treatment
Comment: This bill would exempt mental health hospitals from having to have a plan
in place before any intensive behavior treatment program may be
implemented.

PUBLIC HEALTH

RESTAURANTS

LR: 2237 Sponsor: Representative Cooper of Yarmouth
Title: An Act To Allow Local Health Inspectors To Inspect Restaurants and
Other Licensed Establishments
Comment: This bill would require the state health inspection program in the
Department of Health and Human Services to include a program to train
local health inspectors to perform limited inspections of restaurants and
other licensed establishments for health and safety violations. Local health
officers who have completed this training would have the authority to order
the immediate and temporary closing of an establishment when health and
safety violations pose an imminent threat to the public.

Potential JR 217: LR 846

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INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

LOANS

LR: 2628 Sponsor: Representative Powers of Naples
Title: An Act To Stop Predatory Lending Practices by Payday Lenders
Comment: This bill would stop predatory lending practices by payday lenders.

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

MORTGAGES

LR: 2412 Sponsor: Representative Priest of Brunswick
Title: An Act To Amend the Power of Sale Foreclosure Law To Make Real Estate
Titles More Marketable
Comment: This bill would revise the power of sale mortgage foreclosure law in order to
clarify the law, improve notice to interested parties and ensure the
marketability of title.

Closely Related CO: LD 1389 Representative Crockett, J

LR: 2662 Sponsor: Representative Hamann of South Portland
Title: An Act To Protect Homeowners Facing Foreclosure
Comment: This bill would provide a homeowner whose home has been foreclosed the
option of settling the debt at any point of the foreclosure process, including
the window of time between when the foreclosure is complete and the date
the person must vacate the home.

INSURANCE

HEALTH

LR: 2269 Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Prohibit a Requirement for Annual Authorizations for Insurance
Coverage for Phenylketonuria and Allied Disorders
Comment: This bill would prohibit insurance companies from requiring annual
authorization from a physician for coverage for phenylketonuria and allied
disorders.

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INSURANCE
HEALTH

LR: 2307 Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta
Title: An Act To Provide Reimbursement of Health Care Insurance Costs for New Businesses
Comment: This bill would reimburse new businesses for the cost of health care insurance provided to the employees of those businesses.

LR: 2395 Sponsor: Representative McGowan of York
Title: An Act To Strengthen Access Requirements and Review Standards for Health Insurance Plans
Comment: This bill would amend the reasonable access requirements in the health insurance laws to restrict the ability of health plans to establish narrow networks of providers. The bill would also strengthen the standards for review of health plans and requests to discontinue existing plans and establish new plans.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2423 Senator Hill, D

LR: 2402 Sponsor: Representative Rankin of Hiram
Title: An Act To Require Health Insurers To Provide Coverage for Human Leukocyte Antigen Testing To Establish Bone Marrow Donor Transplant Suitability
Comment: This bill would require that health insurance policies provide coverage for human leukocyte antigen testing that is necessary to establish bone marrow transplant donor suitability.

LR: 2420 Sponsor: Representative Graham of North Yarmouth
Title: An Act To Exempt Epinephrine Autoinjectors from the Prior Authorization Requirement
Comment: This bill would prohibit insurance companies from requiring prior authorization for epinephrine autoinjectors, also known as "EpiPens."

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INSURANCE

MOTOR VEHICLE

LR: 2629 Sponsor: Representative Chase of Wells
Title: An Act To Restrict Direct Repair Programs between Auto Insurance
Companies and Auto Body Repair Businesses
Comment: This bill would restrict auto insurance companies from using any auto repair
facility with which the insurance company has a direct repair program for the
purpose of estimating the cost of a repair.

INSURANCE PRACTICES

INSURANCE PRODUCERS

LR: 2508 Sponsor: Senator Whittemore of Somerset
Title: An Act To Clarify Licensing Requirements for Limited Insurance Producers
Sales
Comment: This bill would allow an insurance company or insurance producer to pay a
commission or service fee to an unlicensed agent of a rental car company
that holds a limited insurance producer license as long as there is one
employee at the location for that rental car company who also holds a limited
insurance producer license.

INSURANCE PRACTICES

PROVIDERS

LR: 2423 Sponsor: Senator Hill of York
Title: An Act To Amend the Provider Profiling Program Law
Comment: This bill would require an insurance carrier that has a provider profiling
program to apply the requirements of the program to narrow networks.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2395 Representative McGowan, P

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INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

WORKERS COMPENSATION

INSURANCE

LR: 2457

Sponsor: Representative DeChant of Bath

Title: An Act To Ensure Fairness in the Application of the Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Compensation Laws

Comment: This bill would require an insurance carrier that reduces or offsets an injured worker's incapacity benefits by the amount of unemployment benefits received for the same period of incapacity to reimburse the Unemployment Compensation Fund the full amount of the offset. The employer of the injured employee would have its experience rating adjusted to reflect that reimbursement.

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

**FISH
PROTECTION**

LR: 2434 Sponsor: Senator Boyle of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Protect Atlantic Salmon and Brook Trout Spawning Habitat
from Motorized Recreational Gold Prospecting
Comment: This bill would close specific stream segments that contain Atlantic salmon
and brook trout to motorized gold prospecting.

LR: 2578 Sponsor: Senator Burns of Washington
Title: An Act To Maintain the Togue Stocking Program in Millimagassett Lake
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to
continue the togue stocking of Millimagassett Lake.

