

# *Weekly* **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

**From Robert B. Hunt, Clerk of the House - State House, Augusta, Maine**

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**Friday, May 30, 2025**

**No. 19**

**132nd LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**BILLS ENACTED**

**Public Laws**

Signed by the Governor  
Friday, May 23, 2025

- Ch. 82** - An Act to Create a Limited Retail Seafood Harvester Certificate. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 80, L.D. 144)
- Ch. 83** - An Act to Amend the Scope of Practice for Expanded Function Dental Assistants. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 513, L.D. 806)
- Ch. 84** - An Act to Support Immersive Outdoor Education by Establishing the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 384, L.D. 895)
- Ch. 85** - An Act to Limit the Amount of Electricity That May Be Provided to Data Centers on a Certain Commercial or Industrial Site. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 402, L.D. 912)
- Ch. 86** - An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Membership of the Government Oversight Committee. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 410, L.D. 954)
- Ch. 87** - An Act to Expand the Number of On-premises Retail Liquor Licenses a Liquor Manufacturer May Be Issued. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 597, L.D. 1456)
- Ch. 88** - An Act to Exempt a Person Making Electrical Installations in the Person's Existing Bona Fide Personal Abode from Licensing and Permitting Requirements. (H.P. 364, L.D. 545)
- Ch. 89** - An Act Regarding Reciprocal Licensure for Professional Engineers. (S.P. 257, L.D. 576)
- Ch. 90** - An Act Regarding the Use of Military Protective Orders in Protection from Abuse and Protection from Harassment Proceedings. (H.P. 433, L.D. 665)
- Ch. 91** - An Act to Clarify Performance Standards for Quarries. (H.P. 443, L.D. 704)
- Ch. 92** - An Act to Ensure Rent-to-own Protections Apply to Mobile Home Park Tenants. (H.P. 788, L.D. 1183)
- Ch. 93** - An Act to Establish a Waiver Process from the Permit Requirements for the Use of Explosives in Recreational or Hobby Mining Activities. (S.P. 360, L.D. 795)
- Ch. 94** - An Act to Add an Inflation Adjustment to the Maximum Amount of Funding Disbursed from the Maine Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up and Response Fund for Certain Personal Services of the Department of Environmental Protection. (S.P. 41, L.D. 26)
- Ch. 95** - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Fantasy Contests. (S.P. 51, L.D. 33)
- Ch. 96** - An Act to Require Landowners to Report Their Participation in a Forest Carbon Program or Project. (H.P. 3, L.D. 39)
- Ch. 97** - An Act to Enable Maine National Guard Commanders to More Efficiently Effect Disciplinary Measures Through the Maine Code of Military Justice. (H.P. 21, L.D. 57)
- Ch. 98** - An Act to Establish Certain Positions Within the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services. (H.P. 22, L.D. 58)
- Ch. 99** - An Act to Protect the Confidentiality of Information of Individual Customers of a Public Utility. (S.P. 118, L.D. 251)
- Ch. 100** - An Act to Allow County Commissioners Greater Flexibility When Establishing a Payment Schedule for Municipalities to Pay County Tax Bills. (H.P. 186, L.D. 286)
- Ch. 101** - An Act to Provide Access to Quality Family Child Care for Military Personnel by Exempting Certain Military Child Care Providers from State Licensing Requirements. (S.P. 169, L.D. 388)
- Ch. 102** - An Act to Strengthen the Requirements for Medical Payments Coverage. (S.P. 388, L.D. 899)

**Ch. 103** - An Act to Amend the Law Governing Zoning Ordinance Variances for Persons with Permanent Disabilities. (S.P. 396, L.D. 907)

**Ch. 104** - An Act Regarding Service of Notice of Restricted Person Status to Hospitalized Patients. (S.P. 413, L.D. 983)

**Ch. 105** - An Act to Advance Energy Storage Within the State. (H.P. 749, L.D. 1130)

**Ch. 106** - An Act to Amend the Site Location of Development Laws to Require a 100-foot Buffer Between Solar Energy Developments and Rivers, Streams and Brooks. (S.P. 496, L.D. 1207)

