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L.D. 1489, S.P. 604

Resolve, to Provide Stability to Long-term Care Facility Funding. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

L.D. 1490, S.P. 605

An Act to Allow Nonprofit Organizations to Sell Progressive Pull-tab Games and to Offer Partner-assisted Beano and to Establish New Guidelines for the Expansion of Gambling. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

L.D. 1491, S.P. 606

An Act to Provide a Tax Credit for New Attorneys Practicing in Underserved Areas. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 1492, S.P. 607

An Act to Fairly Compensate Teachers for Overtime Hours. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

L.D. 1493, S.P. 608

An Act to Eliminate Tax and Wage Incentives for Visual Media Production Companies. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

L.D. 1494, H.P. 978

Resolve, Directing the Office of Procurement Services to Study Adapting the Procurement Process to the State Climate Action Plan. (Presented by Representative DOUDERA of Camden)

L.D. 1495, H.P. 979

An Act to Make the Professional Standards Board Responsible for the Educator Certification Process. (Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Cumberland)

L.D. 1496, H.P. 980

An Act to Ensure Ongoing Access to Medications and Care for Chronic Conditions and Conditions Requiring Long-term Care by Changing Requirements for Prior Authorizations. (Presented by Representative ZAGER of Portland)

L.D. 1497, H.P. 981

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Primary Care Reporting by the Maine Quality Forum and to Establish the Primary Care Advisory Council. (Presented by Representative ZAGER of Portland)

L.D. 1498, H.P. 982

An Act to Limit Municipal Impact Fees on Housing Development. (Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

L.D. 1499, H.P. 983

An Act to Revoke the Tax-exempt Status of an Organization That Fails to Report Sexual Assaults Committed by Employees, Board Members, Volunteers or Affiliates. (Presented by Representative MACIAS of Topsham)

L.D. 1500, H.P. 984

An Act to Establish the Maine Community Development Financial Institution Fund to Support Small Businesses, Rural Economic Development and Affordable Housing. (Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport)

L.D. 1501, H.P. 985

An Act to Extend the Time Frame for a Chiropractic Intern License. (Presented by Representative MOONEN of Portland)

L.D. 1502, H.P. 986

An Act to Update the Requirements for Health Insurance Coverage of Prostate Cancer Screening. (Presented by Representative MOONEN of Portland)

L.D. 1503, H.P. 987

An Act to Create a Green Crab Only Wholesale Dealer License. (Presented by Representative GOLEK of Harpswell)

L.D. 1504, H.P. 988

An Act to Support Small Businesses by Providing a Refundable Tax Credit to Certain Businesses to Offset Credit and Debit Card Transaction Fees. (Presented by Representative FARRIN of Jefferson)

L.D. 1505, H.P. 989

An Act to Phase out the Sales and Use Tax. (Presented by Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield)

L.D. 1506, H.P. 990

An Act to Amend the Personal Property Tax Exemption for Individually Owned Personal Property. (Presented by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales)

L.D. 1507, H.P. 991

An Act to Require General Public Notification of Oil Terminal Facility Transfer Activities. (Presented by Representative BECK of South Portland)

L.D. 1508, H.P. 992

An Act to Clarify the Law Regarding Tinted Windows in Motor Vehicles. (Presented by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell)

L.D. 1509, H.P. 993

Resolve, to Maintain Access to Home and Community-based Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorder or Brain Injury. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

L.D. 1510, H.P. 994

An Act to Establish Statutory Deadlines for Processing Applications for Emergency Medical Services Personnel. (Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport)

L.D. 1511, H.P. 995

An Act to Expand Direct Health Care Service Arrangements. (Presented by Representative MORRIS of Turner)

L.D. 1512, H.P. 996

An Act to Protect Patients from Health Care Discrimination and Guarantee Access to the Lowest Available Cost for Care. (Presented by Representative MORRIS of Turner)

L.D. 1513, H.P. 997

An Act to Study the Role of Natural Gas in an Equitable Clean Energy Transition for Maine and to Establish a Commission to Study the Establishment of a Just and Equitable Transition for Maine's Workforce. (Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

L.D. 1514, H.P. 998

An Act to Change the Laws Regarding Real Estate Appraisers. (Presented by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick)

L.D. 1515, H.P. 999

An Act to Exempt Wheelchair Adapted Vehicles from the Sales and Use Tax. (Presented by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester)

