

Bill	Title	Sponsor	Committee	Note
<u>LD 5 (SP 14)</u>	An Act To Clarify The Law Regarding Prior Authorization For Air Ambulances	Donna BAILEY of York	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill corrects an inadvertent omission from Public Law 2023, chapter 591 and clarifies that the provision of law prohibiting a health insurance carrier from requiring an air ambulance service provider to obtain prior authorization before transporting an individual enrolled in a health plan or managed care plan to a hospital or between hospitals for urgent care is limited to air ambulance service providers that are nonprofit organizations. The bill is retroactive to August 9, 2024, which was the effective date of Public Law 2023, chapter 591.
<u>LD 35 (SP 56)</u>	An Act To Strengthen Local Emergency Medical Services By Increasing The Mainecare Reimbursement Rate For Ambulance Services	Glenn CURRY of Waldo	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill increases for 3 years the MaineCare reimbursement rate for ambulance services to 140% of the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare for such services.
<u>LD 49 (HP 13)</u>	An Act To Ensure Quality In Personal Care Agencies	Kristen CLOUTIER of Lewiston	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill, submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services, directs DHHS to establish by rule and post on a publicly accessible website annual quality performance metrics for personal care agencies. It authorizes the department to revoke the license of a personal care agency that fails to timely or adequately satisfy the metrics or file reports required by the department.
<u>LD 54 (HP 18)</u>	An Act To Require Employers To Disclose Pay Ranges And Maintain Records Of Employees' Pay Histories	Amy ROEDER of Bangor	LABOR	This bill, which was also filed last session (LD 936), requires an employer with 10 or more employees to include on a job posting a statement that lists the prospective range of pay the employer will offer to a successful applicant. The bill also requires an employer, upon request of an employee, to disclose the range of pay it offers for the position the employee holds and requires the employer to maintain a record of each position held by an employee and the employee's pay history during the employee's employment and for 3 years after the employee's termination of employment.

<p><u>LD 55 (HP 19)</u></p>	<p>An Act To Amend The Law Governing The Accrual Of Earned Paid Leave</p>	<p>Michael LEMELIN of Chelsea</p>	<p>LABOR</p>	<p>This bill amends the law governing earned paid leave to provide that an employee is entitled to earn one hour of paid leave from a single employer for every 40 hours worked, up to the accrual limit specified in the employer's policy governing paid leave for one year of employment. The bill also provides that accrued and unused hours of earned paid leave from the previous year of employment must be available for use by an employee in the current year of employment. The bill provides that accrued and unused hours of earned paid leave from the previous year of employment may not reduce the total amount of hours of paid leave an employee is entitled to earn in the current year of employment, up to the accrual limit specified in the</p>
<p><u>LD 60 (HP 24)</u></p>	<p>An Act To Allow Employees To Request Flexible Work Schedules</p>	<p>Amy ROEDER of Bangor</p>	<p>LABOR</p>	<p>This bill, also filed last session (LD 827), does the following.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It allows an employee to request in writing, including by electronic means, a flexible work schedule. 2. It requires an employer, which may be a private employer or public employer, to consider an employee's request for a flexible work schedule and whether the request may be granted in a manner that is not inconsistent with employer operations. 3. It specifies that an employer and an employee must mutually agree on the duration of time and terms of a flexible work schedule. 4. It allows an employer to rescind a flexible work schedule with as much notice to an employee as is practicable. 5. It prohibits an employer from retaliating against an employee for exercising rights given by the bill.

