MAINE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

REPORT DATE: 1/23/2023

LEGISLATIVE REPORT SUMMARY (LD #1-252)

131st LEGISLATURE / FIRST REGULAR SESSION

MAR POSITION KEY S Support

O Oppose
M Monitor
NFNA Neither For nor
Against (will testify)

	LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE KEY						
ACF	Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry	IFW	Inland Fisheries & Wildlife				
AFA	Appropriations & Financial Affairs	IDEA	Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement & Business				
CJ	Criminal Justice & Public Safety	JUD	Judiciary				
EDU	Education & Cultural Affairs	LBHS	Labor & Housing				
EUT	Energy, Utilities & Technology	MR	Marine Resources				
ENR	Environment & Natural Resources	SLG	State & Local Government				
HHS	Health & Human Services	TAX	Taxation				
HCIFS	Health Cov, Insurance & Financial Services	TRA	Transportation				
HOU	Housing *New Committee 2023*	VLA	Veterans & Legal Affairs				

BILL #	Sponsor	Title	LC Review	Committee	Status	MAR Pos
1	Senator Troy Jackson	An Act to Provide Funding for Winter Emergency Energy Relief and to Finalize the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program	1/24/23	n/a	ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.	3
2	Representative Rachel Talbot Ross	An Act to Address Maine's Housing Crisis	1/24/23	HOU	The Bill was REFERRED to the Joint Select Committee on HOUSING in concurrence	2M
3	Representative Rachel Talbot Ross	An Act to Establish the Winter Energy Relief Payment Program to Aid Residents with High Heating Costs and to Finalize the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program	1/24/23	AFA	Signed by the Governor (Emergency Measure)	3
6	Representative Maureen Fitzgerald Terry	Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory	1/24/23	TAX	Taxation (Joint); January 31, 2023 1:00pm (EST); State House, Room 127	4
7	Representative Maureen Fitzgerald Terry	An Act to Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes	1/24/23	TAX	Taxation (Joint); January 31, 2023 1:00pm (EST); State House, Room 127	3M
9	Representative James A. Boyle	An Act to Establish Processing Time Limits for Permit by Rule Applications	1/24/23	ENR	Environment and Natural Resources (Joint); January 30, 2023 10:00am (EST); Cross Building, Room 216	3S

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		Under the Site Location of Development Laws				
11	Representative Kristen Cloutier	An Act to Strengthen Temporary Protections for Children Living in Dwellings with Identified Lead Hazards	1/24/23	HHS	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES in concurrence	3M
15	Representative Janice S. Dodge	An Act to Amend the Law Governing the State Grant Program Administered by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission	1/24/23	EDU	Education and Cultural Affairs (Joint); February 2, 2023 1:00pm (EST); Cross Building, Room 208	3M
17	Representative Bruce A. White	An Act to Amend the Membership Requirements of the State Claims Commission	1/24/23	TRA	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION in concurrence	3M
20	Representative Jessica L. Fay	An Act to Further Protect Survivors of Economic Abuse	1/24/23	JUD	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on JUDICIARY in concurrence	3M
23	Senator Anne Carney	An Act to Limit Public Access to or Dissemination of Electronic Citation Information	1/24/23	JUD	Judiciary (Joint); January 26, 2023 1:00pm (EST); State House, Room 438	3M
27	Senator Matthew Pouliot	An Act to Align Maine's Lead Abatement Law with Federal Definitions and to Clarify Lead Abatement Licensing and Certification Requirements	1/24/23	HHS	In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.	3M
37	Senator Matthew Pouliot	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens to Eliminate the Requirement for an Annual Application	1/24/23	TAX	In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.	3M
45	Senator Anne Carney	An Act to Prevent Retaliatory Evictions	1/24/23	JUD	In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.	2M
49	Senator Trey Stewart	An Act to Authorize the Deorganization of Drew Plantation	1/24/23	SLG	State and Local Government (Joint); January 31, 2023 1:00pm (EST); Cross Building, Room 214	4

