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## **132nd LEGISLATURE** **FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

### **BILLS PRINTED AS OF FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025**

#### **L.D. 1223, H.P. 798**

An Act to Lower Electric Rates for Maine Ratepayers by Requiring the Payment of Certain Costs from the General Fund. (Presented by Representative FOSTER of Dexter)

#### **L.D. 1224, H.P. 799**

An Act to Comprehensively Protect Consumer Privacy. (Presented by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick)

#### **L.D. 1225, H.P. 800**

An Act to Amend the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program. (Presented by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick)

#### **L.D. 1226, H.P. 801**

An Act to Protect Consumers by Licensing Residential Building Contractors. (Presented by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick)

#### **L.D. 1227, H.P. 802**

An Act to Repeal the Requirement That Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Equip Vehicles with a Standardized Data Access Platform. (Presented by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick)

#### **L.D. 1228, H.P. 803**

An Act to Clarify Certain Terms in the Automotive Right to Repair Laws. (Presented by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick)

#### **L.D. 1229, H.P. 804**

An Act to Create Equity in Maine's Campaign Finance Laws Between Enrolled and Unenrolled Candidates. (Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

#### **L.D. 1230, H.P. 805**

An Act to Abolish the 72-hour Waiting Period for a Gun Purchase. (Presented by Representative CHAPMAN of Auburn)

#### **L.D. 1231, H.P. 806**

An Act Requiring Ferries to Dock Overnight on Certain Islands for Emergency Purposes. (Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

#### **L.D. 1232, H.P. 807**

An Act to Require Radon Testing for Certain Commercial and Residential Construction. (Presented by Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield)

#### **L.D. 1233, H.P. 808**

An Act to Modify Confidentiality Laws to Protect Children Being Placed into Custody by the Department of Health and Human Services. (Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington)

#### **L.D. 1234, H.P. 809**

An Act to Ban Cellular Telephones from Public School Classrooms. (Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington)

#### **L.D. 1235, H.P. 810**

An Act to Establish Transparency in Opioid Settlement Funds Allocated to Municipalities or Counties. (Presented by Representative ROEDER of Bangor)

#### **L.D. 1236, H.P. 811**

An Act to Address Employee Retention of State Employees Who Are Firefighters at Bangor International Airport. (Presented by Representative ROEDER of Bangor)

**L.D. 1237, H.P. 812**

An Act to Support Adult Family Care Homes and Residential Care Facilities That Are Small or Located in Rural and Isolated Areas of the State. (Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Cumberland)

**L.D. 1238, H.P. 813**

An Act to Establish a Small-cap Loan Guarantee Program for Affordable Housing Investments. (Presented by Representative ARCHER of Saco)

**L.D. 1239, H.P. 814**

An Act to Require Data Collection on and Reporting of Psychiatric Hospital Resources and Transparency in Denials of Emergency Involuntary Admissions to Psychiatric Hospitals. (Presented by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell)

**L.D. 1240, H.P. 815**

An Act to Align the Schedules for Climate Change Protection Plans and Grid-enhancing Technology Reviews with the Integrated Grid Planning Process. (Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport)

**L.D. 1241, H.P. 816**

An Act to Establish the Make Change for Wildlife Program to Support the Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund. (Presented by Representative CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham)

**L.D. 1242, H.P. 817**

An Act to Incentivize the Construction of Solar Carport Canopies and Solar Chargers at Highway Picnic Areas. (Presented by Representative GOLEK of Harpswell)

**L.D. 1243, H.P. 818**

An Act Regarding the Licensing of Assisted Living Facilities. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative STROUT of Harrington)

**L.D. 1244, H.P. 819**

An Act to Establish Requirements for Warming Shelters. (Presented by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill)

**L.D. 1245, H.P. 820**

An Act to Create a Fund to Spread Awareness of Maine's Working Waterfronts. (Presented by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook)

**L.D. 1246, H.P. 821**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development to Convene a Working Group to Review the Process of Setting Impact Fees. (Presented by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport)

**L.D. 1247, H.P. 822**

An Act to Restrict Municipal Ordinance Requirements Regarding Housing Developments. (Presented by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport)

**L.D. 1248, H.P. 823**

An Act Regarding Physical Escort and Restraint and Seclusion of Students in Schools. (Presented by Representative SARGENT of York)

**L.D. 1249, H.P. 824**

An Act to Delay Payment of Benefits Under the Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

**L.D. 1250, H.P. 825**

An Act to Provide That Portfolio Requirements for Renewable Electricity Resources Apply Only to Actual Retail Sales. (Presented by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram)

**L.D. 1251, H.P. 826**

Resolve, to Reduce the Cost of Energy in Maine and Further Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions Through Energy Contracts. (Presented by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram)

**L.D. 1252, H.P. 827**

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Agriculture, Food System and Forest Products Infrastructure Investment Advisory Board. (Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich)

