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L.D. 255, S.P. 122

An Act to Support Mobile Home Residents in Purchasing Their Mobile Home Parks. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 256, S.P. 123

An Act to Establish a Sales Tax Holiday for Purchases of Certain School Supplies for the Month of August. (Presented by Senator MARTIN of Oxford)

L.D. 257, S.P. 124

An Act to Eliminate the Practice of Net Energy Billing. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 258, S.P. 125

Resolve, to Establish a Program to Recruit and Retain Behavioral Health Clinicians. (Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

L.D. 259, S.P. 126

An Act to Establish the Criminal Records Review Commission in Statute. (Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland)

L.D. 260, H.P. 163

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish That All Maine Residents Have Equal Rights Under the Law. (Presented by Representative SARGENT of York)

L.D. 261, H.P. 164

An Act Regarding the Authority of Municipalities to Regulate Timber Harvesting. (Presented by Representative BUNKER of Farmington)

L.D. 262, H.P. 165

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Taste Testing of Wine and Malt Liquor to Facilitate Marketing by Wholesalers. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative CROCKETT of Portland)

L.D. 263, H.P. 166

Resolve, to Provide Rural Nonmedical Transportation Services to the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities Receiving Home and Community Benefits Under MaineCare. (Presented by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell)

L.D. 264, H.P. 167

An Act to Remove the 12-month Waiting Period for the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption. (Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich)

L.D. 265, H.P. 168

An Act to Prohibit the Maine National Guard from Combat Deployment Absent an Act of the United States Congress. (Presented by Representative HYMES of Waldo)

L.D. 266, H.P. 169

An Act to Require the Updating of Voter Registration Signatures. (Presented by Representative SMITH of Palermo)

L.D. 267, H.P. 170

An Act Regarding the Remote Appearance of Counsel in Pretrial Nontestimonial Criminal Matters. (Presented by Representative LEE of Auburn)

L.D. 268, H.P. 171

An Act to Restore Sentencing Discretion to the Judiciary by Removing Mandatory Minimum Sentences of Incarceration. (Presented by Representative SINCLAIR of Bath)

L.D. 269, H.P. 172

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 375: No Adverse Environmental Effect Standards of the Site Location of Development Act, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection. (EMERGENCY) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

L.D. 270, H.P. 173

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) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

L.D. 271, H.P. 174

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 12: Fees for Kickboxing Contests and Authorized Participants, a Major Substantive Rule of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine. (EMERGENCY) (Submitted by the Combat Sports Authority of Maine pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

L.D. 272, H.P. 175

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 2: Fees for Muay Thai Contests and Authorized Participants, a Major Substantive Rule of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine. (EMERGENCY) (Submitted by the Combat Sports Authority of Maine pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

L.D. 273, H.P. 176

An Act to Preserve Legislative Authority over Investigating Committees. (Presented by Representative LEE of Auburn)

L.D. 274, H.P. 178

An Act Making Unified Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027. (EMERGENCY) (Governor's Bill) (Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle)

L.D. 275, H.P. 179

An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025. (EMERGENCY) (Governor's Bill) (Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle)

L.D. 276, H.P. 180

An Act Regarding Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. (Presented by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick)

L.D. 277, H.P. 181

An Act to Repeal the Law Prohibiting Places of Business from Being Open to the Public on Sunday. (Presented by Representative MORRIS of Turner)

L.D. 278, S.P. 128

An Act to Eliminate the Tobacco Products Tax on Certain Products That Contain Nicotine. (Presented by Senator HARRINGTON of York)

L.D. 279, S.P. 129

An Act to Address the Shortage of Direct Care Workers for Children with Disabilities in Maine. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 280, S.P. 130

An Act to Establish Lifetime Ferry Passes for Retired Maine State Ferry Service Employees. (Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox)

L.D. 281, S.P. 131

An Act to Provide Support for Certain Maine Discovery Museum Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Educational Programming Throughout the State. (Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

L.D. 282, H.P. 182

An Act to Raise the Limit on the Total Number of Public Charter Schools. (Presented by Representative DRINKWATER of Milford)

L.D. 283, H.P. 183

An Act to Expand Local Revenues by Including Meals and Lodging Sales Tax Revenue Under the State-Municipal Revenue Sharing Program. (Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich)

L.D. 284, H.P. 184

An Act to Update Major Policy-influencing Positions Within the Maine Human Rights Commission. (Presented by Representative MOONEN of Portland)

L.D. 285, H.P. 185

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Amend Its Rules Regarding Seasonal Load Restrictions on Certain State and State Aid Highways. (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative FROST of Belgrade)

L.D. 286, H.P. 186

An Act to Allow County Commissioners Greater Flexibility When Establishing a Payment Schedule for Municipalities to Pay County Tax Bills. (Presented by Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta)

L.D. 287, H.P. 187

An Act to Require and Encourage Safe and Interconnected Transportation Construction Projects. (Presented by Representative LEE of Auburn)

(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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