

Bill	Title	Sponsor	Committee	Status	Summary	Hearings and Work Sessions	Position
LD 132 (SP 71)	An Act To Require Health Insurance Carriers To Provide Coverage For Blood Testing For Perfluoroalkyl And Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Stacy BRENNER of Cumberland	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	: Committee Docket: Voted - Divided Report (1/30)	This bill requires carriers offering health plans in this State to provide coverage for blood testing for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. The requirements of the bill apply to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2024.	03/28/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 05/10/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 01/16/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 01/30/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 208 (HP 129)	An Act To Require Mainecare Assessments For Children	Margaret CRAVEN of Lewiston	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a waiting list of individuals eligible for home care services under rule MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 19 and Section 96, and to publish certain information about the waiting list on its publicly accessible website. It requires the department to submit an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters relating to the waiting list. The bill requires the department to contract with a 3rd-party entity to conduct assessments for children who have not attained 21 years of age who the department determines are eligible for private duty nursing and personal care services provided in a residential setting or other setting where normal	04/10/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 04/27/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	No Position
LD 223 (HP 144)	Resolve, Directing The Department Of Health And Human Services To Amend Mainecare Rules Regarding Pharmacy Services	Samuel ZAGER of Portland	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This resolve allows a pharmacist licensed under Title 32, chapter 117 to be reimbursed for providing medication evaluation or consultation to a MaineCare member via telehealth or in a home visit when technology is not the most effective mode of consultation for services. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules under MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Sections 19, 40 and 96 and Office of Aging and Disability Services Policy Manual, Section 62 accordingly.	02/15/23 9:30 AM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 03/15/23 3:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	No Position
LD 225 (HP 146)	An Act Regarding Reimbursement To Hospitals For Patients Awaiting Placement In Nursing Facilities	Anne PERRY of Calais	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	Current law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide reimbursement to hospitals other than critical access hospitals for each day after the 10th day that a MaineCare-eligible individual is in the care of a hospital while awaiting placement in a nursing facility. This bill provides that the department also is required to provide reimbursement to hospitals other than critical access hospitals for each day after the 10th day that a MaineCare-eligible individual is in the care of a hospital while awaiting placement in a residential care facility. The bill removes the provision that repeals the	02/16/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 03/17/23 12:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	Support
LD 227 (HP 148)	An Act Regarding Health Care In The State	Anne PERRY of Calais	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	House: Carried over, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill would enact provisions of law regarding health care in the State.	05/24/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 251 (SP 117)	Resolve, To Classify Employee Health Insurance As A Fixed Cost For Mainecare Reimbursement In Nursing Facilities	Jeffrey TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: Pursuant to Joint Rule 310.3 Placed in Legislative Files (DEAD) (2/1)	This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities, no later than January 1, 2024 to move health insurance costs for personnel from direct care and routine cost components to fixed costs components.	02/07/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 02/14/23 2:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session 05/18/23 2:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session 01/25/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 299 (HP 197)	An Act To Amend The Laws Regarding Health And Human Services	Michele MEYER of Eliot	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	: Committee Docket: Voted - OTP-AM (2/22)	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill would amend the laws regarding health and human services.	05/18/23 2:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session 02/22/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing	Monitor
LD 307 (HP 205)	An Act To Lower The State's Health Care Costs	Joshua MORRIS of Turner	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	Senate: Report READ and ACCEPTED The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES in concurrence (2/22)	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to enact measures to lower the State's health care costs.	05/24/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 02/14/24 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 03/05/24 1:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing	Monitor

LD 321 (SP 142)	An Act To Create A Bill Of Rights For Temporary Workers	Michael TIPPING of Penobscot	LABOR AND HOUSING	Senate: Pursuant to Joint Rule 310.3 Placed in Legislative Files (DEAD) (2/1)	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to create a bill of rights for temporary workers.	05/24/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session	Oppose
LD 324 (SP 145)	An Act To Prevent The Wrongful Firing Of Maine Workers	Michael TIPPING of Penobscot	LABOR AND HOUSING	Senate: Pursuant to Joint Rule 310.3 Placed in Legislative Files (DEAD) (2/1)	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to enact the Secure Jobs Act, which establishes a framework for employee discipline and discharge, prohibits the unjust discharge of an employee, requires employers to use progressive discipline measures, limits the use of electronic monitoring, provides for severance pay, provides remedies for wrongfully discharged employees, and authorizes the recovery of damages.	05/24/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session	Oppose
LD 353 (SP 160)	An Act Concerning Substance Use Disorder, Treatment, Recovery, Prevention And Education	Bradlee FARRIN of Somerset	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: Pursuant to Joint Rule 310.3 Placed in Legislative Files (DEAD) (3/5)	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill would improve and expand treatment and recovery services for persons with substance use disorder, strengthen prevention efforts and modernize education requirements for clinicians.	05/18/23 2:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session 01/24/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 02/07/24 2:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 361 (SP 168)	Resolve, To Review Mainecare Reimbursement For Electronic Consultation Services	Joseph BALDACCI of Penobscot	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to enact measures to increase the reimbursement for electronic consultations through Medicaid in the State.	05/03/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 05/17/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	Support
LD 372 (SP 179)	An Act To Increase Enforcement And Accountability For Wage And Hour Violations	Michael TIPPING of Penobscot	LABOR AND HOUSING	: Committee Docket: Voted - Divided Report (2/22)	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to increase enforcement and accountability for wage and hour violations.	02/06/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Public Hearing 02/22/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session	Oppose
LD 373 (SP 180)	An Act To Improve Labor Conditions For Maine Workers	Michael TIPPING of Penobscot	LABOR AND HOUSING	: Committee Docket: Work Session Held - TABLED (2/22)	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to enact measures designed to improve labor conditions for workers in the State by applying best practices and the latest research.	05/24/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session 02/06/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Public Hearing 02/15/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session 02/22/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session 03/07/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session	Oppose
LD 435 (HP 268)	Resolve, To Ensure The Provision Of Medically Necessary Behavioral Health Care Services For Children In Their Homes And Communities	Lori GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	: Committee Docket: Voted - OTP-AM (1/25)	This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan to ensure that medically necessary home-based and community-based behavioral health care services are available in the scope, intensity and duration necessary to meet the needs of children and their families in the State. It directs the department to submit the plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than October 1, 2023.	03/29/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 04/13/23 2:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session 01/25/24 2:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 445 (SP 200)	Resolve, Directing The Department Of Health And Human Services To Apply For A Waiver From The Federal Government For The Medicaid Limitation On Payment To A Facility With More Than 16 Inpatient Beds For Psychiatric Treatment	Joseph BALDACCI of Penobscot	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services, within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve, to apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a waiver of the prohibition, as described in 42 United States Code, Section 1396d(a)(xvii)(31)(B) and 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 435.1010, against the provision of Medicaid covered services to individuals who are inpatients in a hospital, nursing facility or other institution with more than 16 beds that is primarily engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment or care to persons with mental disease.	03/17/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 04/19/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	Support
LD 472 (HP 289)	An Act To Support Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects	Colleen MADIGAN of Waterville	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This bill provides one-time funding to bridge the gap for grants that are ending for mental health organizations participating in certified community behavioral health clinic projects.	04/05/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 04/26/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	Monitor