<u>LD 61 (HP 25)</u>	An Act To Regulate Employer Surveillance To Protect Workers	Amy ROEDER of Bangor	LABOR	This bill, also filed last session (LD 949) specifies that an employer may use employer surveillance only if the employer informs the employee before beginning employer surveillance. It prohibits an employer from using audiovisual monitoring in an employee's residence or personal vehicle or on the employee's property and provides that an employee can decline a request by an employer to install data collection or transmission applications on the employee's personal electronic devices for the purposes of employer surveillance. It requires that an employer notify a prospective employee during the interview process that the employer engages in employer surveillance. It gives rule-making authority to the Department of Labor. It also creates a private right of action for persons aggrieved by a violation by an employer.
<u>LD 63 (HP 27)</u>	An Act To Support Implementation Of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects	Anne GRAHAM of North Yarmouth	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill requires funding appropriated in Public Law 2023, chapter 643 for certified community behavioral health clinic projects to be used to support the Medicaid services state share of funds needed for state-licensed mental health organizations to participate in the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Medicaid Demonstration Program by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, in partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.
<u>LD 67 (HP 31)</u>	An Act To Establish Minimum Standards For Certain Urgent Care Facilities	Michele MEYER of Eliot	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill establishes a licensing requirement for urgent care facilities. It provides a definition for "urgent care facility," which excludes a facility that is licensed as part of a hospital, provides services or accommodations for patients who stay overnight or is the location of the private office of a physician or dentist. The bill also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish licensing standards for urgent care facilities.
<u>LD 70 (HP 34)</u>	An Act To Fund Free Health Clinics	Michael BRENNAN of Portland	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill provides one-time funding of \$250,000 for the State's free health clinics.
<u>LD 84 (HP 48)</u>	An Act To Improve The Coordination Of Health Care For Minors In State Care	Anne GRAHAM of North Yarmouth	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill extends to employees of the Department of Health and Human Services the permission to obtain confidential health care information for the purpose of coordinating health care for a minor in the department's custody.

LD 90 (HP 54)	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review Of Chapter 6: Delegation Of Nursing Activities And Tasks To Unlicensed Assistive Personnel By Registered Professional Nurses, A Major Substantive Rule Of The Department Of Professional And Financial Regulation, State Board Of Nursing		HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This resolve provides for legislative review of Chapter 6: Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses, a major substantive rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, State Board of Nursing.
LD 94 (HP 59)	An Act To Eliminate Miscarriage Reporting Requirements	Anne GRAHAM of North Yarmouth	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill eliminates the requirement that health care professionals must report to the Department of Health and Human Services each occurrence of a miscarriage of a fetus of less than 20 weeks gestation.
LD 105 (HP 70)	An Act To Implement The Recommendations Of The Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living In Maine To Establish A Sponsorship Program For Internationally Trained Physicians	Kristi MATHIESON of Kittery	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill establishes a sponsorship program within the Finance Authority of Maine to make grants to sponsoring institutions to provide an alternative license pathway for internationally trained physicians in the State and to expand the number of physicians practicing in areas in the State experiencing a shortage of physicians. Under the program, internationally trained physicians are provided a pathway to full and unrestricted licensure as physicians in the State as long as certain requirements are met.
LD 106 (HP 71)	An Act Regarding The Taxation Of Paid Family And Medical Leave Benefits	Kristen CLOUTIER of Lewiston	TAXATION	This bill, filed by the Department of Labor, provides that benefits paid from the paid family and medical leave benefits program are subject to state income tax to the extent those benefits are not included in the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income.
LD 107 (HP 72)	An Act To Require Health Insurance Coverage For Biomarker Testing	Samuel ZAGER of Portland	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill requires insurance coverage, including coverage in the MaineCare program, for biomarker testing.
LD 123 (SP 44)	An Act Regarding Licensure Of Emergency Medical Services Persons	Scott CYRWAY of Kennebec	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill amends the law governing the minimum requirements for licensing and relicensing of emergency medical services persons by removing the requirement that a person seeking licensing or relicensing 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 the person must have successfully completed an assessment of emergency medical treatment skills approved by the Emergency Medical Services' Board.

