

Weekly **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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Friday, June 6, 2025

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132nd LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION BILLS ENACTED

Public Laws

Signed by the Governor
Thursday, May 29, 2025

Ch. 124 - An Act Regarding the Term of Appointment of Judicial Officers. (S.P. 20, L.D. 8)

Ch. 125 - An Act to Update the Provision of Law Concerning Student Codes of Conduct in Order to Reflect Best Practices Regarding Behavioral Threat Assessment and Response. (S.P. 34, L.D. 21)

Ch. 126 - An Act to Amend and Simplify Certain Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Licensing and Permitting Laws. (S.P. 42, L.D. 27)

Ch. 127 - An Act to Increase Oversight of Fatalities of and Serious Injuries to Adults Subject to Public Guardianship. (H.P. 15, L.D. 51)

Ch. 128 - An Act to Update the Definition of "Coastal Wetlands" Under the Natural Resources Protection Act and the Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Laws. (H.P. 29, L.D. 65)

Ch. 129 - An Act to Establish Minimum Standards for Certain Urgent Care Facilities. (H.P. 31, L.D. 67)

Ch. 130 - An Act Concerning the Filing of Marriage Licenses and the Recording of Intentions as Part of the Electronic Vital Records System. (H.P. 47, L.D. 83)

Ch. 131 - An Act to Authorize the Release of Military Records to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the Purposes of Suicide Reporting and Prevention. (H.P. 73, L.D. 108)

Ch. 132 - An Act to Amend Certain Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws. (H.P. 90, L.D. 157)

Ch. 133 - An Act to Establish a Date to Begin Voting by Absentee Ballot in the Presence of the Clerk. (H.P. 91, L.D. 158)

Ch. 134 - An Act to Require Motor Vehicle Certificates of Registration to Include a Space to List an Emergency Contact. (H.P. 92, L.D. 159)

Ch. 135 - An Act to Increase the Number of Children a Child Care Provider May Care for Without Having to Be Licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services. (S.P. 89, L.D. 202)

Ch. 136 - An Act to Allow Retail Pharmacies to Operate Remote Dispensing Sites in Rural Areas. (S.P. 105, L.D. 239)

Ch. 137 - An Act to Authorize the Public Utilities Commission to Approve Rate Adjustments for Low-income Water Utility Ratepayers. (S.P. 107, L.D. 241)

Ch. 138 - An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Self-administered Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Collection Kits. (H.P. 266, L.D. 412)

Ch. 139 - An Act Regarding the Domestic Violence Advocate Privilege. (S.P. 191, L.D. 458)

Ch. 140 - An Act Regarding the Substance Use Disorder Services Commission. (S.P. 221, L.D. 503)

Ch. 141 - An Act to Address the Rise in Rabies in Animals by Appointing Certified Rabies Vaccine Administrators. (H.P. 347, L.D. 528)

Ch. 142 - An Act to Amend Maine's Prescription Drug Labeling Law by Allowing the Removal of the Name of a Prescriber of Mifepristone, Misoprostol and Their Generic Alternatives. (H.P. 357, L.D. 538)

Ch. 143 - An Act to Allow the Secretary of State to Collect Excise Taxes on Motor Vehicles Owned by Residents Who Are Unhoused. (H.P. 379, L.D. 611)

Ch. 144 - An Act to Designate January 6th as A Day to Remember. (H.P. 441, L.D. 702)

Ch. 145 - An Act to Expand Access and Reduce Barriers to Access to Naloxone Hydrochloride and Other Opioid Overdose-reversing Medications. (H.P. 449, L.D. 710)

Ch. 146 - An Act to Promote an Innovation-driven Economy by Increasing Research and Development Spending. (S.P. 348, L.D. 788)

Ch. 147 - An Act Regarding the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program. (H.P. 534, L.D. 848)

Ch. 148 - An Act to Require a Person Operating a Watercraft for Recreational Purposes to Ensure All Children Under 13 Years of Age Wear United States Coast Guard Approved Personal Flotation Devices. (H.P. 671, L.D. 1042)

Ch. 149 - An Act to Support Access to General Assistance at Municipal General Assistance Offices and Designated Places. (H.P. 703, L.D. 1081)

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Friday, May 30, 2025

Ch. 150 - An Act to Modernize the Formulary for Naturopathic Doctors. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 747, L.D. 1128)

Ch. 151 - An Act to Continue the Exemption for Polystyrene Foam Disposable Food Service Containers Prepackaged at Wholesale. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 536, L.D. 1306)

Ch. 152 - An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax and Registration Fees Exemption for Certain Veterans. (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1039, L.D. 1581)

Ch. 153 - An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Sex Offender Management and Risk Assessment Advisory Commission Regarding Tier II Offenses. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 718, L.D. 1836)

Ch. 154 - An Act Regarding the State Workforce Board. (H.P. 51, L.D. 87)

Ch. 155 - An Act to Create a For-hire Charter Boat Operator License and to Require Individuals Recreationally Fishing for Halibut in Coastal Waters to Register with the Saltwater Recreational Fishing Registry. (H.P. 137, L.D. 214)

Ch. 156 - An Act to Prohibit Municipalities from Barring the Creation of Homeless Shelters. (H.P. 473, L.D. 731)

