

Bill	Title	Sponsor	Committee	Note
<u>LD 5</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 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.
<u>LD 35</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</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</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 from employment.

<u>LD 55</u>	An Act To Amend The Law Governing The Accrual Of Earned Paid Leave	Michael LEMELIN of Chelsea	LABOR	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 employer's policy governing paid leave.
<u>LD 60</u>	An Act To Allow Employees To Request Flexible Work Schedules	Amy ROEDER of Bangor	LABOR	<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. 6. It specifies that a collective bargaining agreement may provide an employee with rights more expansive than

<u>LD 61</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
<u>LD 63</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</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 84</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

<u>LD 90</u>	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	<p>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.</p> <p>https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/docs/Provisionally%20Adopted%20Rule%20-%20Chapter%206%20Delegation%20of%20Nursing%20Activities%20and%20Tasks%20to%20UAPs%20by%20RNs.clean%20copydocx.pdf</p>
<u>LD 94</u>	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 <u>fetus of less than 20 weeks gestation</u> .
<u>LD 105</u>	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.
<u>LD 106</u>	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 <u>federal adjusted gross income</u> .
<u>LD 123</u>	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.

<u>LD 143</u>	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.
<u>LD 145</u>	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.
<u>LD 151</u>	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.
<u>LD 163</u>	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 apply beginning January 1, 2026.

<u>LD 167</u>	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.
<u>LD 174</u>	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.
<u>LD 176</u>	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.
<u>LD 178</u>	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.
<u>LD 189</u>	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.

<u>LD 209</u>	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
<u>LD 210</u>	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	Drew GATTINE of Westbrook	APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS	Biennial Budget
<u>LD 238</u>	An Act To Protect Emergency Medical Services Persons' Right To Work In Multiple Health Care Settings	Bradlee FARRIN of Somerset	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	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.

<u>LD 239</u>	An Act To Allow Retail Pharmacies To Operate Remote Dispensing Sites In Rural Areas	Bradlee FARRIN of Somerset	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	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 adopted by the board.
<u>LD 245</u>	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 . https://legislature.maine.gov/doc/9404
<u>LD 253</u>	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.
<u>LD 258</u>	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.
<u>LD 306</u>	An Act To Stabilize Rural Maine Emergency Medical Services Departments	Nathan WADSWORTH of Hiram	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	CONCEPT DRAFT

<u>LD 310</u>	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review Of Portions Of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, A Major Substantive Rule Of The Maine Health Data Organization		HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	<p>These proposed changes add fines for a hospital participating in the 340B Drug Program that fails to file a 340B Drug Program data set and/or meet the standard for data as defined in 90-590 Chapter 340. The penalties are equal to \$100/day for the first week; \$250/day for the second week, \$500/day for the third week and \$1,000/day thereafter. It creates similar penalties for drug manufacturers that fail to disclose cost information about insulin.</p> <p>It also sets out a \$1,000/day penalty for failure to remit the annual assessment. Finally, it sets out a \$500,000 penalty for misuse of MHDO data.</p> <p>Link here: https://mhdo.maine.gov/_pdf/Ch%20100%20Enforcement </p>
<u>LD 331</u>	Resolve, Directing The Department Of Health And Human Services To Ensure Timely Reimbursement Under Mainecare Regarding Hospital Cost Reports	Gary DRINKWATER of Milford	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	<p>This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules in MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 45, Hospital Services, to require the department to reimburse at least 75% of the as-filed settlement pursuant to a hospital's cost reports within 90 days of receipt. It requires the department to accomplish this within existing resources</p>
<u>LD 378</u>	An Act To Strengthen The Health Care System In Maine	Donna BAILEY of York	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	<p>Concept Draft. No Content.</p>
<u>LD 389</u>	Resolve, To Increase Transparency And Evaluate Emergency Response Through A Covid-19 Review Commission	Harold STEWART of Aroostook	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	<p>This resolve establishes the COVID-19 Review Commission to review and study the State's response to COVID-19 and state laws, rules and policies governing that response in the State.</p> <p>The Commission is required to submit a report based on its review that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Health and Human Services Committee no later than December 3, 2025.</p>
<u>LD 406</u>	An Act To Repeal The Laws Providing For Paid Family And Medical Leave And To Reimburse Taxpayers	Joshua MORRIS of Turner	LABOR	<p>This bill repeals the provisions of law related to the paid family and medical leave benefits program.</p>

<u>LD 410</u>	An Act To Require Parental Consent To Withhold Life-sustaining Measures For A Minor Or To Comply With A Do-not-resuscitate Order For A Minor	Reagan PAUL of Winterport	JUDICIARY	This bill prohibits health care practitioners, health care providers and facilities such as nursing homes, hospitals and children's homes from withholding life-sustaining measures or instituting a do-not-resuscitate order for an unemancipated minor without the written consent of a parent or legal guardian of the minor. The bill provides that there is a presumption that the continuation of life is in a minor's best interest and that the parental or legal guardian authority does not end and the authority of a court to order the withdrawal of life-sustaining measures from a minor does not take precedence over the objections of a parent or legal guardian of the minor unless there is destruction of the circulatory and
<u>LD 416</u>	An Act To Enact The Dietitian Licensure Compact	Kristi MATHIESON of Kittery	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill would adopt the Dietitian Licensure Compact, the text of which may be found here: https://legislature.maine.gov/doc/11378
<u>LD 429</u>	An Act To Track Certain Information Regarding And Seek Federal Reimbursement For Medical Care Provided To Asylum Seekers	Gary DRINKWATER of Milford	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill requires a hospital to collect information from a patient seeking care regarding the patient's immigration status. The hospital must inform the patient that the patient is not required to provide this information and that declining to provide this information does not preclude a patient from receiving medical care. The hospital must also inform the patient that the patient's immigration status does not affect the patient's ability to receive medical care at the hospital. A hospital must, by January 1, 2027 and on a quarterly basis thereafter, provide a report to the Department of Health and Human Services providing the aggregate cost of medical care provided to patients who are asylum seekers. The State is obligated to seek reimbursement from the federal government each
<u>LD 459</u>	An Act To Regulate The Use Of Prior Authorization For Health Care Provider Services	Glenn CURRY of Waldo	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	Concept Draft

<u>LD 480</u>	An Act To Support Healthy Weight By Providing Mainecare Coverage For Certain Weight Loss Medications	Anne GRAHAM of North Yarmouth	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide reimbursement under the MaineCare program for glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists that are approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of obesity. The department must restrict reimbursement to medications prescribed by a primary care provider or a bariatric specialist and must require a prior authorization of the medication.
<u>LD 496</u>	An Act Regarding The Time Frame For Issuing A Silver Alert And To Require Silver Alerts For All Persons Missing From Certain Inpatient Facilities	Nina MILLIKEN of Blue Hill	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	This bill amends the provisions of law governing the Silver Alert Program to clarify that a person reported missing from a group home, mental hospital, psychiatric ward or other facility or division of a facility providing inpatient mental health services in the State is automatically considered a missing endangered person and a Silver Alert must be issued for that person. The bill requires that Silver Alerts be issued immediately to all police departments statewide and to all hospitals, homeless shelters, soup kitchens and public libraries in the State within 24 hours. When a person who is the subject of a Silver Alert is not located, the alert must be reissued after
<u>LD 507</u>	An Act To Authorize A General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Lifelight Of Maine	Harold STEWART of Aroostook	APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS	The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$13,485,000, will be used to improve emergency aviation infrastructure, including hospital helipads, fuel systems, automated weather observation systems, communications systems and emergency transport, to improve the safety of and access to critical emergency medical services.
<u>LD 514</u>	Resolve, To Raise Mainecare Reimbursement Rates For Detoxification Services For Substance Use Disorder Treatment	Joseph BALDACCI of Penobscot	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This resolve requires DHHS to amend its Section 97, Private Non-Medical Institution Services, Appendix B to reimburse for non-hospital-based medically supervised withdrawal services at no less than \$594.38 per day. The department must amend the rule no later than January 1, 2026.
<u>LD 518</u>	Resolve, Increasing Access To Maternal And Child Health Care	Michele MEYER of Eliot	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This resolve directs DHHS to examine barriers to the universal referral of all pregnant or parenting individuals and families to the State's maternal and child health home visiting program, known as "CradleME," and develop recommendations for removing the barriers and increasing referrals. The department is directed to seek input from interested stakeholders in the development of the recommendations and to make its report, including any suggested legislation, to the Health and Human Services Committee no later than December 3, 2025.