LD 513 (SP 230)	An Act Regarding Overtime Protections For Certain Maine Workers	Michael TIPPING of Penobscot	LABOR AND HOUSING	: Committee Docket: Voted - Divided Report (2/15)	This bill annually raises the minimum salary that an employee who works in an executive, administrative or professional capacity must earn in order for that employee to be exempt from the laws governing the minimum wage and overtime pay until it is, when converted to an annual rate, greater than 4,500 times the State's minimum hourly wage on January 1, 2026. It provides that the overtime pay requirement applicable to employees of nonprofit corporations may be met through compensatory time agreements. It directs the Department of Labor to adopt routine technical rules, including rules regarding compensatory time for employees of nonprofit corporations.	03/30/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Public Hearing 04/25/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Public Hearing 01/23/24 1:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session 01/25/24 3:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session 02/15/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session	Oppose
LD 663 (HP 432)	An Act To Require Health Insurance Coverage For Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated With Streptococcal Infections And Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome	Amy ROEDER of Bangor	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	: Committee Docket: Voted - Divided Report (1/30)	This bill requires health insurance coverage for treatment of pediatric postinfectious neuroimmune disorders including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. The requirements apply to all individual and group policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2024.	03/28/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 05/10/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 01/16/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 01/30/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 738 (SP 296)	An Act To Establish A Paid Family And Medical Leave System	Matthea DAUGHTRY of Cumberland	LABOR AND HOUSING	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill would require the development and implementation of a paid family and medical leave system.	05/24/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session	Oppose
LD 741 (SP 299)	An Act To Prohibit Certain Training Repayment Agreements By Employers	Michael TIPPING of Penobscot	LABOR AND HOUSING	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This bill specifies that an employer may not require an employee to enter into an agreement that requires the employee to reimburse the employer for training costs related to the employment if the employee leaves employment with that employer. The Department of Labor is required to enforce this provision.	03/21/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Public Hearing 05/16/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session	Oppose
LD 780 (SP 339)	Resolution, Proposing An Amendment To The Constitution Of Maine To Protect Personal Reproductive Autonomy	Eloise VITELLI of Sagadahoc	JUDICIARY	: Committee Docket: Voted - Divided Report (2/1)	This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine by declaring that every person has a right to personal reproductive autonomy.	01/22/24 10:00 AM in State House, Room 438 - Public Hearing 02/01/24 1:00 PM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 796 (HP 485)	An Act Concerning Prior Authorizations For Health Care Provider Services	Jane PRINGLE of Windham	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	: Committee Docket: Voted - Divided Report (2/28)	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to improve the health care decision-making and treatment process for prescriptions and testing by reducing clinical prior authorization burdens imposed by health insurance carriers.	05/02/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 05/18/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 05/24/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 01/16/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 01/30/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 02/28/24 1:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 821 (HP 510)	Resolve, To Improve Access To Neurobehavioral Services	Michael LEMELIN of Chelsea	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: Pursuant to Joint Rule 310.3 Placed in Legislative Files (DEAD) (2/1)	This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide by September 1, 2024 16 new neurobehavioral beds in one or more neurobehavioral centers to serve individuals with significant behavioral challenges and complex medical needs who need evaluation and short-term treatment before transitioning to a long-term care environment either in the community or in a long-term care facility.	03/21/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 03/29/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session 01/25/24 2:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	Support

LD 840 (HP 529)	An Act To Support Individuals With Personality Disorder Or Disorders Associated With Primary Emotional Dysregulation By Requiring Reimbursement Under The Mainecare Program	Colleen MADIGAN of Waterville	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services, beginning January 1, 2024, to reimburse under the MaineCare program for the treatment of personality disorder and emotional dysregulation. The bill also requires the department to establish a bundled reimbursement rate for the treatment of MaineCare members diagnosed with personality disorder or emotional dysregulation.	04/05/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 04/26/23 1:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 870 (SP 367)	An Act To Strengthen Freedom Of Speech Protections By Extending Laws Against Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation	Michael TIPPING of Penobscot	JUDICIARY	: Committee Docket: Voted - Divided Report (1/23)	This bill expands Maine's protections against strategic lawsuits against public participation to include protection for any statement in connection with an issue of public interest made in a public forum or other place open to the public and any statement made in a media publication.	04/03/23 10:00 AM in State House, Room 438 - Public Hearing 05/04/23 1:00 PM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session 01/10/24 1:00 PM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session 01/23/24 1:30 PM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session	
LD 904 (HP 560)	An Act Supporting The Rural Health Care Workforce In Maine	Laurie OSHER of Orono	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This bill establishes the Maine Rural Health Care Education Workforce Fund to support primary care and health professions workforce development in rural parts of the State.	04/06/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 04/26/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 906 (HP 562)	An Act To Ensure Physicians Receive Full Diagnostic Test Data Concerning Tick-borne Diseases	Daniel SHAGOURY of Hallowell	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: Pursuant to Joint Rule 310.3 Placed in Legislative Files (DEAD) (2/13)	This bill requires a medical laboratory that reports the results of a diagnostic test for a tick-borne disease, including Lyme disease, babesiosis, anaplasmosis and ehrlichiosis, to report all information gathered in the process of producing the test result, including the specific data used to determine the result.	03/22/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 04/06/23 2:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session 05/24/23 12:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session 01/30/24 1:01 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	
LD 936 (HP 583)	An Act To Require Employers To Disclose Pay Ranges And Maintain Records Of Employees' Pay History	Amy ROEDER of Bangor	LABOR AND HOUSING	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This bill does the following. 1. It requires an employer that has 10 or more employees to ensure that any posting of an employment opening includes a statement that lists the range of pay the employer will offer to a successful applicant. 2. It requires an employer that has fewer than 10 employees to disclose, on request, to an applicant for an employment opening the range of pay the employer will offer to a successful applicant. 3. It requires any employer, on the request of an employee, to disclose the range of pay the employer offers for the position the employee holds. It also requires an employer to maintain a record of each position title and the payment history of each employee for the duration of the employee's employment with the employer and for 3 years after the termination of employment with the	03/21/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Public Hearing 04/27/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session	Oppose
LD 938 (HP 585)	An Act To Assist Nursing Homes In The Management Of Facility Beds	Anne PERRY of Calais	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This bill restores the ability of nursing facilities to voluntarily reduce the number of their licensed beds and then later increase the number of their licensed beds to the prior level after obtaining a certificate of need and meeting certain conditions. The bill modifies the process to obtain certificate of need approval to reopen reserved beds. Applications that seek to reopen reserved beds must be approved if the projected incremental costs of reopening and operating the reopened beds are consistent with the facility's costs of operating its other beds. Applicants are not required to demonstrate that any increases in MaineCare costs are offset by other MaineCare savings. The costs of ongoing operation of both the restored beds and the complement of facility beds at the time the reserved beds are reopened must be recognized as allowable costs and incorporated into the facility's MaineCare payment rates. The bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to include in its calculation of reimbursement for services provided by a nursing facility the cost incurred by the facility for a medical director. The bill requires the cost incurred by a nursing facility for the acquisition, use and maintenance of computer or cloud-based software systems to be included as a	04/04/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 04/13/23 2:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	Oppose
LD 949 (HP 596)	An Act To Protect Workers From Employer Surveillance	Amy ROEDER of Bangor	LABOR AND HOUSING	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This bill prohibits employer surveillance unless the surveillance is strictly necessary for employee health and safety or the security of the employer, with certain limitations. It requires employers to provide, upon a verifiable request by an employee, data collected on the employee and certain information regarding that data. It specifies that an employer must provide notice to its employees prior to beginning employer surveillance. It provides that an employee has a private right of action	04/04/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Public Hearing 04/27/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session	Monitor

