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Sponsor: President Alfond of Cumberland

LR: 2246 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Increase College Affordability and the Rate of Degree Completion

Comment: This bill would allow the State to give a student loan to a person who is enrolled in the University of Maine System. The student would pay a percentage of the student's income, once the student is employed, over a 20-year period. There would be no tuition costs for the student.

LR: 2483 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Special Food and Beverage Taste-testing Event Licenses

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing licensing of special taste-testing events, including: allowing a brewery or winery similarly licensed in another state to qualify for a license; increasing the number of licensed events that may be obtained by a manufacturer or wholesaler per year from 5 to 10; and allowing additional persons the ability to provide samples at such events.

LR: 2650 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Amend the Maine Administrative Procedure Act and Clarify Wind Energy Laws

Comment: This bill would amend the Maine Wind Energy Act to clarify a definition, establish a decision-making basis, clarify energy- and emission-related benefits and confirm the Act's policy objectives.

LR: 2669 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Permit the Sharing of Revenue from the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages at Sporting Events

Comment: This bill would allow athletic centers with liquor licenses and a capacity of 3,000 or more to share revenue with professional athletic sports teams that do not have their own liquor licenses.

LR: 2670 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Create a Public-private Partnership To End Food Insecurity in the State

Comment: This bill would create a public-private partnership to implement in the State the country's best practices concerning food, to attain an increase in federal funds to feed eligible students and to create a partnership with food distributors and producers to provide more food to students.

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Sponsor: Representative Beavers of South Berwick

LR: 2490 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Encourage and Protect Innovation in Fisheries, Aquaculture and Seafood Processing
Comment: This bill would define as confidential information, not subject to the Freedom of Information Act, data submitted to the Department of Marine Resources that documents research and protocols used in aquaculture or seafood processing.

Sponsor: Representative Beck of Waterville

LR: 2366 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act Concerning Pricing Disclosure Requirements and Oversight of Pharmacy Benefits Managers
Comment: This bill would establish disclosure requirements on the use of a maximum allowable cost pricing index by pharmacy benefits managers and transfers oversight authority to the Maine Board of Pharmacy.

Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham

LR: 2238 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Encourage Informed Planning for Higher Education and Careers
Comment: This bill would require lenders to provide to student loan applicants information regarding career lifetime earnings based on Department of Labor data, the probability of job placement in Maine in the students' field of study, anticipated monthly cumulative student loan payments and the term of loans and available incentives, including the education opportunity tax credit.

LR: 2338 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Improve Business Certainty for Providers of Quality Child Care
Comment: This bill would provide for reimbursement to quality child care providers at a rate 10% higher than the rate for other providers.

LR: 2346 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Sales Tax on Newspapers and Periodicals
Comment: This bill would clarify the implementation of the sales tax on newspapers and periodicals, and would establish a sunset on the application of the tax.

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Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham

LR: 2389 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Improve Degree and Career Attainment for Former Foster Children
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan to advertise and promote the ability of foster children to remain in the foster care system beyond the age at which they would normally cease to be eligible.

Sponsor: Senator Boyle of Cumberland

LR: 2434 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013
Title: An Act To Prohibit Motorized Recreational Gold Prospecting in Certain Atlantic Salmon and Brook Trout Spawning Habitats
Comment: This bill would close specific stream segments that contain Atlantic salmon and brook trout to motorized gold prospecting.

LR: 2439 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013
Title: An Act To Extend the Date for a Business in a Tier 2 Location To Qualify for Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits
Comment: This bill would extend the period for certification of a qualified business in the Tier 2 Pine Tree Development Zones to match that provided for businesses in all other Pine Tree Development Zones.

LR: 2617 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013
Title: An Act To Encourage Charitable Contributions to Nonprofit Organizations
Comment: This bill would exclude contributions to nonprofit organizations in determining the cap for itemized deductions.

LR: 2640 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013
Title: An Act To Amend the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act
Comment: This bill would add a prohibition to the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act on posting paid reviews online, whether negative or positive.

Sponsor: Senator Cain of Penobscot

LR: 2494 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Increase Safety for Victims of Domestic Violence
Comment: This bill would require that some preconviction criminal investigation reports be released to high-risk response teams. This bill would also address the issue of abusers who, while being held over for judicial review of bail, intimidate victims or witnesses.

