

MERI's Watch List: 130th Maine Legislature

BUSINESS REGULATIONS

LD 675, *An Act to Protect Maine Consumers from Unsupported Price Increases on Prescription Medicines by Creating an Independent Review Process* (Sen. Claxton, D-Androscoggin)

LD 1636, *An Act to Reduce Prescription Drug Costs by Using International Pricing* (Sen. Claxton, D-Androscoggin)

LD 1724, *An Act to Create a Logging Dispute Resolution Board and to Require Proof of Ownership Docs Within 14 Days* (Senate Pres. Jackson, D-Aroostook)

LD 1945, *An Act To Regulate the Use of Biometric Identifiers* (Rep. O'Neil - Saco)

EDUCATION

LD 1188, *An Act to Include Librarians and Career and Technical Education Teachers in the Minimum \$40,000 Salary Initiative Emergency* (Rep. Millett, D-Cape Elizabeth)

LD 1252, *An Act to Improve Family Day Care Providers by Increasing the Number of Children Allowed to be Cared for Without Obtaining Certification* (Rep. Sampson, R-Alfred)

ENVIRONMENTAL

LD 489, RESOLUTION, *Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to a Healthy Environment* (Sen. Maxmin, D-Lincoln)

LD 602, *An Act to Prevent Pollution from Single-use Plastic Straws, Splash Sticks and Beverage Lid Plugs* (Sen. Miramont, D-Knox)

LD 640, *An Act to Ban Single-serving, Disposable Plastic Water Bottles* (Rep. Gramlich, D-Old Orchard Beach)

LD 676, *An Act to Reclassify Part of the Androscoggin River to Class B* (Sen. Claxton, D-Androscoggin)

LD 1429, *An Act To Achieve Carbon Neutrality in Maine by the Year 2045* (Rep. Tucker - Brunswick)

LD 1532, *An Act To Protect Maine's Air Quality by Strengthening Requirements for Air Emissions Licensing* (Rep. Morales - South Portland)

LD 1541, *An Act to Support and Improve Municipal Recycling Programs and Save Taxpayer Money* (Rep. Grohoski, D-Ellsworth)

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MERI's Board and staff are focused on creating a healthy Maine economy, strong businesses, and quality jobs.

MERI is the only researched-based business organization tasked with the specific purpose of holding legislators accountable for how they vote on business issues.

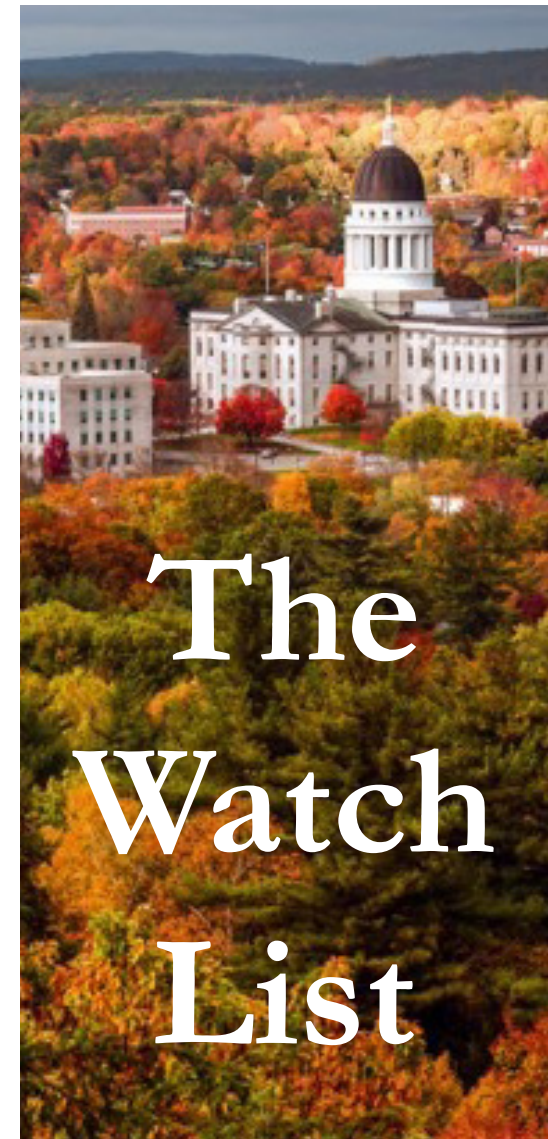
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HEALTH CARE

- LD 922**, *An Act To Help Cancer Patients with Fertility Preservation* (Rep. Craven - Lewiston)
- LD 1045**, *An Act to Support Universal Health Care* (Rep. Brooks, D-Lewiston)
- LD 1266**, *An Act To Improve The Value Of Dental Insurance* (Sen. Sanborn, D-Cumberland)
- LD 1463**, *An Act To Make Health Care Coverage More Affordable For Working Families and Small Businesses* (Rep. Tepler - Topsham)
- LD 1539**, *An Act To Provide Access to Fertility Care* (Rep. Madigan - Waterville)

HOSPITALITY

- LD 205**, *An Act to Extend the Ability of Restaurants and Bars to Serve Alcohol to go* Emergency (Sen. Luchini, D-Hancock)
- LD 1751**, *An Act To Make Permanent the Changes to the Liquor Laws Made by Public Law 2021, Chapters 3 and 91* (Sen. Luchini, D-Hancock)