LD 997 (HP 633)	Resolve, To Reduce Workforce Barriers For Mental Health Professionals In Maine	Suzanne SALISBURY of Westbrook	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This resolve changes the educational requirements for behavioral health professionals providing services for children, regardless of the setting in which the service is provided, to a minimum of 60 credit hours in a related field, 90 credit hours in an unrelated field or a high school diploma or equivalent with training and oversight as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services in addition to the training provided for certification as a behavioral health professional. It requires the department to amend or establish contracts for training behavioral health professionals to train any number of additional individuals within existing resources and authorizes the department to opt to charge individuals or their employers fees for training. The resolve also requires the department to amend its guidelines regarding certification for mental health rehabilitation technician/community technicians so that an individual who has completed a 4-year postsecondary educational degree program in a mental health- related field or a graduate degree in a mental health-related field does not have to meet all 8 competency domains in the training contracted from the department as long as the	04/10/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 05/04/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 1009 (HP 645)	An Act Regarding The Reduction And Recycling Of Food Waste	Stanley ZEIGLER of Montville	ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES	Senate: Reports Read On motion by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report ACCEPTED. in concurrence Roll Call Ordered Roll Call Number 575 Yeas 20 - Nays 12 - Excused 3 - Absent 0 PREVAILED READ ONCE Committee Amendment "A" (H-775) READ and ADOPTED ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY. (3/5)	This bill sets goals for the reduction of the disposal of food scraps and for food rescue, which is collecting edible food that would otherwise become solid waste and distributing the food to a hunger relief organization, food bank or pantry or other recipient to be used for human consumption. The bill sets priorities for the management of food scraps, with reduction at the point of generation being the first priority, then diversion for food consumption by humans, then diversion for agricultural use, including for consumption by animals, then subjecting the food scraps to composting or anaerobic digestion with subsequent soil application and finally subjecting the food scraps to anaerobic digestion not followed by soil application. Requirements are placed on producers of food scraps to separate the food scraps from other solid waste at the point of generation, with these requirements phased in over a 5-year period, beginning with the larger producers of food scraps. Commercial entities engaged in the transportation of municipal solid waste are required to collect food scraps from customers except for customers in municipalities with solid waste management ordinances that cover the collection of food scraps and that are consistent with the State's food recovery policy. The bill requires clearly marked food scraps containers to be placed next to any solid waste containers provided in public buildings and on	03/22/23 9:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 216 - Public Hearing 04/06/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 216 - Work Session 05/18/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 216 - Work Session 01/04/24 11:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 216 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 1010 (HP 646)	An Act To Provide Tax Relief For Working Families	Maureen TERRY of Gorham	TAXATION	Senate: Pursuant to Joint Rule 310.3 Placed in Legislative Files (DEAD) (2/13)	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to provide tax relief to working families by reforming the imposition of the service provider tax, especially on nonprofit organizations, schools, religious institutions and hospitals, and by adjusting the income tax brackets to make them fairer.		Monitor
LD 1161 (HP 733)	An Act To Fund Free Health Clinics	Michael BRENNAN of Portland	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This bill provides one-time funding of \$250,000 for the State's free health clinics.	04/14/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 05/15/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 1165 (HP 737)	An Act To Enhance Cost Savings To Consumers Of Prescription Drugs	Margaret CRAVEN of Lewiston	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	Senate: Reports Read On motion by Senator BAILEY of York the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report ACCEPTED. in concurrence Placed in Legislative Files (DEAD) (2/29)	This bill removes a provision that requires that compensation remitted by or on behalf of a pharmaceutical manufacturer, developer or labeler to a pharmacy benefits manager be remitted to the carrier if it is not remitted to the covered person. It retains the provision that requires that the compensation be remitted to the covered person to reduce the out-of-pocket costs associated with a prescription drug. It requires pharmacy benefits managers to annually report compliance with this requirement to the Superintendent of Insurance. It authorizes the superintendent to impose civil penalties and take enforcement action for noncompliance by a carrier or pharmacy benefits manager.	04/06/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 04/12/23 1:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 01/25/24 1:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 1184 (SP 480)	An Act To Exempt Certain Prescribed Home Medical Supplies From Sales Tax	President Troy JACKSON of Aroostook	TAXATION	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This bill provides a sales tax exemption for medical equipment and supplies prescribed by a health care provider for medical purposes when payment is made by an insurance company or specified government programs.	04/26/23 9:30 AM in State House, Room 127 - Public Hearing 05/04/23 2:00 PM in State House, Room 127 - Work Session 01/31/24 1:00 PM in State House, Room 127 - Work Session 02/29/24 1:01 PM in State House, Room 127 - Work Session 03/06/24 1:00 PM in State House, Room 127 - Work Session	Monitor

LD 1190 (SP 486)	An Act To Require Minimum Pay For Reporting To Work	Michael TIPPING of Penobscot	LABOR AND HOUSING	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This bill requires employers who employ 250 or more employees worldwide to provide hourly employees at least 2 weeks' prior notice of the employees' work schedules, with compensation owed for schedule changes under certain circumstances. The bill also requires these employers to keep certain business records for at least 3 years. The bill provides that the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards may investigate possible violations and receive complaints of possible violations from the public. A fine of \$50 per day is due for any noncompliance. The Attorney General may also file a civil action seeking additional remedies. The department may adopt rules regarding compliance with and enforcement of these provisions, and the bureau is required to report to the Legislature periodically on	04/06/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Public Hearing 05/24/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session 06/01/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session	Oppose
LD 1205 (HP 765)	An Act Regarding The Scope Of Practice Of Certified Professional Midwives And Certified Midwives	Michele MEYER of Eliot	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	Senate: Pursuant to Joint Rule 310.3 Placed in Legislative Files (DEAD) (2/6)	This bill amends the national standards by which certified professional midwives and certified midwives are required to practice and changes from permissive to mandatory the rulemaking of the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers relating to the scope of practice of certified professional midwives and certified midwives and directs the board to replace the terms "collaboration" and "consultation" with "referral" in the board's rules regarding certified professional midwives.	04/19/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 01/23/24 1:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 01/25/24 1:31 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	
LD 1222 (SP 503)	An Act To Expand Child Care Services Through An Employer-supported Tax Credit	Harold STEWART of Aroostook	TAXATION	Senate: Pursuant to Joint Rule 310.3 Placed in Legislative Files (DEAD) (3/5)	This bill repeals the law governing the employer-assisted day care income tax credit, which by its own terms does not apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016. The bill authorizes a refundable tax credit for an employer that pays or provides in-kind resources for child care for the children of its employees. The amount of the annual credit is 50% of the amount expended or \$3,000 per child, whichever is lower.	04/11/23 1:00 PM in State House, Room 127 - Public Hearing 05/02/23 1:00 PM in State House, Room 127 - Work Session 01/31/24 11:00 AM in State House, Room 127 - Work Session 02/15/24 1:30 PM in State House, Room 127 - Work Session	Support
LD 1224 (SP 505)	Resolve, Directing The Department Of Health And Human Services To Seek Federal Approval For Reimbursement Of Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services	Nicole GROHOSKI of Hancock	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: Pursuant to Joint Rule 310.3 Placed in Legislative Files (DEAD) (2/1)	This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services any waivers or state plan amendments determined necessary in order to reimburse community-based mobile crisis intervention services.	04/21/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 05/04/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session 01/25/24 2:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 1236 (HP 784)	Resolve, To Increase The Provision Of Children's Behavioral Health Services In Rural Areas To Provide Support For Families Of Children Receiving Services	Colleen MADIGAN of Waterville	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to expand children's behavioral health services for children in families involved in the child welfare system in rural areas. It requires the department to amend its rule in MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 28 and 65 to establish a rural reimbursement rate that includes travel time for providers to rural areas to provide services. It requires the department to offer grants or other incentives to existing providers to expand services into rural areas. It also requires the department to reimburse providers of services to families to meet together and coordinate services for each family. The bill also requires the department to fully implement the family team meetings plan that is in the Maine Family First Prevention Services State Plan. It requires the department to train and provide neutral facilitators from child	04/10/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 04/27/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session 05/23/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 1304 (HP 825)	Resolve, To Establish The Task Force To Study Barriers To Achieving Behavioral Health Integration And Parity	Anne PERRY of Calais	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This resolve establishes the Task Force to Study Barriers to Achieving Behavioral Health Integration and Parity. The task force is directed to submit a report and any suggested legislation by December 6, 2023. The committees are authorized to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.	04/11/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 04/19/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 1305 (HP 830)	Resolve, To Design And Implement A Community-based Model Of Care For Adolescent Mental Health	Lori GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to design and implement a community-based model of care that addresses the acute mental health needs of adolescents with co-occurring disorders. It appropriates one-time funds of \$965,000 for this purpose. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to, no later than December 3, 2025, submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters a report demonstrating the efficacy of the model of care and sufficient data to aid in the development of a future	04/21/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 05/04/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	Monitor