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Sponsor: Representative Carey of Lewiston

LR: 2249 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Reinstate Statutory Authority for Local Property Tax Assistance Programs
Comment: This bill would reinstate municipal authority to adopt local property tax programs.

Sponsor: Representative Cassidy of Lubec

LR: 2459 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Preserve Maine's Long-term Care Facilities
Comment: This bill would give "Appendix C" private nonmedical institutions a 2% cost-of-living increase in funding.

Sponsor: Representative Cooper of Yarmouth

LR: 2237 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013
Title: An Act To Improve and Modernize the Authority of Local Health Inspectors
Comment: This bill would require the state health inspection program in the Department of Health and Human Services to include a program to train local health inspectors to perform limited inspections of restaurants and other licensed establishments for health and safety violations. Local health officers who have completed this training would have the authority to order the immediate and temporary closing of an establishment when health and safety violations pose an imminent threat to the public.

LR: 2299 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Allow a Municipality To Abate Taxes Assessed on Property That Is Destroyed
Comment: Current law requires a municipality to assess real property based on the status of that real property on April 1st. This bill would allow a municipality to assess the value of real property as of the date of the destruction of buildings on that real property if the buildings destroyed are valued at \$500,000 or more.

Sponsor: Senator Craven of Androscoggin

LR: 2404 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Support Homeless Shelters
Comment: This bill would appropriate money for emergency shelters in the State to offset a reduction in federal funding.

LR: 2668 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013
Title: An Act To Clarify the Provisions of a Historic Preservation Tax Credit
Comment: This bill would clarify that the term "project" in the historic preservation tax credit refers to an individual project, not an entire building, and that a single b

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Sponsor: Representative Crockett of Bethel

LR: 2504 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act Regarding Motor Vehicle Title Changes Involving Spouses of Deployed Service Members
Comment: This bill would ensure that there are not negative tax consequences for a member of the United State Armed Forces serving on a deployment when there is a change in title of a motor vehicle involving the spouse of that service member.

Sponsor: Senator Cushing of Penobscot

LR: 2464 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013
Title: An Act To Conform Licensing Requirements for Real Estate Appraisers with Federal Law
Comment: This bill would require real estate appraisers to be fingerprinted in order to be licensed by the State.

Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle

LR: 2253 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Authorize Public Safety Personnel and Members of the Military To Wear Their Uniforms When Visiting Schools in Their Official Capacities
Comment: This bill would require schools to allow personnel such as firefighters, police officers, park rangers, game wardens and members of the military to wear their uniforms when visiting schools in their official capacity.

LR: 2511 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013
Title: Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Effects of Ocean Acidification and Its Potential Effects on Commercial Shellfish Harvested and Grown along the Maine Coast
Comment: This resolve would establish a study commission to ensure effective coordination of the programs and scientific research regarding ocean acidification and to provide policies and response tools to respond to the adverse impacts on commercially important shellfish fisheries and Maine's shellfish aquaculture industry. The study commission would report to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

LR: 2587 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act Regarding Wet Storage Sites for Cultured Marine Organisms
Comment: This bill would change existing guidelines for wet storage of marine organisms to improve the process for applicants for aquaculture leases and allow for public comment consistent with the impact on other stakeholders.

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Sponsor: Representative Dorney of Norridgewock

LR: 2534 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: Resolve, To Improve Access to Emergency Behavioral Health Services and Increase Public Safety
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to combine all of its emergency crisis lines into one access number to be staffed by trained personnel around the clock.

Sponsor: Representative Dunphy of Embden

LR: 2473 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Amend the Anson and Madison Water District Charter
Comment: This bill would permit the trustees of the Anson and Madison Water District the option of requesting that the Town of Anson and the Town of Madison appoint a trustee to fill a vacancy rather than requiring them to hold a special election.

Sponsor: Senator Dutremble of York

LR: 2593 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013
Title: An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Seniors Residing in Maine
Comment: This bill would provide property tax relief to eligible senior citizens who are Maine residents by freezing their property taxes at the level they were when they became eligible for property tax relief. The State would reimburse municipalities for 50% of their lost revenue.