**FISHING
REGULATIONS**

LR: 2321 Sponsor: Representative Fowle of Vassalboro
Title: An Act To Allow Fishing Closer to the Fish Ladder on Webber Pond in
Vassalboro
Comment: This bill would reduce the distance from the fish ladder on Webber Pond in
Vassalboro within which fishing is prohibited from 150 feet to 25 feet.
This change would allow a person to fish from the town dock.

**HUNTING
BOW AND ARROW**

LR: 2280 Sponsor: Representative Shaw of Standish
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Crossbow Hunting
Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing crossbow hunting that were
changed last session in Public Law 2013, chapter 236.

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

HUNTING

BOW AND ARROW

LR: 2361 Sponsor: Representative Harvell of Farmington

Title: An Act To Repeal the Prohibition on the Use of a Bow and Arrow near a Dwelling or Building

Comment: This bill would repeal the prohibition on the use of a bow and arrow within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling without permission of the owner.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2443 Representative Shaw, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2390 Representative Wood, S

LR: 2390 Sponsor: Representative Wood of Sabattus

Title: An Act To Reduce the Restrictions Imposed on Persons Using Crossbows and Bows and Arrows near Residences and Other Buildings

Comment: This bill would amend current law that prohibits a person from using a crossbow or bow and arrow within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling to reduce the distance to 75 yards and exempt a person target shooting on that person's property.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2361 Representative Harvell, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2443 Representative Shaw, M

LR: 2443 Sponsor: Representative Shaw of Standish

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Discharge of a Bow and Arrow near a Dwelling or Building

Comment: This bill would repeal the prohibition on the use of a bow and arrow within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling without permission of the owner.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2361 Representative Harvell, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2390 Representative Wood, S

HUNTING

REGULATIONS

LR: 2469 Sponsor: Senator Cushing of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Allow the Use of Slingshots in Small Game Hunting

Comment: This bill would legalize slingshots as weapons for hunting small game.

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

**HUNTING
SAFETY**

LR: 2341 Sponsor: Representative Clark of Easton
Title: An Act To Promote Religious Freedom
Comment: This bill would allow a person that belongs to a religion that does not allow that person to wear bright colored clothing, and that lives in a home without power or technology, to be able to wear a red vest and hat instead of a fluorescent orange vest when hunting on that person's own property.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2474 Senator Sherman, R

LR: 2474 Sponsor: Senator Sherman of Aroostook
Title: An Act To Provide an Exemption for Religious Purposes to the Requirement That Hunters Wear Hunter Orange Clothing
Comment: This bill would provide an exemption to the requirement that hunters wear hunter orange clothing for persons whose religion prohibits wearing that color.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2341 Representative Clark, T

**HUNTING
SEASON**

LR: 2356 Sponsor: Representative Jones of Freedom
Title: An Act To Create an Annual Flintlock Hunting Season
Comment: This bill would create a one-week hunting season for flintlock users.

**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE DEPT
POWERS**

LR: 2240 Sponsor: Representative Shaw of Standish
Title: An Act To Expand Marketing at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Comment: This bill would implement the recommendations of a marketing group established to study how to better market the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

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JUDICIARY

CIVIL PROCEDURE
SETTLEMENTS

LR: 2687 Sponsor: Representative Gifford of Lincoln
Title: An Act To Require a Company To Disclose the Amount of and Reason for a Settlement Entered into with an Individual
Comment: This bill would require a company that enters into a settlement agreement to disclose the amount and reason for the settlement.

COURTS
DRUG COURT

LR: 2391 Sponsor: Representative Dion of Portland
Title: Resolve, To Ensure the Continued Effectiveness of Maine's Drug Courts
Comment: This resolve would direct the Supreme Judicial Court to review and improve the operation of the State's drug court, focusing on current treatment, alternative sentencing and post-release best practices.

COURTS
JURORS

LR: 2351 Sponsor: Senator Tuttle of York
Title: An Act To Improve Compensation for Jurors
Comment: This bill would increase the payment to jurors to \$75.
Closely Related CO: LD 1424 Representative Brooks, J

DOMESTIC RELATIONS
CHILD SUPPORT

LR: 2608 Sponsor: Representative Mitchell of Penobscot Nation
Title: An Act To Streamline Enforcement of Child Support Orders Issued by the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court and Penobscot Nation Division of Child Support Enforcement
Comment: This bill would direct the Secretary of State to suspend the Maine driver's license of a Penobscot Nation member who fails to abide by the conditions of a Penobscot Nation child support order.

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DOMESTIC RELATIONS

DIVORCE

LR: 2693 Sponsor: Senator Katz of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Review the Laws Relating to the Award of Spousal Support in Divorce Actions
Comment: This bill would repeal a recently enacted amendment to Maine's laws regarding the award of spousal support in divorce actions as they relate to cohabitation. This bill would also direct the Family Law Advisory Commission to review laws regarding the modification of spousal support orders and cohabitation in order to develop legislation to be reported to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

MARRIAGE

LR: 2517 Sponsor: Representative Chenette of Saco
Title: An Act To Allow Active Members of the Military Service To File an Intent to Marry in Any Municipality
Comment: This bill would allow an active member of the United States Armed Forces or the Maine National Guard who is a resident of Maine to file notice of intent to marry in any municipality.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

PARENTAL RIGHTS

LR: 2654 Sponsor: Representative Hayes of Buckfield
Title: An Act Relating to the Rights of Parents Who Deliver a Child to a Safe Haven Provider
Comment: This bill would place a limit on the amount of time in which a parent can reclaim a child after surrender under the "safe haven" law.

FREEDOM OF ACCESS

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

LR: 2248 Sponsor: Representative Shaw of Standish
Title: An Act To Enhance Freedom of Access
Comment: This bill would permit the Public Access Ombudsman in the Attorney General's Office to attend executive sessions of agencies and boards under the Freedom of Access Act. The ombudsman would be required to keep information from the executive sessions confidential.