<u>LD 532</u>	An Act To Protect Health Care Workers By Addressing Assaults In Health Care Settings	Holly STOVER of Boothbay	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	This bill expands the statute related to assault on emergency room workers to include all health care workers or persons employed or contracted by a health care entity licensed by the State.
<u>LD 538</u>	An Act To Amend Maine's Prescription Drug Labeling Law By Allowing The Removal Of The Name Of A Prescriber Of Mifepristone, Misoprostol And Their Generic Alternatives	Sally CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill provides that, at the request of the practitioner prescribing the drug, the prescription drug label for mifepristone, misoprostol and their generic alternatives may include the name of the health care facility that the practitioner is associated with instead of the name of the practitioner.
<u>LD 539</u>	An Act To Repeal The Paid Family And Medical Leave Benefits Program	Shelley RUDNICKI of Fairfield	LABOR	This bill repeals the provisions of law related to the paid family and medical leave benefits program. The bill requires the Department of Labor to refund contributions made by employers and self-employed individuals to the Department of Labor under the paid family and medical leave benefits program. The bill requires an employer that deducted a portion of the premium required for an employee from that employee's wages to remit that portion of the premium to the employee as part of the employee's wages.
<u>LD 541</u>	An Act To Promote Awareness Of The Maine Parentage Act	William BRIDGEO of Augusta	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to create an informational brochure answering basic questions regarding the Maine Parentage Act and to distribute the brochure to appropriate public health and medical facilities, physicians' offices and other venues in the State frequented by the general public.
<u>LD 549</u>	An Act To Establish A Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System And Update Certain Requirements Regarding Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kits	Richard BENNETT of Oxford	JUDICIARY	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.
<u>LD 558</u>	An Act To Strengthen Consumer Protections By Prohibiting The Report Of Medical Debt On Consumer Reports	Donna BAILEY of York	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill prohibits a consumer reporting agency from reporting debt from medical expenses on a consumer's consumer report.

<u>LD 563</u>	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	This resolve requires DHHS to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a waiver of the prohibition 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. The resolve also requires DHHS to update the Legislature on their progress by January 1, 2027, on the status of the waiver request and its implementation of any services provided.
<u>LD 571</u>	An Act To Improve Conditions For Maine Workers And Retirees	Michael TIPPING of Penobscot	LABOR	Concept draft - no content.
<u>LD 574</u>	An Act To Improve Labor Conditions For Workers In The State	Michael TIPPING of Penobscot	LABOR	Concept draft - no content.
<u>LD 575</u>	An Act To Ensure Equitable Access To The Paid Family And Medical Leave Benefits Program By Removing The Requirement That Leave Must Be Scheduled To Prevent Undue Hardship On The Employer	Michael TIPPING of Penobscot	LABOR	This bill amends the law governing paid family and medical leave to remove the provision that the leave must be scheduled to prevent undue hardship on the employer.
<u>LD 578</u>	An Act To Improve Occupational Regulation	Michael TIPPING of Penobscot	LABOR	Concept draft - no content.
<u>LD 581</u>	An Act To Fund The Doctors For Maine's Future Scholarship Program	Richard BENNETT of Oxford	EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS; HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	This bill provides ongoing funds to maintain the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program.
<u>LD 595</u>	An Act To Update Privacy Protections For Maine Consumers	Anne CARNEY of Cumberland	JUDICIARY	Concept draft - no content.

<u>LD 599</u>	An Act To Codify The Federal Salary Threshold For Overtime Pay	Michael TIPPING of Penobscot	LABOR	This bill codifies the federal paid overtime salary threshold for a salaried employee by adding the salary level of \$58,656 per year and the 35th percentile of weekly earnings for full-time salary workers in the lowest-wage census region as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or its successor agency, to the existing provision that details the compensation amounts in order for a salaried employee to be exempt from the laws governing minimum wage and overtime pay.
<u>LD 604</u>	An Act To Ensure Access To Concurrent Methadone Treatment And Intensive Outpatient Programs	Laura SUPICA of Bangor	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from prohibiting coverage of or otherwise restricting coverage for individuals enrolled in the MaineCare program from receiving methadone maintenance for the treatment of opioid use disorder and from concurrently participating in medically appropriate intensive outpatient programs and other outpatient services intended for the treatment of substance use disorder or behavioral health disorders.
<u>LD 608</u>	An Act Making Certain Supplemental Appropriations And Allocations And Changing Certain Provisions Of Law Necessary To The Proper Operations Of State Government	Drew GATTINE of Westbrook	APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS	Concept - no content. Budget.
<u>LD 609</u>	An Act Making Certain Appropriations And Allocations And Changing Certain Provisions Of Law Necessary To The Proper Operations Of State Government	Drew GATTINE of Westbrook	APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS	Skinny biennial + Supplemental
<u>LD 613</u>	An Act To Amend The Maine Death With Dignity Act To Ensure Access By Qualified Patients	Michele MEYER of Eliot	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill allows an attending physician to waive a portion or all of a waiting period for qualified patients to access end-of-life medication based on the qualified patient's condition and the attending physician's medical opinion regarding the best interests of the qualified patient.
<u>LD 625</u>	An Act Supporting Education For The Rural Health Care Workforce	Laurie OSHER of Orono	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill establishes the Maine Rural Health Care Education Workforce Fund to support rural primary care and health professions workforce development in rural areas of the State. It provides \$500,000 for grants related to residency, preceptorship and rotations.

<u>LD 627</u>	An Act To Require Insurance Coverage For Glucagon-like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonist Medication	Holly STOVER of Boothbay	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill requires carriers offering health plans in this State to provide coverage for glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist medication approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration and prescribed by a health care provider
<u>LD 645</u>	An Act To Change The Size And Composition Of The Board Of Directors Of The Maine Health Data Organization	Kristi MATHIESON of Kittery	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill changes the size of the Maine Health Data Organization board of directors from a board with 20 voting members and one nonvoting member to a board with 12 voting members and one nonvoting member. It changes the composition of the board by adding as a voting member a representative from the pharmaceutical industry and adding as the nonvoting member the executive director of the Maine Health Data Organization. It removes the provision regarding staggering of initial terms. Hospital seats will be reduced from 2 to 1.
<u>LD 651</u>	An Act To Fund The Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program	Kelly MURPHY of Scarborough	EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS; HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	This bill provides ongoing funds to support the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program.
<u>LD 663</u>	An Act Regarding Health Care	Kristi MATHIESON of Kittery	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	Concept Draft - no content.
<u>LD 675</u>	An Act To Protect Consumers By Increasing Transparency And Accountability In The Pharmaceutical Industry	Joseph BALDACCI of Penobscot	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	Concept draft - no content.

<u>LD 682</u>	An Act To Amend Certain Laws Regarding Abortions	David HAGGAN of Penobscot	JUDICIARY	his bill amends the law regarding abortions by: 1. Specifying that the report of abortions made to the Department of Health and Human Services must include the race, marital status and level of education of the person on whom the abortion is performed and any other information as prescribed by the National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems, Technical Resource for Reporting Induced Termination of Pregnancy; 2. Changing the standard for when an abortion may be performed after viability by allowing an abortion to be performed after viability only when it is medically necessary to preserve the life or health of the mother, rather than when a licensed physician determines it is necessary, or when the fetus is diagnosed with a fetal anomaly that will, with a reasonable certainty, result in the death of the child within 3 months after birth; and 3. Reestablishing criminal penalties for performing an abortion without a license or after viability.
<u>LD 689</u>	An Act To Support The Northern New England Poison Center	Timothy NANGLE of Cumberland	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill appropriates funds to the Northern New England Poison Center to ensure continued access to 24-hour expert medical treatment advice and information on <u>potentially harmful substances</u> .
<u>LD 697</u>	An Act To Direct The Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board To Assess Strategies To Reduce Prescription Drug Costs And To Take Steps To Implement Reference-based Pricing	Cameron RENY of Lincoln	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill makes a number of changes to the Drug Affordability Board. There are too many to list here. See link: https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0314&item=1&snum=132
<u>LD 705</u>	An Act To Provide Appropriations And Allocations For The Operations Of State Government	Drew GATTINE of Westbrook	APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS	Budget - Concept Draft

<u>LD 710</u>	An Act To Expand Access And Reduce Barriers To Access To Naloxone Hydrochloride And Other Opioid Overdose-reversing Medications	Samuel ZAGER of Portland	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill amends the laws governing the requirements for access to and distribution of naloxone hydrochloride or other opioid overdose-reversing medications. The bill removes training requirements for community-based drug overdose prevention programs and recovery residences and expands access by allowing municipalities to provide vending machines for use by the public in response to an opioid-related drug overdose. The bill further provides additional immunity protections for all persons who may administer naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication to another individual in good faith when they believe the other individual is experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose. Lastly, the bill incorporates other opioid overdose-reversing medications in the provisions governing naloxone
<u>LD 712</u>	An Act To Clarify The Relationship Between Palliative Care Physicians And Hospital Physicians	Tammy SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill requires the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council to make recommendations to require hospitals treating patients under the care of a palliative care physician to defer to the palliative care physician and the patient when making treatment decisions. The bill requires the advisory council to submit its recommendations as part of the advisory council's required annual report no later than January 1, 2026
<u>LD 721</u>	Resolve, To Support The Full Implementation Of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics In The State	Anne GRAHAM of North Yarmouth	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This resolve provides one-time funding to support the full implementation of the 5 certified community behavioral health clinics certified by the State as part of the federal certified community behavioral health clinic Medicaid demonstration program, including hiring clinical and administrative staff critical to the success of the program. The funding must support enhancement of the DHHS proposed certified community behavioral health clinic rate methodology, including increasing wages for new clinical positions that require graduate-level education from 100% to 125% of the state median wage and increasing wages for new administrative positions from 75% to 100% of the state median wage as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
<u>LD 727</u>	An Act To Repeal Certain Immunization Requirements For Schools	Tracy QUINT of Hodgdon	EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS	This bill repeals certain immunization requirements for a child to attend a public or private elementary or secondary school in the State.