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54	Representative Adam R. Lee	An Act to Require Compliance with Natural or Agricultural Resource Protection Ordinances	1/24/23	LBHS	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on LABOR AND HOUSING in concurrence	3M
55	Representative William R. Bridgeo	An Act to Move the Headquarters for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	1/24/23	IFS	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE in concurrence	4
61	Representative Holly Rae Eaton	An Act to Conserve Coastal Habitat by Restricting Rockweed Harvesting on Private Property	1/24/23	MR	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on MARINE RESOURCES in concurrence	3S
73	Senator Richard Bennett	An Act to Require Bottled Water Companies to Monitor for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	1/24/23	HHS	In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.	3M
75	Senator Richard Bennett	An Act to Establish Maximum Contaminant Levels Under the State's Drinking Water Rules to Prohibit Certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	1/24/23	HHS	In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.	3M
81	Representative Michele Meyer	An Act to Address Recovery Residence Participation in the Municipal General Assistance Program	1/24/23	HHS	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES in concurrence	3M
85	Senator James Libby	Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority to Study Adding Exits off the Maine Turnpike to Aid Economic Development	1/24/23	TRA	In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.	3M
89	Representative Stephen W. Moriarty	An Act to Clarify Eligibility for Property Tax Stabilization for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older	1/24/23	TAX	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on TAXATION in concurrence	3M
91	Representative Stephen W. Moriarty	An Act to Adopt the National 2022 Amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code	1/24/23	JUD	Judiciary (Joint); January 31, 2023 1:00pm (EST); State House, Room 438	3M

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101	Representative Chad Richard Perkins	An Act to Return to the Former Owner Any Excess Funds Remaining After the Sale of Foreclosed Property	1/24/23	TAX	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on TAXATION in concurrence	3M
107	Representative Daniel J. Ankeles	An Act Regarding Municipal Efforts to Avert Evictions and Heating Shut-offs During Winter	1/24/23	n/a	Later today assigned.	3M
114	Senator Donna Bailey	An Act to Make Technical Amendments to Banking Laws	1/24/23	HCIFS	Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services (Joint); January 31, 2023 1:00pm (EST); Cross Building, Room 220	3M
115	Senator Donna Bailey	An Act to Protect Minors from Exploitation by Adults for Violation of Privacy	1/24/23	СЈ	In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.	3M
119	Senator Chip Curry	An Act to Clarify the Boundary Between Waldo and Knox Counties in Penobscot Bay	1/24/23	SLG	State and Local Government (Joint); January 31, 2023 1:00pm (EST); Cross Building, Room 214	4
130	Representative Melanie F. Sachs	An Act to Eliminate Senior Citizen Property Tax Stabilization and Expand the Homestead Property Tax Exemption	1/24/23	TAX	In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.	3M
132	Senator Donna Bailey	An Act to Require Health Insurance Carriers to Provide Coverage for Blood Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	1/24/23	HCIFS	In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.	3M
144	Representative Janice S. Dodge	An Act Regarding the Monitoring of Municipal Abandoned Property	1/24/23	TAX	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on TAXATION in concurrence	3M
149	Representative Roger Clarence Albert	An Act to Amend the Definition of "Homestead" Under the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Laws	1/24/23	TAX	In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.	3M
153	Representative William R. Bridgeo	An Act to Allow Electronic Distribution of Certain Documents to Municipalities and Electronic Acknowledgment of	1/24/23	SLG	State and Local Government (Joint); January 31, 2023 1:00pm (EST); Cross Building, Room 214	4