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JUDICIARY

**FREEDOM OF ACCESS
PUBLIC RECORDS**

LR: 2461 Sponsor: Representative Beaulieu of Auburn
Title: An Act To Ensure That Meritorious Freedom of Access Act Requests
Receive Appropriate Attention
Comment: This bill would help public entities fulfill public records requests by
reducing the number of frivolous and vexatious requests through limiting
the number of requests allowed per person and other remedies, and would
give authority to the Public Access Ombudsman to intervene.

**FREEDOM OF ACCESS
RECORD CONFIDENTIALITY**

LR: 2266 Sponsor: Representative Beck of Waterville
Title: An Act To Amend the Freedom of Access Law
Comment: This bill would exempt from the Freedom of Access Law any identifying
information related to persons making claims for proceeds from the Maine
State Lottery.

LR: 2490 Sponsor: Representative Beavers of South Berwick
Title: An Act To Encourage and Protect Innovation in Fisheries, Aquaculture and
Seafood Processing
Comment: This bill would define as confidential information, not subject to the
Freedom of Information Act, data submitted to the Department of Marine
Resources that documents research and protocols used in aquaculture or
seafood processing.

**HUMAN RIGHTS
CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS**

LR: 2222 Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford
Title: Resolve, To Create the Blue Ribbon Commission on Law and the Public
Good
Comment: This bill would create the Blue Ribbon Commission on Law and the Public
Good.

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JUDICIARY

HUMAN RIGHTS
FREE SPEECH

LR: 2522 Sponsor: Representative Russell of Portland
Title: An Act To Expand the Breadth of Protected Speech in the State
Comment: This bill would expand the breadth of protected speech in the State. Under this bill, which is based on laws in California, Oregon, Washington, Texas and Nevada, petition activity, speech and conduct in connection with an issue of public concern would be afforded the same protections currently granted to speech in connection with an issue under consideration by a governmental body.

HUMAN RIGHTS
HOUSING

LR: 2365 Sponsor: Senator Millett of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Amend the Maine Human Rights Act To Include Marital Status
Comment: This bill would add marital status to the freedom from discrimination provisions of the Maine Human Rights Act regarding fair housing.

PROBATE
PROCEEDINGS

LR: 2401 Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset
Title: An Act To Provide an Exemption from Estate Recovery for the Estate of a Person Who Purchased at Least 3 Years of Long-term Care Insurance Coverage
Comment: This bill would provide a \$250,000 exemption from estate recovery for the estate of a person who purchased at least 3 years of long-term care insurance coverage.

REAL ESTATE
COOPERATIVES

LR: 2344 Sponsor: Representative Cray of Palmyra
Title: An Act Regarding the Formation of Resident-owned Communities and Trailer Park Cooperatives
Comment: This bill would establish laws and rules regarding the formation of resident-owned communities and trailer park cooperatives.

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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BUSINESS PRACTICES

BILLING

LR: 2610 Sponsor: Senator Mazurek of Knox
Title: An Act To Protect Maine Consumers from Abusive and Deceptive Debt
Collection
Comment: This bill would incorporate into Maine law certain regulations adopted by
New York State to better protect Maine consumers from abusive and
deceptive debt collection.

BUSINESS PRACTICES

PATENTS

LR: 2273 Sponsor: Representative Daughtry of Brunswick
Title: An Act To Protect Maine Businesses from Illegitimate Patent Assertions
Comment: This bill would prohibit bad faith assertions of patent infringement.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2647 Senator Haskell, A

LR: 2647 Sponsor: Senator Haskell of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Prohibit Bad Faith Assertions of Patent Infringement
Comment: This bill would prohibit a person from making a bad faith assertion of patent
infringement.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2273 Representative Daughtry, M

BUSINESS PRACTICES

REGULATIONS

LR: 2640 Sponsor: Senator Boyle of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Amend the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act
Comment: This bill would add a prohibition to the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices
Act on posting paid reviews online, whether negative or positive.

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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION

LR: 2449 Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock
Title: An Act To Require the Department of Labor To Provide Specific Information to Employers Regarding Their Unemployment Insurance Activity
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Labor, when it issues an employer the annual notice of contribution rate, to provide specific information about that employer's unemployment account activity for the prior year.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
PROCEDURES

LR: 2245 Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta
Title: An Act To Amend the Definition of "Employer" in the Laws Relating to Unemployment Compensation
Comment: This bill would amend the definition of "employer" in the laws relating to unemployment compensation.

FINANCE AUTHORITY
PROGRAMS

LR: 2429 Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade
Title: An Act To Prohibit the Finance Authority of Maine from Issuing College Loans to Students Who Do Not Meet Admission Requirements
Comment: This bill would prohibit the Finance Authority of Maine from issuing a student loan to a person who fails to meet the admission requirements for the postsecondary institution that person is attending on a probationary status.

LR: 2509 Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport
Title: An Act To Expand the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program
Comment: This bill would raise the maximum amount of a tax credit claim from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000 in the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program.

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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HOUSING

AFFORDABLE

LR: 2234 Sponsor: Representative Villa of Harrison
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management To Develop a Portable Voucher System To Subsidize Rental Housing for Veterans in the State
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, in collaboration with the Maine State Housing Authority, to work with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to develop a portable voucher system to provide rental housing assistance in the State for veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

HOUSING

CONDOMINIUMS

LR: 2451 Sponsor: Senator Valentino of York
Title: An Act To Require Owners of Condominiums To Comply with the Laws Regarding Treatment of Bedbug Infestations
Comment: This bill would require shareholders in condominium associations to comply with the laws regarding bedbug infestations.