<u>LD 742</u>	An Act To Permit Telehealth Services Across State Lines Following Referral From A Primary Care Provider Based In The State	Kenneth FREDETTE of Newport	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill permits health care providers licensed in another state to provide telehealth services to a patient in this State as long as the patient is referred for those services by a primary care provider licensed in this State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services. The out- of-state provider must comply with the provisions of state law and rules regarding telehealth services and, prior to the provision of telehealth services, must disclose to the patient the provider's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.
<u>LD 743</u>	An Act To Increase The Availability And Affordability Of Health Care By Eliminating Certificate Of Need Requirements	Laurel LIBBY of Auburn	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	Under current law, before introducing additional health care services and procedures in a market area, a person must apply for and receive a certificate of need from the Department of Health and Human Services. This bill eliminates that requirement by repealing the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 103-A, which includes sections 326 to 350-C, and making statutory changes to other provisions of law for consistency with the repeal of chapter 103-A.
<u>LD 759</u>	An Act To Increase Patient Safety In Long-term Care Facilities	Craig HICKMAN of Kennebec	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill requires a long-term care facility to equip a resident's bed with side rails if the resident or the resident's legal guardian requests side rails or if side rails <u>are necessary for the safety of the resident.</u>
<u>LD 764</u>	An Act To Improve The Efficiency Of Certain Department Of Health And Human Services Licensing Investigations	Michele MEYER of Eliot	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill grants the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, the commissioner's delegate or the legal counsel for the Department of Health and Human Services the ability to issue a subpoena to obtain records and testimony relevant to a licensure violation investigation. This is consistent with authority already established in accordance with the Adult Protective Services Act and with other professional licensure boards.

<u>LD 765</u>	An Act To Amend The Laws Governing The Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program	Michele MEYER of Eliot	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill amends the laws governing the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program. It changes the definition of "prescriber" to mean a licensed health care professional or veterinarian with prescriptive authority, including a licensed health care professional or veterinarian who uses telehealth in providing health care to prescribe controlled substances to patients located in this State; removes the itemized list of required information to be reported to the program and provides the Department of Health and Human Services authority to specify and determine this information by rule; extends the annual reporting deadline from January 15th annually to April 15th annually; and repeals the one-time rule-
<u>LD 770</u>	An Act To Establish The Office Of The Inspector General Of Child Protection	Joseph BALDACCI of Penobscot	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill establishes the Office of the Inspector General to investigate cases of death, serious injury and abuse or neglect of children in state custody or receiving child <u>welfare or juvenile justice services</u>
<u>LD 772</u>	An Act To Assist Nursing Facilities In The Management Of Facility Beds	Joseph BALDACCI of Penobscot	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill modifies the provision of law governing procedures for reinstating beds that have been voluntarily removed from a nursing facility. The bill expands the criteria governing which removed beds qualify as reserved beds that may be reinstated under this provision by removing language that limits reinstatement to beds that were removed prior to July 1, 2007 for a reason other than to create private rooms. The bill modifies the expedited review 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 reserved 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 reopened beds and the complement of facility beds at the time the reserved beds are reopened must ...
<u>LD 780</u>	An Act To Fund State Government	Margaret ROTUNDO of Androscoggin	APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS	Concept draft - budget.
<u>LD 781</u>	An Act To Provide For Appropriations And Allocations	Margaret ROTUNDO of Androscoggin	APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS	Concept draft - budget.

<u>LD 782</u>	An Act To Amend Mainecare Financial Eligibility Requirements	Denise TEPLER of Sagadahoc	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill makes the following changes to financial eligibility for the MaineCare program. 1. It changes the family income limit for qualified elderly or disabled persons from 100% to 138% of the official poverty line. 2. It changes the family income limit for parents and caretaker relatives from 100% to 138% of the official poverty line. 3. It raises the age of eligibility for a person otherwise eligible who is a noncitizen legally admitted to the United States to the extent that coverage is allowable by federal law from under 21 years of age to under 23 years of age. 4. It raises the maximum asset limits for members subject to an asset test from \$8,000 for an individual to \$15,000 and from \$12,000 for a household of more than one person to \$25,000. 5. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to establish by rule that the maximum asset limits for those who are working with a disabling condition is \$15,000 for an individual and \$25,000 for a household of more than one pers...
<u>LD 790</u>	An Act To Prevent Denial Of Patient Access Through Collaborative Care	Joseph BALDACCI of Penobscot	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill prohibits a health care practitioner from denying a patient access to health care services to be performed by another health care practitioner when those services are within the lawful scope of practice of the other health care practitioner
<u>LD 791</u>	An Act Regarding Children With Behavioral Health Needs Awaiting Placement In Residential Care Facilities	Joseph BALDACCI of Penobscot	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse hospitals for children who are eligible under the MaineCare program and who are in hospital emergency rooms awaiting placement in a children's residential care facility at the same rate as would be provided to a children's residential care facility. The bill requires the department to develop 3 crisis centers for children and adolescents with high levels of behavioral health needs and awaiting placement in a residential facility or community service. The bill requires the department to enter into an agreement with a vendor to provide a psychiatric residential treatment facility by April 1, 2025 or develop a facility owned and operated directly by the department. The bill requires the department to provide monthly data to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on the number of children who are in a hospital emergency room awaiting

<u>LD 792</u>	An Act To Fund Medical Research And Cancer Prevention	Joseph BALDACCI of Penobscot	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This resolve provides one-time funding to the Christine B. Foundation to support a research project to evaluate the impact of access to medically tailored groceries and dietician counseling on cancer patients and their families.
<u>LD 797</u>	An Act To Amend The Laws Regarding Work Search Efforts For Unemployment Benefits And To Eliminate Benefits For Temporary Unemployment	Harold STEWART of Aroostook	LABOR	Concept Draft.
<u>LD 799</u>	An Act To Report Gender Wage Gaps	Amy ROEDER of Bangor	LABOR	This bill requires employers with at least one employee within the State and at least 250 employees in the United States to annually report for a one-week period between October 1st and December 31st of the preceding year the number of male, female and nonbinary employees in the employer's employ, the median hourly equivalent rates of pay of all male, female and nonbinary employees in the employer's employ and the gender wage gap calculated by dividing the median hourly equivalent rate of pay of all the male employees by the median hourly equivalent rate of pay of all the female employees.
<u>LD 805</u>	Resolve, To Direct The Board Of Licensure In Medicine And The Board Of Osteopathic Licensure To Conduct A Study Regarding The Feasibility Of Combining These Boards	Kristi MATHIESON of Kittery	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This resolve directs the Board of Licensure in Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Licensure to conduct a study regarding the feasibility of combining into a single board that licenses and regulates physicians and physician assistants. The boards are required to submit a report based on the evaluation by December 31, 2025.

<u>LD 831</u>	An Act Regarding Abandoned Vehicles Due To Involuntary Psychiatric Hospitalization	Marianne MOORE of Washington	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill allows a period of 120 days before the Secretary of State determines that a vehicle is abandoned if the vehicle owner is involuntarily hospitalized. The notification of involuntary hospitalization, which must be provided to the Secretary to State, may come from the owner of the vehicle, the hospital or another person authorized by the owner of the vehicle. The bill prohibits the Secretary of State from issuing a letter of ownership or certificate of title until at least 120 days after the date on which the owner of the premises where a vehicle has been abandoned, or the owner's agent, has been notified that the vehicle owner is involuntarily hospitalized. The bill also reduces the total storage charges to \$600 for the first 30 days of storage and specifies the total storage charges may not exceed \$1,500 for each subsequent 30-day
<u>LD 833</u>	An Act To Expand The Earned Paid Leave Exception	Richard BRADSTREET of Kennebec	LABOR	This bill exempts employers that provide employees with 80 or more hours of paid leave during the calendar year from the laws governing earned paid leave.
<u>LD 842</u>	An Act To Improve The Health Of Maine Residents By Amending The Laws Governing The Mainecare, Maine Rx Plus And Emergency Mainecare Programs	Rachel TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill provides Maine Rx Plus Program coverage for noncitizen residents of this State with qualifying low incomes who are currently ineligible for coverage under the federal Medicaid program due to their immigration status and who have a diagnosis of cardiovascular disease, hypertension or type 2 diabetes. The bill provides MaineCare program coverage for noncitizen residents of this State 21 years of age or older with qualifying low incomes who are currently ineligible for coverage under the federal Medicaid program due to their immigration status in some circumstances.
<u>LD 843</u>	An Act To Continue Funding For The Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program	Michael TIPPING of Penobscot	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill provides ongoing funding to the Office of the Attorney General to contract with a designated nonprofit, independent health insurance consumer assistance entity to continue to operate the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program. The bill also changes the date for the report required from the Attorney General regarding aggregate data relevant to the services provided by and activities of the consumer assistance program and corrects a cross reference.

