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Bill	Sponsors	Title	Last Action	Latest Version
LD 50	Janice Dodge Glenn Curry	HP 14, An Act To Provide The Right Of First Refusal To Towns In Which The University Of Maine System And Similar Quasi-Independent State Entities Are Selling Property This bill establishes that a municipality has a right of first refusal to purchase real property that is owned by a quasi-independent state entity and is within the boundaries of the municipality at the current market value as determined by an independent appraiser.	legislature, Mar 5, 2025: Voted - ONTP	Bill Text LD 50, HP 14
LD 128	Teresa Pierce	SP 57, An Act To Support Permitting Of Certain Multifamily Housing Developments Under The Site Location Of Development Laws This bill amends the definition of "subdivision" for purposes of the site location of development laws to allow lots that include detached residential housing designed to accommodate up to 4 families, including accessory dwelling units, instead of just single-family housing. This bill also specifies that rules made by the Board of Environmental Protection to permit, by rule, any class of activities that would otherwise require individual issuance of a permit or approval by the board are routine technical rules.	legislature, Mar 11, 2025: Public Hearing (Cross Building, Room 206)	Bill Text LD 128, SP 57
LD 146	Margaret Rotundo Richard Bennett Matthea Daughtry	SP 82, An Act To Increase The Maximum Amount Of The Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit That May Be Taken In A Year This bill changes the maximum tax credit allowed for certified historic structure rehabilitation projects for the first 2 years in which a credit may be claimed. It changes the maximum from \$5,000,000 in each of the first 2 years to \$10,000,000 total across the first 2 years combined. It makes no changes to the \$5,000,000 maximum tax credit allowed in subsequent years. This change applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.Statutes affected: Bill Text LD 146, SP 82: 36.5219 Work Session • Taxation Mar 19, 2025 01:00pm State House, Room 127	legislature, Mar 19, 2025: Work Session (State House, Room 127)	Bill Text LD 146, SP 82
LD 161	John Ducharme Richard Bennett	HP 94, Resolve, Directing The Department Of Agriculture, Conservation And Forestry To Convene A Stakeholder Group Tasked With A Comprehensive	legislature, Mar 11, 2025: Work Session (Cross Building, Room 206)	Bill Text LD 161, HP 94

	Russell Black	Overhaul And Modernization Of The State Subdivision Laws		
		This resolve requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convene a stakeholder group to review and make recommendations concerning a comprehensive overhaul and modernization of the subdivision laws in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, chapter 206-A; Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 4; and Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 6. The resolve lists the minimum membership requirements for the stakeholder group. The department is required to submit a report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over subdivision review matters under those laws by December 3, 2025 and those committees may report out legislation related to that report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.		
LD 255	Joseph Baldacci Jill Duson Nicole Grohoski	SP 122, An Act To Support Mobile Home Residents In Purchasing Their Mobile Home Parks This bill provides one-time funding for the manufactured and mobile home park preservation and assistance program.	legislature, Mar 11, 2025: Public Hearing (Cross Building, Room 206)	Bill Text LD 255, SP 122
LD 365	Glenn Curry	SP 157, An Act To Respond To The Housing Affordability And Accessibility Crisis In Maine This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to amend the law to address housing affordability and accessibility issues.	Senate, Jan 30, 2025: Received by the Secretary of the Senate on January 30, 2025 and REFERRED to the Committee on HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2	Bill Text LD 365, SP 157
LD 445	John Ducharme Amy Arata Susan Bernard	HP 299, An Act To Stimulate Housing Production By Increasing The Threshold Before Participation In The Maine Uniform Building And Energy Code Is Mandatory This bill increases from more than 4,000 residents to more than 10,000 residents the size of a municipality that is required to enforce the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.	legislature, Mar 6, 2025: Voted - ONTP	Bill Text LD 445, HP 299
LD 483	Ryan Fecteau	HP 312, An Act To Authorize A General Fund Bond Issue To Secure Prosperity For Maine Families And Businesses The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$300,000,000, will be used to support the State's tax credit for affordable housing and the Maine State Housing Authority's rural affordable housing rental program and first-time homebuyer program, create child care-public school partnerships for children up to 4 years of age and child care- private industry partnerships and expand residential public water and public sewer systems.	House, Feb 6, 2025: The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.	Bill Text LD 483, HP 312