HOUSING

RENTAL

LR: 2470 Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta
Title: An Act To Allow Tenants To Remain in a Building for a Limited Time after That Building Has Been Declared Uninhabitable
Comment: This bill would provide tenants a minimum of 72 hours to find a new place to live if the property occupied by those tenants is determined uninhabitable by the local code enforcement office or the State Fire Marshal.

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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LICENSING

REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

LR: 2464 Sponsor: Senator Cushing of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Conform Licensing Requirements for Real Estate Appraisers
with Federal Law
Comment: This bill would require real estate appraisers to be fingerprinted in order to
be licensed by the State.

LIENS

MECHANICS

LR: 2309 Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title: An Act To Allow the Creation of a Mechanics Lien by Electricians
Comment: This bill would allow an electrician to create a mechanics lien against
property on which the electrician performed work for which the electrician
was not paid.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING

MOBILE HOMES

LR: 2393 Sponsor: Representative Maker of Calais
Title: An Act To Improve the Process for Determining whether a Mobile Home
Is Abandoned
Comment: The bill would create a process to allow a municipality or a court to
determine that a mobile home has been abandoned.

TOURISM OFFICE

PROMOTION

LR: 2661 Sponsor: Senator Valentino of York
Title: An Act To Establish the Greenlight Maine Program
Comment: This bill would establish a program administered by the Maine State Film
Office within the Department of Economic and Community Development,
Office of Tourism to support filmmakers within the capacity of the
program through incubation, funding, distribution and production including
refundable tax credits.

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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**WORKERS COMPENSATION
BENEFITS**

LR: 2485 Sponsor: Representative Beck of Waterville
Title: An Act To Amend the Insurance Laws Regarding Pilot Projects
Comment: This bill would direct the Superintendent of Insurance to adopt rules to enable employers to provide employees with health care benefits covering workplace injuries and illness and other health care benefits in comprehensive pilot projects.

**WORKERS COMPENSATION
PROCEDURES**

LR: 2289 Sponsor: Senator Patrick of Oxford
Title: An Act To Amend the Workers' Compensation Laws as They Pertain to Employee Representation
Comment: This bill would allow an injured worker to have a union representative or a representative of the worker's choice attend a required examination by a company physician.

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT
COMMISSIONERS**

LR: 2369 Sponsor: Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc
Title: An Act To Clarify Apportionment Laws for County Commissioner
Districts in Sagadahoc County
Comment: This bill would clarify county commissioner district numbers in Sagadahoc
County to avoid confusion.

LR: 2416 Sponsor: Representative Beaulieu of Auburn
Title: An Act To Change the Terms of the County Commissioners for
Androscoggin County
Comment: This bill would change the terms of office for the county commissioners
for Androscoggin County.

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT
RESTRUCTURING**

LR: 2244 Sponsor: Representative Davis, Sr. of Sangerville
Title: An Act Regarding the County Commissioner Districts for Piscataquis
County
Comment: This bill would change the Piscataquis County Commissioner Districts that
were changed in the recent redistricting.

**LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEES**

LR: 2440 Sponsor: Representative Brooks of Winterport
Title: Resolve, To Authorize a Pilot Project Designed To Ensure the Preservation
and Accessibility of Oral Testimony Presented at Legislative Public
Hearings
Comment: This resolve would authorize a pilot project designed to ensure the
preservation and accessibility of oral testimony presented at legislative
public hearings. Under this resolve, the public testimony before one joint
standing committee would be recorded and made accessible to the public.

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MUNICIPALITIES
BOUNDARIES

LR: 2681 Sponsor: Senator Katz of Kennebec
Title: An Act To Incorporate the Bayville Village Corporation
Comment: This bill amends the metes and bounds of the Village of Bayville.

MUNICIPALITIES
CEMETERIES

LR: 2251 Sponsor: Representative Hayes of Buckfield
Title: An Act Regarding Municipal Obligations with Respect to Veterans' Graves
in Public Burial Grounds
Comment: This bill would provide that when a municipality receives a complaint
about the condition of a veteran's grave in a public burial ground, the
municipality must correct the condition.

MUNICIPALITIES
SECESSION

LR: 2298 Sponsor: Representative Theriault of Madawaska
Title: An Act To Allow Richard and Ann Cayer To Secede from the Town of
Madawaska
Comment: This bill would allow the secession from the Town of Madawaska of
property owned by Richard and Ann Cayer.

STATE CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS
LEGISLATURE

LR: 2286 Sponsor: Representative Beaudoin of Biddeford
Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To
Provide the Indian Representatives a Vote in the Maine Legislature
Comment: This resolution would amend the Constitution of Maine to allow
representatives of the Indian tribes in Maine to vote in the House of
Representatives.

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STATE GOVERNMENT

STATE COMMEMORATIONS

LR: 2297 Sponsor: Senator Johnson of Lincoln
Title: An Act To Change the Statutory References to the State Holiday "Patriot's Day" to "Patriots' Day"
Comment: This bill would make a grammatical change to the statutes establishing and referencing a holiday.

STATE GOVERNMENT

STATE EMBLEMS

LR: 2316 Sponsor: Representative Cassidy of Lubec
Title: An Act To Designate the Lobster Roll the State Sandwich
Comment: This bill would designate the lobster roll as the State sandwich.