**L.D. 1253, H.P. 828**

An Act to Authorize the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Add Limited-access Area Fishing Days During the Scallop Season. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

**L.D. 1254, H.P. 829**

An Act to Expand the Licensing of Outpatient Surgical Facilities. (Presented by Representative COLLINS of Sidney)

**L.D. 1255, H.P. 830**

An Act to Ensure In-state Tuition for Postsecondary Students Who Are Registered to Vote in the State and to Amend Eligibility Requirements for the Free Community College Tuition Program. (Presented by Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield)

**L.D. 1256, H.P. 831**

An Act to Support Healthy Meal Programs in Maine Schools by Allowing the School Revolving Renovation Fund to Make Loans to Repair and Renovate School Kitchens and Cafeterias. (Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook)

**L.D. 1257, H.P. 832**

An Act Regarding Labeling of Genetically Engineered Food Products. (Presented by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon)

**L.D. 1258, H.P. 833**

An Act to Include Qualified Out-of-state Electric Vehicle Providers and Clarify Provisions Regarding Electric Bicycles Under the Electric Vehicle Fund. (Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

**L.D. 1259, H.P. 834**

An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Maine by Defining the Relationship Between Local and Federal Law Enforcement. (Presented by Representative RANA of Bangor)

**L.D. 1260, H.P. 835**

An Act to Revise the Tax Laws Regarding the Mi'kmaq Nation. (Presented by Representative RANA of Bangor)

**L.D. 1261, H.P. 836**

An Act to Support At-risk Families by Establishing the Community Navigator Pilot Program. (Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

**L.D. 1262, H.P. 837**

An Act to Improve Government Transparency and Accountability by Establishing a Process to Allow a Person to Require the State to Enforce Certain Laws and Rules. (Presented by Representative FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor)

**L.D. 1263, H.P. 838**

An Act Regarding Penalties for Fentanyl Trafficking When That Trafficking Results in an Overdose Causing Serious Bodily Injury of a Person. (Presented by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan)

**L.D. 1264, H.P. 839**

Resolve, Requiring the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Modify the Deed That Conveyed Montpelier, the General Henry Knox Museum in Thomaston, to the Friends of Montpelier. (Presented by Representative MATLACK of St. George)

**L.D. 1265, H.P. 840**

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Public Employee Market Pay Studies and Comprehensive Reviews of the Classification Plan for State Service Positions. (Presented by Representative DHALAC of South Portland)

**L.D. 1266, H.P. 841**

Resolve, Directing the Attorney General to Convene a Working Group to Propose a Plan for Expanding the Reach of Treatment Courts. (Presented by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield)

**L.D. 1267, H.P. 842**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Convene a Task Force to Examine and Study Issues Relating to the Gap Between the Economic Output and Wages of Workers in the State. (Presented by Representative PUGH of Portland)

**L.D. 1268, H.P. 843**

An Act to Address Employee Recruitment and Retention Issues Within the Maine State Ferry Service by Providing a Yearly Stipend. (Presented by Representative RAY of Lincolnville)

**L.D. 1269, H.P. 844**

Resolve, to Study the Costs and Funding of a Universal Health Care Plan for Maine. (Presented by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford)

**L.D. 1270, H.P. 845**

An Act to Establish the Department of Energy Resources. (Presented by Representative RUNTE of York)

**L.D. 1271, H.P. 846**

An Act to Make Permanent the Law Allowing School Boards to Accept the Volunteer Services of Immediate Family Members of Superintendents or School Board Members. (Presented by Representative CARLOW of Buxton)

**L.D. 1272, H.P. 847**

An Act to Address the Housing Crisis by Reducing Barriers to Building More Accessory Dwelling Units. (Presented by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford)

**L.D. 1273, H.P. 848**

An Act to Make Paid Family and Medical Leave Voluntary. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

**L.D. 1274, H.P. 849**

An Act to Cap State General Assistance Reimbursement to Municipalities. (Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

**L.D. 1275, H.P. 850**

An Act to Promote the Production of Natural Resources Bioproducts by Amending the Renewable Chemicals Tax Credit. (Presented by Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk)

**L.D. 1276, H.P. 851**

An Act to Align Intrastate Commercial Motor Vehicle Insurance Requirements with Federal Standards. (Presented by Representative MOONEN of Portland)

**L.D. 1277, H.P. 852**

An Act Regarding Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Activities. (Presented by Representative MOONEN of Portland)

**L.D. 1278, H.P. 853**

An Act to Change the Property Tax Appeal Process. (Presented by Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle)

**L.D. 1279, H.P. 854**

An Act to Require the Department of Marine Resources to Conduct Biotoxin Testing of Cultured Scallops. (Presented by Representative EATON of Deer Isle)