LD 1407 (HP 90)	An Act To Amend The Maine Insurance Code Regarding Payments By Health Insurance Carriers To Providers	Anne-Marie MASTRACCIO of Sanford	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	House: CONSENT CALENDAR - FIRST DAY Under suspension of the rules CONSENT CALENDAR - SECOND DAY. The Bill was PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-790). Sent for concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH. (3/5)	This bill amends the Maine Insurance Code in the following ways. 1. It allows a health care provider to object to a health insurance carrier's material change to a provider agreement within 60 days of receiving notice of the change and extends the date on which a change to a provider agreement takes effect based on that objection. 2. It requires a health insurance carrier to include an estimate of any adverse financial impact on a provider as part of a notice of an amendment to a provider agreement. 3. It clarifies that the requirement for interest to be paid on overdue insurance claims payments also applies to 3rd-party administrators that furnish provider networks to carriers. 4. It restricts the authority of a health insurance carrier to retroactively deny a previously paid claim to no later than 24 months from the date of the claims payment. (Note: MHA Bill)	04/24/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 05/16/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 01/16/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	Support
LD 1494 (HP 94)	An Act To Help Address The Worker Shortage In Behavioral Health Care Services By Allowing Provisional Licensure And Providing For Reimbursement For Out-of-state Licensees	Lydia CRAFTS of Newcastle	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	Senate: Pursuant to Joint Rule 310.3 Placed in Legislative Files (DEAD) (1/25)	This bill requires the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure to grant a provisional license for up to 90 days to a counseling professional licensed in another state or an applicant who has completed the requirements for licensure in this State upon receipt of an application for licensure. The bill requires the board to issue a provisional license upon the submission of evidence that the applicant holds a substantially equivalent, valid license in another state and that the applicant's qualifications for licensure are substantially similar to those required in state law or that the applicant has completed the requirements for licensure in this State. The bill also provides that a person holding a provisional license is authorized to practice in this State and may not be denied payment or reimbursement for the person's services on the basis that the person is practicing under a	04/25/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 05/17/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 01/16/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 1496 (HP 95)	An Act To Restrict Noncompete Clauses	Sophia WARREN of Scarborough	LABOR AND HOUSING	House: Unfinished Business (3/5)	This bill prohibits an employer from requiring or permitting an employee to enter into a noncompete agreement with the employer, regardless of the amount of the employee's earned wages. It prohibits noncompete agreements between an out-of-state employer and a resident of this State. It authorizes noncompete agreements in specific nonemployment-related situations, subject to certain conditions.	04/19/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Public Hearing 04/27/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session 01/23/24 1:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session 01/25/24 3:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session	Oppose
LD 1498 (HP 95)	An Act To Create An Advocacy And Complaint Process For Health Care Providers Within The Bureau Of Insurance	Anne PERRY of Calais	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	: Committee Docket: Voted - Divided Report (1/25)	This bill establishes the Health Care Provider Assistance Division within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to assist health care providers in obtaining information about health insurance plans, assist health care providers in navigating the health insurance industry, assist health care providers with concerns specific to coverage for individual patients and issues that may have market-wide impact and provide a system for health care providers to submit complaints about violations of statutes or rules.	04/24/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 05/10/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 01/16/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 01/25/24 1:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 1506 (HP 96)	Resolve, Directing The Department Of Health And Human Services To Study The Scarcity Of Licensed Clinical Behavioral Health Professionals Across The State	Holly SARGENT of York	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a stakeholder group to review issues related to the training and recruitment of clinical behavioral health care professionals. The resolve requires the department to submit a report related to the study to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and authorizes the committee to report out a bill relating to the report.	04/25/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 05/03/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 1515 (HP 97)	An Act To Fund Delivery Of Emergency Medical Services	Speaker Rachel TALBOT ROSS of Portland	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	: Committee Docket: Voted - Divided Report (2/28)	This bill provides General Fund appropriations to the Department of Public Safety to support existing transportation costs of emergency medical services. These appropriations must be reduced to the maximum extent possible through the use of public and private Medicaid match programs.	05/04/23 1:00 PM in State House, Room 436 - Public Hearing 01/22/24 11:30 AM in State House, Room 436 - Work Session 02/14/24 11:00 AM in State House, Room 436 - Work Session 02/28/24 1:00 PM in State House, Room 436 - Work Session	Monitor

LD 1533 (HP 98)	An Act To Provide For Consistent Billing Practices By Health Care Providers	Joshua MORRIS of Turner	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	Senate: PASSED TO BE ENACTED, in concurrence. (2/28)	This bill establishes consistent billing requirements for providers of outpatient health care services delivered in off-campus outpatient departments owned by or affiliated with a health care system. The bill's requirements must be followed by health care facilities and health insurance carriers and apply to claims submitted to a health insurance carrier on or after January 1, 2024.	04/24/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 05/24/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 01/16/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 01/30/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	Oppose
LD 1575 (HP 10)	An Act To Promote Quality And Innovation In Nursing And Residential Care Facilities	Michele MEYER of Eliot	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	House: Carried over, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This bill authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to implement new payment methods for nursing facilities, as well as implement nursing and residential care facility innovation and quality initiatives.	05/01/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 05/11/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 1577 (HP 10)	An Act To Require Health Insurance Coverage For Biomarker Testing	Samuel ZAGER of Portland	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	: Committee Docket: Voted - Divided Report (1/30)	This bill requires insurance coverage, including coverage in the MaineCare program, for biomarker testing	05/08/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 05/10/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 01/16/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 01/30/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	No Position
LD 1639 (SP 65)	An Act To Address Unsafe Staffing Of Nurses And Improve Patient Care	Stacy BRENNER of Cumberland	LABOR AND HOUSING	Senate: Unfinished Business (3/5)	This bill establishes mandatory RN staffing ratios for non-state hospitals and ambulatory surgical facilities. The rational for the ratios imposed is not know; these are not the ratios from California's law. It imposes fines on institutions and individual nurses. It limits the use of technology as part of caregiving. It ascribes no value to the care provided by CNAs.	05/04/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Public Hearing 05/24/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session	Oppose
LD 1705 (HP 10)	An Act To Give Consumers Control Over Sensitive Personal Data By Requiring Consumer Consent Prior To Collection Of Data	Margaret O'NEIL of Saco	JUDICIARY	: Committee Docket: Work Session Held - TABLED (12/11)	This bill provides for an individual's privacy regarding the collection and use of biometric identifiers of the individual and personal information connected to the biometric identifiers. The bill requires a written release from an individual before a private entity may obtain or use biometric identifiers and requires the private entity to establish a policy for retention and destruction of the biometric identifiers. The bill provides for a private right of action for an aggrieved individual who has had biometric identifiers obtained or used in violation of the provisions related to biometric identifiers, as well as civil penalties and enforcement by the Attorney General. The bill also provides that violations of provisions related to biometric identifiers constitute	05/22/23 10:00 AM in State House, Room 438 - Public Hearing 10/17/23 11:00 AM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session 11/08/23 1:00 PM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session 12/11/23 10:00 AM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session	Oppose
LD 1740 (HP 11)	An Act To Support An Insured Patient's Access To Affordable Health Care With Timely Access To Health Care Prices	Poppy ARFORD of Brunswick	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	: Committee Docket: Voted - Divided Report (1/30)	Under current law, health care entities are required to provide an estimate of the total price of medical services to be rendered directly by that health care entity during a single medical encounter within a reasonable time of a request from an uninsured patient. This bill requires health care entities to provide a good faith estimate of the allowed amount under an insured patient's health insurance coverage to be paid by an insurer for the medical services to be rendered directly by that health care entity during a single medical encounter. This bill requires the information to be provided within 3 business days of a request from an insured patient to the patient and to the patient's health insurance carrier. This bill also requires health care entities to post notice of a patient's right to request this information in their offices and include such notice in a patient's written consent to treatment form that must be signed prior to receiving health care treatment or services. The bill requires health insurance carriers to provide an insured patient with an advanced explanation of benefits within 3 business days of receiving a good faith estimate from a health	05/09/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 01/16/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 01/30/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	Oppose
LD 1751 (SP 69)	An Act To Maximize Federal Funding In Support Of Emergency Medical Services	Glenn CURRY of Waldo	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	: Committee Docket: Voted - OTP-AM (2/7)	This bill establishes an ambulance service assessment fee on ambulance service providers in order to maximize federal funding for reimbursement to ambulance service providers under the MaineCare program. It also increases the reimbursement rates under the MaineCare program for ambulance services, neonatal transport, no-transport calls and community paramedicine.	05/01/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 05/11/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session 02/07/24 2:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	Monitor