<u>LD 853</u>	An Act To Replace The Minimum Hourly Wage With A Regionally Based Living Wage	Valli GEIGER of Rockland	LABOR	This bill replaces the minimum wage for the State with a regional living wage beginning January 1, 2026, according to data provided by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Living Wage Calculator, or its successor organization. The bill divides the State into regions based on counties for the purposes of a regional living wage. The bill provides that, until December 31, 2025, the minimum hourly wage is \$14.65, which is the minimum hourly wage as of January 1, 2025.
<u>LD 865</u>	An Act To Require Mainecare To Reimburse For Lactation Services In The Homes Of Eligible Persons	Michelle BOYER of Cape Elizabeth	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse for lactation services in hospitals and in the homes of eligible persons. It requires the department to reimburse for services provided by lactation consultants certified by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners. The department must apply for a state plan amendment no later than January 1, 2026 and adopt or amend rules within 6 months of approval.
<u>LD 871</u>	An Act To Exempt All Persons, Including Health Care And Emergency Services Personnel, From Covid-19 Vaccine Requirements	Marygrace CIMINO of Bridgton	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill prohibits the State from requiring any person, including health care facility employees and emergency medical services personnel, to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.
<u>LD 882</u>	An Act To Protect Communication With Providers Of Critical Incident Stress Management Peer Support	Suzanne SALISBURY of Westbrook	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	This bill: 1. Includes critical incident stress management peer support in the definition of "health care" in the laws governing the confidentiality of health care information; 2. Provides that providers of critical incident stress management peer support are mandatory reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect or suspicious child deaths; and 3. Designates communications of providers of critical incident stress management peer support as privileged communications.

<u>LD 886</u>	An Act To Regulate Medication Abortions	Abigail GRIFFIN of Levant	JUDICIARY	This bill regulates medication abortions, which are abortions resulting from the ingestion of a chemical agent or drug. The bill: 1. Prohibits purchasing or obtaining through online sources a chemical agent or drug used for medication abortions; 2. Requires a person opting to undergo a medication abortion to obtain a chemical agent or drug through a prescription from a licensed health care professional and requires that licensed health care professional to oversee the abortion in person; and 3. Requires the licensed health care professional to inform the patient: A. Of the physical steps involved in the medication abortion; B. What the patient will experience as a result of ingesting the chemical agent or drug; C. Of any physical, emotional or spiritual risks of undergoing the medication abortion; and D. Of any chemical agent, drug or other means by which the medication abortion may be reversed.
<u>LD 887</u>	An Act To Make Manufacturers Responsible For Proper Disposal Of Abortion Drugs And Require A Health Care Provider To Be Physically Present During A Chemical Abortion	Reagan PAUL of Winterport	JUDICIARY	This bill makes it a Class C crime to provide or attempt to provide an abortion drug to a patient without physically examining the patient, being physically present at the location of the abortion, scheduling a follow-up visit with the patient and providing the patient with a catch kit and medical waste bag. The bill also sets requirements for medical waste bags and makes manufacturers liable for the improper disposal of abortion drugs.
<u>LD 889</u>	An Act To Amend The Laws Regarding The Department Of Health And Human Services	Michele MEYER of Eliot	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Concept Draft
<u>LD 890</u>	An Act To Permit The Dispensing Of Ivermectin Pursuant To A Standing Order Upon Request For Covid-19, Flu And Cancer Patients	David HAGGAN of Penobscot	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill authorizes a pharmacist to dispense ivermectin upon request of a patient pursuant to a standing order from a practitioner acting within the lawful scope of the practitioner's license. The standing order must meet certain conditions, including authorization to dispense ivermectin to a patient for the treatment of COVID-19, influenza or cancer. A pharmacist who acts under a standing order is deemed to be dispensing ivermectin for a legitimate medical purpose in the usual course of the practice of pharmacy.

<u>LD 894</u>	An Act To Amend The Laws Governing Paid Family And Medical Leave	President Matthea DAUGHTRY of Cumberland	LABOR	This bill, from the original sponsors of the legislation, amends the laws governing paid family and medical leave as follows. 1. It clarifies that intermittent leave of an employee of less than one work day may not be taken unless it is agreed to by the employee and the employer. 2. It establishes in statute the Bureau of Paid Family and Medical Leave within the Department of Labor to administer the paid family and medical leave benefits program. 3. It establishes remedies for the Department of Labor to enforce the collection of delinquent premium contributions, penalties and assessments on employers that fail to make payments required by the program. 4. It establishes liability for individuals or organizations with respect to premium contributions, penalties and assessments owed by employers acquired by those individuals or organizations. 5. It establishes penalties for employers that allow private plan benefit coverage to lapse during a period of an approved private plan
<u>LD 896</u>	An Act To Provide Young Children Stable Access To Health Care	Anne CARNEY of Cumberland	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to apply, by December 31, 2025, to the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a waiver or demonstration project or to amend a pending or current waiver or demonstration project to provide continuous eligibility to a child from birth through 5 years of age who is eligible for and enrolls in the Medicaid program.
<u>LD 898</u>	An Act To Support Rural Workforce Recruitment By Allowing Pay Differentials Based On Work Site Location And Employee Experience And Credentials Under The Maine Equal Pay Law	Harold STEWART of Aroostook	LABOR	This bill allows differentials in pay based on the geographic location of an employee's work site and an employee's experience or credentials.
<u>LD 899</u>	An Act To Strengthen The Requirements For Medical Payments Coverage	Donna BAILEY of York	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill adds a requirement regarding medical payments coverage that prohibits casualty insurers from issuing a payment directly to a provider until the casualty insurer receives a bill that shows the health insurer has paid the health care provider and that identifies the patient's responsibility for cost sharing. The bill also requires the assignment of medical payments coverage to be in writing

<u>LD 902</u>	An Act To Establish The Medical Debt Relief Program	Joseph BALDACCI of Penobscot	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill establishes the Medical Debt Relief Program to be administered by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection for the purchase, cancellation and forgiveness of medical debt for residents of the State whose federal adjusted gross income is not more than 400% of the federal poverty level and who meet other specified conditions. The bill provides that cancelled or forgiven debt may not be included the individual's taxable income.
<u>LD 910</u>	An Act To Collect Data To Better Understand The Consumer's Health Insurance Experience	Denise TEPLER of Sagadahoc	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill requires a health insurance carrier, beginning in 2026, to provide a quarterly report to the Superintendent of Insurance that identifies the number of claims for that quarter that were denied, the number of claims for that quarter for which prior authorization was denied, the 5 most common reasons for a claim denial and the 5 most common reasons for a prior authorization denial.
<u>LD 917</u>	An Act Regarding Charges To Uninsured Patients For Covid-19 Vaccines	Joshua MORRIS of Turner	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill repeals the provision of law that prohibits health care providers from charging uninsured patients for administering a COVID-19 vaccine.
<u>LD 941</u>	An Act Requiring Employers To Disclose Wage Ranges In Job Postings	Marshall ARCHER of Saco	LABOR	This bill requires an employer that employs 10 or more employees to include a wage range in any job posting for a position of employment in the State. An employer acting in good faith may pay an employee a wage different than the wage range based upon factors such as market conditions or the experience or education of the employee.

<u>LD 955</u>	An Act To Ensure Human Oversight In Medical Insurance Payment Decisions	Joseph MARTIN of Oxford	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill prohibits, beginning January 1, 2026, health insurance carriers from denying coverage or claims for services under a health plan solely based on the use of artificial intelligence. The bill requires that, before a carrier denies benefits or reduces payment for services using artificial intelligence, a carrier must conduct a utilization review done by a physician who is licensed in this State that includes a review of the medical necessity of the services, the professional judgment of the enrollee's provider and the impact of any denial of benefits or reduction in payment on the enrollee's health outcomes. The bill requires carriers and the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to report on a quarterly and annual basis, respectively, on the use of artificial intelligence. The bill also requires the bureau to adopt rules related to the use of artificial intelligence by carriers no later than November
<u>LD 960</u>	An Act Facilitating The Discharge Of Hospitalized Patients To Nursing Facilities	Kathy JAVNER of Chester	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill makes the following changes when a hospitalized patient is awaiting discharge to a long-term care facility: 1. Identification of a placement in a nursing facility or residential care facility is not required to file a petition for emergency guardianship for a patient delayed from discharge from a hospital; 2. The requirement for a MaineCare member to be placed in a nursing facility within 60 miles of the member's home when the member is being discharged from a hospital is removed; and 3. The processing standard to process a MaineCare application for a hospitalized patient awaiting a placement to a nursing facility is changed from 45 days to 30 days.
<u>LD 961</u>	An Act To Address Maine's Health Care Workforce Shortage And Improve Access To Care	Kristi MATHIESON of Kittery	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill repeals the provision of law requiring that a certified nurse practitioner who qualifies as an advanced practice registered nurse must practice for at least 24 months under the supervision of a physician or supervising nurse practitioner or be employed by a clinic or hospital that has a medical director who is a licensed physician. The bill also eliminates the supervising nurse practitioner designation, which is no longer needed.