STATE GOVERNMENT

STATE PERSONNEL

LR: 2362 Sponsor: Representative Moriarty of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Reduce Restrictions on Candidacy for Elective Office for Officers or Employees in Classified and Unclassified State Service
Comment: This bill would amend state election law concerning candidacy for elective office for classified and unclassified state workers to reflect a recent change in federal law.

LR: 2382 Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title: An Act To Fund Merit and Longevity Pay for Executive, Judicial and Legislative Branch Employees Pursuant to a Collective Bargaining Agreement
Comment: This bill would fund merit pay increases and longevity pay for executive, judicial and legislative branch employees as negotiated in a current collective bargaining agreement.

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

STATE GOVERNMENT
STATE PERSONNEL

LR: 2425

Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade

Title: An Act To Require Comparable Positions in State Government To Be Paid Comparably

Comment: This bill would require comparable positions in State Government, whether in the same branch of government or in different branches, to receive comparable pay. The determination of whether positions are comparable would be made by a panel of human resource directors from each branch of State Government.

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TAXATION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
PROCESS TO RAISE TAXES

LR: 2428 Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade
Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require a 2/3 Vote of the Legislature to Increase or Decrease a Tax
Comment: This resolution would amend the Constitution of Maine to require a 2/3 vote of the Legislature to increase or decrease a tax.

INCOME TAX
CREDITS

LR: 2339 Sponsor: Representative Maker of Calais
Title: An Act To Provide a Refundable Income Tax Credit for Adoption
Comment: This bill would provide a refundable income tax credit for adoption.

LR: 2408 Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan
Title: An Act To Establish an Education and Skills Training Tax Credit for Veterans
Comment: This bill would provide a tax credit up to \$2,400 to veterans who pursue education and skills training.

LR: 2668 Sponsor: Senator Craven of Androscoggin
Title: An Act To Clarify the Provisions of a Historic Preservation Tax Credit
Comment: This bill would clarify that the term "project" in the historic preservation tax credit refers to an individual project, not an entire building, and that a single building may house several rehabilitation projects.

INCOME TAX
DEDUCTIONS

LR: 2275 Sponsor: Representative Kinney of Limington
Title: An Act To Remove the Cap on Itemized Deductions under the Income Tax
Comment: This bill would repeal the cap on itemized deductions under the income tax.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2533 Representative Nelson, M
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2617 Senator Boyle, J

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TAXATION

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

EXCISE TAX

LR: 2260 Sponsor: Representative Doak of Columbia Falls
Title: An Act To Exempt from Excise Tax Vehicles Owned by Disabled Veterans

Comment: This bill would exempt from excise tax vehicles that are owned by disabled veterans.

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

LODGING AND MEALS TAX

LR: 2261 Sponsor: Representative Doak of Columbia Falls
Title: An Act To Repeal the Lodging Tax on Assisted Living Facilities for Maine's Elderly

Comment: This bill would repeal the lodging tax on assisted living facilities for Maine's elderly.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2455 Representative Weaver, W

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX

LR: 2620 Sponsor: Senator Sherman of Aroostook
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Taxes Required Following the Sale of Real Property

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing the taxes required following the sale of real property.

PROPERTY TAX

EXEMPT OWNERS

LR: 2579 Sponsor: Representative Harlow of Portland
Title: An Act To Help Joint Owners of Property Remain in Their Homes by Providing a Property Tax Exemption

Comment: This bill would provide a property tax exemption to one joint owner of a residence when the other joint owner is placed in a long-term residential care facility permanently or receives home care.

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PROPERTY TAX
EXEMPT PROPERTY

LR: 2498 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title: An Act To Make Maine Mills More Competitive
Comment: This bill would remove the tax on forest land of any owner who sends the wood from that person's land to be processed at a United States mill.

PROPERTY TAX
EXEMPTION

LR: 2407 Sponsor: Representative Fowle of Vassalboro
Title: An Act To Extend the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption to Veterans Who Served in Iraq or Afghanistan
Comment: This bill would extend to veterans who served in Iraq or Afghanistan the property tax exemption currently available for certain other veterans.

LR: 2520 Sponsor: Representative Villa of Harrison
Title: An Act To Provide a One Hundred Percent Exemption from Property Tax to Disabled Veterans
Comment: This bill would provide to disabled veterans a 100% exemption from property tax, regardless of degree of disability.

PROPERTY TAX
FAIRNESS CREDIT

LR: 2258 Sponsor: Speaker Eves of North Berwick
Title: An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Maine Residents
Comment: This bill would provide property tax relief to Maine residents by using surplus General Fund revenue to increase the maximum amount of the property tax fairness credit.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2278 Representative Parry, W

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2563 Senator Dutremble, D

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PROPERTY TAX

FAIRNESS CREDIT

LR: 2278 Sponsor: Representative Parry of Arundel
Title: An Act To Restore Property Tax Fairness to Seniors
Comment: This bill would increase the maximum benefit under the property tax fairness credit to \$1,600 for persons 65 years of age or older.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2563 Senator Dutremble, D

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2258 Speaker Eves, M

LR: 2563 Sponsor: Senator Dutremble of York
Title: An Act To Increase Property Tax Relief for Maine Residents
Comment: This bill would increase eligibility for and benefits under the property tax fairness credit.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2258 Speaker Eves, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2278 Representative Parry, W

PROPERTY TAX

MAINE RESIDENTS PROPERTY TAX PROG

LR: 2247 Sponsor: Senator Thibodeau of Waldo
Title: An Act To Restore the Circuitbreaker Program
Comment: This bill would restore the Circuitbreaker Program.