Sponsor: Speaker Eves of North Berwick

LR: 2257 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Promote National Security and Workforce Development
Comment: This bill would appropriate funds to the University of Maine System to support the New England consortium for digital design innovation in order to create defense sector manufacturing jobs in Maine.

LR: 2258 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Maine Residents
Comment: This bill would provide property tax relief to Maine residents by using surplus General Fund revenue to increase the maximum amount of the property tax fairness credit.

LR: 2357 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Increase Health Security by Expanding Federally Funded Health Care for Maine People
Comment: This bill would expand federally funded health care to low-income Maine people, effective the first day of the quarter in which the state plan amendment

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Sponsor: Speaker Eves of North Berwick

LR: 2564 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Build Infrastructure for the Marine and Biotechnology Sectors of the State's Economy
Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to build infrastructure to promote innovation, commercialization and job growth in the State's marine economy and biotechnology sectors.

Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland

LR: 2503 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Ensure That All Maine Children Are Protected from Abuse and Neglect
Comment: This bill would ensure that the Department of Health and Human Services has a process and authority to investigate alleged abuse and neglect that is perpetrated by any caregiver so that children are protected from abuse or neglect in schools, in residential settings or while receiving community support and services.

LR: 2512 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013
Title: An Act To Improve Hospital-based Behavioral Health Treatment for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism
Comment: This bill would exempt mental health hospitals from having to have a plan in place before any intensive behavior treatment program may be implemented.

LR: 2607 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Preserve Access to Nursing Home Care by Correcting Chronic Shortfalls in MaineCare Reimbursement
Comment: This bill would provide for an increase in MaineCare payments to nursing homes to address a chronic shortfall between audited MaineCare allowable costs and payments for those costs, while allowing the aggregate increase to include pay for performance and enhanced payments for facilities serving a high percentage of MaineCare-covered residents.

Sponsor: Senator Flood of Kennebec

LR: 2484 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: Resolve, To Study the Feasibility of Allowing Dispatchers To Transfer E-9-1-1 Calls to Emergency Responders in Other States
Comment: This resolve would establish a commission to study the ability of E-9-1-1 dispatchers in this State to transfer emergency calls to emergency dispatchers in another state.

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Sponsor: Representative Fowle of Vassalboro

LR: 2321 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Allow Fishing Closer to the Fishway on Webber Pond in Vassalboro

Comment: This bill would reduce the distance from the fish ladder on Webber Pond in Vassalboro within which fishing is prohibited from 150 feet to 25 feet. This change would allow a person to fish from the town dock.

LR: 2407 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Extend the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption to Veterans Who Served in Iraq or Afghanistan

Comment: This bill would extend to veterans who served in Iraq or Afghanistan the property tax exemption currently available for certain other veterans.

LR: 2531 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013

Title: An Act To Provide Funding for the Veterans Treatment Courts

Comment: This bill would provide funding for the veterans treatment courts.

Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

LR: 2319 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Create the Newport Natural Gas District

Comment: This bill would create the Newport Natural Gas District.

LR: 2324 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Enhance the Sustainability of the Corinna Water District

Comment: This bill would enhance the sustainability of the Corinna Water District.

Sponsor: Representative Frey of Bangor

LR: 2612 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Preserve Head Start and Child Care Services

Comment: This bill would provide \$2,000,000 to Head Start programs in fiscal year 2014-15 to replace cuts made in fiscal year 2013-14 and to match available federal block grants.

LR: 2614 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Use the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center To Provide Inpatient Mental Health Services for Forensic Patients

Comment: This bill would require the use of the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center to address bed shortage and population management issues at the Riverview Psychiatric Center.

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Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook

LR: 2582 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013

Title: Resolve, To Provide Preventive and Restorative Dental Services for Adults under MaineCare

Comment: This bill would, beginning July 1, 2014, provide for limited MaineCare coverage for preventative and restorative oral health treatment for members who are referred by care managers or members of a team of health care professionals approved by the Department of Health and Human Services.

LR: 2588 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Clarify Provisions of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act

Comment: This bill would amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act to clarify that access to a registered dispensary's cultivation facility by government officials acting within the scope of employment or government duties is allowed.

LR: 2590 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Increase MaineCare Program Integrity and Increase State Recoveries under the Federal False Claims Act

Comment: This bill would increase the amount the State can recover for MaineCare fraudulent claims and amend state laws to better enforce the federal False Claims Act.

Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland

LR: 2562 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Create a Therapeutic Mental Health Unit at a County Jail Located within 40 Miles of the City of Augusta

Comment: This bill would create a therapeutic mental health unit at a county jail located within 40 miles of the City of Augusta to treat persons diagnosed with mental illness who are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections or the county sheriffs, as well as violent patients in the State's mental health institutions.

Sponsor: Representative Gideon of Freeport

LR: 2626 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013

Title: An Act To Address Preventable Deaths from Opioid-related Drug Overdose

Comment: This bill would require all paramedics, emergency medical technicians, police officers and firefighters to receive training to administer naloxone and to carry at least 2 doses when on duty.

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Sponsor: Representative Grant of Gardiner

LR: 2487 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Ensure Transparency and Accountability in Decisions by the
Department of Environmental Protection
Comment: This bill would restore to the Board of Environmental Protection the
responsibility to review and approve routine technical rules and enforcement
actions proposed by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

LR: 2334 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Require a Timely Response by a Gas Company to a Municipal
Request for Service Expansion
Comment: This bill would establish parameters to require a timely response by a gas
company to a municipal request for service expansion.

LR: 2413 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013
Title: An Act To Clarify the School Budget Development Process in Certain Charter
Municipalities
Comment: This bill would clarify that the school budget adoption laws do not preempt
provisions in a municipal charter governing school budget development
review and recommendation adopted prior to the budget meeting of the
municipal legislative body.

LR: 2486 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Improve Educational Outcomes for Students in Poverty in Maine's
Public Schools
Comment: This bill would remove the provisions in current law that require the amount
of a school administrative unit's state contribution to be reduced by the amount
that school administrative unit receives in federal Title I funds. It also would
allow the Department of Education to audit on a regular basis schools that
received Title I funds to make sure these funds are being used in compliance
with federal law.

Sponsor: Representative Harlow of Portland

LR: 2579 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013
Title: An Act To Help Joint Owners of Property Remain in Their Homes by
Providing a Property Tax Exemption
Comment: This bill would provide a property tax exemption to one joint owner of a
residence when the other joint owner is placed in a long-term residential care
facility permanently or receives home care.

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Sponsor: Senator Haskell of Cumberland

LR: 2405 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Amend the Reporting Requirements for the Business Equipment Tax Exemption
Comment: This bill would amend the reporting requirements for the Business Equipment Tax Exemption program concerning confidential information.

LR: 2647 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act Regarding Bad Faith Assertions of Patent Infringement
Comment: This bill would prohibit a person from making a bad faith assertion of patent infringement.

Sponsor: Senator Hill of York

LR: 2423 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Provider Profiling Program
Comment: This bill would require an insurance carrier that has a provider profiling program to apply the requirements of the program to narrow networks.

Sponsor: Representative Hobbins of Saco

LR: 2444 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Ensure That Large Public Utility Reorganizations Advance the Economic Development and Information Access Goals of the State
Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to approve a merger, consolidation, reorganization or sale involving a Maine public utility with revenues greater than \$50,000,000 only when it is satisfied that the proposal will advance the economic development and information access goals of the State, result in economic benefit to ratepayers and be consistent with the interests of investors. In the case of a utility with annual revenues totaling \$50,000,000 or less, the applicable standard would be the same standard as currently applies.

LR: 2555 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: Resolve, To Eliminate Student Reimbursement Inequity for Special Purpose Schools
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Education to reimburse special purpose schools in the same manner as it reimburses public schools. Under this bill, reimbursement of special purpose schools would not be denied when a student is not in attendance.

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Sponsor: Representative Hubbell of Bar Harbor

LR: 2478 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013
Title: An Act To Amend the Process Controlling the Transfer of a Student between School Administrative Units
Comment: This bill would clarify that a superintendent is required to specify why the transfer of a student from one school administrative unit to another is not in the student's best interests only if that is the reason the transfer was denied.

Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook

LR: 2330 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Enhance the Stability and Predictability of Health Care Costs for Returning Veterans and Others by Addressing the Issues Associated with Hospital Charity Care and Bad Debt
Comment: This bill would enact measures designed to enhance the stability and predictability of health care costs for returning veterans and others by addressing the issues associated with hospital charity care and bad debt.