LABOR

- LD 225**, *An Act Regarding the Treatment of Vacation Time upon the Cessation of Employment* (Rep. Roeder, D-Bangor)
- LD 553**, *An Act to End At-will Employment* (Rep. Sylvester, D-Portland)
- LD 607**, *An Act to Restore Overtime Protections for Maine Workers* (Rep. Talbot Ross, D-Portland)
- LD 616**, *An Act to Increase Accountability for Wage Violations* (Rep. Collings, D-Portland)
- LD 938**, *An Act to Ensure Maine Workers' Right to Request a Schedule Change at Their Places of Employment* (Rep. Wood, D-Portland)
- LD 965**, *An Act Concerning Nondisclosure Agreements in Employment* (Rep. Harnett, D-Gardiner)
- LD 1338**, *An Act to Protect Employees' Exercise of Workplace Rights* (Rep. Millett, D-Cape Elizabeth)
- LD 1711**, *An Act to Enhance Enforcement of Employment Laws* (Sen. Jackson, D-Aroostook)

- LD 1879**, *An Act To Support Law Enforcement Officers, Corrections Officers, E-9-1-1 Dispatchers, Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder* (Rep. Sylvester - Portland)
- LD 2003**, *An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions* (Spkr. Fecteau - Biddeford)

MINIMUM WAGE

- LD 1279**, *An Act to Increase the Minimum Wage* (Rep. Collings, D-Portland)

TAXATION

- LD 229**, *An Act to Increase Investment Caps in the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program* (Sen. Farrin, R-Somerset)
- LD 495**, *An Act to Improve Tax Progressivity by Establishing New Top Individual Income Tax Rates* (Rep. Osher, D-Orono)
- LD 498**, *An Act to Reauthorize a 3 Percent Tax on Income over \$200,000 to Lift all Maine Workers out of Poverty* (Rep. Sylvester, D-Lewiston)
- LD 501**, *An Act to Amend Maine's Corporate Income Tax by Increasing the Top Rate from 8.93% to 12.4%* (Rep. Brooks, D-Lewiston)
- LD 532**, *An Act to Lower Income Taxes for Middle-income Families in Maine* (Sen. Baldacci, D-Penobscot)
- LD 570**, *An Act to Provide for Fairness in the Taxation of Extraordinary and Unearned Income by Establishing a 3% Percent Surcharge on Net Capital gains and Dividends Income over \$250,000 for Taxpayers Filing Single or Married Filing Separate Returns and over \$500,000 for Taxpayers Filing Joint Returns* (Rep. Berry, D-Bowdoinham)
- LD 730**, *An Act to Protect Economic Competitiveness in Maine by Extending the End Date for Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits* (Sen. Daughtry, D-Brunswick)
- LD 966**, *Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study Fair, Equitable and Competitive Tax Policy for Maine's Working Families and Small Businesses* Emergency (Rep. Tepler, D-Topsham)
- LD 1129**, *An Act Relating to the Valuation of Retail Sales Facilities* (Rep. Matlack - St. George) Taxation.
- LD 1337**, *An Act To Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Property Taxes through an Impact Fee on Vacant Residences* (Rep. Kessler - South Portland) Taxation.
- LD 1342**, *An Act to Authorize a Local Option Sales Tax on Lodging and Other Goods and Provide Funding for Tax Abatement and Rental Relief* (Rep. Sylvester, D-Lewiston)
- LD 1403**, *An Act to Protect Maine Businesses, Nonprofits, Educational Institutions and Municipalities during the COVID-19 Pandemic* (Rep. Dillingham, R-Oxford) Judiciary.

- LD 1524**, *An Act to Amend the Maine Exclusion Amount in the Estate Tax* (Rep. Collings, D-Portland)

- LD 1713**, *An Act to Increase Workforce Skills for the Revitalization of Maine's Paper Industry through the Establishment of an Income Tax Credit for Paper Manufacturing Workforce Training* (Pres. Jackson, D-Aroostook)

- LD 1917**, *An Act to Amend the Tax Laws of the State* (Rep. Terry, D-Gorham)

- LD 1919**, *An Act to Encourage Job Growth in the Forest Products Sector Through Tax Incentives* (Rep. Evans, D-Dover-Foxcroft)

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

- LD 1564**, *An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Unemployment Compensation* (Sen. Vitelli, D-Sagadahoc, for the Maine Department of Labor)

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

- LD 920**, *An Act to Promote Oversight of and Competitive Parity among Video Service Providers* (Rep. Kessler, D-South Portland)
- LD 1202**, *An Act To Establish a Wood-fired Combined Heat and Power Program* (Rep. Wadsworth - Hiram)
- LD 1332**, *An Act Regarding Net Energy Limits* (Rep. Berry - Bowdoinham)
- LD 1634**, *An Act to Create the Maine Generation Authority* (Rep. Grohoski, D-Ellsworth)
- LD 1708**, *An Act to Create the Pine Tree Power Company, a Nonprofit Utility, to Deliver Lower Rates, Reliability and Local Control for Maine Energy Independence* (Rep. Berry, D-Bowdoinham)
- LD 1894**, *An Act to Support Municipal Broadband Infrastructure through Incentives and Competition* (Sen. Vitelli, D-Sagadahoc)
- LD 1969**, *An Act Concerning Equity in Renewable Energy Projects and Workforce Development* (Rep. Cuddy - Winterport)

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- LD 149**, *An Act to Facilitate Licensure for Credentialed Individuals from Other Jurisdictions* (Rep. Cloutier, D-Lewiston)
- LD 612**, *An Act to Recognize Occupational Licenses and Certifications from Other States to Attract New Residents and Businesses to Maine* Emergency (Rep. Andrews, R-Paris)
- LD 1131**, *An Act to Allow Reciprocity for Licensed Workers from Out of State* Emergency (Rep. Hutchings, R-Penobscot)
- LD 1304**, *An Act to Create the Career and Technical Education Workforce Fund* (Rep. Fecteau, D-Biddeford)
- LD 1923**, *An Act To Establish the Maine Space Corporation* (Sen. Daughtry - Cumberland)