LD 546	Traci Gere Mark Blier Richard Bradstreet	HP 365, Resolve, To Require The Preparation Of Preapproved Building Types This resolve directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning to contract with an appropriate consultant to establish a set of building types that municipalities may adopt as preapproved building types in order to reduce the cost and time associated with processing building permit applications. It requires the consultant to ensure that each preapproved building type can be developed to ensure that rent for affordable units does not exceed 30% of the median income in the county where the building will be located, and it requires the consultant to seek input from a postsecondary institution in the State with a program that uses new technologies to produce materials and develop building methods designed to make housing more efficient and affordable. The resolve also requires the bureau to submit a report no later than November 4, 2026 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters. The joint standing committee may report out legislation relating to the subject matter of the report to the First Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.	legislature, Mar 6, 2025: Voted - OTP-AM	Bill Text LD 546, HP 365
LD 554	Cameron Reny Donna Bailey Glenn Curry	SP 211, An Act To Encourage Resident-Owned Communities And Cooperatives And Preserve Affordable Housing Through Tax Credits This bill does the following to support resident-owned communities and cooperatives. 1. It excludes from state income tax the amount of gain, up to a maximum of \$750,000, recognized by a taxpayer in transferring the business to a consumer cooperative or cooperative affordable housing corporation. 2. It specifies the policy objective and the performance measures that the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability, the Government Oversight Committee and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters must consider in developing evaluation parameters to perform the review of the tax deductions provided under the bill as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, chapter 37. Work Session • Taxation Mar 19, 2025 01:30pm State House, Room 127	legislature, Mar 19, 2025: Work Session (State House, Room 127)	Bill Text LD 554, SP 211
LD 641	Marc Malon Donna Bailey Melanie Sachs	HP 409, An Act To Support Diversion Efforts To Address Homelessness In Maine This bill provides one-time funds in fiscal year 2025-26 and fiscal year 2026-27 only 14 for the Housing Problem Solving Program. Public Hearing • Housing and Economic Development Mar 18, 2025 01:00pm	legislature, Mar 18, 2025: Public Hearing (Cross Building, Room 206)	Bill Text LD 641, HP 409

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LD 659	Lydia Crafts Daniel Ankeles Donna Bailey	HP 427, An Act To Reduce Housing Costs By Not Requiring Fire Sprinkler Systems For Single-Family Homes And Duplexes This bill prohibits a municipality from adopting or enforcing a provision of a building code that requires the installation or use of fire sprinkler systems in a single-family dwelling or duplex.	legislature, Mar 6, 2025: Public Hearing (Cross Building, Room 206)	Bill Text LD 659, HP 427
LD 690	Teresa Pierce Richard Bennett Kristen Cloutier	SP 307, An Act To Authorize A General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funding For Affordable And Low-Income Housing Programs The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, will be used to support the Maine State Housing Authority's programs for rural rentals, the low-income housing tax credit, affordable homeownership and home repairs, with 20% of the funding provided to the rural affordable housing rental program, the low-income housing tax credit program and the affordable homeownership program made available for projects using or involving modular construction.	Senate, Feb 20, 2025: Received by the Secretary of the Senate on February 20, 2025 and REFERRED to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2	Bill Text LD 690, SP 307
LD 698	Rachel Talbot Ross Glenn Curry Matthea Daughtry	SP 315, An Act To Sustain Emergency Homeless Shelters In Maine This bill provides ongoing funds to support emergency homeless shelters in the State. Public Hearing • Housing and Economic Development Mar 18, 2025 01:00pm Cross Building, Room 206	legislature, Mar 18, 2025: Public Hearing (Cross Building, Room 206)	Bill Text LD 698, SP 315
LD 731	Grayson Lookner Poppy Arford Joseph Baldacci	HP 473, An Act To Prohibit Municipalities From Barring The Creation Of Homeless Shelters This bill prohibits municipalities from enacting or enforcing ordinances that prohibit the creation or operation of a homeless shelter. Public Hearing • State and Local Government Mar 19, 2025 10:00am Cross Building, Room 214	legislature, Mar 19, 2025: Public Hearing (Cross Building, Room 214)	Bill Text LD 731, HP 473
LD 746	Gary Friedmann Ryan Fecteau D. Ray	HP 488, An Act To Authorize A Local Option Sales Tax On Short-Term Lodging To Fund Municipalities And Affordable Housing This bill allows a municipality to impose a local option sales tax of 2% on short-term lodging that is subject to the state sales tax if approved by referendum of the voters in that municipality. Ten percent of the revenue from the local option sales tax must be transferred to the Maine State Housing Authority to be used to provide subsidies through the rural affordable rental housing program or through another program that supports the development of affordable housing in rural communities and the balance distributed to the municipality imposing the local option sales tax.	legislature, Mar 12, 2025: Public Hearing (State House, Room 127)	Bill Text LD 746, HP 488