LR: 2347 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds To Develop Lobster Processing Capacity in the State
Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to provide funds to develop lobster processing capacity in the State.

LR: 2348 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Preserve Certain Rights Granted to Maine Public Service Company before Its Merger with Bangor Hydro Electric Company
Comment: This bill would provide that any private and special rights previously granted to Maine Public Service Company or its predecessors are not lost as a result of the merger between the company and Bangor Hydro Electric Company if those rights were in existence at the time of the merger.

LR: 2403 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Create a Program To Provide Training for Unemployed Workers
Comment: This bill would create a program that would provide new training for workers.

LR: 2498 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Make Maine Mills More Competitive by Encouraging the Processing of Forest Products at Mills in the United States
Comment: This bill would remove the tax on forest land of any owner who sends the wood from that person's land to be processed at a United States mill.

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Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook

LR: 2499 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Retain Call Centers in Maine
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Economic and Community Development to create a list of call centers in Maine that close. If any call center that received grant money from the United States closes and moves out of the country, the grant money the call center received will be called back.

Sponsor: Senator Johnson of Lincoln

LR: 2580 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013
Title: An Act To Clarify the Law Governing the Maintenance of Veterans' Grave Sites
Comment: This bill would provide funding to municipalities for the requirement enacted by the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature in Public Law 2013, chapter 421 that municipalities maintain the grave sites of veterans in public burying grounds.

Sponsor: Representative Jones of Freedom

LR: 2355 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Temporarily Ban the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides
Comment: This bill would place a 2-year moratorium on the use of neonicotinoid pesticides.

Sponsor: Senator Katz of Kennebec

LR: 2252 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System To Study the Establishment of a Pilot Program Based on Oregon's "Pay Forward, Pay Back" Model of Funding Public Postsecondary Education
Comment: This bill would direct the Department of Education to study the establishment of a pilot project based on Oregon's "Pay Forward, Pay Back" model of funding postsecondary education at state institutions.

LR: 2681 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Amend the Territory of the Bayville Village Corporation
Comment: This bill amends the metes and bounds of the Village of Bayville.

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Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade

LR: 2638 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Improve the Water Quality of Inland Waters
Comment: This bill would appropriate funds to the Department of Environmental Protection to increase the number of staff biologists and technicians to allow the department to better protect the quality of Maine's inland waters.

Sponsor: Representative Kumiega, III of Deer Isle

LR: 2305 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Protect Maine's Lobster Fishery
Comment: This bill would prohibit the use of methoprene and resmethrin, 2 chemicals used for mosquito control, if the chemical would enter the waters of the Gulf of Maine.

Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec

LR: 2453 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Provide a More Efficient and Reliable System of Nonemergency Transportation for MaineCare Members
Comment: This bill would replace current MaineCare-funded nonemergency transportation services with a more reliable and efficient system of transportation services. This bill would adopt the approach that is used in Vermont.

Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock

LR: 2320 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013
Title: An Act To Ensure Equity in Teacher Retirement Costs for Private Academies
Comment: This bill would require a private academy to pay 40% and the municipality in which the academy is located to pay 60% of teacher retirement costs.

Sponsor: Representative Luchini of Ellsworth

LR: 2415 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Administration of the Liquor Laws
Comment: This bill would make changes to the laws governing the administration of the liquor laws by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations.

Sponsor: Representative MacDonald of Boothbay

LR: 2605 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Approval Process for and the Operation of Virtual Public Charter Schools in the State
Comment: This bill would revise the law governing the approval process for and the operation of virtual public charter schools in the State.

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Sponsor: Representative Maker of Calais

LR: 2263 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013
Title: An Act To Improve the Maine Sex Offender Registry
Comment: This bill would require sex offender registration by persons convicted of sex offenses in other countries.

Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock

LR: 2336 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013
Title: An Act Regarding Eligibility of Children Placed in Guardianship for the School Lunch and Milk Program
Comment: This bill would provide that the income of a child's guardian not be considered in determining eligibility for the school lunch program.

