

WHAT'S UP IN AUGUSTA?

Issue 8



March 20, 2023



REALTOR® RALLY DAY
Thursday, April 6th

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REGISTER NOW!

Intertidal Zone- Takings
Zoning and Land Use Ordinances
Tenant and Property Owner Rights
Housing Supply
Income Tax Surcharge

Protect your industry, your business & network with Legislators!

Register by Friday, March 31st
to participate In-Person
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MAINE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®
Your Real Estate Experts

REALTOR® Rally Day!

Join us for the return of **Maine REALTOR® Rally Day** at the Maine State House, Hall of Flags for the first time since 2019!

Issues of interest:

Intertidal Zone- Takings
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Rally Day website to launch soon!

Schedule:

9:00am –10:30am REALTOR® Rally Legislative Briefing Location: Governor Hill Mansion, 136 State Street, Augusta *Talking points, complete invitations to your Legislators for lunch: MAR Government Affairs Team and REALTOR® Member Legislative Caucus*

10:45am – 1:30pm RALLY and Lunch with REALTORS® and Legislators Location: Hall of Flags, at the Maine State House (2nd Floor), Augusta *View the Senate and House in action from their galleries*

Deadline to RSVP: March 31st, Stay tuned for Rally Day website, ads and mailer coming soon!

**Register for RALLY DAY
Now!**

MORE to WATCH?

Since we last spoke: Yes, we have more bills we are engaging on!

MAR positioning is guided by our [Public Policy Statement](#). Below are a few **new** priority bills that we are keeping a close watch on and will be asking for **YOUR help with on REALTOR® RALLY DAY!**



--[LD 1074: An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund New Affordable Housing for Low-income Households](#) (2-Support) Summary:

\$1 Million in bond funding would be used to build new affordable housing for low-income households through the construction of new structures and adaptive reuse of existing structures.

--[LD 1080: An Act to Require the Termination of Private Mortgage Insurance](#)(2-Support) Summary:

Residential private mortgage insurance would automatically terminate, determined by an automated valuation model, on the date that the outstanding balance of the mortgage first reaches 80% or 2 years after the date of transaction, whichever occurs first.

--[LD 996: An Act to Allow a Municipality to Establish a Local Option Sales Tax](#)(2-Oppose)

Summary: Municipalities could impose a seasonal or year-round local option sales tax on the sale of any goods or services allowed to be taxed at state level. Approval would be by municipal vote or referendum.

--[LD 887: An Act to Amend the Regulation of Mobile Home Parks](#) (3-Oppose) Summary: Mobile Home Park owner would have to give each tenant written notice of intent to evict not less than 12 months before the change of the use of the mobile home park.

[Review MAR full Bill Tracking Report here](#)

Provide Testimony or Listen to Public Hearings:

MAR provides testimony on any 1-3 priority bill. To listen to hearings live, visit the [Maine Legislature website](#) and select the hosting committee from the drop down at the top. *You can also read/listen to MAR testimony via that link.

Upcoming Public Hearings:

Thursday, March 23rd @ 1pm: Judiciary Committee, [Listen: Live State House, Rm 438](#)

[LD 804: An Act to Increase the Time Period for Notice to Terminate a Tenancy at Will](#) (1-0)

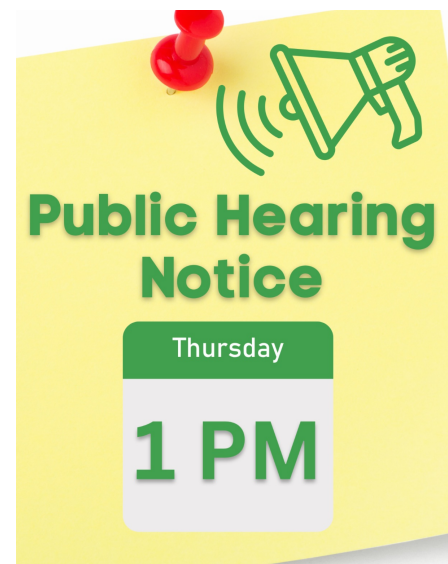
[LD 887: An Act to Amend the Regulation of Mobile Home Parks](#)(3-0)

[LD 691: An Act to Reduce Barriers to Housing by Prohibiting Tenant Application Fees](#)(3-0)

Thursday, March 23rd @ 1pm: Taxation Committee [Listen: Live State House, Rm 127](#)

[LD 667: An Act to Impose a Tax Surcharge on Certain Incomes](#) (2-0)

[LD 843: An Act to Improve Income Tax Progressivity by Est. a New Top Individual Income Tax Rate](#)(2-0)





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