

**STATE OF MAINE  
130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

March 18, 2021

Hon. Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate  
130th Legislature

Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On March 18, 2021, 37 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on March 18, 2021, as follows:

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Reduce Homeowner and Municipal Energy Bills through Increased Efficiency and Weatherization Projects" (S.P. 355) (L.D. 1094) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland and Senator: MOORE of Washington, Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Purchase 4 Nursing Simulators for Use by the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System" (S.P. 356) (L.D. 1095) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

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**Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Bill "An Act To Expand the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy To Include 6 Members of the Public Who Are Not Employed as Any Type of Law Enforcement Personnel and To Require a Public Review of the Training Syllabus" (S.P. 353) (L.D. 1092) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship and Representatives: WARREN of Hallowell, SYLVESTER of Portland, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, DOUDERA of Camden, PLUECKER of Warren, CUDDY of Winterport, WHITE of Waterville, McDONALD of Stonington)

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Bill "An Act To Require the State To Meet the Mandatory 55 Percent Contribution to Schools" (S.P. 377) (L.D. 1114) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox)

**Energy, Utilities and Technology**

Bill "An Act To Support Rural Maine Residents through the Winter by Providing Rebates for Backup Power Generators" (S.P. 359) (L.D. 1098) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Support the Continued Access to Solar Energy and Battery Storage by Maine Homes and Businesses" (S.P. 361) (L.D. 1100) (Sponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York)

Bill "An Act To Create Needed Broadband Infrastructure in Rural Maine through the Establishment of a Satellite-based Broadband Grant Program" (S.P. 368) (L.D. 1107) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, MIRAMANT of Knox, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representatives: WADSWORTH of Hiram, CARLOW of Buxton)

Resolve, To Require Review of the Outcomes of Utility Restructuring and Electricity Generation Divestiture (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 379) (L.D. 1116) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representatives: WADSWORTH of Hiram, FOSTER of Dexter)

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**Environment and Natural Resources**

Bill "An Act To Increase Municipal Oversight in the Site Location of Development Laws" (S.P. 350) (L.D. 1089) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Definition of 'Development of State or Regional Significance That May Substantially Affect the Environment'" (S.P. 358) (L.D. 1097) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

**Health and Human Services**

Resolve, To Equitably Fund Legal Fees for Progressive Treatment Programs (S.P. 351) (L.D. 1090) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Long-term Outcomes for Youth Transitioning from State Care by Raising the Upper Age Limit for Voluntary Support Eligibility" (S.P. 352) (L.D. 1091) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Resolve, To Classify Employee Health Insurance as a Fixed Cost for MaineCare Reimbursement in Nursing Homes (S.P. 374) (L.D. 1112) (Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner and Senators: KEIM of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representatives: LYMAN of Livermore Falls, PERRY of Calais)

Resolve, To Direct the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations To Study and Propose Solutions to Disparities in Access to Prenatal Care in the State (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 376) (L.D. 1113) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington)

**Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to HIV Prevention Medications" (S.P. 378) (L.D. 1115) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

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Bill "An Act To Prevent Excessive Prices for Prescription Drugs" (S.P. 380) (L.D. 1117) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTION of Biddeford and Senators: SANBORN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: TEPLER of Topsham, DOUDERA of Camden, WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Limit Credit Card Fees by Requiring Monthly Credit Card Billing" (S.P. 382) (L.D. 1119) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship and Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: MATLACK of St. George, DOUDERA of Camden)

Bill "An Act To Allow Dentists To Receive Continuing Education Credits for Uncompensated Volunteer Work" (S.P. 383) (L.D. 1120) (Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, STEWART of Aroostook, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representative: LYMAN of Livermore Falls)

## **Judiciary**

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Rule-making Authority of the Supreme Judicial Court Concerning Electronic Records and Filing" (S.P. 357) (L.D. 1096) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Update the Law Governing Preliminary Injunctions in Judicial Separation and Divorce Actions" (S.P. 363) (L.D. 1102) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative CARDONE of Bangor and Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland)

## **Labor and Housing**

Bill "An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include Civilian Employees Who Work for the Department of Public Safety Crime Lab and Computer Crimes Unit" (S.P. 362) (L.D. 1101) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Allow a 5-year Open Enrollment in the Participating Local District Retirement Program for Certain Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters and Other Municipal Employees" (S.P. 364) (L.D. 1103) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln, BALDACCI of Penobscot, CURRY of Waldo, RAFFERTY of York, Representative: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

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Resolve, Directing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System To Convene a Working Group To Investigate Public Pension Options (S.P. 366) (L.D. 1105) (Sponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: McCREA of Fort Fairfield, FECTEAU of Augusta, BRENNAN of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit an Employer from Charging an Employee for Direct Deposit for Wages" (S.P. 367) (L.D. 1106) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

## State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Allow Nonresidents Who Own Property To Speak at Town Meetings on Local Issues" (S.P. 349) (L.D. 1088) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act To Promote Legislative Oversight of Federal COVID-19 Relief Funds" (S.P. 370) (L.D. 1108) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a Memorial to the Victims of COVID-19" (S.P. 386) (L.D. 1123) (Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, BALDACCI of Penobscot, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, MATLACK of St. George, PLUECKER of Warren)

## Taxation

Bill "An Act To Promote Reliable Rural High-speed Internet" (S.P. 381) (L.D. 1118) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

## Transportation

Bill "An Act To Increase the Time for Which a Temporary Motor Vehicle Registration Plate Is Valid" (S.P. 365) (L.D. 1104) (Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representative: MARTIN of Sinclair)

Bill "An Act To Align Equipment Requirements for Electric Bicycles with National Manufacturing Standards" (S.P. 371) (L.D. 1109) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Authority To Manage Electric Bicycle Access to Off-road Trails" (S.P. 372) (L.D. 1110) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

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Bill "An Act To Promote Public Safety by Allowing Lighted Signs on Certain Vehicles" (S.P. 385) (L.D. 1122) (Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: MARTIN of Greene, MARTIN of Sinclair, PERKINS of Oakland, WHITE of Waterville, O'CONNELL of Brewer, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor)

Bill "An Act To Change the Threshold for Creating a Specialty License Plate from 2,000 Prepaid Orders to 1,000 Prepaid Orders and To Extend by One Year the Time Allowed for Gathering Signatures" (S.P. 387) (L.D. 1124) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

**Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act To Expand the Options for Shipping Wine Directly to Customers" (S.P. 354) (L.D. 1093) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, DOUDERA of Camden, CUDDY of Winterport, WHITE of Waterville, McDONALD of Stonington, GEIGER of Rockland)

Bill "An Act Regarding Election Reform" (S.P. 360) (L.D. 1099) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act To Update the Statutes Governing Membership of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes" (S.P. 373) (L.D. 1111) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Senator: FARRIN of Somerset, Representative: CAIAZZO of Scarborough)

Bill "An Act To Create an Open and Streamlined Primary System" (S.P. 384) (L.D. 1121) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Sincerely,

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Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House