Sponsor: Representative Mearan of Hollis

LR: 2568 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013
Title: An Act To Protect the Integrity of Funding for Harness Racing Purses
Comment: This bill would protect the integrity of funding for harness racing purses.

Sponsor: Representative Marks of Pittston

LR: 2529 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Increase the Period of Time for the Calculation of a Prior Conviction for Operating under the Influence
Comment: This bill would amend the period of time for calculating a prior conviction for operating under the influence from 10 years to 15 years.

Sponsor: Senator Mazurek of Knox

LR: 2610 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Protect Maine Consumers from Abusive and Deceptive Debt Collection Practices
Comment: This bill would incorporate into Maine law certain regulations adopted by New York State to better protect Maine consumers from abusive and deceptive debt collection.

Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan

LR: 2408 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Establish an Education and Skills Training Tax Credit for Veterans
Comment: This bill would provide a tax credit up to \$2,400 to veterans who pursue education and skills training.

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Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan

LR: 2409 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Protect under State Law the Employment and Reemployment Rights of Uniformed Service Members Returning to the Civilian Workforce in the State

Comment: This bill would protect the employment and reemployment of military service members returning to the civilian workforce in the State. In the event of a dispute, the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management would conduct hearings and issue a decision.

LR: 2410 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Protect the State's Authority in Issues Concerning Federal Relicensing of Dams Located in the State

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection to inform the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environmental protection matters of all federal relicensing deadlines for dams located in the State and to present the committee with the department's plan to address each such deadline.

LR: 2438 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Protect Maine Lakes

Comment: This bill would protect Maine lakes.

LR: 2521 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Streamline Gaming Laws Statewide

Comment: This bill would streamline gaming laws statewide and direct more of the State's revenue from gaming to property tax relief.

Sponsor: Representative McClellan of Raymond

LR: 2468 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Leverage Expert, State-based Resources for Emergent Intervention and Long-term Comprehensive Resource Protection of Lakes

Comment: This bill would provide funding for programs to remove milfoil infestation from lakes over 10,000 acres in size. The source of the funding would be an increase in the fee for a milfoil sticker.

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Sponsor: Representative McElwee of Caribou

LR: 2342 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Amend MaineCare Rules as They Pertain to the Delivery of Covered Services via Telecommunications Technology
Comment: This bill would allow registered nurses and behavioral health specialists to be reimbursed for provided telemedicine services via MaineCare similar to the way in which medical doctors, physician assistants and family medical practitioners are reimbursed.

Sponsor: Representative McGowan of York

LR: 2395 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Strengthen Access Requirements and Review Standards for Health Insurance Plans
Comment: This bill would amend the reasonable access requirements in the health insurance laws to restrict the ability of health plans to establish narrow networks of providers. The bill would also strengthen the standards for review of health plans and requests to discontinue existing plans and establish new plans.

Sponsor: Representative Mitchell of Penobscot Nation

LR: 2608 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Streamline Enforcement of Child Support Orders Issued by the Penobscot Nation
Comment: This bill would direct the Secretary of State to suspend the Maine driver's license of a Penobscot Nation member who fails to abide by the conditions of a Penobscot Nation child support order.

Sponsor: Representative Parry of Arundel

LR: 2345 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Firefighter Absence from Work for Emergency Response
Comment: Current law prohibits an employer from discharging for absence an employee who is a volunteer firefighter and who responds to a fire in that capacity. The law does not pertain to a person who belongs to a municipal fire department. This bill would amend the definition of "firefighter" to include a member of a municipal fire department.

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Sponsor: Senator Patrick of Oxford

LR: 2289 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Amend the Workers' Compensation Laws as They Pertain to Employee Representation

Comment: This bill would allow an injured worker to have a union representative or a representative of the worker's choice attend a required examination by a company physician.

LR: 2635 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: Resolve, To Require the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services To Report on the Administration of the Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund

Comment: This resolve would require the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs regarding the administration of the Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund.

Sponsor: Representative Peoples of Westbrook

LR: 2525 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act Concerning Learner's Permits

Comment: This bill would add a definition for the section of law on instruction permits for the purpose of that section.

Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford

LR: 2220 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: Resolve, To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Independent Living and Disability

Comment: This bill would establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Independent Living and Disability.