LD 1792 (SP 717)	Resolve, To Establish The Rural Health Services Task Force	President Troy JACKSON of Aroostook	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	This resolve establishes the Rural Health Services Task Force to study rural health care delivery in the State.	05/08/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 05/26/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 1797 (SP 722)	An Act To Expand Maine's Health Care Workforce By Expanding Educational Opportunities	President Troy JACKSON of Aroostook	INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS	Senate: CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847. (7/26)	As amended, this bill does the following. 1. It makes part-time faculty eligible for the nursing education loan repayment program, with loans of up to \$10,000 for a master's degree and up to \$20,000 for a doctoral degree. 2. It provides for \$1,000,000 in appropriations (for FY 24 and 25) to the nursing education loan repayment program. 3. It establishes the Maine Health Care Education Training and Medical Residency pilot program and appropriates \$2.5M in FY 24 and 25 to the fund to establish clinical training opportunities for 3rd-year and 4th-year medical students in the rural parts of the State. 4. It provides for \$2M in appropriations in FY 24 and 25 to the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program Fund. 5. It provides for \$1,000,000 in in appropriations in FY 24 and 25 to the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program. [Note: The amendment removed the proposed new income tax credit of up to \$500 a year for new nurses, and the \$300,000 in ongoing annual appropriations to	05/02/23 1:00 PM in State House, Room 437 - Public Hearing 05/16/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 206 - Work Session 05/23/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 206 - Work Session	Support
LD 1815 (HP 116)	An Act To Increase Penalties For Violations Of The Law Governing Monopolies And Profiteering	Rebecca MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth	INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS	House: PASSED TO BE ENACTED. Sent for concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH. (3/5)	This bill establishes a right of action against a person with a dominant position in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce, in any labor market or in the furnishing of any service in this State that abuses that dominant position. The bill requires any person conducting certain types of business in this State that is required to file a notification and report form prior to a merger pursuant to federal law to provide the same notification and report to the Attorney General. It establishes a penalty for failing to file the required notice. The bill increases the cap on monetary penalties from \$10,000 to \$50,000 for violations of provisions of law relating to the acquisition of gasoline and heating oil assets and increases the notification requirement from 30 days to 90 days. The bill increases the cap on monetary penalties from \$100,000 to \$250,000 for violations of provisions of law relating to antimonopoly provisions. It also clarifies that the State may recover equitable monetary relief in proceedings	01/09/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 206 - Public Hearing 01/26/24 9:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 206 - Work Session 01/30/24 2:10 PM in Cross Building, Room 206 - Work Session	Oppose
LD 1827 (SP 743)	Resolve, To Establish The Blue Ribbon Commission To Make Recommendations On The Continuum Of Long-term Care Options	President Troy JACKSON of Aroostook	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: On motion by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc PLACED ON THE SPECIAL STUDY TABLE pending FINAL PASSAGE - Emergency - 2/3 Elected Required, in concurrence. (2/27)	This bill eliminates the so-called budget neutrality provisions relating to transferring and selling beds between nursing facilities and residential care facilities, converting beds from nursing services to residential care services and delicensing nursing facility beds. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules regarding nursing facilities, residential care facilities and private nonmedical institutions to remove all requirements of and references to provisions that costs must be fully offset by reductions in MaineCare costs, or so-called budget neutrality, in all rules affecting nursing facilities, residential care facilities or private nonmedical institutions or the certificate of need process for nursing facilities. It prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from implementing so-called budget neutrality in its policies or practices or by adopting or enforcing rules relating to nursing facilities, residential	05/10/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 05/18/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session 01/25/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 1829 (SP 745)	An Act To Reduce Prescription Drug Costs By Requiring Reference-based Pricing	Cameron RENY of Lincoln	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	: Committee Docket: Voted - Divided Report (2/1)	This bill requires that a state entity, health plan or participating plan qualified under the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 may not purchase prescription drugs to be dispensed or delivered to a consumer of this State at a cost that exceeds the referenced rate. The referenced rate of a prescription drug is the maximum rate for a drug determined by the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services under the federal Medicare program. Any savings generated as a result must be used to reduce costs to consumers.	05/15/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 05/24/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 01/25/24 1:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 01/30/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 02/01/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	Monitor

LD 1832 (HP 116)	An Act To Require Reimbursement Of Fees For Treatment Rendered By Public And Private Ambulance Services	Scott CYRWAY of Albion	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	: Committee Docket: Voted - OTP-AM (2/14)	This bill requires an ambulance service to be reimbursed for the cost of treating a person, regardless of whether the ambulance service transports the person to a hospital.	05/15/23 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 05/18/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 01/16/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 01/30/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 02/01/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	Support
LD 1896 (SP 767)	Resolve, Directing The Workers' Compensation Board To Analyze Data On The Adequacy Of Certain Maine Workers' Compensation Benefits	Timothy NANGLE of Cumberland	LABOR AND HOUSING	Senate: FINALLY PASSED, in concurrence. (3/5)	This bill requires benefits awarded under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 to be annually increased to account for inflation by the amount of increase in the Consumer Price Index compiled by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.	05/11/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Public Hearing 05/16/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session 01/23/24 1:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session 01/25/24 3:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 202 - Work Session	Oppose
LD 1902 (HP 121)	An Act To Protect Personal Health Data	Margaret O'NEIL of Saco	JUDICIARY	: Committee Docket: Work Session Held - TABLED (12/11)	This bill establishes consumer rights with regard to consumer health data and defines obligations of regulated entities that collect, use and share consumer health data. The bill prohibits selling consumer health data and implementing a geofence around certain health care entities. The bill provides a private right of action for a consumer against a regulated entity for a violation of the provisions as well as civil penalties and enforcement by the Attorney General. The bill also makes violations enforceable under the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act. The bill's requirements do not apply to government agencies and health care information subject to federal and state law related to confidentiality of health care information.	05/22/23 10:00 AM in State House, Room 438 - Public Hearing 10/17/23 11:00 AM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session 11/08/23 1:00 PM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session 12/11/23 10:00 AM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session	
LD 1914 (SP 774)	An Act To Enact The Maine Psilocybin Health Access Act	Donna BAILEY of York	VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS	: Committee Docket: Work Session Held - TABLED (2/28)	This bill enacts the Maine Psilocybin Health Access Act, which establishes a regulatory framework in order to provide psilocybin products to individuals in Maine who are 21 years of age or older.	05/15/23 9:00 AM in State House, Room 437 - Public Hearing 05/22/23 11:15 AM in State House, Room 437 - Work Session 01/24/24 11:00 AM in State House, Room 437 - Work Session 02/21/24 1:00 PM in State House, Room 437 - Work Session 02/28/24 1:00 PM in State House, Room 437 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 1955 (HP 125)	An Act To Require Hospitals And Hospital-affiliated Providers To Provide Financial Assistance For Medical Care	Speaker Rachel TALBOT ROSS of Portland	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, IN NON-CONCURRENCE.; HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	: Committee Docket: Voted - Divided Report (2/21)	This bill does the following. 1. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules, consistent with the federal Hill-Burton Act, for the provision of free health care services to patients who are state residents and meet certain income requirements. 2. It requires hospitals and hospital-affiliated providers to provide free care for individuals with income up to 200% of the FPL. 3. It requires that hospitals and hospital-affiliated providers use a single streamlined application for all financial assistance programs and provides for other resources relating to applications and for the determination of a patient's financial assistance. 4. It requires that hospitals and hospital-affiliated providers widely publicize their financial assistance programs within the community served by the hospital or hospital-affiliated provider, including by publishing a summary of the programs written in plain language; by providing physical copies of the summary, application and application instructions in conspicuous locations within the hospital or hospital-affiliated provider; and by posting a full, accessible and downloadable version of the application on the hospital's or hospital-affiliated provider's publicly accessible website. 5. It requires that hospitals and hospital-affiliated providers inform patients eligible for financial assistance if any service, treatment, procedure or test is not covered by the hospital's or hospital-affiliated	05/25/23 1:05 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session 01/17/24 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 02/21/24 1:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	Oppose

LD 1973 (SP 807)	An Act To Enact The Maine Consumer Privacy Act	Lisa KEIM of Oxford	JUDICIARY	: Committee Docket: Work Session Held - TABLED (2/14)	This bill enacts the Maine Consumer Privacy Act to entitle consumers to certain rights concerning the use of personal data.	05/22/23 10:00 AM in State House, Room 438 - Public Hearing 10/17/23 11:00 AM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session 11/08/23 1:00 PM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session 12/11/23 10:00 AM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session 01/09/24 1:30 PM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session 01/11/24 1:02 PM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session 01/18/24 1:00 PM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session 01/29/24 10:00 AM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session 02/05/24 10:00 AM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session 02/14/24 9:00 AM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session	Support
LD 1977 (HP 127)	An Act To Create The Data Privacy And Protection Act	Margaret O'NEIL of Saco	JUDICIARY	: Committee Docket: Work Session Held - TABLED (2/14)	This bill enacts the Data Privacy and Protection Act, which: 1. Governs the collection, processing and transfer of certain personal data, including imposing requirements for consent to use the data, the use of personal data in targeted advertising and the use of the personal data of minors; 2. Requires policies, practices and procedures for data privacy; and 3. Prohibits retaliation for the exercise of a right relating to personal data and prohibits discriminatory practices in the collection, processing or transfer of personal data.	10/17/23 10:00 AM in State House, Room 438 - Public Hearing 10/17/23 11:00 AM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session 11/08/23 1:00 PM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session 12/11/23 10:00 AM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session 01/09/24 1:30 PM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session 01/11/24 1:02 PM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session 01/18/24 1:00 PM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session 01/29/24 10:00 AM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session 02/05/24 10:00 AM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session 02/14/24 9:00 AM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session	Oppose
LD 1990 (HP 127)	An Act To Improve The Licensing Procedure For Certain Social Workers By Removing The Examination Requirement	Speaker Rachel TALBOT ROSS of Portland	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	: Committee Docket: Voted - Divided Report (2/14)	This bill removes the requirement that a person pass an examination in order to be qualified for licensure as a licensed master social worker, a licensed social worker or a licensed master social worker, conditional.	01/25/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 02/14/24 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 2009 (SP 830)	Resolve, To Establish A Stakeholder Group To Address The Problem Of Long Stays For Children And Adolescents In Hospital Emergency Departments	Harold STEWART of Aroostook	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: FINALLY PASSED - Emergency - 2/3 Elected Required, in concurrence. (2/29)	This bill requires a hospital to discharge a minor or an adult with a disability who is under guardianship to the care of a parent or guardian no later than 48 hours after the attending physician has determined the minor or the adult with disabilities is safe for discharge, and if a parent or guardian does not take custody of the discharged minor or the discharged adult with a disability within that period, the hospital is required to notify child protective services or adult protective services, as appropriate, which must then take custody of the minor or the adult with a disability.	06/07/23 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session 01/16/24 1:01 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 01/25/24 2:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	Support
LD 2021 (SP 849)	An Act To Clarify The Laws Regarding Pharmaceutical Product Stewardship	Anne CARNEY of Cumberland	ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES	Governor: Signed by the Governor Public Law Chapter 504 (2/20)	This bill clarifies that the entity that manufactures a drug is the regulated entity under the drug take-back stewardship program and that retailers are not regulated as manufacturers of generic drugs.	01/24/24 9:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 216 - Public Hearing	
LD 2043 (HP 130)	An Act To Add The State Of Maine To The Compact For Licensing Physician Assistants	Kristen CLOUTIER of Lewiston	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	: Committee Docket: Voted - OTP-AM (2/14)	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to enact the PA Licensure Compact to increase the availability of medical services provided by physician assistants by mutual recognition of a physician assistant's qualifying license by other states participating in the compact. This compact also would adopt the prevailing standard for physician assistant licensure and affirms that the practice and delivery of medical services by the physician assistant occurs where the patient is located at the time of the patient encounter, placing the physician assistant under the	01/09/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 02/14/24 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	