L.D. 1516, H.P. 1000

An Act to Strengthen the Maine Development Foundation. (Presented by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick)

L.D. 1517, H.P. 1002

An Act to Replace Participation Thresholds with Approval Thresholds in Certain School, Municipal and County Measures. (Presented by Representative SATO of Gorham)

L.D. 1518, H.P. 1003

An Act to Clarify the Amount and Use of Unallocated Balances in a School Administrative Unit Budget. (Presented by Representative FROST of Belgrade)

L.D. 1519, H.P. 1004

An Act to Create a Stewardship Program for Electronic Smoking Devices and Related Products. (Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

L.D. 1520, H.P. 1005

An Act to Reduce the Income Tax Paid by Volunteers for Mileage Reimbursements. (Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle)

L.D. 1521, H.P. 1006

An Act to Require All State Agencies to Provide a Zero-based Budget Once Every 10 Years. (Presented by Representative DUCHARME of Madison)

L.D. 1522, H.P. 1007

An Act to Establish the Maine Eviction Prevention Program. (Presented by Representative RANA of Bangor)

L.D. 1523, H.P. 1008

An Act to Improve Perinatal Care Through Expanded Access to Doula Services. (Presented by Representative DHALAC of South Portland)

L.D. 1524, H.P. 1009

An Act to Enhance Legislative Participation in the Governor's Exercise of Emergency Powers. (Presented by Representative LEE of Auburn)

L.D. 1525, H.P. 1010

An Act to Promote Firewood Banks in Maine. (Presented by Representative RAY of Lincolnville)

L.D. 1526, S.P. 610

An Act to Change the Permissible Hours and Penalties Pertaining to the Use of Consumer Fireworks. (Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox)

L.D. 1527, S.P. 611

An Act to Require Postage Prepaid Envelopes Be Provided for the Return of Absentee Ballots. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 1528, S.P. 612

An Act to Support Farmland Conservation. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 1529, S.P. 613

An Act to Enhance the Protection of High-value Natural Resources Statewide. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 1530, S.P. 614

An Act to Improve the Sustainability of Emergency Medical Services in Maine. (Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

L.D. 1531, S.P. 615

An Act to Better Protect Animal-drawn Vehicles and Motorists on Public Roadways. (Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot)

L.D. 1532, S.P. 616

An Act to Expand the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Outdoor Education Programs to Schools and Communities. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 1533, S.P. 617

An Act to Ensure the Retention of R1 Research Institution Status by the University of Maine. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

L.D. 1534, S.P. 618

An Act Enabling Municipalities to Protect Tenants and Stabilize Rents. (Presented by Senator BAILEY of York)

L.D. 1535, S.P. 619

An Act to Reduce Illegal Cannabis Operations by Requiring Permits for High Electrical Usage. (Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot)

L.D. 1536, S.P. 620

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Bail. (Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot)

L.D. 1537, S.P. 621

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Lowering Property Taxes by Revising the State-Municipal Revenue Sharing Program. (Presented by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland)

L.D. 1538, S.P. 622

An Act to Index Unemployment Benefits to the Unemployment Rate. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 1539, S.P. 623

An Act to Create a State Employee Compensation Stabilization Fund. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

L.D. 1540, S.P. 624

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services to Create the Complex Care Assistant Training Program. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 1541, S.P. 625

An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief for Senior Residents. (Presented by Senator MARTIN of Oxford)

L.D. 1542, S.P. 626

An Act to Amend the Membership of the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee. (Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington)

L.D. 1543, S.P. 627

An Act to Establish the Maine Green Schools Network. (Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York)

L.D. 1544, S.P. 628

An Act to Support Families by Improving the Court Process for Child Protection Cases. (Presented by Senator BAILEY of York)

L.D. 1545, S.P. 629

An Act to Clarify the Maximum Value That a Small Estate May Be Under the Maine Uniform Probate Code to Permit Collection of Personal Property by Affidavit. (Presented by Senator BAILEY of York)

L.D. 1546, S.P. 630

An Act to Require Recommendations from Study Commissions to Be Printed as Legislative Documents. (Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

L.D. 1547, S.P. 631

An Act to Use a Portion of the Sales Tax on Snowmobiles to Fund Maine's Snowmobile Trail Programs. (Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin)

