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**LD 1266**, An Act To Improve The Value Of Dental Insurance (Sen. Sanborn, D-Cumberland)


**LD 1539**, An Act To Provide Access to Fertility Care (Rep. Madigan - Waterville)

**LABOR**

**LD 225**, An Act Regarding the Treatment of Vacation Time upon the Cessation of Employment (Rep. Roeder, D-Bangor)

**LD 533**, 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-Biddeford)

**LD 616**, An Act to Increase Accountability for Wage Violations (Rep. Collings, D-Portland)


**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 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)

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**TAXATION**

**LD 229**, An Act to Increase Investment Caps in the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program (Sen. Farrin, R-Somerst)


**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 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)


**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 1634**, An Act to Create the Maine Generation Authority (Rep. Grohoski, D-Downeast)


**LD 1894**, An Act to Support Municipal Broadband Infrastructure through Incentives and Competition (Sen. Vitelli, D-Sagadahoc)


**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**LD 149**, An Act to Facilitate Licensures for Credentialled Individuals from Other Jurisdictions (Rep. Cloutier, D-Lewiston)


**LD 1131**, An Act To Allow Reciprocity for Licensed Workers from Out of State Emergency (Rep. Hutchinson, 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)