<u>LD 966</u>	An Act Allowing Access By State Agencies And Hospitals To Certain Confidential Probate Court Records	Amy KUHN of Falmouth	JUDICIARY	This bill allows employees and legal counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of the Attorney General, agencies designated by the Governor to provide protection and advocacy for persons with disabilities, private mental hospitals and hospitals access to confidential probate court records in adult guardianship, conservatorship and protective arrangement proceedings if the access is to carry out an official function, duty or responsibility in the public interest.
<u>LD 977</u>	Resolve, Requiring The Maine Health Data Organization To Develop A Plan For Measuring Gaps In Home And Community-based Services	Sally CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This resolve requires the Maine Health Data Organization to develop a plan for annual measurements of the gap between authorized care and the services actually provided for home and community-based services under the MaineCare program, state-funded programs and the forthcoming lifespan program using existing data.
<u>LD 980</u>	Resolve, To Create The Commission To Improve The Oversight Of The Long-term Care System	Denise TEPLER of Sagadahoc	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This resolve creates the Commission to Improve the Oversight of the Long-term Care System to study and make recommendations on the current status of and improvements to long-term care facilities and the long-term care industry in the State. The resolve requires the commission to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Health and Human Services Committee by March 1, 2026.
<u>LD 983</u>	An Act Regarding Service Of Notice Of Restricted Person Status To Hospitalized Patients	Anne CARNEY of Cumberland	JUDICIARY	This bill amends the law governing hospital cooperation with law enforcement agencies to allow a law enforcement agency to request that a hospital provide access to a patient for purposes of notification of restricted person status for a person taken into protective custody by a law enforcement officer due to likelihood of foreseeable harm.
<u>LD 985</u>	An Act To Impose A Moratorium On The Ownership Or Operation Of Hospitals In The State By Private Equity Companies Or Real Estate Investment Trusts	Michael TIPPING of Penobscot	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill places a moratorium on a private equity company or real estate investment trust from acquiring or increasing a direct or indirect ownership interest or operational control or financial control in a hospital in the State until June 15, 2029.

<u>LD 1000</u>	An Act To Require Correctional Facilities And Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facilities To Release Prisoners And Patients To A Responsible Adult	Marygrace CIMINO of Bridgton	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to require a substance use disorder treatment facility to ensure that a patient is discharged to the care of a responsible adult as determined by the facility. The bill also requires the Commissioner of Corrections to ensure that, when a prisoner is released, the prisoner is released to the care of a responsible adult as determined by the commissioner.
<u>LD 1001</u>	An Act To Prohibit Medical Providers And Certain Others From Reporting Prescribed Medication-assisted Treatment Of Parents To Child Protective Services	Nina MILLIKEN of Blue Hill	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill modifies the requirements for notification to the Department of Health and Human Services when an infant is born affected by substance use or has withdrawal symptoms that require medical monitoring or care beyond standard newborn care when those symptoms have resulted from or have likely resulted from prenatal drug exposure. If the infant is affected by substances because the infant is born to a person who is receiving medication-assisted treatment but there is no apparent risk of abuse or neglect, the health care provider may not notify the department and must develop a plan of care for the infant. If the health care provider notifies the department anyway, the department may not take further action. The bill also prohibits a mandated reporter from notifying the department that a parent or other person responsible for the child is receiving medication-assisted treatment when there is no suspicion of abuse or neglect.
<u>LD 1006</u>	An Act To Allow Testing Of Pregnant Persons For Drugs Directly Before And After Childbirth	James DILL of Old Town	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill allows a health care provider to administer a blood test before and after childbirth to a pregnant person with the person's consent to determine the presence of drugs or medications and requires a record to be kept of any drug or medication administered to the pregnant person during childbirth. Prior to a report of drug use being made, all blood tests must be reconciled, and all records of drugs and medications administered and the results of the blood tests must accompany the repo
<u>LD 1007</u>	An Act To Update The State's Informed Consent Laws Regarding Drug-induced Abortion	Reagan PAUL of Winterport	JUDICIARY	This bill requires a health care professional who is obtaining a woman's informed consent to a drug-induced abortion to provide the woman with specific information about the potential ability of qualified health care professionals to reverse the effects of the abortion

<u>LD 1018</u>	An Act To Protect Health Care For Rural And Underserved Areas By Prohibiting Discrimination By Participants In A Federal Drug Discount Program	Donna BAILEY of York	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill prevents discrimination by pharmaceutical manufacturers, health insurance carriers, pharmacy benefits managers and their agents against pharmacies and health care providers that participate in the federal prescription drug discount program, known as the 340B drug discount program. The bill's provisions do not apply to the MaineCare program. The bill also includes language to clarify that the provisions may not be construed or applied in any way that conflicts with federal law.
<u>LD 1028</u>	Resolve, To Establish The Task Force To Study Equitable Access To Maternal Health Care And Birthing Facilities	Rachel TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This resolve establishes the Task Force to Study Equitable Access to Maternal Health Care and Birthing Facilities, which is directed to study past closures of maternal health care centers in the State, the current availability of access to maternal health care services in the State and methods to increase patient access to maternal health care services, including equitable access for vulnerable populations.
<u>LD 1030</u>	An Act Regarding The Reporting Of Medical Debt On Consumer Reports	Joshua MORRIS of Turner	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill prohibits a consumer reporting agency from reporting debt from medical expenses on a consumer's consumer report if the consumer was covered by a health plan at the time of the event giving rise to the medical expenses and the debt is for an outstanding balance owed for emergency medical treatment or treatment in a health care facility for an out-of-network benefit claim.
<u>LD 1053</u>	An Act To Ensure That Rebates From Prescription Drug Manufacturers Are Passed On To Patients At Pharmacies	Kristen CLOUTIER of Lewiston	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	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. It designates the information provided as confidential.

<u>LD 1055</u>	An Act To Prohibit Discrimination In Access To Anatomical Donations And Organ Transplants	James DILL of Old Town	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill prohibits a health care facility or provider from denying medical services or other services related to organ transplantation to an individual based solely on the individual's disability. It requires health care facilities and providers to make reasonable modifications to policies, practices and procedures to allow individuals with disabilities access to transplantation-related services.
<u>LD 1065</u>	An Act Regarding The Reduction And Recycling Of Food Waste	Stacy BRENNER of Cumberland	ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES	This bill provides that, beginning July 1, 2027, a designated food waste generator may not dispose of its generated food waste at an incineration facility or solid waste landfill and must to the maximum extent practicable reduce the volume of food waste it generates, separate and arrange for the donation of excess edible food and manage the remaining food waste it generates through agricultural use, composting or anaerobic digestion at the point of generation, at a different location or by transferring the food waste to an organics recycler for management. The Department of Environmental Protection may approve a temporary waiver from these requirements for a designated food waste generator based on undue hardship for a period not to exceed 3
<u>LD 1070</u>	Resolve, To Study A Medicaid Forward Plan For Maine	Michael TIPPING of Penobscot	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This resolve requires the Office of Affordable Health Care to study the impact of implementing a Medicaid Forward plan and amending the MaineCare state plan to provide medical assistance to residents who are under 65 years of age, who have a household income exceeding 138% of the federal poverty level and who are not otherwise eligible for and enrolled in health care coverage. The office is required to propose a plan to implement a Medicaid Forward plan. The resolve requires the office to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services by January 1, 2026 detailing the office's study of and program design for the Medicaid Forward plan.

<u>LD 1084</u>	Resolve, To Alleviate The Behavioral Health Workforce Shortage By Allowing The Training And Granting Of Behavioral Health Certifications By Community-based Agencies And Hospitals	Lydia CRAFTS of Newcastle	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to, by January 1, 2026, amend its rules to allow community-based agencies and hospitals to provide in-house training and to certify their own staff for all levels of mental health rehabilitation technicians, certified residential medication aides and behavioral health professionals. It requires the department to terminate 3rd-party contracts to conduct this training and to end the requirement for 3rd-party approval for certifications for these positions
<u>LD 1088</u>	An Act To Enact The Maine Consumer Data Privacy Act	Rachel HENDERSON of Rumford	JUDICIARY	This bill enacts the Maine Consumer Data Privacy Act, which takes effect July 1, 2026. The Act regulates the collection, use, processing, disclosure, sale and deletion of nonpublicly available personal data that is linked or reasonably linkable to an individual who is a resident of the State, referred to in the Act as a "consumer," by a person that conducts business in this State or that produces products or services targeted to residents of this State, referred to in the Act as a "controller."
<u>LD 1100</u>	An Act To Clarify The Requirements For Accessing Nonformulary Drugs And Drugs Used To Treat Serious Mental Illness	Donna BAILEY of York	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill clarifies that if a drug shortage causes a formulary drug used for the treatment of serious mental illness to become unavailable, a carrier must approve an equivalent nonformulary drug for the period of time that the formulary drug is unavailable. The bill also eliminates a requirement that an enrollee in a health plan gain access to a clinically appropriate drug not otherwise covered by the health plan.
<u>LD 1128</u>	An Act To Modernize The Formulary For Naturopathic Doctors	Cassie JULIA of Waterville	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill requires that the rules related to the prescriptive authority of naturopathic doctors must be updated by a formulary subcommittee of the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers at least every 2 years and establishes requirements for the subcommittee
<u>LD 1151</u>	An Act To Protect Access To Health Insurance Under The Mainecare Program	Joshua MORRIS of Turner	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to enact measures to address issues relating to a MaineCare recipient losing MaineCare coverage if the recipient's income increases above the income levels established for MaineCare eligibility