**L.D. 1280, H.P. 855**

Resolve, to Create Pilot Programs to Provide Tuition Assistance and Grants for Rural Child Care Providers. (Presented by Representative EATON of Deer Isle)

**L.D. 1281, S.P. 509**

An Act to Address the Safety of Nurses and Improve Patient Care by Enacting the Maine Quality Care Act. (Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland)

**L.D. 1282, S.P. 510**

An Act Regarding Eligibility for Historic Preservation Bond Proceeds. (Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

**L.D. 1283, S.P. 511**

An Act to Allow Employees Covered Under the Maine Retirement Savings Program to Elect to Enroll and Unenroll in a Payroll Deduction for an Individual Retirement Account. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

**L.D. 1284, S.P. 512**

An Act to Repeal Provisions of Law Governing the Privacy of Broadband Internet Customer Personal Information. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

**L.D. 1285, S.P. 513**

An Act to Prohibit the Consideration of Legacy Preferences or Donor Preferences in Postsecondary Educational Institution Admissions. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

**L.D. 1286, S.P. 515**

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Fostering a Positive Economic Environment for Blockchain Technology and Cryptocurrency. (Presented by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec)

**L.D. 1287, S.P. 516**

An Act to Support Workforce Development by Establishing the Housing Stability Fund. (Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

**L.D. 1288, S.P. 517**

An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of Maine's Drug Laws Regarding Heroin, Fentanyl and Cocaine. (Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot)

**L.D. 1289, S.P. 518**

An Act to Amend the Election Recount Process. (Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland)

**L.D. 1290, S.P. 520**

An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Athletic Trainers. (Presented by Senator BAILEY of York)

**L.D. 1291, S.P. 521**

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Apportionment of Service Revenue. (Presented by Senator BICKFORD of Androscoggin)

**L.D. 1292, S.P. 522**

An Act to Codify the Maine Turnpike Authority's Contributions to the Highway Fund with Regard to the Sensible Transportation Policy Act. (Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland)

**L.D. 1293, S.P. 523**

An Act to Prohibit Coyote-killing Contests in Maine. (Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox)

**L.D. 1294, S.P. 524**

An Act to Expand the Dependent Exemption Tax Credit. (Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

**L.D. 1295, S.P. 525**

An Act to Waive Basic Law Enforcement Training Requirements for Full-time Law Enforcement Officers Who Have Successfully Completed Equivalent Courses in Other Jurisdictions. (Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington)

**L.D. 1296, S.P. 526**

An Act to Amend the Law Governing Watercraft Franchisor Warranty Reimbursements. (Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln)

**L.D. 1297, S.P. 527**

Resolve, to Establish the Committee to Study the Use of Sunflower Crops to Produce Biofuels. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

**L.D. 1298, S.P. 528**

An Act Establishing Alternative Pathways to Social Worker Licensing. (Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland)

**L.D. 1299, S.P. 529**

An Act to Prohibit the Unsecured Storage of Handguns in Motor Vehicles. (Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland)

**L.D. 1300, S.P. 530**

An Act to Strengthen Maine's Implied Warranty Laws. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

**L.D. 1301, S.P. 531**

An Act to Prohibit the Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Denial of Health Insurance Claims. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

**L.D. 1302, S.P. 532**

An Act Regarding the Number of Voters of a Municipality Required to Petition for Consideration of Deorganization of That Municipality. (Presented by Senator BALDACCII of Penobscot)

**L.D. 1303, S.P. 533**

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Qualifications for the State Auditor. (Presented by Senator BALDACCII of Penobscot)

**L.D. 1304, S.P. 534**

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Limit Property Tax Increases for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older and Shift the Tax Burden to State Gaming Revenues. (Presented by Senator BALDACCII of Penobscot)

**L.D. 1305, S.P. 535**

An Act to Improve Access to Transportation to Work for Forestry Workers and Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

**L.D. 1306, S.P. 536**

An Act to Continue the Exemption for Polystyrene Foam Disposable Food Service Containers Prepackaged at Wholesale. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec)

**L.D. 1307, S.P. 537**

An Act to Suspend the Remittance Obligation for Paid Family and Medical Leave Private Plan Users. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec)

**L.D. 1308, S.P. 538**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Establish a Working Group to Explore Opportunities to Maintain Public Access of Land. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

**L.D. 1309, S.P. 539**

An Act to Increase the Membership of the Public Utilities Commission to 5 Members. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

**L.D. 1310, S.P. 540**

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Insurance Coverage of Preventive and Primary Health Services. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

**L.D. 1311, S.P. 541**

An Act to Expand Maine's Health Care Workforce by Improving Educational Opportunities. (Presented by Senator INGWERSSEN of York)

**L.D. 1312, S.P. 542**

An Act to Provide a Source of Revenue for School Construction and for the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund. (Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland)