LR: 2221 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Establish Guidelines for the Stocking and Administration of Epinephrine in Schools

Comment: This bill would establish guidelines for the stocking and administration of epinephrine autoinjectors in schools.

LR: 2227 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act Directing the Department of Education To Formulate and Implement a Citizenship Educational Component for the School Curriculum

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Education to formulate and implement a citizenship education component in the social studies curriculum for all public schools at the elementary school, middle school and high school levels.

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Sponsor: Representative Powers of Naples

LR: 2628 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Stop Unlicensed Loan Transactions
Comment: This bill would stop predatory lending practices by payday lenders.

Sponsor: Representative Pringle of Windham

LR: 2495 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013
Title: An Act To Fund the Maine HIV Prevention Education Program within the Department of Education
Comment: This bill would provide \$150,000 to the Department of Education to provide training in HIV prevention education in order to partially make up for funding that has been lost in the last few years. This funding would make possible training for 165 health educators and special education teachers and 420 teachers and youth workers and training for student peer educators through student leadership conferences in 44 schools.

LR: 2554 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services To Advance the Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs To Protect Health Care Personnel
Comment: This resolve would require the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to adopt a standard for the handling of antineoplastic drugs, as defined, in health care facilities regardless of the setting. This resolve would require the standard to be consistent with and not exceed specific recommendations adopted by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health for preventing occupational exposures to those drugs in health care settings.

Sponsor: Representative Rankin of Hiram

LR: 2402 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Require Health Insurers To Provide Coverage for Human Leukocyte Antigen Testing To Establish Bone Marrow Donor Transplantation Suitability
Comment: This bill would require that health insurance policies provide coverage for human leukocyte antigen testing that is necessary to establish bone marrow transplant donor suitability.

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Sponsor: Representative Rochelo of Biddeford

LR: 2653 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Improve Education about and Awareness of Maine's Tobacco Control Laws and Resources
Comment: This bill would allocate \$5,000,000 in funds the State will receive under the tobacco master settlement agreement to enhance enforcement of current tobacco prevention and control laws, improve public education about tobacco laws and restore funds to the Fund for a Healthy Maine.

Sponsor: Representative Rotundo of Lewiston

LR: 2572 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013
Title: An Act To Increase the Rate of Reimbursement for Providing Career and Academic Advising and Counseling Services to Adult Education Students
Comment: This bill would increase the rate of reimbursement for career advising and counseling costs incurred by local adult education courses to the same rate of reimbursement for courses for traditional students.

Sponsor: Representative Russell of Portland

LR: 2328 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Amend the Law Governing Conflicts of Interest with Respect to the Public Utilities Commission
Comment: This bill would amend the law governing conflict of interest and recusal with respect to the Public Utilities Commission.

Sponsor: Representative Sanborn of Gorham

LR: 2500 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: Resolve, To Eliminate Financial Inequality in MaineCare Reimbursement for Community-based Behavioral Health Services
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to require that all community-based health services bill at community-based rates and would prohibit community-based health services from billing at the hospital rate.

Sponsor: Representative Sanderson of Chelsea

LR: 2510 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013
Title: An Act To Further Protect Patient Access to Safe Medical Marijuana by Allowing Dispensaries To Purchase Excess Marijuana from Other Dispensaries
Comment: This bill would allow registered medical marijuana dispensaries to sell and purchase excess marijuana from other registered dispensaries.

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Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin

LR: 2382 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Fund Merit and Longevity Pay for Executive, Judicial and Legislative Branch Employees Pursuant to a Collective Bargaining Agreement

Comment: This bill would fund merit pay increases and longevity pay for executive, judicial and legislative branch employees as negotiated in a current collective bargaining agreement.

LR: 2384 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Clarify What Constitutes a Contribution to a Candidate

Comment: This bill would amend the law with respect to expenditures made on behalf of a candidate by a person affiliated with the candidate's campaign to clarify that any expenditure made by a person who holds a position with a campaign, regardless of whether the person is paid or the actual duties the person performs, or by any person who receives compensation or reimbursement from the campaign is considered a contribution to the candidate.

LR: 2480 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013

Title: An Act To Allow an Earlier Implementation Date for an Architectural Paint Stewardship Program

Comment: This bill would require an earlier implementation date for Maine's stewardship program for architectural paint if certain conditions are met.