L.D. 1548, S.P. 632

An Act to Prevent the Introduction or Transfer of Invasive Fish Species in Inland Waters of the State. (Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin)

L.D. 1549, S.P. 633

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Use and Oversight of Transportation-related Revenues. (Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset)

L.D. 1550, S.P. 634

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend Its Rules to Protect Water Quality by Reducing Nutrient Pollution from Septic Systems. (Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York)

L.D. 1551, S.P. 635

An Act to Support Maine Eating and Drinking Establishments by Allowing Vendors to Operate on the Premises of an Establishment with a Liquor License. (Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin)

L.D. 1552, S.P. 636

An Act to Prohibit Landlords from Setting Rents Through the Use of Artificial Intelligence. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

L.D. 1553, H.P. 1011

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require a Supermajority of the Legislature to Approve Raising Taxes. (Presented by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford)

L.D. 1554, H.P. 1012

An Act to Require Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Restaurant Employees. (Presented by Representative SATO of Gorham)

L.D. 1555, H.P. 1013

An Act to Establish an Employer Tax Credit for Qualifying Child Care Costs. (Presented by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield)

L.D. 1556, H.P. 1014

Resolve, Regarding Increasing the Number of Kennebec County Commissioners. (Presented by Representative COLLINS of Sidney)

L.D. 1557, H.P. 1015

An Act to Ensure Uniformity in the Regulation of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Pesticides. (Presented by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester)

L.D. 1558, H.P. 1016

Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education. (Presented by Representative SARGENT of York)

L.D. 1559, H.P. 1017

An Act to Authorize Medical Cannabis Farmers' Markets. (Presented by Representative CHAPMAN of Auburn)

L.D. 1560, H.P. 1018

An Act to Address Conflicts of Interest with Municipal Contracts. (Presented by Representative HYMES of Waldo)

L.D. 1561, H.P. 1019

Resolve, Regarding the Percentage of a Lobster and Crab Fishing Licensee's Lobster Traps That May Be Fished in a Lobster Management Zone Listed on the License as a Secondary Zone. (Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich)

L.D. 1562, H.P. 1020

An Act Regarding Municipal Road Standards. (Presented by Representative MCINTYRE of Lowell)

L.D. 1563, H.P. 1021

An Act to Establish Content Standards for Legislation. (Presented by Representative LIBBY of Auburn)

L.D. 1564, H.P. 1022

An Act to Delay Implementation of Recent Changes to Maine's Beverage Container Redemption Law. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative SOBOLESKI of Phillips)

L.D. 1565, H.P. 1023

An Act to Allow the Use of Certain All-terrain Vehicles on Snowmobile Trails. (Presented by Representative HYMES of Waldo)

L.D. 1566, H.P. 1024

An Act to Provide Compensation to Individuals with Lived Experience Serving on Advisory Boards, Commissions, Councils and Similar Groups. (Presented by Representative DEBRITO of Waterville)

L.D. 1567, H.P. 1025

An Act to Require Labeling of Radiation Treatment and Ozonation of Adult Use Cannabis and Inspection and Registration of Associated Equipment. (Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland)

L.D. 1568, H.P. 1026

An Act to Allow the Use of a Siren in a Vehicle Used by a Harbor Master or Deputy Harbor Master. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick)

L.D. 1569, H.P. 1027

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Economic and Community Development to Form a Stakeholder Group to Analyze and Improve Home Repair Funding Programs in the State. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative KESSLER of South Portland)

L.D. 1570, H.P. 1028

An Act to Prohibit Fluoridation of the Public Water Supply. (Presented by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan)

L.D. 1571, H.P. 1029

An Act to Modify Certification Standards for Full-time Teachers in Public Charter Schools and for Educational Technicians. (Presented by Representative CROCKETT of Portland)

L.D. 1572, H.P. 1030

An Act Regarding Prosecution Standards for Nonfatal Strangulation or Suffocation in Domestic Violence Cases. (Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

L.D. 1573, H.P. 1031

An Act to Require Legislative Approval for Certain Emergency Powers of the Governor. (Presented by Representative PAUL of Winterport)

L.D. 1574, H.P. 1032

An Act to Amend the Credit for Educational Opportunity and Student Loan Repayment Tax Credit. (Presented by Representative JACKSON of Oxford)

L.D. 1575, H.P. 1033

An Act to Allow a Legislator to Choose to Be Paid on an Annual Basis. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill)