**L.D. 1313, S.P. 543**

An Act to Promote Equity in the Forest Products Industry by Allowing Commercial Wood Haulers to Be Eligible for Certain Sales Tax Exemptions and Refunds. (Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset)

**L.D. 1314, S.P. 544**

An Act to Protect Cannabis Industry Workers' Access to Personal Credit. (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

**L.D. 1315, S.P. 545**

An Act to Authorize the Display of an Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal Decal on a Special Veterans Commemorative License Plate. (Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington)

**L.D. 1316, S.P. 546**

An Act to Amend the Mandated Reporter Laws Regarding Medical Records, Additional Information and Immunity. (Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington)

**L.D. 1317, S.P. 547**

An Act to Promote Responsible, Cost-effective Energy in Maine by Amending the Tariff Rates Applicable to the Commercial and Institutional Net Energy Billing Program. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

**L.D. 1318, S.P. 548**

An Act to Enhance Data Collection Requirements Related to Immigration Status and Asylum Seekers to Safeguard Services for Legal Residents. (Presented by Senator BERNARD of Aroostook)

**L.D. 1319, S.P. 549**

An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Suspension of Licenses Issued by the Department of Marine Resources for Failure to Comply with Reporting Requirements. (Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln)

**L.D. 1320, S.P. 550**

An Act to Prevent Illicit Cultivation and Trafficking Within Maine's Regulated Cannabis Industry. (Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin)

**L.D. 1321, H.P. 856**

An Act to Reform Net Energy Billing by Establishing Limitations on the Programs' Duration and Compensation. (Presented by Representative FOSTER of Dexter)

**L.D. 1322, H.P. 857**

Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Program to Enhance Youth Hunting Participation. (Presented by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick)

**L.D. 1323, H.P. 858**

An Act to Prohibit the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides and the Use and Sale of Neonicotinoid-treated Seeds. (Presented by Representative DOUDERA of Camden)

**L.D. 1324, H.P. 859**

An Act to Protect Maine Consumers Shopping for Electric Vehicles from Deceptive Advertising and Marketing Practices. (Presented by Representative BECK of South Portland)

**L.D. 1325, H.P. 860**

An Act to Create Clarity in the Laws Regarding Property Tax Abatement Appeals. (Presented by Representative DAIGLE of Fort Kent)

**L.D. 1326, H.P. 861**

An Act to Protect the Drinking Water for Consumers of Certain Water Systems by Establishing Maximum Contaminant Levels for Certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances. (Presented by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell)

**L.D. 1327, H.P. 862**

An Act to Improve and Expand Student Teaching Opportunities in Maine by Compensating Student Teaching. (Presented by Representative SARGENT of York)

**L.D. 1328, H.P. 863**

An Act to Create Housing and Recovery Services for LGBTQIA+ Individuals. (Presented by Representative OSHER of Orono)

**L.D. 1329, H.P. 864**

An Act to Identify United States Citizenship Status on Driver's Licenses and Nonriver Identification Cards. (Presented by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales)

**L.D. 1330, H.P. 865**

An Act to Clarify That a Business's License or Subscription to Use Software Is Not Considered a Lease for the Purposes of Sales and Use Tax. (Presented by Representative DUCHARME of Madison)

**L.D. 1331, H.P. 866**

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding When the Governor May Call the Legislature into Session. (Presented by Representative MORRIS of Turner)

**L.D. 1332, H.P. 867**

An Act to Establish the Community Schools Success Fund to Ensure the Implementation and Success of Community Schools Programs. (Presented by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough)

**L.D. 1333, H.P. 868**

An Act to Make Changes to the Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program. (Presented by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan)

**L.D. 1334, H.P. 869**

An Act to Require Retailers to Place Any Liquor That Is Accessible to Customers at Least 48 Inches from the Payment Terminal. (Presented by Representative BISHOP of Bucksport)

**L.D. 1335, H.P. 870**

An Act to Prohibit Life Sentences. (Presented by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill)

**L.D. 1336, H.P. 871**

An Act to Establish the Maine-Aomori Sister-state Advisory Council. (Presented by Representative SATO of Gorham)

**L.D. 1337, H.P. 872**

An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act Regarding Female Athletes and Safety in Women's Single-sex Shelters. (Presented by Representative CARUSO of Caratunk)

**L.D. 1338, H.P. 873**

Resolve, Directing State Agencies and Semiautonomous State Agencies to Provide a List of Surplus Properties and Properties Eligible for Redevelopment to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority. (Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport)

(Copies of the Bills may be obtained from the Document Room, First Floor, State House, Augusta, Maine 04333-0002 - Ph: 207-287-1408. Bill text, bill status and roll call information are available on the Internet at <http://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/search.asp>. The Weekly Legislative Report is also available on the Internet at the House home page at <http://legislature.maine.gov/house/house/> under the "Documents" tab.)

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