LD 2046 (HP 13)	An Act To Continue Allowing The Department Of Corrections To Accept Placement Of Certain Defendants Found Incompetent To Stand Trial	Suzanne SALISBURY of Westbrook	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	: Committee Docket: Voted - Divided Report (1/24)	This bill repeals the provision of law that repeals, on July 1, 2024, the authorization for the Commissioner of Corrections to accept the placement of an adult defendant in a mental health unit of a correctional facility when the adult defendant has been found incompetent to stand trial and has been committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Health and Human Services.	01/17/24 10:00 AM in State House, Room 436 - Public Hearing 01/24/24 1:00 PM in State House, Room 436 - Work Session	
LD 2050 (HP 13)	An Act To Expand Accreditation Options For Laboratories That Conduct Blood-alcohol Or Drug Testing	Michele MEYER of Eliot	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Governor: Signed by the Governor Public Law Chapter 498 (2/15)	Under current law, a laboratory certified under the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 may test blood samples to determine blood-alcohol level or the presence of a drug or drug metabolite. This bill adds an additional accreditation option for laboratories. Under current law, a laboratory certified under the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 may test blood samples to determine blood-alcohol level or the presence of a drug or drug metabolite. This bill adds an additional accreditation option for	01/09/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 01/18/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	
LD 2055 (HP 13)	An Act To Prohibit The Department Of Health And Human Services From Implementing Electronic Visit Verification For Hospice Providers Within The Mainecare Program Unless Mandated By The Federal Government	Kristen CLOUTIER of Lewiston	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	: Committee Docket: Voted - OTP-AM (2/28)	This bill prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from implementing electronic visit verification for providers offering hospice services within the MaineCare program until electronic visit verification is mandated for those services by the Federal Government.	01/09/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 02/06/24 2:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	
LD 2057 (HP 13)	An Act To Require The State Board Of Examiners Of Psychologists And The Board Of Examiners In Physical Therapy To Obtain Fingerprint-based Federal Bureau Of Investigation Criminal Background Checks For Applicants For Licensure	Anne PERRY of Calais	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	Governor: Signed by the Governor Public Law Chapter 506 (2/29)	This bill requires the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and the Board of Examiners in Physical Therapy to obtain national and state fingerprint-based criminal history record information for certain applicants for initial licensure and licensure by endorsement by each board.	01/09/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 01/30/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 02/01/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	
LD 2071 (SP 82)	Resolve, To Fill All Vacant And Expired Seats On The Emergency Medical Services' Board	Matthew HARRINGTON of York	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	Senate: Report READ and ACCEPTED READ ONCE ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY. (3/5)	This resolve requires the Governor to appoint members to the Emergency Medical Services' Board to fill all vacancies and replace those members whose terms have expired within 30 days of the effective date of the resolve. This resolve requires the Governor to appoint members to the Emergency Medical Services' Board to fill all vacancies and replace those members whose terms have expired within 30 days of the effective date of the resolve.	01/22/24 10:00 AM in State House, Room 436 - Public Hearing 01/22/24 11:30 AM in State House, Room 436 - Work Session	
LD 2075 (HP 13)	An Act To Protect Health Care Workers From Hiv	Anne PERRY of Calais	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	House: Reports READ. On motion of Representative PERRY of Calais, the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report was ACCEPTED. Sent for concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH. (3/5)	Under current law, if a person, while in the course of employment in a health care setting or as an emergency services worker, is exposed to potentially infectious blood or other bodily fluids of a patient in the course of employment, consent is required of the patient before a test for HIV may be performed. Consent may be provided by certain other individuals if the patient is not present and cannot be contacted or is incapacitated. This bill clarifies that the consent must be sought by a legal representative or administrator of the health care setting and that another individual who can authorize consent must be present. This bill also allows an HIV test to be conducted without consent if, despite a good faith effort to obtain consent, at least 8 hours have passed since exposure and: 1. The patient is incapacitated or is determined by that patient's attending health care provider to lack the mental capacity to provide such consent; 2. The patient is not expected to recover in time for the person who is exposed to receive appropriate medical treatment; and 3. There is not a person immediately available who has legal authority to consent in time for the person who is exposed to receive appropriate medical treatment.	01/11/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 02/14/24 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	
LD 2082 (SP 85)	An Act To Ensure The Financial Stability Of Behavioral Health Services Providers And Housing Assistance Providers	Richard BENNETT of Oxford	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	: Committee Docket: Work Session Held - TABLED (2/6)	This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to pay administrative expenses and interest charged on lines of credit or loans accessed by behavioral health services providers and housing assistance providers when a delay in department contract award, finalization or payments requires the provider to access the line of credit or loan.	01/24/24 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 02/06/24 2:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session 03/06/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	