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		Receipt of Certain Documents as Acceptable Communications				
159	Representative Lynne A. Williams	An Act to Facilitate the Construction of a Firehouse by Sinclair Township	1/24/23	ACF	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY in concurrence	4
164	Representative Arthur L. Bell	An Act to Fund the Lake Restoration and Protection Fund	1/24/23	ENR	Environment and Natural Resources (Joint); January 30, 2023 9:00am (EST); Cross Building, Room 216	3M
166	Representative Richard H. Campbell	An Act to Provide Revenue for Property Tax Relief and Capital Infrastructure Projects	1/24/23	SLG	State and Local Government (Joint); January 31, 2023 1:00pm (EST); Cross Building, Room 214	3M
167	Representative Amy Bradstreet Arata	An Act Regarding Eligibility for the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption	1/24/23	TAX	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on TAXATION in concurrence	3M
169	Representative Richard H. Campbell	An Act to Amend and Clarify the Laws Governing Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances and Other Harmful Chemicals	1/24/23	ENR	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES in concurrence	3M
170	Senator Russell Black	An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Director of the Real Estate Commission to Dismiss Certain Claims That Do Not Allege Violations of Law or Rules	1/24/23	IDEA	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS in concurrence	3M
171	Senator Mark Lawrence	An Act to Provide That All Rules Regarding Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Are Major Substantive Rules	1/24/23	ENR	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES in concurrence	3M
180	Senator James Libby	An Act to Allow a Person to File a Paper Copy of a Timber Harvest Notification Form	1/24/23	ACF	In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.	4

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187	Representative Melanie F. Sachs	An Act to Eliminate the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund	1/24/23	EUT	Energy, Utilities and Technology (Joint); February 2, 2023 1:00pm (EST); Cross Building, Room 211	3M
188	Senator Donna Bailey	An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Pay for Certain Water Tests for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	1/24/23	ENR	In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.	3M
196	Representative Matt Moonen	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission for Amending the Maine Uniform Probate Code and Related Provisions of Law	1/24/23	JUD	Judiciary (Joint); January 31, 2023 1:00pm (EST); State House, Room 438	3M
206	Representative Melanie F. Sachs	An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General 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 Yea	1/24/23	AFA	Hearings week of January 23.	3M
207	Representative Joshua Morris	An Act to Transfer Responsibility for Administering the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code from the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation	1/24/23	n/a	Printed	3M
210	Representative Tavis Rock Hasenfus	An Act to Expand the List of Persons Exempt from the Real Estate Transfer Tax	1/24/23	n/a	Printed	3M
211	Representative Jessica L. Fay	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Water Supply Protection Funds	1/24/23	n/a	Printed	3M
214	Representative Richard H. Campbell	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Zoning and Land Use Restrictions to Limit Certain Requirements to	1/24/23	n/a	Printed	20

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		Municipalities with a Population of More than 10,000				
217	Representative Richard H. Campbell	An Act to Support Manufacturers Whose Products Contain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	1/24/23	n/a	Printed	3M
219	Representative Richard T. Bradstreet	An Act to Promote Equity in the Permitting Appeals Process	1/24/23	n/a	Printed	3M
220	Representative Timothy C. Guerrette	An Act to Support Maine's Potato Farmers and Processors	1/24/23	n/a	Printed	3M
226	Representative Rebecca J. Millett	An Act to Address Maine's Affordable Housing Crisis	1/24/23	n/a	Printed	2S
230	Representative Daniel Joseph Shagoury	Resolve, to Require the Maine National Guard to Sell Certain Property in Hallowell	1/24/23	n/a	Printed	4
238	Representative Abigail W. Griffin	An Act to Create a Program for Mortgage Assistance for Persons with Illnesses Related to COVID-19	1/24/23	n/a	Printed	3M
240	Representative Stanley Paige Zeigler Jr.	An Act to Increase Public Access to Utilities	1/24/23	n/a	Printed	3M
246	Senator Craig Hickman	An Act to Amend the Campaign Finance Laws	1/24/23	n/a	Printed	3M
247	Senator Craig Hickman	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Elections	1/24/23	n/a	Printed	3M
249	Senator Craig Hickman	An Act to Amend the Campaign Finance Laws Regarding Political Action Committees	1/24/23	n/a	Printed	3M
250	Senator Matthew Pouliot	An Act to Improve Housing by Increasing Housing Options	1/24/23	n/a	Printed	2M