

Weekly **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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132nd LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION BILLS ENACTED

Public Laws

Became law without the Governor's Signature
Sunday, January 11, 2026

Ch. 500 - An Act to Establish the Maine-Aomori Sister-state Advisory Council. (H.P. 871, L.D. 1336)

Ch. 501 - An Act to Create the Building Opportunity Through Out-of-school Time Program. (H.P. 911, L.D. 1389)

Ch. 502 - An Act to Establish the Maine Community Development Financial Institution Fund to Support Small Businesses, Rural Economic Development and Affordable Housing. (H.P. 984, L.D. 1500)

Ch. 503 - An Act to Provide Compensation to Individuals with Lived Experience Serving on Certain Advisory Boards, Commissions, Councils and Similar Groups. (H.P. 1024, L.D. 1566)

Ch. 504 - An Act to Exempt Certain Sales and Transfers of Adult Use Cannabis from Excise Tax. (H.P. 1095, L.D. 1654)

Ch. 505 - An Act Regarding the Voting Requirement to Extend the Date for Adjournment of the Legislature. (S.P. 663, L.D. 1668)

Ch. 506 - An Act to Establish the Cannabis Advisory Council. (S.P. 664, L.D. 1669)

Ch. 507 - An Act to Establish the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Prevention and Support Program. (H.P. 1112, L.D. 1677)

Ch. 508 - An Act to Expand Access to Justice in Rural Maine by Incentivizing Attorneys to Practice in Underserved Areas. (H.P. 1126, L.D. 1691)

Ch. 509 - An Act to Establish the Biohazard Waste Disposal Grant Program to Support Public Health Efforts in the State. (H.P. 1156, L.D. 1738)

Ch. 510 - An Act to Require Police Departments to Publish and Make Accessible Their Policies and Procedures and Require Training of Officers. (H.P. 1195, L.D. 1784)

Ch. 511 - An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services to Clarify the Types of Cases for Which the Commission Is Responsible for Providing Counsel. (S.P. 698, L.D. 1796)

Ch. 512 - An Act to Amend the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act. (S.P. 723, L.D. 1840)

Ch. 513 - An Act to Permit Sealing Criminal History Record Information of Victims of Sex Trafficking or Sexual Exploitation. (S.P. 741, L.D. 1871)

Ch. 514 - An Act Regarding Outdoor Cultivation in the Medical Use Cannabis and Adult Use Cannabis Industries. (H.P. 1268, L.D. 1897)

Ch. 515 - An Act to Add Mold to the Implied Warranty and Covenant of Habitability. (H.P. 1288, L.D. 1927)

Ch. 516 - An Act to Promote Responsible Outdoor Lighting. (H.P. 1295, L.D. 1934)

Ch. 517 - An Act to Protect Workers in This State by Clarifying the Relationship of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies with Federal Immigration Authorities. (H.P. 1315, L.D. 1971)

Ch. 518 - An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Abandoned and Discontinued Roads Commission. (H.P. 1332, L.D. 1985)

Ch. 519 - An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Increase Postsecondary Educational Opportunities for Students with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 10, L.D. 46)

Ch. 520 - An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 111, L.D. 245)

Ch. 521 - An Act to Increase the Procurement of Maine Foods by Certain State Institutions. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 472, L.D. 1141)

Ch. 522 - An Act to Stabilize Residential Treatment Capacity for Children and Youth in Maine. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1163, L.D. 1745)

Ch. 523 - An Act to Modify the Excise Tax on Camper Trailers. (S.P. 62, L.D. 15)

Ch. 524 - An Act to Regulate Employer Surveillance to Protect Workers. (H.P. 25, L.D. 61)

Ch. 525 - An Act to Establish a Take-back and Disposal Program for Firefighting and Fire-suppressing Foam to Which Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Have Been Added. (H.P. 145, L.D. 222)

Ch. 526 - An Act to Establish the Criminal Records Review Commission in Statute. (S.P. 126, L.D. 259)

Ch. 527 - An Act Regarding Funding for Educational Programs and Opportunities. (H.P. 224, L.D. 324)

Ch. 528 - An Act to Allow Residents of the Department of Corrections to Opt In to Additional Restitution for Their Victims. (H.P. 352, L.D. 533)

Ch. 529 - An Act to Require School Boards to Adopt a Policy on Automated External Defibrillator Access at School-sponsored Athletic Events. (S.P. 270, L.D. 587)