LD 2083 (SP 876)	Resolve, To Establish The Stakeholder Group To Ensure Timely Access To Medication Management Across The State	Stacy BRENNER of Cumberland	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: COMMITTEE ON BILLS IN THE SECOND READING REPORTS NO FURTHER VERBAL AMENDMENTS NECESSARY. REPORT ACCEPTED. READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY Committee Amendment "A" (S-550) Ordered sent down forthwith for	This resolve establishes the Stakeholder Group to Ensure Timely Access to Medication Management Across the State to determine current use of and problem areas in medication management in the State. It requires the stakeholder group to submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.	01/24/24 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 02/06/24 2:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	
LD 2096 (SP 889)	An Act To Ensure Access To Nonopioid, Nonnarcotic Medication For Acute Pain Relief	President Troy JACKSON of Aroostook	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	House: The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES. In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH. (1/2)	This bill requires a health insurance carrier to allow an insured person to request and gain access to a clinically appropriate nonopioid, nonnarcotic drug approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the treatment and management of acute pain not otherwise covered by the insured person's health plan.	02/13/24 12:55 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 03/06/24 1:01 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	
LD 2100 (SP 893)	An Act To Require The Reporting Of Alpha-gal Syndrome To The Maine Center For Disease Control And Prevention	James LIBBY of Cumberland	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	: Committee Docket: Voted - Divided Report (2/6)	This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to add alpha-gal syndrome, a potentially life-threatening red meat allergy caused by a tick bite, to the list of conditions that must be reported to the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention by health care providers and other persons as described in the department rules governing notifiable diseases and conditions.	01/24/24 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 02/06/24 2:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	
LD 2105 (SP 898)	Resolve, To Protect And Enhance Access To Behavioral Health Services In Androscoggin County And Surrounding Communities	Margaret ROTUNDO of Androscoggin	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	House: The Resolve was REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH. (1/3)	This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to provide emergency funding to cover operating losses associated with providing acute behavioral health care services provided by St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Lewiston to ensure that those services can be continued and expanded to meet urgent needs in Androscoggin County and surrounding communities while avoiding curtailment of other critically important health care services in the region. The resolve appropriates \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-25	01/24/24 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 03/06/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	
LD 2114 (SP 907)	An Act To Improve Patient Access To And Savings From Generic Drugs And Biosimilars	President Troy JACKSON of Aroostook	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	House: The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES. In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH. (1/3)	This bill requires health insurance companies and other carriers that provide coverage for prescription drugs to include on the carrier's formulary generic drugs and biosimilars that are approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and that have a wholesale acquisition cost that is less than the wholesale acquisition cost of the brand drug to which the generic drug or biosimilar is equivalent. The generic drug or biosimilar must be made available on the carrier's formulary with a lower out-of-pocket cost to an insured than the brand drug. The bill prohibits carriers from imposing any prior authorization or step therapy requirement or other limitation on	02/20/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 03/06/24 1:01 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	
LD 2115 (SP 908)	An Act Requiring Health Care Providers To Engage In Fair Practices When Selling Medical Debt	Michael TIPPING of Penobscot	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	House: The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES. In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH. (1/2)	This bill provides that a health care provider may not assign, sell or otherwise transfer medical debt to a debt collector for less than the total amount of the debt unless the health care provider has offered the consumer responsible for the debt the opportunity to acquire the debt at the same reduced amount as the debt collector before the debt collector acquires the debt from the health care provider.	02/29/24 1:01 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 03/06/24 1:01 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	
LD 2122 (HP 134)	An Act To Create Parity In The Licensing Of Emergency Medical Services Professionals And Other Health Care Professionals Who Enter Private Residences	Scott CYRWAY of Albion	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	Senate: Pursuant to Joint Rule 310.3 Placed in Legislative Files (DEAD) (2/15)	This bill authorizes the use of the Background Check Center within the Department of Health and Human Services by Maine Emergency Medical Services within the Department of Public Safety to conduct background checks for persons seeking to be licensed or relicensed as an emergency medical services person or an emergency medical services ambulance operator.	02/08/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing	
LD 2123 (HP 134)	An Act Regarding Licensure Of Emergency Medical Services Persons	Scott CYRWAY of Albion	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	Senate: Pursuant to Joint Rule 310.3 Placed in Legislative Files (DEAD) (2/27)	This bill amends the law governing the minimum requirements for licensing and relicensing emergency medical persons by removing the requirement that a person must have successfully completed the practical evaluation of emergency medical treatment skills approved by the Emergency Medical Services' Board and replacing it with a requirement that a person must have successfully completed an assessment of emergency medical treatment skills approved by the Emergency Medical Services' Board. This bill amends the law governing the minimum requirements for licensing and relicensing emergency medical persons by removing the requirement that a person must have successfully completed the practical evaluation of emergency medical treatment skills approved by the Emergency Medical Services' Board and replacing it with a requirement that a person must have successfully completed an assessment of emergency medical treatment skills approved by the	02/08/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 02/14/24 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	

LD 2125 (HP 134)	An Act To Establish The Alzheimer's Disease And Other Dementias Advisory Council Within The Department Of Health And Human Services And To Require A State Plan To Address Alzheimer's Disease And Other Dementias	Margaret CRAVEN of Lewiston	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: Report READ and ACCEPTED in concurrence READ ONCE Committee Amendment "A" (H-782) READ and ADOPTED ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY (2/15) : Committee Docket: Voted - OTP-AM (2/15)	This bill establishes the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias Advisory Council to examine the needs of individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, the services available in the State for those individuals and the ability of health care providers and facilities to meet those individuals' current and future needs.	01/24/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 02/07/24 2:01 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	
LD 2126 (HP 135)	An Act Relating To Delegation Of Nursing Activities And Tasks To Unlicensed Assistive Personnel By Registered Professional Nurses	Anne PERRY of Calais	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	: Committee Docket: Voted - OTP-AM (2/15)	This bill amends the laws governing nursing to authorize the delegation of activities and tasks by a nurse to unlicensed assistive personnel. The bill provides a definition of "unlicensed assistive personnel" and requires the State Board of Nursing to adopt routine technical rules concerning delegation as it considers necessary to ensure access to quality health care for patients.	02/08/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 02/14/24 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 02/15/24 1:01 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	
LD 2129 (HP 135)	An Act To Establish A Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System And Conduct An Inventory Of Existing Forensic Examination Kits In The Possession Of Law Enforcement	Valli GEIGER of Rockland	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	: Committee Docket: Voted - Divided Report (2/7)	This bill directs the Department of Public Safety to establish, operate and maintain a sexual assault forensic examination kit tracking system. The system must provide relevant information for victims, both those who choose to report to a law enforcement agency and those who choose not to report, and other approved users regarding the processing, custody, analysis and destruction of evidence. Hospitals and other providers who use the kits would be obligated to upload tracking related information to the system.	01/29/24 10:00 AM in State House, Room 436 - Public Hearing 02/07/24 10:00 AM in State House, Room 436 - Work Session	
LD 2139 (HP 136)	An Act To Add Schedule V Substances To The Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program	Michele MEYER of Eliot	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	House: PASSED TO BE ENACTED. Sent for concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH. (3/5)	This bill expands the required reporting on controlled substances under the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program to include drugs, substances and chemicals listed in the federally determined Schedule V. Schedule V drugs, substances and chemicals consist of preparations containing limited quantities of certain narcotics and are generally used for antidiarrheal, antitussive and analgesic purposes.	02/01/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 02/15/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	
LD 2140 (HP 136)	An Act To Enact The Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact	Lydia CRAFTS of Newcastle	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	: Committee Docket: Voted - Divided Report (2/21)	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to enact the Social Work Licensure Compact to facilitate the interstate practice of regulated social workers by improving public access to competent social work services.	02/06/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 02/14/24 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session 02/21/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	
LD 2151 (HP 137)	An Act Regarding The Cost Of Copies Of Medical Records	Margaret CRAVEN of Lewiston	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: Reports Read On motion by Senator BALDACCIO of Penobscot the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report ACCEPTED. in concurrence Placed in Legislative Files (DEAD) (2/28)	This bill provides that a hospital or its vendor, in making and providing a paper copy of a patient's medical record and additions to the medical record, may assess reasonable fees as charges to the requesting person, and the hospital or its vendor may require payment prior to responding to the request. A charge to a 3rd party receiving a paper copy of a patient's medical record may not exceed \$20 for validating the request documents and locating the medical record and 45¢ for each page of the medical record, up to a maximum of \$250 for an entire medical record. A \$20 fee may also be charged for providing a letter that states that the patient's medical record was not located. If a patient's medical record exists in a digital or electronic format, a hospital or its vendor must provide an electronic copy of the medical record if an electronic copy is requested and it is reasonably possible to provide it. The hospital or its vendor may assess as charges to a 3rd party receiving a medical record a fee not to exceed \$20 for validating the request documents and locating the medical record and 45¢ for each	01/24/24 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 02/06/24 2:31 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	
LD 2153 (HP 137)	An Act To Clarify Mainecare Copayments	Samuel ZAGER of Portland	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	House: PASSED TO BE ENACTED. Sent for concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH. (3/5)	This bill amends the laws authorizing MaineCare member copayments. The bill removes references to certain service categories subject to copayments, prohibits copayments for community-based behavioral health and primary care services, clarifies the list of service categories subject to copayments and provides the Department of Health and Human Services authority to set copayment amounts.	01/24/24 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 02/06/24 2:30 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	
LD 2156 (HP 138)	An Act To Authorize The Provision Of Emergency Medical Treatment For Certain Dogs	Jessica FAY of Raymond	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	: Committee Docket: Voted - OTP-AM (2/14)	This bill establishes an exception to the laws governing the licensing of a person in the practice of veterinary medicine for emergency medical services persons providing emergency medical treatment to certain dogs in accordance with protocols adopted by the Medical Direction and Practices Board.	02/08/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 02/14/24 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	Monitor