Closely Related CO: LD 816 Representative Powers, C

PROPERTY TAX

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

LR: 2504 Sponsor: Representative Crockett of Bethel
Title: An Act Regarding the Tax Treatment of a Change in the Title of a Motor Vehicle Involving Spouses When One Spouse Is on a Military Deployment
Comment: This bill would ensure that there are not negative tax consequences for a member of the United State Armed Forces serving on a deployment when there is a change in title of a motor vehicle involving the spouse of that service member.

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**PROPERTY TAX
PROVISIONS REVISED**

LR: 2516 Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title: An Act To Reflect the Replacement of the Circuitbreaker Program in Poverty Abatement Law
Comment: The bill would amend the Maine Revised Statutes to remove substantive references to the Circuitbreaker Program, which was discontinued as of August 1, 2013.

**PROPERTY TAX
RELIEF**

LR: 2399 Sponsor: Representative Casavant of Biddeford
Title: An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief for Residents Who Are Senior Citizens
Comment: This bill would increase the sales and use tax by 1% and use the additional revenue to reduce the property tax burden on low-income and middle-income residents 70 years of age and older.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2659 Representative Casavant, A

LR: 2405 Sponsor: Senator Haskell of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Amend the Reporting Requirements for the Business Equipment Tax Exemption
Comment: This bill would amend the reporting requirements for the Business Equipment Tax Exemption program concerning confidential information.

LR: 2442 Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway
Title: An Act To Restore Full Funding to the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program
Comment: This bill would restore full funding to the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement program for the filing period that begins August 1, 2014.

LR: 2593 Sponsor: Senator Dutremble of York
Title: An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Seniors Residing in Maine
Comment: This bill would provide property tax relief to eligible senior citizens who are Maine residents by freezing their property taxes at the level they were when they became eligible for property tax relief. The State would reimburse municipalities for 50% of their lost revenue.

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PROPERTY TAX PROCEDURES
MUNICIPALITIES

LR: 2249 Sponsor: Representative Carey of Lewiston
Title: An Act To Reinstate Legislative Approval for Local Property Tax Assistance Programs

Comment:

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2388 Representative Chase, K

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2573 Representative Chenette, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2271 Representative Moriarty, S

LR: 2271 Sponsor: Representative Moriarty of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Restore the Authority of a Municipality To Provide Municipal Property Tax Assistance

Comment: This bill would restore authority of a municipality to provide municipal property tax assistance pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 907-A.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2573 Representative Chenette, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2249 Representative Carey, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2388 Representative Chase, K

LR: 2388 Sponsor: Representative Chase of Wells
Title: An Act To Reinstate Municipal Authority To Provide Property Tax Assistance

Comment: This bill would reinstate the authority of municipalities to offer property tax assistance to residents.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2249 Representative Carey, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2573 Representative Chenette, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2271 Representative Moriarty, S

LR: 2573 Sponsor: Representative Chenette of Saco
Title: An Act To Reinstate Municipal Authority for Local Property Tax Assistance Programs

Comment: This bill would reinstate the authority of municipalities to offer property tax relief.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2271 Representative Moriarty, S

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2249 Representative Carey, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2388 Representative Chase, K

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TAXATION

**REVENUE SERVICES BUREAU
ADMINISTRATION**

LR: 2475 Sponsor: Senator Sherman of Aroostook
Title: Resolve, To Study the Effectiveness of Maine Revenue Services Regional
Offices
Comment: This resolve would require a study of the effectiveness of the regional
offices of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine
Revenue Services.

**REVENUE SHARING
DISTRIBUTION**

LR: 2301 Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset
Title: An Act To Replace the Municipal Revenue Sharing Programs with an
Increased and Fully Funded Homestead Exemption
Comment: This bill would replace the municipal revenue sharing programs with a
homestead exemption of \$25,000 that is fully funded by the State.

**REVENUE SHARING
FUNDING**

LR: 2296 Sponsor: Representative Evangelos of Friendship
Title: An Act To Provide Priority Funding for State-municipal Revenue Sharing
Comment: Current law establishes a list of priorities for the distribution of any
unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; the 4th priority includes
transfers to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund and the Retirement
Allowance Fund. This bill would require the State Controller, before
making the transfers required by the 4th priority, to use the balance of any
unappropriated surplus to make up any shortfall in the funding of state-
municipal revenue sharing to reach the 5% level specified in law.

LR: 2530 Sponsor: Representative Rotundo of Lewiston
Title: An Act To Restore Revenue Sharing Funds
Comment: This bill would reduce the municipal revenue sharing transfer from the
Local Government Fund to the General Fund scheduled for FY 2013-14 by
the amount of the FY 2012-13 revenue sharing transfer.

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TAXATION

**SALES AND USE TAX
EXEMPT ITEMS**

LR: 2455 Sponsor: Representative Weaver of York
Title: An Act To Repeal the Tax Imposed on Private Nonmedical Institution Services
Comment: This bill would exempt from sales tax services provided to residents of private nonmedical institutions.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2261 Representative Doak, P

LR: 2666 Sponsor: Senator Burns of Washington
Title: An Act To Exempt Fuel Used in Off-road Commercial and Construction Equipment from Fuel Taxes
Comment: This bill would exempt from fuel taxes fuel for equipment used in private or commercial wood harvesting; construction equipment, such as excavators, bulldozers and loaders; and other related equipment used exclusively in off-road projects. This bill would follow the current exemption of taxes on fuel used in lobster and other marine fisheries.

**SALES AND USE TAX
EXEMPT PURCHASERS**

LR: 2381 Sponsor: Representative Willette of Mapleton
Title: An Act To Provide Sales Tax Exempt Status to Wildlife Restoration and Rehabilitation Facilities
Comment: This bill would provide an exemption from paying sales and use tax to wildlife restoration and rehabilitation facilities, including fish hatcheries.