<u>LD 1152</u>	An Act To Expand The Right To Shop For Health Care Services	Joshua MORRIS of Turner	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill makes the following changes to the law relating to the comparable health care service incentive program. 1. It removes the requirement that the small group health plan design be compatible with a federally authorized health savings account. 2. It requires that the incentives be equal to or greater than 25% of the difference between the price of the health care service from the provider selected and the statewide average for the same covered health care service based on data reported on the publicly accessible health care costs website of the Maine Health Data Organization. 3. It adds surgical procedures to the categories of nonemergency, outpatient health care services included in the definition of "comparable health
<u>LD 1157</u>	An Act To Amend The Laws Relating To The State's Background Check Center	Daniel SHAGOURY of Hallowell	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill updates certain definitions related to health care service providers and clarifies background check parameters and applicable roles and responsibilities in order to gain Federal Bureau of Investigation approval for the State to effectuate biometric-based background check capability. The bill clarifies requirements regarding privacy of federal conviction data. The bill also updates the date that statutory changes take effect to align with the time of functionality of the system
<u>LD 1166</u>	An Act To Change The Professional Title And Identification Of Physician Assistants To Physician Associates	Kristen CLOUTIER of Lewiston	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill changes the professional title and identification of physician assistants to physician associates, with no change to the scope of practice of those professionals.
<u>LD 1169</u>	An Act Regarding Employer Payments For The Paid Family And Medical Leave Benefits Program	Michael SOBOLESKI of Phillips	LABOR	This bill allows an employer whose private plan is approved by the department to request a refund of the premiums paid if that employer had a substantially equivalent private plan in place on or before January 1, 2025 the date that premiums started to be due
<u>LD 1173</u>	Resolve, To Establish A Group To Study The Laws Governing The Guardianship Of Adults And Ongoing Parental Rights Of Parents Of Disabled Adults	William BRIDGEO of Augusta	JUDICIARY	This resolve establishes the Study Group to Examine the Guardianship of Adults and Ongoing Parental Rights of Parents of Disabled Adults. The study group is established to review current laws and rules applying to the legal guardianship of an adult in this State and the laws and rules applying to the ongoing parental rights of a parent of an adult child with one or more disabilities that impair the adult child's ability to meet essential requirements for physical health, safety or self-care. The study group must evaluate what, if any, actions should be taken to improve the clarity of those laws and rules.

<u>LD 1187</u>	An Act To Require Certain Mental Health Data To Be Included In Uniform Crime Reports	Lori GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	This bill adds to the categories of uniform crime reports that all law enforcement agencies are required to submit to the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification to require the reporting of the number of mental health referrals made pursuant to the extreme risk protection order statutes and the number of individuals who received services pursuant to those referrals.
<u>LD 1192</u>	An Act To Increase The Commercial Insurance Reimbursement Rate For Ambulance Services	Joseph BALDACCI of Penobscot	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill increases the reimbursement rate an insurance carrier must pay for ambulance services to the ambulance service provider's rate or 400% of the Medicare rate, whichever is less.
<u>LD 1195</u>	An Act To Amend The Provisions Of The Maine Workers' Compensation Act Of 1992 Governing Requirements For Self-insurers	Donna BAILEY of York	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill does the following to the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 governing requirements for self-insurers. 1. It removes the confidence level requirements for letters of credit for self-insureds. 2. It clarifies the notice period for nonrenewal of an irrevocable standby letter of credit. 3. It changes the requirements for when a draft on a letter of credit must be honored. 4. It clarifies how a group self-insurer may secure its obligations to the confidence level required. 5. It corrects "out-of-state insurer" to "out-of-state self-insurer." 6. It corrects an error related to group self-insurers. 7. It corrects a reference to Lloyd's of London. 8. It adds a requirement that the Superintendent of Insurance notify the Workers' Compensation Board if an authorization for self-insurance is terminated or suspended.
<u>LD 1216</u>	An Act To Improve Behavioral Health Crisis Services And Suicide Prevention Services	Timothy NANGLE of Cumberland	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill would improve the quality of and access to behavioral health crisis services; reduce the stigma surrounding suicide, mental health conditions and substance use disorder; provide a behavioral health crisis response that is substantially equivalent to the response already provided to individuals who require emergency physical health care in the State; strengthen the crisis response for children, youth, young persons and families; and codify the name of the 988 telephone number for the national suicide and crisis hotline.

<u>LD 1224</u>	An Act To Comprehensively Protect Consumer Privacy	Tiffany ROBERTS of South Berwick	JUDICIARY	This bill enacts the Maine Consumer Privacy Act, which takes effect July 1, 2026. The Act regulates the collection, use, processing, disclosure, sale and deletion of nonpublicly available personal data that is linked or reasonably linkable to an individual who is a resident of the State, referred to in the Act as a "consumer," by a person that conducts business in this State or that produces products or services targeted to residents of this State, referred to in the Act as a "controller."
<u>LD 1225</u>	An Act To Amend The Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program	Tiffany ROBERTS of South Berwick	EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS	This bill modifies the nursing education loan repayment program by amending the criteria to add an outstanding education loan relating to an associate or bachelor's degree of any kind to the list of debts that qualify for the program, whether or not the otherwise qualifying nurse has outstanding debts related to a master's or doctoral nursing degree. Under the bill, the Finance Authority of Maine must repay the loan for an associate or bachelor's degree up to \$20,000 for a qualifying full-time nurse and up to \$10,000 for a qualifying part-time nurse.
<u>LD 1239</u>	An Act To Require Data Collection On And Reporting Of Psychiatric Hospital Resources And Transparency In Denials Of Emergency Involuntary Admissions To Psychiatric Hospitals	Daniel SHAGOURY of Hallowell	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill requires: 1. Psychiatric hospitals to provide detailed written explanations to referring hospitals for emergency admission denials that include specific reasons for the denial, circumstances under which the admission referral would be reconsidered and justification for prioritizing other admissions; 2. Psychiatric hospitals on a daily basis to report inpatient bed capacity, occupancy and locations to the Department of Health and Human Services, which is required to make the information available in real time on a publicly accessible website; 3. Psychiatric hospitals on a biennial basis to report information on inpatient bed capacity and occupancy, with the Department of Health and Human Services issuing a publicly accessible report on this information identifying statewide trends and utilization patterns regarding the use of inpatient beds; and 4. The Department of Health and Human Services to include in its biennial report identification of deficiencies contributing
<u>LD 1249</u>	An Act To Delay Payment Of Benefits Under The Paid Family And Medical Leave Benefits Program	Billy Bob FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor	LABOR	This bill delays the implementation of the paid family and medical leave benefits program until July 1, 2027 and the requirement that the administrator of the program begin processing claims for benefits under the program until November 1, 2027. The bill also makes corresponding changes to other related implementation dates.

<u>LD 1254</u>	An Act To Expand The Licensing Of Outpatient Surgical Facilities	Alicia COLLINS of Sidney	JUDICIARY	This bill modifies the definition of "ambulatory surgical facility" by removing language that excludes the private office of a physician or dentist and a facility existing for the primary purpose of performing terminations of pregnancies. Under the bill, such a facility is considered an ambulatory surgical facility and would be required to be licensed as such if that facility's primary purpose is providing outpatient elective surgical care .
<u>LD 1269</u>	Resolve, To Study The Costs And Funding Of A Universal Health Care Plan For Maine	Anne-Marie MASTRACCIO of Sanford	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This resolve directs the Office of Affordable Health Care to study, in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services, the costs and potential funding of a publicly funded, privately and publicly provided, universal health care plan for the State .
<u>LD 1273</u>	An Act To Make Paid Family And Medical Leave Voluntary	Billy Bob FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor	LABOR	Part A of this bill repeals the provisions in law that established the paid family and medical leave benefits program. Part B of the bill establishes a voluntary paid family and medical leave program for employers of 50 or more employees and also allows individual employees whose employers do not participate in the program to voluntarily participate .
<u>LD 1277</u>	An Act Regarding Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Activities	Matt MOONEN of Portland	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill excepts testosterone from the definition of "controlled substance" in the laws governing controlled substances prescription monitoring and directs the Department of Health and Human Services to purge from the records of the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program all information concerning the prescribing and dispensing of testosterone.
<u>LD 1281</u>	An Act To Address The Safety Of Nurses And Improve Patient Care By Enacting The Maine Quality Care Act	Stacy BRENNER of Cumberland	LABOR	This bill establishes the Maine Quality Care Act to ensure adequate direct care registered nurse staffing assignments in health care facilities, including hospitals, freestanding emergency departments and ambulatory surgical facilities, and critical access hospitals to provide safe and effective patient care. It establishes minimum staffing requirements for direct care registered nurses based on patient care unit and patient needs, specifies the method to calculate a health care facility's compliance with the staffing requirements, protects direct care registered nurses from retaliation and includes notice, record-keeping and enforcement requirements. The bill also directs the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a process for critical access hospitals to request flexibility regarding the minimum

<u>LD 1301</u>	An Act To Prohibit The Use Of Artificial Intelligence In The Denial Of Health Insurance Claims	Michael TIPPING of Penobscot	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill establishes requirements, beginning January 1, 2026, for health insurance carriers that use artificial intelligence to make medical review or utilization review determinations relating to the approval, denial, delay, modification or adjustment of coverage for services under a health plan. The bill requires that any denial, delay, modification or adjustment of health care services based on medical necessity be made by a clinical peer.
<u>LD 1307</u>	An Act To Suspend The Remittance Obligation For Paid Family And Medical Leave Private Plan Users	Richard BRADSTREET of Kennebec	LABOR	This bill immediately suspends the payroll premiums imposed on employers under the paid family and medical leave benefits program until January 1, 2026, but allows an employer that wants to participate in the program to continue to pay the premiums. The bill also requires the Department of Labor to amend its rules adopted for the program to establish an expedited process for approval of an employer's substitute private plan that is substantially equivalent to the program and to waive the payroll premiums during consideration of an employer's application for exemption.
<u>LD 1310</u>	An Act To Amend The Laws Governing Insurance Coverage Of Preventive And Primary Health Services	Joseph BALDACCI of Penobscot	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill amends the laws governing parity in cost sharing for primary care and behavioral health office visits to provide that those laws do not apply to health plans that have no deductible, no coinsurance and out-of-pocket limits that meet the applicable federal requirements.
<u>LD 1311</u>	An Act To Expand Maine's Health Care Workforce By Improving Educational Opportunities	Henry INGWERSEN of York	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill establishes the Maine Health Care Education Training and Medical Residency Fund and appropriates \$5,000,000 annually to support health care in rural and underserved communities and physician workforce development.