Ch. 530 - An Act to Direct the Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board to Assess Strategies to Reduce Prescription Drug Costs and to Take Steps to Implement Reference-based Pricing. (S.P. 314, L.D. 697)

Ch. 531 - An Act to Create a Rebuttable Presumption Related to Specialized Risk Screening for First Responders. (S.P. 343, L.D. 784)

Ch. 532 - An Act to Create the Net Energy Billing Cost Stabilization Fund. (S.P. 372, L.D. 839)

Ch. 533 - An Act to Ensure Behavioral and Mental Health Services Are Available to Students by Providing Grants to Schools That Contract for Those Services. (H.P. 544, L.D. 858)

Ch. 534 - An Act Regarding the Membership of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission. (H.P. 556, L.D. 870)

Ch. 535 - An Act to Integrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander History into the Statewide System of Learning Results. (H.P. 616, L.D. 957)

Ch. 536 - An Act to Fund the Operations of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory. (S.P. 429, L.D. 1012)

Ch. 537 - An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms. (H.P. 745, L.D. 1126)

Ch. 538 - An Act to Create Economic Opportunity for the Wabanaki Nations Through Internet Gaming. (H.P. 769, L.D. 1164)

Ch. 539 - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Public Employee Market Pay Studies and Comprehensive Reviews of the Classification Plan for State Service Positions. (H.P. 840, L.D. 1265)

Resolves

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Ch. 119 - Resolve, to Expand Child Assertive Community Treatment. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 935, L.D. 1426)

Ch. 120 - Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1016, L.D. 1558)

Ch. 121 - Resolve, Directing the Maine Arts Commission to Study Federal and National Efforts to Protect Artists from Copyright Infringement by Artificial Intelligence Companies and Users and to Monitor Educational Use. (H.P. 74, L.D. 109)

Ch. 122 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Collect Data on Secondary School Mathematics Requirements. (S.P. 162, L.D. 370)

Ch. 123 - Resolve, Directing the Attorney General to Update Rules Relating to the Disposition of Forfeited Firearms. (H.P. 265, L.D. 411)

Ch. 124 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Review Teacher Mentoring Programs in Maine Public Schools. (S.P. 209, L.D. 470)

Ch. 125 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Review Personal Finance Course Offerings in Maine Schools and Convene a Working Group of Relevant Stakeholders. (S.P. 454, L.D. 1069)

Ch. 126 - Resolve, to Require the Department of Education to Convene a Group to Develop Best Practices for De-escalation and Behavior Intervention. (H.P. 719, L.D. 1097)

Ch. 127 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Review the Use of Abbreviated School Days. (H.P. 720, L.D. 1098)

Ch. 128 - Resolve, Directing the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council to Examine the Unmet Needs of Children Who Need Skilled Medical Care. (S.P. 624, L.D. 1540)

Ch. 129 - Resolve, to Allow Hemphill Farms, Inc. to Sue the State. (S.P. 661, L.D. 1667)

Ch. 130 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Corrections to Study Achieving Gender Equality. (H.P. 1167, L.D. 1749)

Ch. 131 - Resolve, to Improve Interagency Coordination and Information Accessibility Regarding Renewable Energy Construction Projects. (H.P. 1234, L.D. 1850)

(Chartered 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, JANUARY 16, 2026**L.D. 2158, H.P. 1447**

An Act to Address Vacancies on the Knox County Budget Committee. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative PLUECKER of Warren)

L.D. 2159, H.P. 1448

An Act to Require School Buses to Be Equipped with and to Use School Bus Crossing Arms. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative GEIGER of Rockland)

L.D. 2160, H.P. 1449

An Act to Modify Provisions of Law Affecting Small Distilleries. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative GEIGER of Rockland)

L.D. 2161, H.P. 1450

An Act to Modify Certain Statutes Governing Revocation of Probation, Victim Confidentiality and the Commissioner of Corrections. (Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook)

L.D. 2162, H.P. 1451

An Act to Regulate and Prevent Children's Access to Artificial Intelligence Chatbots with Human-like Features and Social Artificial Intelligence Companions. (Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

L.D. 2163, H.P. 1452

An Act to Improve the Response to Complaints by Victims of Crime and Enhance Victims' Rights. (Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

L.D. 2164, H.P. 1453

An Act to Assist Communities with Converting Vacant School Buildings into Housing. (Presented by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport)

L.D. 2165, H.P. 1454

An Act to Change Supervisory Authority over the Capitol Police. (Governor's Bill) (Presented by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford)

(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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