LD 2165 (HP 136)	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review Of Portions Of Chapter 270: Uniform Reporting System For Quality Data Sets, A Major Substantive Rule Of The Maine Health Data Organization		HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	Senate: FINALLY PASSED - Emergency - 2/3 Elected Required, in concurrence. (3/5)	This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 270: Uniform Reporting System for Quality Data Sets, a major substantive rule of the Maine Health Data Organization.	02/06/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 02/14/24 10:00 AM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	
LD 2174 (SP 925)	An Act To Protect Consumers From Predatory Medical Credit Card Providers	President Troy JACKSON of Aroostook	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	House: The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES. In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH. (1/23)	This bill establishes the following requirements related to credit cards designed specifically for the payment of health care services. 1. It prohibits a health care provider from offering or arranging for a medical credit card for a consumer in that provider's health care setting. 2. It prohibits a health care provider from offering a medical credit card for a consumer that contains a deferred interest provision in the medical credit card contract. 3. It prohibits a health care provider from charging the costs for health care services to a medical credit card at any time prior to the date upon which health care services are rendered or costs are incurred. 4. It requires a health care provider to screen a consumer for eligibility for charity care. 5. It provides that a creditor that extends a medical credit card to a consumer and is attempting to collect unpaid payments in connection with the medical credit card from a consumer is subject to the	02/29/24 1:01 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 03/06/24 1:01 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	
LD 2175 (SP 926)	An Act To Improve Access To Affordable Prescription Drugs In Underserved Areas	President Troy JACKSON of Aroostook	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	House: The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES. In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH. (1/23)	This bill directs the Office of Affordable Health Care to provide support for federally qualified health centers to develop or expand the centers' capacity to provide access to affordably priced prescription drugs to patients by increasing the centers' ability to deliver pharmacy services to those patients. The bill appropriates \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 for that purpose. This bill directs the Office of Affordable Health Care to provide support for federally qualified health centers to develop or expand the centers' capacity to provide access to affordably priced prescription drugs to patients by increasing the centers' ability to deliver pharmacy services to those patients. The bill appropriates \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2024-	02/29/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Public Hearing 03/06/24 1:01 PM in Cross Building, Room 220 - Work Session	
LD 2192 (HP 140)	Resolve, To Ensure That The Independent Commission To Investigate The Facts Of The Tragedy In Lewiston Has Necessary Authority To Discharge Its Fact-finding Mission	Speaker Rachel TALBOT ROSS of Portland	JUDICIARY	Governor: Signed by the Governor Resolve Chapter 129 (2/13)	This resolve authorizes the Independent Commission to Investigate the Facts of the Tragedy in Lewiston to issue subpoenas to compel the testimony of witnesses and the production of documents. It also authorizes the independent commission to request and receive records in the possession of any state agency or instrumentality that it determines are necessary to fulfill the independent commission's fact-finding mission, including confidential records and records not otherwise subject to public disclosure.	01/29/24 9:00 AM in State House, Room 438 - Public Hearing 01/31/24 11:00 AM in State House, Room 438 - Work Session	
LD 2200 (SP 936)	Resolve, To Attract And Retain Behavioral Health Clinicians	Harold STEWART of Aroostook	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	House: The Resolve was REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH. (2/1)	This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to develop and implement a program to provide a \$25,000 recruitment and retention incentive to behavioral health clinicians in the State during fiscal year 2024-25. It directs the department to establish criteria regarding participation in the program and to submit a report regarding the program to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.	02/20/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing 03/07/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Work Session	
LD 2211 (HP 141)	An Act Regarding Quality Of Care And The Board Of Trustees At The Maine Veterans' Homes	Speaker Rachel TALBOT ROSS of Portland	VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS	: Committee Docket: Voted - Divided Report (2/29)	This bill accomplishes the following. 1. It updates the membership criteria of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes and alters the appointing authority for appointing members to the board. 2. It updates the reporting requirements of the board's annual report.	02/27/24 1:30 PM in State House, Room 437 - Public Hearing 02/29/24 1:00 PM in State House, Room 437 - Work Session	Monitor
LD 2214 (HP 142)	An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations And Allocations For The Expenditures Of State Government, General Fund And Other Funds And To Change Certain Provisions Of The Law Necessary To The Proper Operations Of State Government For The Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2024 And June 30, 2025	Melanie SACHS of Freeport	APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS	Senate: The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS in concurrence (2/20)	Supplemental Budget	02/20/24 2:00 PM in State House, Room 228 - Public Hearing 02/21/24 1:30 PM in State House, Room 228 - Joint AFA & EDU 02/22/24 1:30 PM in State House, Room 228 - Joint AFA & IDEA 02/22/24 2:30 PM in State House, Room 228 - Joint AFA & TAX 02/23/24 1:00 PM in State House, Room 228 - Joint AFA & VLA 02/23/24 2:00 PM in State House, Room 228 - Joint AFA & HOU 02/26/24 10:00 AM in State House, Room 228 - Joint AFA & HHS 02/27/24 2:00 PM in State House, Room 228 - Joint AFA & HHS 02/28/24 1:00 PM in State House, Room 228 - Joint AFA & HCIFS 02/28/24 2:00 PM in State House, Room 228 - Joint AFA & JUD 02/29/24 1:00 PM in State House,	

LD 2217 (SP 94)	An Act To Strengthen The Maine Veterans' Homes With Increased And Ongoing Funding	President Troy JACKSON of Aroostook	VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS	: Committee Docket: Work Session Held (2/28)	This bill requires the State Controller to transfer \$3,135,000 from the General Fund to the Maine Veterans' Homes to support ongoing operations. The transfer amount must be increased annually by the increase in the cost of living.	02/27/24 1:30 PM in State House, Room 437 - Public Hearing 02/29/24 1:00 PM in State House, Room 437 - Work Session	
LD 2223 (SP 95)	Resolve, To Direct The Department Of Health And Human Services To Amend Rules And Establish A Study Group Related To Funding And Reimbursement For Mental Health Crisis Resolution Services	Harold STEWART of Aroostook	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	House: The Resolve was REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH. (2/23)	This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a reimbursement model for crisis services that is designed as an annual cost reimbursement model rather than a per encounter basis model. The reimbursement model must be designed to fully cover staffing and operational costs for crisis resolution services to operate 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.	03/05/24 1:00 PM in Cross Building, Room 209 - Public Hearing	
LD 2224 (SP 95)	An Act To Strengthen Public Safety By Improving Maine's Firearm Laws And Mental Health System	Margaret ROTUNDO of Androscoggin	JUDICIARY	House: The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on JUDICIARY. ROLL CALL NO. 375 (Yeas 74 - Nays 65 - Absent 11 - Excused 0 - Vacant 1) In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH. (2/22)	This is the Governor's proposal for gun reform. The summary is too long to reproduce here.	03/07/24 11:30 AM in State House, Room 438 - Public Hearing	
LD 2237 (HP 14)	An Act To Strengthen Public Safety, Health And Well-being By Expanding Services And Coordinating Violence Prevention Resources	Speaker Rachel TALBOT ROSS of Portland	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Senate: The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES in concurrence (2/28)		03/04/24 10:00 AM in State House, Room 126 - Public Hearing	
LD 2238 (SP 95)	An Act To Address Gun Violence In Maine By Requiring A Waiting Period For Certain Firearm Purchases	Margaret ROTUNDO of Androscoggin	JUDICIARY	House: Committee on JUDICIARY suggested and ordered printed. Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor asked the Chair to RULE if the Bill was properly before the body. Subsequently, the Chair RULED the Bill was properly before the body. Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor APPEALED the ruling of the Chair. Subsequently, the ruling of the Chair was SUSTAINED. ROLL CALL NO. 385 (Yeas 74 - Nays 64 - Absent 12 - Excused 0 - Vacant 1) Subsequently, the Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on JUDICIARY In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.		03/07/24 11:32 AM in State House, Room 438 - Public Hearing	
LD 2243 (SP 96)	Resolve, Directing The Department Of Health And Human Services To Amend Mainecare Rules Governing Certain Types Of Behavioral And Mental Health Services And To Form A Stakeholder Group To Study Methods For Improving Those Services	Harold STEWART of Aroostook	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	House: The Resolve was REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH. (3/5)	This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the MaineCare rules governing reimbursement for outpatient behavioral health services provided in public schools under the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 65 and for services provided in residential treatment facilities for persons with mental illness and in specialized or scattered residential treatment facilities as described in the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97, Appendices E and F, respectively. The department must initiate the rule-making process immediately after the resolve goes into effect, and the rules must remain in effect until the department completes a full rate determination. Finally, the resolve requires the department to form a stakeholder group to study how to develop more sustainable models of outpatient and residential mental and behavioral health treatment services and how to increase access to those services within the State. This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the MaineCare rules governing reimbursement for outpatient behavioral health services provided in public schools under the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 65 and for services provided in residential treatment facilities for persons with mental illness and in specialized or scattered residential treatment facilities as described in the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III		

LD 2249 (SP 96)	An Act To Protect The Fund For A Healthy Maine			Senate: Reported by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot for the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 100, section 7. Report READ On motion by Senator BENNETT of Oxford Tabled until Later in Today's Session, pending ACCEPTANCE of the Report	Under the bill, tax revenue from the cigarette tax is applied to the Fund for a Healthy Maine only if Master Settlement Agreement funds and other sources are insufficient to cover budgeted allocations, and the tobacco products tax revenue is applied to the Fund for a Healthy Maine only if the cigarette tax revenue is insufficient to cover any remaining budgeted allocations.		
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