LD 127 (SP 55)	An Act To Strengthen Legislative Oversight Of Government Agencies And Programs By Reaffirming The Legislature's Access To Confidential Records	Craig HICKMAN of Kennebec	JUDICIARY	This bill provides that the Government Oversight Committee may receive information and records that are privileged and confidential and that that information and those records are exempt from public disclosure.
LD 143 (SP 79)	An Act To Improve Women's Health And Economic Security By Funding Family Planning Services	Teresa PIERCE of Cumberland	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill provides ongoing appropriations of \$6,180,000 as grant funding in each year of the biennium from the General Fund to be distributed by the Department of Health and Human Services to a single grantee to provide management and oversight of the delivery of family planning services.
LD 145 (SP 81)	An Act Pertaining To Sales And Use Tax Exemptions For Durable Medical Equipment, Breast Pumps And Mobility-enhancing Equipment	Margaret ROTUNDO of Androscoggin	TAXATION	This bill provides a sales and use tax exemption on the sale of durable medical equipment and breast pumps for home use and on the sale of mobility-enhancing equipment for use in a home or motor vehicle.
LD 151 (HP 84)	An Act To Allow Businesses To Impose A Surcharge On Credit Card And Debit Card Transactions	William TUELL of East Machias	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	Current law permits a governmental entity to impose and prohibits a seller in a sales transaction from imposing a surcharge on a credit card or debit card transaction. This bill permits a seller in a sales transaction to impose a surcharge on a credit card or debit card transaction. It also repeals a chapter of law governing credit card practices involving providers of travel services, as the law prohibits providers of travel services from imposing a surcharge on credit card transactions.
LD 163 (HP 96)	An Act To Require Health Insurance Coverage For Federally Approved Nonprescription Oral Hormonal Contraceptives And Nonprescription Emergency Contraceptives	Poppy ARFORD of Brunswick	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill expands the requirements in current law for coverage of contraceptives to include nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration. The bill provides that a prescription is not required for insurance coverage for nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives and requires insurers to establish mechanisms to ensure that an enrollee who purchases a nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptive or nonprescription emergency contraceptive at a pharmacy has the option to make the purchase pursuant to a standing order issued for billing purposes without a payment required at the point of sale or to make the purchase with a payment at the point of sale and submit a claim for reimbursement to the insurer. The requirements

LD 166 (HP 99)	An Act To Prohibit The Sale Of Tobacco Products In Pharmacies And Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies	Matt MOONEN of Portland	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill provides that pharmacies and retail establishments containing a pharmacy are ineligible for a retail tobacco license and provides that a pharmacy or retail establishment containing a pharmacy that engages in retail sales of tobacco products commits a civil violation.
LD 167 (HP 100)	An Act To Provide 2 Hearing Aids To Mainecare Members With Diagnosed Hearing Loss	Anne GRAHAM of North Yarmouth	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill requires the MaineCare program to provide reimbursement for a hearing aid for each hearing-impaired ear of an individual enrolled in the MaineCare program. Under current law, the MaineCare program provides reimbursement for a hearing aid for one hearing-impaired ear of an individual enrolled in the MaineCare program, with additional requirements as established by rule for coverage of a hearing aid for the 2nd hearing impaired ear.
LD 174 (HP 107)	An Act To Restore Religious Exemptions To Immunization Requirements	Gary DRINKWATER of Milford	EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS	This bill reinstates exemptions from immunization requirements based on a sincere religious belief for students in elementary, secondary and postsecondary schools and employees of nursery schools. It also provides the same exemption to health care practitioners.
LD 176 (HP 109)	An Act To Establish A Regional Ambulance Service In Southern Penobscot County	Kenneth FREDETTE of Newport	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	This bill establishes the Southern Penobscot County Regional Ambulance Service Authority to facilitate the provision of emergency medical services to residents of southern Penobscot County.
LD 178 (HP 111)	An Act Regarding Coverage For Step Therapy For Advanced Metastatic Cancer	Kristi MATHIESON of Kittery	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill prohibits a health plan that provides coverage for advanced metastatic cancer and associated conditions from requiring an enrollee to fail to successfully respond to a different drug or prove a history of failure of a different drug before providing coverage of a prescription drug approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

LD 180 (HP 113)	An Act Regarding The Interactions Of Pharmacy Benefits Managers And So-called 340b Entities And Reimbursements By Pharmacy Benefits Managers To Pharmacies	Kristi MATHIESON of Kittery	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill prohibits a health insurance carrier, or a pharmacy benefits manager under contract with a carrier, from engaging in certain discriminatory practices against an entity authorized to participate in the federal 340B drug pricing program or a pharmacy provider under contract with an entity authorized to participate in the federal 340B drug pricing program. The federal 340B drug pricing program within the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration allows eligible entities to purchase discounted prescription drugs. The bill also prohibits a health insurance carrier, or a pharmacy benefits manager under contract with a carrier, from reimbursing a pharmacy provider for a prescription drug or pharmacy service in an amount that is less than the national average drug acquisition cost at the time the drug is administered or dispensed. The bill also specifies that the reimbursement amount may not be less than the amount
LD 189 (HP 122)	An Act To Increase Availability And Affordability Of Mental Health Care And Substance Use Disorder Services By Removing The Certificate Of Need Requirement	Laurel LIBBY of Auburn	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill eliminates the requirement for health care facilities to obtain a certificate of need for the provision of mental and behavioral health care services and substance use disorder detoxification and treatment services.
LD 196 (SP 94)	An Act Regarding Documents Obtained By Subpoena By The Government Oversight Committee	Jeffrey TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin	JUDICIARY	This bill provides that the Government Oversight Committee has access to papers or records received as a result of a subpoena issued by the committee and that those papers or records are confidential and exempt from public disclosure
LD 209 (HP 131)	An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations And Allocations From The General Fund And Other Funds For The Expenditures Of State Government And To Change Certain Provisions Of The Law Necessary To The Proper Operations Of State Government For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025	Drew GATTINE of Westbrook	APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS	Supplemental Budget