Ch. 157 - An Act to Allow a Motion to Extend a Protection from Abuse Order After Expiration of the Original Order. (H.P. 516, L.D. 809)

Ch. 158 - An Act to Increase Access to Protection from Abuse Orders by Allowing Children to File Protection from Abuse Orders on Their Own Behalf. (S.P. 405, L.D. 950)

Ch. 159 - An Act to Clarify Standards for Defendants' Post-judgment Motions for Relief from Protection from Abuse Orders. (H.P. 748, L.D. 1129)

Ch. 160 - An Act to Authorize the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Add Limited-access Area Fishing Days During the Scallop Season. (H.P. 828, L.D. 1253)

Ch. 161 - An Act Regarding Apportionment of Stipends to Agricultural Fairs. (S.P. 502, L.D. 1213)

Ch. 162 - An Act to Establish the Municipal Stream Crossing Fund. (S.P. 555, L.D. 1340)

Ch. 163 - An Act to Preserve Traditional Driver's Licenses and Nondriver Identification Cards. (H.P. 883, L.D. 1360)

Ch. 164 - An Act to Update the Maine Self-service Storage Act. (H.P. 913, L.D. 1391)

Ch. 165 - An Act to Modify the Laws Regarding Driver's License Applications. (H.P. 933, L.D. 1411)

Ch. 166 - An Act to Amend Laws Governing Hearing Aid Dealers to Allow an Exception to Certain Hearing Examination Requirements. (S.P. 552, L.D. 1413)

Ch. 167 - An Act to Update and Clarify Provisions Related to 9-1-1 Services. (H.P. 945, L.D. 1436)

Ch. 168 - An Act to Amend the Maine Uniform Probate Code. (H.P. 949, L.D. 1440)

Ch. 169 - An Act to Create a Green Crab Only Wholesale Dealer License. (H.P. 987, L.D. 1503)

Ch. 170 - An Act to Promote Firewood Banks in Maine. (H.P. 1010, L.D. 1525)

Ch. 171 - An Act to Provide Relocation Assistance to Crime Victims. (H.P. 1056, L.D. 1598)

Ch. 172 - An Act to Protect Groundwater and Surface Waters from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances from Landfill Leachate. (S.P. 641, L.D. 1604)

Ch. 173 - An Act to Eliminate Requirements for Drivers to Surrender Their Physical Driver's Licenses During a Temporary Suspension. (H.P. 1070, L.D. 1616)

Ch. 174 - An Act to Allow the Keeping of Chickens on Private Residential Property. (H.P. 1096, L.D. 1655)

Signed by the Governor
Monday, June 2, 2025

Ch. 175 - An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Requests. (H.P. 1222, L.D. 1827)

Became law without the Governor's Signature
Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Ch. 176 - An Act to Amend the Maine Litter Control Act. (S.P. 38, L.D. 121)

Ch. 177 - An Act to Provide Compensation to Members of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to Enhance Equitable Commission Participation from Across the State. (S.P. 71, L.D. 135)

Ch. 178 - An Act Regarding the Remote Appearance of Counsel in Pretrial Nontestimonial Criminal Matters. (H.P. 170, L.D. 267)

Ch. 179 - An Act to Designate the 2nd Week of May and the 2nd Week of September as Dark Sky Week. (S.P. 247, L.D. 567)

Ch. 180 - An Act to Codify the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Pilot Program. (H.P. 419, L.D. 651)

Resolves

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Thursday, May 29, 2025

Ch. 37 - Resolve, to Convene a Working Group to Examine the Classification of and Access to Public Records Maintained by Certain State Agencies. (H.P. 66, L.D. 101)

Ch. 38 - Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Financial Institutions to Issue Guidance Related to the Charging of Multiple Fees for Attempted Withdrawals Involving Insufficient Funds. (S.P. 78, L.D. 142)

Ch. 39 - Resolve, to Direct the Governor's Energy Office to Study Expanding the Use of Hydroelectric Power and the Development of a Geothermal Power Plant in the State. (H.P. 200, L.D. 300)

Ch. 40 - Resolve, to Require the Maine State Housing Authority to Submit a Report on the Pilot Project to Improve Access to Credit for Low-income Individuals. (H.P. 475, L.D. 733)

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Friday, May 30, 2025

Ch. 41 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Assess Its Current Meat and Poultry Inspection Programs. (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 487, L.D. 1198)

Ch. 42 - Resolve, to Conduct a Study to Update Flood Hazard Data in the Sandy River Watershed. (S.P. 291, L.D. 758)

Ch. 43 - Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Study Providing Access to Absentee Ballots for Municipal Elections to Uniformed Service Voters or Overseas Voters in the Same Manner as Absentee Ballots for Statewide Elections. (H.P. 753, L.D. 1148)

Ch. 44 - Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Program to Enhance Youth Hunting Participation. (H.P. 857, L.D. 1322)

Ch. 45 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend Its Rules to Protect Water Quality by Reducing Nutrient Pollution from Septic Systems. (S.P. 634, L.D. 1550)

Signed by the Governor
Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Ch. 46 - Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Distance Learning Programs at the University of Maine School of Law. (S.P. 170, L.D. 375)

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