<u>LD 1316</u>	An Act To Amend The Mandated Reporter Laws Regarding Medical Records, Additional Information And Immunity	Marianne MOORE of Washington	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill clarifies that mandated reporters are not required to document suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation in the subject's medical record or report shared to 3rd parties. Reports must still be made to the Department of Health and Human Services. If suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation is documented in a medical record or other report that is shared with a 3rd party outside of the reporter's office or place of business and the reporter subsequently discovers information that may dispute or counter a report of suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation, the reporter is required to add the subsequent information to the medical record or other report and forward the amended medical record or other report to every 3rd party who received the initial medical record or other report. If a reporter discovers information that disputes or counters a report of abuse, neglect or exploitation provided to the Department of Health and Human Services, the reporter is required to forward the
<u>LD 1333</u>	An Act To Make Changes To The Paid Family And Medical Leave Benefits Program	Jennifer POIRIER of Skowhegan	LABOR	Nineteen changes.
<u>LD 1345</u>	Resolve, Directing The Department Of Health And Human Services To Timely Provide Interim Settlement Payments To Long-term Care Facilities	Harold STEWART of Aroostook	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This resolve: 1. Reinforces, by providing specific deadlines, requirements of the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 121, subsection 1 to reimburse nursing facility interim settlement amounts; 2. Clarifies that the 75% reimbursement of as-filed settlements to nursing facilities within 90 days of the receipt of facility cost reports also applies to private nonmedical institutions, including previously filed cost reports awaiting payment; and 3. Requires the department to amend its rules to conform to

<u>LD 1378</u>	An Act To Protect Maine Communities By Enacting The Extreme Risk Protection Order Act		JUDICIARY	<p>This is a "red flag" gun control bill.</p> <p>This initiated bill enacts the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act. Under the bill, a petition for an extreme risk protection order, which prohibits the purchase, possession or control of a dangerous weapon, may be sought if a person is suspected of posing a significant danger of causing physical injury to the person or to another person. A significant danger of causing physical injury to the person or another person is demonstrated by establishing that the person has inflicted or attempted to inflict physical injury on another person; placed another person in reasonable fear of physical injury; by action or inaction, presented a danger to persons in the person's care; or threatened or attempted suicide or has threatened or attempted serious bodily injury.</p>
<u>LD 1380</u>	Resolve, Establishing The Study Group On Solutions To Address Maine's Behavioral Health Workforce Shortage	Holly STOVER of Boothbay	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This resolve establishes the Study Group on Solutions to Address Maine's Behavioral Health Workforce Shortage, which is directed to review the State's behavioral health workforce needs and assess the feasibility of strategies and initiatives for recommended changes.
<u>LD 1402</u>	An Act To Convene A Stakeholder Group To Determine Methods Of Ensuring The Long-term Solvency Of The Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association	Joshua MORRIS of Turner	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to convene a stakeholder group to study the long-term solvency of the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association and to make recommendations to the Legislature regarding solutions to ensure that the association remains solvent.
<u>LD 1426</u>	Resolve, To Expand Child Assertive Community Treatment	Lori GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This resolve requires that, by December 31, 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services issue 2 requests for proposals for pilot programs to develop child assertive community treatment teams to serve the Lewiston and Bangor geographic areas
<u>LD 1429</u>	An Act To Provide Full Reimbursement For Emergency Ambulance Services Provided To Mainecare Members	Kenneth FREDETTE of Newport	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse providers of emergency ambulance services at the full rate for services provided to MaineCare members. It applies to municipal, quasi-municipal and private ambulance services and fire department emergency medical services. The bill also requires the department to adopt rules to implement the reimbursement requirement and to submit an annual report to the Legislature

<u>LD 1443</u>	An Act To Ensure The Financial Stability Of Behavioral Health Service Providers And Housing Assistance Providers	Richard BENNETT of Oxford	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to continue payments to service providers, including, but not limited to, private or nonprofit behavioral health agencies, housing assistance providers and other nonprofit organizations, in good standing with the department at their previous contract rates when delays in new contract awarding, finalization or payment exceed 30 days. It also requires the department to pay administrative expenses and interest charged on lines of credit or loans accessed by a service provider when a delay in awarding, finalization or payment of a department contract requires the service provider to access the line of credit or loan.
<u>LD 1447</u>	Resolve, Directing The Department Of Health And Human Services To Expedite Reimbursement Of All Vendors	Harold STEWART of Aroostook	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual to require the department to reimburse at least 75% of a submitted claim for services rendered within 90 days of receipt
<u>LD 1460</u>	An Act To Require Parents To Be Informed Of Hospitals' Safe Sleep Rules	John EDER of Waterboro	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill requires a hospital that has a safe sleep rule for children to inform the parent of a child who is an inpatient at the hospital of the rule and the parent to sign a form acknowledging that the parent knows the rule and possible penalties for violation of the rule
<u>LD 1470</u>	An Act To Create A Liaison Program To Self-insured Entities And Consumers	Jennifer POIRIER of Skowhegan	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill directs the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to establish a liaison program, including a complaint process, to provide assistance to consumers seeking coverage or reimbursement of claims from a self-insured entity
<u>LD 1489</u>	Resolve, To Provide Stability To Long-term Care Facility Funding	Nicole GROHOSKI of Hancock	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a cost-of- living adjustment for residential care facilities and apply that adjustment retroactively to January 1, 2025. The bill also requires the department to conduct a rate study and determine rates for residential care facility services no later than January 1, 2026

<u>LD 1496</u>	An Act To Ensure Ongoing Access To Medications And Care For Chronic Conditions And Conditions Requiring Long-term Care By Changing Requirements For Prior Authorizations	Samuel ZAGER of Portland	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill requires that a prior authorization for health care services remain valid for the duration of the treatment or one year, whichever is longer. It prohibits a health care plan from requiring the renewal of a prior authorization more frequently than once every 5 years for treatment that is necessary for more than one year. It also prohibits a health care plan from restricting coverage for a health care service or a prescription that was approved under a previous health care plan within 90 days of enrollment in the new health care plan and requires a health care plan to provide at least 90 days' notice to an enrollee prior to restricting coverage of a previously approved health care
<u>LD 1497</u>	An Act To Amend The Laws Governing Primary Care Reporting By The Maine Quality Forum And To Establish The Primary Care Advisory Council	Samuel ZAGER of Portland	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill requires the Maine Quality Forum to report annually to the Department of Health and Human Services and to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and health coverage and health insurance matters on the key measures reflecting the status of primary care in the State, including state investments in primary care as part of overall health care spending, the primary care workforce, timely access to primary care services and overall health data that reflects the use of preventive and screening services. The bill also establishes the Primary Care Advisory Council, which is required to perform research and assessment tasks to identify specific actions required to create a sustainable high-functioning primary care system in the State and to submit a report annually to the Department of Health and Human Services and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage and health insu...

<u>LD 1499</u>	An Act To Revoke The Tax-exempt Status Of An Organization That Fails To Report Sexual Assaults Committed By Employees, Board Members, Volunteers Or Affiliates	Rafael MACIAS of Topsham	TAXATION	This bill requires an organization that is tax exempt pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c), including a religious, charitable, educational or nonprofit entity, to report all allegations of sexual assault involving that organization's employees, board members, volunteers or affiliates to law enforcement authorities. "Sexual assault" is defined as any criminal act that constitutes a sexual offense under state or federal law. If a tax-exempt organization fails to report at least 2 separate allegations of sexual assault within a 10-year period, as determined by a court or fact finder in an administrative hearing, that must be reported to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services, which is required to revoke the organization's tax-exempt status for all activities conducted within the State and provide the organization with the opportunity to appeal that revocation.
<u>LD 1510</u>	An Act To Establish Statutory Deadlines For Processing Applications For Emergency Medical Services Personnel	Kenneth FREDETTE of Newport	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	This bill requires the Emergency Medical Services' Board to make a decision on a license application for an emergency medical services person, emergency medical services ambulance operator or emergency medical dispatcher within 30 calendar days of receiving a completed application. The bill allows for a 15-day extension to the 30-day time frame during a state of emergency or if the number of applications received cannot be reasonably reviewed within that time.
<u>LD 1511</u>	An Act To Expand Direct Health Care Service Arrangements	Joshua MORRIS of Turner	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	Under current law, an individual can contract directly with a direct primary care provider, which is a licensed allopathic or osteopathic physician or other advanced health care practitioner who is authorized to provide primary care services, for the provision of health care to that individual. This bill removes the requirement that the physician or advanced health care practitioner be authorized to provide primary care services.
<u>LD 1512</u>	An Act To Protect Patients From Health Care Discrimination And Guarantee Access To The Lowest Available Cost For Care	Joshua MORRIS of Turner	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill provides that a health care provider may not discriminate against a patient based on the patient's method of payment. It also requires the disclosure of a discounted cash price option upon request, free itemized bills and, for an uninsured patient's health care service or treatment, a price that is the lesser of what Medicare would pay and the lowest amount payable under any of the health care provider's contracts.