**Ch. 107** - An Act to Align Intrastate Commercial Motor Vehicle Insurance Requirements with Federal Standards. (H.P. 851, L.D. 1276)

**Ch. 108** - An Act to Extend the Time Frame for a Chiropractic Intern License. (H.P. 985, L.D. 1501)

**Ch. 109** - An Act to Remove the Term "Alleged" When Referring to Victims of Sexual Assault in the Provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes Pertaining to Forensic Examinations. (H.P. 1092, L.D. 1651)

**Ch. 110** - An Act to Clarify, Align and Amend Provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A. (H.P. 1121, L.D. 1686)

**Ch. 111** - An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Exceptions. (H.P. 1223, L.D. 1828)

**Ch. 112** - An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Education. (H.P. 50, L.D. 86)

**Ch. 113** - An Act to Make Technical Changes to Maine's Tax Laws. (H.P. 188, L.D. 288)

**Ch. 114** - An Act to Initiate Recounts in Tied Elections. (H.P. 368, L.D. 600)

**Ch. 115** - An Act Prohibiting Public Utilities from Requiring Deposits Based Solely on a Residential Customer's Income. (H.P. 702, L.D. 1080)

Became law without the Governor's Signature  
Sunday, May 25, 2025

**Ch. 116** - An Act to Enhance Protections Regarding Invasive Aquatic Plant and Animal Infestations in Inland Waters of the State. (H.P. 104, L.D. 171)

Became law without the Governor's Signature  
Tuesday, May 27, 2025

**Ch. 117** - An Act to Support the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions. (S.P. 310, L.D. 693)

**Ch. 118** - An Act to Require Positions Taken by the Public Advocate to Be Consistent with the Cost-effective Implementation of the State's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions Obligations. (S.P. 370, L.D. 837)

**Ch. 119** - An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws. (H.P. 536, L.D. 850)

**Ch. 120** - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Powers and Responsibilities of the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority. (H.P. 610, L.D. 945)

Signed by the Governor  
Thursday, May 29, 2025

**Ch. 121** - An Act to Extend the Period of Time a Dentist May Operate the Practice of a Deceased or Incapacitated Dentist. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 37, L.D. 23)

**Ch. 122** - An Act to Allow Coastal Seawalls to Be Raised by up to 2 Feet in Order to Accommodate Predicted Sea Level Rise. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 151, L.D. 228)

**Ch. 123** - An Act to Allow the Public Advocate to Obtain Information from Public Utilities, Competitive Electricity Providers and Standard-offer Service Providers. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 546, L.D. 860)

#### **Private and Special Laws**

Signed by the Governor  
Friday, May 23, 2025

**Ch. 5** - An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2026. (H.P. 528, L.D. 821)

**Resolves**

Signed by the Governor  
Friday, May 23, 2025

**Ch. 31** - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 850: Health Plan Accountability, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 173, L.D. 270)

**Ch. 32** - Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Study Establishing a Program for the Electronic Tagging of Deer. (S.P. 75, L.D. 139)

**Ch. 33** - Resolve, to Ensure the Removal of Aqueous Film-forming Foam from the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station. (H.P. 261, L.D. 407)

**Ch. 34** - Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services' Board to Report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on the Status of Funds in the Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program. (H.P. 461, L.D. 722)

**Ch. 35** - Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Study Lengthening the Muzzle-loading Season for Deer in Certain Wildlife Management Districts. (H.P. 502, L.D. 777)

**Ch. 36** - 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. (H.P. 839, L.D. 1264)

(Chaptered copies of the above measures may be obtained from the Engrossing Department, Room 106, State House, 7 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0007, Ph. 207-287-1324.)

**BILLS PRINTED AS OF FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025****L.D. 1984, H.P. 1328**

An Act to Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine. (EMERGENCY) (Submitted by the Revisor of Statutes pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 94.)

(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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