

WHAT'S UP IN AUGUSTA?

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2,123 Proposed Legislative Bills

Over the course of the 131st, our state lawmakers are slated to review a total of **2123 legislative bill proposals** submitted by sponsored legislators and state agencies. Your MAR Legislative Committee has been busy monitoring a number of bills on **weekly tracking reports** as they relate to our industry and are released to be heard at the Legislature. It is anticipated that there will be well over 200 LD's that pertain in some capacity to housing, and or zoning/land use. After 4 weeks of monitoring the MAR Bill Tracker already has over a 100 LDs being discussed and monitored. What's interesting and concerning is the number of **"concept draft" bills**. A concept draft is just as it sounds--a concept without any purposeful language behind it. It is often done in an effort to refine the language at a later date, or to essentially hold a spot as the idea is further developed. Either way, the number of concept drafts being put forth is seemingly a historic amount. You can review the **tracking reports** at our website which are updated regularly. MAR testifies on any bill with a 1-3 support, oppose or Neither For Nor Against (NFNA). We do not testify on any bills that are 2M, 3M, or 4's.



What's on the Agenda?

We have been seeing and hearing about many municipalities suggesting Rental Registry, Moratoriums, Short Term Rental Ordinances/Fees and more. Be sure you are checking your local government's meeting details and reading the agenda to ensure you are a part of the conversations and not left in the dark! Ensure you are reaching out to your local association/leadership for guidance! Feel free to reach out to [Claire](#) if you have questions.



Thank You **MaineREALTOR®** Caucus!

A heartfelt thank you to all who came out to our Legislative Meet & Greet in Augusta. We had over 40 Legislators present from both chambers, including leadership along with a



wonderful showing of our membership! We are especially honored to be represented by some of our own REALTOR® members who are serving in the Legislature.

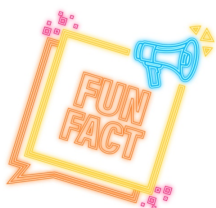
***Pictured L to R:** Rep. Mark Blier (H 138), Rep. Josh Morris (H 91), Rep. Jack Ducharme (H 71), Rep. Vicki Doudera (H 41), Senator Matt Pouliot (S 15), and Rep. Amy Arata (H 104).*

So, What is MARPAC Anyway?!

MARPAC-- or "Maine Association of REALTORS® Political Action Committee"

is a wholly owned subsidiary corporation of MAR. It is our advocacy warrior that aids in endorsing champions of real estate who help protect private property rights, fair tax laws and balanced economies. Each REALTOR® member can opt (or opt out) of a voluntary investment in MARPAC at any time and for any amount. Our endorsement and advocacy is guided by our [Public Policy Statement](#) and is neither **BLUE** or **RED**, but rather **PURPLE**, for REALTOR® party issues that the membership choose to include in our PPS. MARPAC investments keep 70% of funds in state to work on statewide advocacy measures and 30% goes to **NAR** to work on our behalf federally. At the local association level, MARPAC has aided when asked and continually works toward keeping our [industry relevant and sustainable in an every changing economy and political environment](#).

MARPAC is tightly governed by strict campaign finance law in Maine, so each investment is closely managed along with MAR staff and their time spent along with reporting obligations. If you have more questions about MARPAC and what it does or how it works, please reach out to [Claire](#) and we are happy to answer any questions you have or even connect you with a fellow REALTOR® who is trained and able to speak with you regarding your PAC investment and how it protects our industry, your livelihood and private property rights.



FUN FACT!

The Maine Association of REALTORS® was founded in 1936 as a measure to combat unfavorable changes to tax law in Maine, so our advocacy efforts have always been at the forefront of the association's scope of work for its members! #thatswhowER

Proposed legislation is being added for review and action to the Maine Legislative calendar *everyday* - are you ready to act on behalf of your industry?

Help be a part of Maine REALTORS® advocacy efforts: Text **"REALTORS"** to **30644** to opt into REALTOR® Party Mobile alerts to be the first to act with a tap of your phone! **Pro Tip: This will make it easier to ACT on REALTOR® Rally Day, April 6th!**



Questions? Feel free to email [Claire](#).

Save the Dates

2023 REALTORS® Legislative Meetings
May 6-11, 2023 | Washington, D.C.



May 6-11, 2023

NAR Legislative Meeting

Tentative Meeting Schedule

Washington D.C.
Walter E. Washington Convention Center

MAINE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®
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Thursday, April 6, 2023

REALTOR® Rally Day

Returning to the Hall of Flags!
Participate in-person at the State House
or virtually

Maine State House
Augusta -details *pending*



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