**SALES AND USE TAX
ITEMS TAXED**

LR: 2346 Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham
Title: An Act To Clarify the Implementation of the Sales Tax Imposed on Newspapers and Periodicals
Comment: This bill would clarify the implementation of the sales tax on newspapers and periodicals, and would establish a sunset on the application of the tax.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2350 Senator Thomas, D

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TAXATION

SALES AND USE TAX
ITEMS TAXED

LR: 2655 Sponsor: Representative Turner of Burlington
Title: An Act To Repeal the Law Requiring Certain Businesses To Collect Sales Tax
Comment: This bill would repeal the requirement enacted by the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature in Public Law 2013, chapter 200 that certain businesses that have affiliates in this State or agreements with others for the referral of potential customers collect sales tax.

SALES AND USE TAX
RATE

LR: 2262 Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport
Title: An Act To Amend the Sales Tax Increase for 2014 and 2015
Comment: This bill would amend for the years 2014 and 2015 the sales tax increase that was enacted in the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

TAX ASSESSMENT
VALUATION

LR: 2299 Sponsor: Representative Cooper of Yarmouth
Title: An Act To Allow a Municipality To Assess the Value of Real Property as of the Date of the Destruction of That Real Property
Comment: Current law requires a municipality to assess real property based on the status of that real property on April 1st. This bill would allow a municipality to assess the value of real property as of the date of the destruction of buildings on that real property if the buildings destroyed are valued at \$500,000 or more.

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TRANSPORTATION

BICYCLES
EQUIPMENT

LR: 2622 Sponsor: Senator Sherman of Aroostook
Title: An Act To Increase the Safety of Bicyclists
Comment: This bill would require a bicyclist on a state road to use a rearview mirror, either attached to the bicycle or the bicyclist's helmet.

EMERGENCY VEHICLES
FIRE

LR: 2310 Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title: An Act To Allow Vehicles Used by Volunteer Firefighters To Be Authorized Emergency Vehicles
Comment: This bill would include in the definition of "authorized emergency vehicles" vehicles used by volunteer firefighters.

MOTOR VEHICLES
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

LR: 2591 Sponsor: Senator Dutremble of York
Title: An Act To Increase Penalties for Operating without Insurance
Comment: This bill would increase the financial penalties for operating without insurance for the first, 2nd and subsequent violations.

MOTOR VEHICLES
NUMBER PLATES

LR: 2250 Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta
Title: An Act To Establish a License Plate for Franco-Americans
Comment: This bill would establish a specialty license plate for Franco-Americans.

LR: 2255 Sponsor: Senator Mason of Androscoggin
Title: An Act To Establish a Maine Bicentennial License Plate
Comment: This bill would authorize the process for establishing a specialty license plate recognizing the bicentennial of the State of Maine.

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TRANSPORTATION

MOTORCYCLES

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR

LR: 2284 Sponsor: Representative Beaudoin of Biddeford
Title: An Act To Require a Person Operating a Motorcycle To Wear Protective Headgear and Eye Gear
Comment: This bill would require the operator of a motorcycle to wear a helmet and protective eye gear.
Potential JR 217: LD 66

OPERATORS LICENSES

AUTOMOBILE

LR: 2462 Sponsor: Representative McClellan of Raymond
Title: An Act To Allow a Person with Special Needs To Obtain a Provisional Driver's License
Comment: This bill would allow a person with special needs to obtain a provisional driver's license from the local law enforcement agency.

OPERATORS LICENSES

DRIVER EDUCATION

LR: 2525 Sponsor: Representative Peoples of Westbrook
Title: An Act To Amend a Provision in the Law Concerning Instruction Permits
Comment: This bill would add a definition for the section of law on instruction permits for the purpose of that section.

ROADS

CONSTRUCTION

LR: 2435 Sponsor: Representative Verow of Brewer
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Remove from Consideration One of the Proposed Routes for the Interstate 395 and Route 9 Connector
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Transportation to remove from consideration for the Interstate 395 and Route 9 connector project in the Brewer, Holden and Eddington area the alternative designated 2B-2.

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TRANSPORTATION

ROADS

CONSTRUCTION

LR: 2652 Sponsor: Representative Wallace of Dexter
Title: An Act To Improve the Safety of Construction Projects Occurring near a Public Road
Comment: This bill would require any construction, excavation or paving project occurring within 10 feet of a public road to be permitted by the Department of Transportation and require that appropriate safety measures be taken at that site, such as providing for flaggers and warning signs.

ROADS

DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

LR: 2392 Sponsor: Representative Saucier of Presque Isle
Title: Resolve, To Place Signs on U.S. Route 1 Regarding the Location of the Planets of the World's Largest Mock Solar System
Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Transportation to place signs along U.S. Route 1 indicating the location of each of the planets in the mock solar system in Presque Isle.

LR: 2476 Sponsor: Representative Chenette of Saco
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Place Signs on Interstate 95 Directing Motorists to Thornton Academy
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Transportation to place signs on Interstate 95 directing motorists to Thornton Academy.

LR: 2685 Sponsor: Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin
Title: Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority To Provide Directional Information for Poland at Exit 63
Comment: This resolve would direct the Maine Turnpike Authority to provide directional information for Poland at exit 63.