L.D. 1576, H.P. 1034

An Act to Extend a One-year Lobbying Prohibition to Partisan and Nonpartisan Staff of the Legislature. (Presented by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook)

L.D. 1577, H.P. 1035

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study and Recommend Solutions for Modernizing the Maine Legislature. (Presented by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook)

L.D. 1578, H.P. 1036

An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Review Disruption to or Removal of Health Services. (Presented by Representative DODGE of Belfast)

L.D. 1579, H.P. 1037

An Act to Abolish School Budget Referenda. (Presented by Representative ABDI of Lewiston)

L.D. 1580, H.P. 1038

An Act to Prohibit Pharmacy Benefits Managers from Imposing Certain Fees and Pricing. (Presented by Representative NUTTING of Oakland)

L.D. 1581, H.P. 1039

An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption for Certain Veterans. (Presented by Representative NUTTING of Oakland)

L.D. 1582, H.P. 1040

An Act to Clarify the Prohibition on the Sale of Beverages in Plastic Containers. (Presented by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

L.D. 1583, H.P. 1041

An Act Regarding Home Health Care and Hospice Services Ordered by a Health Care Provider Outside of Maine. (Presented by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

L.D. 1584, H.P. 1042

An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2025-26. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

L.D. 1585, H.P. 1043

Resolve, to Direct the Maine State Housing Authority to Amend Its Rules Governing the Fuel Assistance Program Regarding Benefit Payments for Wood Fuel. (Presented by Representative DRINKWATER of Milford)

L.D. 1586, H.P. 1044

An Act to Amend the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum Law. (Presented by Representative BAGSHAW of Windham)

L.D. 1587, H.P. 1045

An Act to Establish Greater Alignment of Penalties for Certain Labor Law Violations. (Presented by Representative BECK of South Portland)

L.D. 1588, H.P. 1046

An Act to Ensure Transparency in Student Transfer Requests. (Presented by Representative BAGSHAW of Windham)

L.D. 1589, H.P. 1047

An Act to Improve Parity in Insurance Coverage for Outpatient Counseling Services in Maine. (Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle)

L.D. 1590, H.P. 1048

An Act to Reduce the Counselor and Social Worker Shortage by Amending Reciprocity Requirements for Those Professionals from Other Jurisdictions. (Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle)

L.D. 1591, H.P. 1049

An Act to Grant a Municipality Authority to Tax Property According to Use. (Presented by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick)

L.D. 1592, H.P. 1050

An Act to Reduce Energy Costs by Permitting the Ownership of Generation by Investor-owned Transmission and Distribution Utilities. (Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

L.D. 1593, H.P. 1051

An Act to Require Certain Public Entities to Define Their Use of the Term "Equity". (Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

L.D. 1594, H.P. 1052

An Act to Change the Appropriation for the Governor's Expense Account and Create Transparency in Expenditures Made from That Account. (Presented by Representative TUELL of East Machias)

L.D. 1595, H.P. 1053

An Act to Strengthen Working Waterfronts Against Nuisance Complaints Regarding Aquaculture. (Presented by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook)

L.D. 1596, H.P. 1054

An Act to Support Maine's Sea Farmers. (Presented by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook)

L.D. 1597, H.P. 1055

An Act to Prohibit the Use of Dynamic Pricing for Certain Consumer Goods. (Presented by Representative MALON of Biddeford)

L.D. 1598, H.P. 1056

An Act to Provide Relocation Assistance to Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Sex Trafficking. (Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

L.D. 1599, H.P. 1057

An Act to Establish the Maine Emergency Medical Services Commission. (Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook)

L.D. 1600, H.P. 1058

An Act to Provide Regional Support Funding for Municipal Police Departments to Support Special Response Teams. (Presented by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick)

L.D. 1601, H.P. 1059

An Act to Create Parity in Poultry Processing and Farming Licenses and Inspections. (Presented by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield)

L.D. 1602, S.P. 639

An Act to Remove the Exemption from Sales and Use Tax for Automobiles Purchased for Use as Rentals. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

L.D. 1603, S.P. 640

An Act to Eliminate the Property Tax on Business Equipment With a Value of No More Than \$50,000. (Presented by Senator MARTIN of Oxford)

L.D. 1604, S.P. 641

An Act to Protect Groundwater and Surface Waters from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances from Landfill Leachate. (Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

(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.)