LR: 2481 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Further Ensure the Provision of Safe Medical Marijuana to Maine Patients

Comment: This bill would allow the use of certain materials or pesticides in the cultivation of marijuana for medical use.

LR: 2516 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013

Title: An Act To Amend the Municipal Hardship or Poverty Tax Abatement Law To Reflect the Replacement of the Circuitbreaker Program

Comment: The bill would amend the Maine Revised Statutes to remove substantive references to the Circuitbreaker Program, which was discontinued as of August 1, 2013.

Sponsor: Representative Shaw of Standish

LR: 2280 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Crossbow Hunting

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing crossbow hunting that were changed last session in Public Law 2013, chapter 236.

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Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset

LR: 2383 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Increase Transparency of Administration Costs within the University of Maine System
Comment: This bill would increase the ability of the public to determine the cost of administering the University of Maine System.

Sponsor: Senator Tuttle of York

LR: 2411 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management To Request the Federal Government To Recognize Environmental Hazards at the Military Training Center in Gagetown, New Brunswick and the Resulting Health Risks and Disabilities Suffered by Certain Members of the Maine National Guard
Comment: This resolve would require the Maine Army National Guard to petition the Federal Government to recognize certain soldiers who trained in Gagetown, New Brunswick during the period from 1981 to 1986 as being disabled due to that training and the use of Agent Orange.

Sponsor: Senator Valentino of York

LR: 2686 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Allow Municipalities To Stabilize Sand Dunes Affected by Actions of the Federal Government
Comment: This bill would allow a municipality to fill, construct, replace or rebuild a sand dune if the sand dune incurs erosion attributable to the construction, maintenance or extension of a facility built or owned by the United States Government or any of its departments or agencies.

Sponsor: Representative Villa of Harrison

LR: 2234 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management To Develop a Portable Voucher System To Subsidize Rental Housing for Veterans in the State
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, in collaboration with the Maine State Housing Authority, to work with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to develop a portable voucher system to provide rental housing assistance in the State for veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

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Sponsor: Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc

LR: 2618 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Support Solar Energy Development in Maine

Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to take specific measures to support solar energy, including monitoring electricity markets, taking legal action to protect access to markets by solar power facilities located in the State and certifying a person as a community solar power generator.

LR: 2639 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Expand and Improve Employment Opportunities in the State

Comment: This bill would expand and improve the Maine Apprenticeship Program, provide adequate staffing at the Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Services and create a stakeholder group to research and propose a comprehensive layoff aversion strategy for the State.

Sponsor: Representative Volk of Scarborough

LR: 2514 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013

Title: An Act To Assist Victims of Human Trafficking

Comment: This bill would allow prostitution convictions to be expunged from a person's criminal record when that person was a victim of human trafficking.

Sponsor: Representative Welsh of Rockport

LR: 2281 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Collection of Minor Amounts of Property Taxes

Comment: Under current law, a municipality may choose to discharge any obligation to collect unpaid personal property taxes that it determines are too small or too burdensome to collect economically. This bill would expand application of this provision to unpaid real property taxes the municipality determines to be too small or burdensome to collect economically.

Sponsor: Representative Willette of Mapleton

LR: 2322 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013

Title: An Act To Increase the Amount of Funds Available to Counties for Witness Fees, Extradition Expenses and Prosecution Costs

Comment: Current law requires forfeited bail to be paid into an account maintained by each prosecutorial district for the purpose of paying expenses related to extradition of fugitives from justice. The maximum amount that may be retained in that account is \$20,000. This bill would increase the amount that may be retained to \$40,000 and allow the funds to be used to pay for fees or expenses, including witness fees, incurred by the district attorney in a criminal prosecution.

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Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta

LR: 2377 Date Accepted: 11/21/2013
Title: Resolve, Directing the Bureau of General Services To Sell Certain Property To Assist Homeless Veterans by Establishing a Homeless Veterans Shelter
Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to sell specific property in Augusta in order for a homeless veterans shelter to be established.

Sponsor: Senator Woodbury of Cumberland

LR: 2331 Date Accepted: 10/30/2013
Title: An Act To Clarify the Law Governing Public Disclosure of Health Care Prices
Comment: This bill would clarify the recently enacted law requiring the public disclosure of health care prices.

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