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
AGENCY STORES

LR: 2300 Sponsor: Senator Tuttle of York
Title: An Act To Assist Small Businesses in Rural Areas
Comment: This bill would allow a town with a population of 1,000 to 2,000 to have a liquor store in addition to the one currently allowed by law.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
BEER

LR: 2243 Sponsor: Representative Marks of Pittston
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Beer Festivals
Comment: This bill would permit beer brewers to dispense their own products at beer festivals.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2642 Representative Monaghan-Derrig, K

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2483 President Alford, J

LR: 2642 Sponsor: Representative Monaghan-Derrig of Cape Elizabeth
Title: An Act To Improve Regulations Concerning Craft and Microbreweries for Offsite Events
Comment: This bill would improve regulations concerning craft and microbreweries for offsite events and festivals.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2483 President Alford, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2243 Representative Marks, T

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
BUREAU OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

LR: 2415 Sponsor: Representative Luchini of Ellsworth
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Administration of the Liquor Laws
Comment: This bill would make changes to the laws governing the administration of the liquor laws by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations.

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

LIQUOR

LR: 2414 Sponsor: Representative Luchini of Ellsworth
Title: An Act To Correct Errors in the Laws Governing Liquor Enforcement
Comment: This bill would correct errors in the laws governing the enforcement of the liquor laws.

LR: 2575 Sponsor: Representative Carey of Lewiston
Title: An Act To Allow a Producer or Wholesaler of Alcohol To Donate Alcohol to a Nonprofit Organization
Comment: This bill would allow a producer or wholesaler of alcohol to donate alcohol to a nonprofit organization.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

LIQUOR REVENUES

LR: 2669 Sponsor: President Alfond of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Permit the Sharing of Liquor License Revenue
Comment: This bill would allow athletic centers with liquor licenses and a capacity of 3,000 or more to share revenue with professional athletic sports teams that do not have their own liquor licenses.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

TASTINGS

LR: 2483 Sponsor: President Alfond of Cumberland
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Special Food and Beverage Taste-testing Event Licenses
Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing licensing of special taste-testing events, including: allowing a brewery or winery similarly licensed in another state to qualify for a license; increasing the number of licensed events that may be obtained by a manufacturer or wholesaler per year from 5 to 10; and allowing additional persons the ability to provide samples at such events.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2243 Representative Marks, T

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2642 Representative Monaghan-Derrig, K

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**DEFENSE AND VETERANS SERVICES DEPT
ADMINISTRATION**

LR: 2635 Sponsor: Senator Patrick of Oxford
Title: Resolve, To Require the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services
To Report on the Administration of the Coordinated Veterans Assistance
Fund
Comment: This resolve would require the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans'
Services in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency
Management to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and
Legal Affairs regarding the administration of the Coordinated Veterans
Assistance Fund.

**ELECTIONS
ABSENT VOTING**

LR: 2576 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title: An Act To Restore Early Voting and Strengthen Maine Voting Rights
Comment: This bill would eliminate the restrictions on the issuance of absentee ballots
after the 3rd day before an election.
Potential JR 217: LDs 53 & 54

**ELECTIONS
CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

LR: 2254 Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan
Title: An Act To Clarify the Maine Clean Election Act Regarding Agency
Relationships
Comment: This bill would clarify the Maine Clean Election Act to establish a
presumption that a candidate's treasurer is an agent of the candidate.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2384 Senator Saviello, T
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2256 Representative Willette, A

LR: 2256 Sponsor: Representative Willette of Mapleton
Title: An Act To Clarify What Constitutes an Agent of a Political Candidate
Comment: This bill would clarify what constitutes an agent of a political candidate.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2384 Senator Saviello, T
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2254 Representative McCabe, J

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ELECTIONS

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

LR: 2368 Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset
Title: An Act To Require Disclosure of Spending or Contributions Exceeding \$250 To Influence Elections
Comment: This bill would require the disclosure of contributions or expenditures greater than \$250 during a 90-day period to influence an election.

LR: 2384 Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title: An Act To Clarify What Constitutes a Contribution to a Candidate
Comment: This bill would amend the law with respect to expenditures made on behalf of a candidate by a person affiliated with the candidate's campaign to clarify that any expenditure made by a person who holds a position with a campaign, regardless of whether the person is paid or the actual duties the person performs, or by any person who receives compensation or reimbursement from the campaign is considered a contribution to the candidate.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2256 Representative Willette, A

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2254 Representative McCabe, J

LR: 2477 Sponsor: Representative Saucier of Presque Isle
Title: An Act To Restore Confidence in Maine Campaign Finance Laws
Comment: This bill would remove the authority of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to adjudicate campaign finance complaints and replace that authority with a process similar to that in Rule 80K of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure. It would also create a process by which any person or entity could submit a request for an investigation to the commission staff; but only the staff would have standing to file an actual complaint.

ELECTIONS

VOTING PROCEDURES

LR: 2226 Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford
Title: Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Ways To Improve Voting Opportunities for All Maine Citizens
Comment: This resolve would establish the Commission To Study Ways To Improve Voting Opportunities for All Maine Citizens.

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**NATIONAL GUARD
DISABILITY**

LR: 2411 Sponsor: Senator Tuttle of York
Title: Resolve, Directing the Maine Army National Guard To Petition the Federal Government To Recognize Soldiers Who Trained in Gagetown, New Brunswick as Being Disabled Due to that Training
Comment: This resolve would require the Maine Army National Guard to petition the Federal Government to recognize certain soldiers who trained in Gagetown, New Brunswick during the period from 1981 to 1986 as being disabled due to that training and the use of Agent Orange.

**TORT CLAIMS
CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE**

LR: 2270 Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec
Title: Resolve, To Direct the State To Hold an Appeals Hearing for Donald Martin for Wrongful Termination of Employment
Comment: This bill would require the proper state agency to hold an appeals hearing for Donald Martin concerning wrongful termination of employment.

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