<u>LD 1530</u>	An Act To Improve The Sustainability Of Emergency Medical Services In Maine	Glenn CURRY of Waldo	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill provides that care that is provided at the scene of an emergency medical services event by an ambulance service or nontransporting emergency medical service is reimbursable care regardless of whether a patient is transported to another facility. This includes the administration of overdose-reversing medications that do not result in patient transport to a facility. Additionally, the bill requires reimbursement for certain services provided through community paramedicine.
<u>LD 1578</u>	An Act To Require The Department Of Health And Human Services To Review Disruption To Or Removal Of Health Services	Janice DODGE of Belfast	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill provides that the 3-year limitation on a subsequent review of an approved certificate of need does not apply to a subsequent review to ensure the maintenance of health services after a circumstance described under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 331, subsection 1 has occurred or a change not described under that provision that constitutes a significant disruption to or removal of a health service has occurred, as determined by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services.
<u>LD 1580</u>	An Act To Prohibit Pharmacy Benefits Managers From Imposing Certain Fees And Pricing	Robert NUTTING of Oakland	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill provides that a pharmacy benefits manager may not derive income from pharmacy benefits manager services provided to a carrier or health plan in this State except for income derived from a pharmacy benefits management fee. The pharmacy benefits management fee may not exceed the value of the services actually performed by the pharmacy benefits manager. The bill prohibits so-called spread pricing, which, under the bill, means amounts charged by a pharmacy benefits manager in excess of the ingredient cost for a dispensed prescription drug, the dispensing fee paid to the pharmacy or pharmacist and the pharmacy benefits management fee. The bill establishes additional requirements related to what costs may not be included in the pharmacy benefits
<u>LD 1583</u>	An Act Regarding Home Health Care And Hospice Services Ordered By A Health Care Provider Outside Of Maine	Kristen CLOUTIER of Lewiston	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill allows a home health care or hospice provider to deliver home health care or hospice services to a patient who resides in this State based upon an order from a health care provider from another state or jurisdiction in the United States who is licensed and prescribes services pursuant to an in-person physical examination in the jurisdiction of licensure.

<u>LD 1587</u>	An Act To Establish Greater Alignment Of Penalties For Certain Labor Law Violations	Matthew BECK of South Portland	LABOR	This bill codifies into the Maine Revised Statutes provisions of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and creates a criminal penalty for any person who intentionally or knowingly violates the employment practices laws or the laws governing preference to Maine works and contractors. A person convicted of a willful violation is subject to a fine of not more than \$10,000 or to imprisonment of not more than 6 months, or both, except that a person may not be imprisoned unless that person has been previously found guilty of willfully violating these laws.
<u>LD 1589</u>	An Act To Improve Parity In Insurance Coverage For Outpatient Counseling Services In Maine	Lydia CRAFTS of Newcastle	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill requires insurers and health maintenance organizations that provide individual and group health coverage to provide coverage for outpatient counseling services when those services are provided by a licensed counseling professional acting within the lawful scope of the counseling professional's license, including a master social worker, clinical social worker, clinical professional counselor, pastoral counselor or marriage and family therapist. The bill requires these counseling professionals to be reimbursed, at a minimum, in an amount equal to 150% of the MaineCare reimbursement rate for the same services.
<u>LD 1599</u>	An Act To Establish The Maine Emergency Medical Services Commission	Suzanne SALISBURY of Westbrook	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	This bill establishes the Maine Emergency Medical Services Commission to monitor and evaluate the State's emergency medical services system on a continuing basis and provide recommendations to the appropriate state agencies and to the Legislature regarding necessary changes in the emergency medical services system.
<u>LD 1613</u>	An Act To Establish Maine's Care Force To Address The State's Health Care Crisis	Rafael MACIAS of Topsham	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill establishes Maine's Care Force, a program within the Department of Health and Human Services to place individuals trained as essential support workers by the department in private homes, facilities and community-based settings. It provides for ongoing annual appropriations of \$32,000,000 to support the program.

<u>LD 1631</u>	Resolve, To Implement The Recommendations Of The Stakeholder Group To Address Child Stay Times In Hospital Emergency Departments	Lori GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to implement certain recommendations made by the stakeholder group to address the problem of children and adolescents experiencing long stays in hospital emergency departments, established by Resolve 2023, chapter 134, as outlined in the stakeholder group's report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services submitted on January 16, 2025. The department is directed to do the following: 1. Address the closure of beds for children and youth residential services by counseling service providers about resource needs and providing emergency funds to support acute staffing needs; 2. Develop an internal process to ensure that the department is meeting its obligations to make available and maximize its use of funding for early and periodic screening, diagnostic and treatment services; 3. Submit 2 additional reports to the Legislature related to the number of children experiencing long stays in hospital emergenc...
<u>LD 1658</u>	An Act To Preserve And Strengthen The Fund For A Healthy Maine	Anne GRAHAM of North Yarmouth	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	This bill, beginning January 5, 2026, increases the cigarette excise tax rate by 50 mills, changing the rate per pack of 20 cigarettes from \$2 to \$3, and the rate per cigarette from 10¢ to 15¢.
<u>LD 1663</u>	An Act Relating To Health Care Transparency And The Maine Health Data Organization	Joshua MORRIS of Turner	HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	This bill requires the Maine Health Data Organization to report the average amount paid by public payors, including but not limited to Medicare and the MaineCare program, on its publicly accessible website that reports the average amount paid for common health care procedures at different health care settings in the same manner that it reports the average amount paid by commercial payors.
<u>LD 1677</u>	An Act To Establish The Alzheimer's Disease And Related Dementias Prevention And Support Program	Daniel SHAGOURY of Hallowell		This bill establishes the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Prevention and Support Program, which the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention must administer in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services, office of aging and disability services.

<u>LD 1687</u>	An Act To Clarify And Increase Access To Hiv Prevention Medications	Matt MOONEN of Portland		This bill establishes the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Prevention and Support Program, which the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention must administer in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services, office of aging and disability services.
<u>LD 1688</u>	An Act To Encourage Continuing Education Relating To Certain Infection-associated Chronic Conditions For Physicians And Nurses	Ambureen RANA of Bangor		This bill requires the Board of Osteopathic Licensure, the Board of Licensure in Medicine and the State Board of Nursing to encourage licensees and applicants for relicensure to attend continuing education relating to infection-associated chronic conditions, including long COVID, chronic Lyme disease, myalgic encephalomyelitis, postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome and dysautonomia.
<u>LD 1712</u>	An Act To Amend The Paid Family And Medical Leave Benefits Program To Balance Support Of Businesses And Employees	Tiffany ROBERTS of South Berwick		This is the Chamber of Commerce FMLA reform bill. It has seven different parts dealing with refunds of premiums paid by employers using a private plan; issues with unions and bargaining; the level of benefits; the timing of applications; DOL standards for fines and penalties; and income taxation.
<u>LD 1720</u>	An Act Regarding Benefits And Training For Long-term Care Workers	Rachel TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland		This bill: 1. Provides access to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System for long-term care workers including nurses, certified nursing assistants, direct care workers and housekeeping and dietary staff; 2. Provides access to the state group health plan for long-term care workers including nurses, certified nursing assistants, direct care workers and housekeeping and dietary staff; 3. Provides nursing homes and long-term care facilities with direct MaineCare reimbursement for training for staff, including a certified nursing assistant training program, a direct care worker training program and English as a second language training for a staff member who is a nonnative English speaker; 4. Provides nursing homes and long-term care facilities with direct MaineCare reimbursement for actual costs of interpreter services for staff and residents who require language assistance, including expenses for on-site interpreters, remote interpreting services and interpreter-related administrative...

<u>LD 1727</u>	An Act To Ensure Transparency In Consumer Transactions Involving Artificial Intelligence	Amy KUHN of Falmouth		This bill prohibits a person from using a software application, web interface or computer program that simulates human-like conversation and interaction through textual or aural communications to engage in a commercial transaction or trade practice with a consumer in a manner that may mislead or deceive a reasonable consumer into believing that the consumer is engaging with a human being if the consumer is not notified that the consumer is not engaging with a human being or the consumer reasonably believes that the consumer is engaging with a human being. The bill makes a violation of the prohibition a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade
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