<p>LD 210 (HP 132)</p>	<p>An Act Making Unified Appropriations And Allocations From The General Fund And Other Funds For The Expenditures Of State Government And Changing Certain Provisions Of The Law Necessary To The Proper Operations Of State Government For The Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026 And June 30, 2027</p>	<p>Drew GATTINE of Westbrook</p>	<p>APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS</p>	<p>Biennial Budget</p>
<p>LD 238 (SP 104)</p>	<p>An Act To Protect Emergency Medical Services Persons' Right To Work In Multiple Health Care Settings</p>	<p>Bradlee FARRIN of Somerset</p>	<p>HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES</p>	<p>This bill provides that the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982 may not be construed to prohibit a person licensed as an emergency medical services person from rendering medical services in a hospital or other health care facility setting if those services are rendered in the person's capacity as an employee, volunteer or contracted agent of the hospital or health care facility and certain other conditions are met. Current law requires such a person to render those services in the person's capacity as an employee of the hospital or health care facility in order for the exemption provision to apply.</p>
<p>LD 239 (SP 105)</p>	<p>An Act To Allow Retail Pharmacies To Operate Remote Dispensing Sites In Rural Areas</p>	<p>Bradlee FARRIN of Somerset</p>	<p>HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES</p>	<p>This bill directs the Maine Board of Pharmacy to establish the terms and conditions for the operation and licensing of a remote dispensing site by a retail pharmacy by rule. The bill requires that the rules establish terms and conditions that, at a minimum, include a demonstration that the geographic area in which the remote dispensing site is to be located lacks adequate access to retail pharmacy services for the general public; requirements for the use of a remote dispensing site that allows for storage, preparation, packaging, labeling and dispensing of prescription drugs and remote oversight by a licensed pharmacist; and requirements for minimum staffing, compliance with federal and state pharmacy laws, record keeping and security. The bill provides that a remote dispensing site may not be operated until rules are</p>

LD 245 (SP 111)	An Act To Implement The Recommendations Of The Blue Ribbon Commission To Study Emergency Medical Services In The State	Rachel TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	Summary is too long. See link here .
LD 253 (HP 162)	An Act To Prevent The Mainecare Program From Covering Abortion Services	Kathy JAVNER of Chester	JUDICIARY	Public Law 2019, chapter 274 enacted the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3196, which requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide coverage to a MaineCare member for abortion services. Abortion services that are not federally approved Medicaid services must be funded by the State. This bill repeals Title 22, section 3196, removing the requirement that the department fund abortion services for MaineCare members and removing the requirement that the State pay when the abortion services are not covered by Medicaid.
LD 258 (SP 125)	Resolve, To Establish A Program To Recruit And Retain Behavioral Health Clinicians	Harold STEWART of Aroostook	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This resolve directs DHHS 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 2025-26. It directs the department to establish criteria regarding participation in the program and to submit a report regarding the program to the Health and Human Services Committee in 2025.
LD 270 (HP 173)	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review Of Portions Of Chapter 850: Health Plan Accountability, A Major Substantive Rule Of The Department Of Professional And Financial Regulation, Bureau Of Insurance		HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This Resolve adopts changes to Chapter 850 of the rules of the Bureau of Insurance. The rule changes can be found at this link: https://www.maine.gov/pfr/insurance/sites/maine.gov.pfr.insurance/files/inline-files/rule-850-health-plan-accountability-redlined.pdf Most of the changes are positive and reflect statutory changes made by the legislature at our urging last year in our prior authorization legislation.