LD 845	Kenneth Fredette	HP 531, An Act To Establish A First-Time Home-Buyer Program Administered By The Finance Authority Of Maine This bill establishes the First-time Home-buyer Program to be administered by the Finance Authority of Maine. The First-time Home-buyer Program is established for the purpose of assisting first-time home buyers across all 16 counties of the State by providing access to affordable mortgage loans with low interest rates and low down payment requirements. Public Hearing • Housing and Economic Development Mar 18, 2025 01:00pm Cross Building, Room 206	legislature, Mar 18, 2025: Public Hearing (Cross Building, Room 206)	Bill Text LD 845, HP 531
LD 847	Cheryl Golek Richard Bennett Flavia Debrito	HP 533, An Act To Prohibit Housing Discrimination This bill makes it a form of housing discrimination under the Maine Human Rights Act to refuse to rent or negotiate for the rental of a housing accommodation because of a person's source of money or other income. The bill also establishes, as a form of housing discrimination, assessing a person's ability to pay the entire rental amount when a portion of the rent is subsidized through federal, state or local housing assistance. In addition to any civil remedies available under the fair housing laws, a person aggrieved by a violation of these provisions is entitled to private remedies as an unfair trade practice as well as a monetary penalty of \$1,000 or actual damages, whichever is greater. These provisions take effect January 1, 2026. Work Session • Judiciary Mar 14, 2025 09:30am State House, Room 438	legislature, Mar 14, 2025: Work Session (State House, Room 438)	Bill Text LD 847, HP 533
LD 870	William Bridgeo Richard Bennett Stacy Brenner	HP 556, An Act Regarding The Membership Of The Maine Land Use Planning Commission This bill amends the membership of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission by increasing the number of members from 9 to 13, with the Governor appointing the additional members. The bill also adds qualifications to be considered by the Governor and boards of county commissioners when appointing members to the commission and provides a membership term limit of 2 consecutive 4-year terms. The bill also requires the Secretary of State to include information about the members of the commission in its annual report on board appointments, including information on the date of expiration of the term of each member and the authority responsible for appointments or reappointments. Public Hearing • Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Mar 20, 2025 01:00pm Cross Building, Room 214	legislature, Mar 20, 2025: Public Hearing (Cross Building, Room 214)	Bill Text LD 870, HP 556

LD 901	Joseph Baldacci Ambureen Rana Amy Roeder	SP 390, Resolve, Directing The Maine State Housing Authority To Negotiate For The Purchase Of Or Acquire By Eminent Domain The Land And Buildings Commonly Known As The Bangor Mall 26 This resolve requires the Maine State Housing Authority to enter into negotiations to 27 purchase the land and buildings located in the City of Bangor commonly known as the 28 Bangor Mall. If, within 12 months of the effective date of this resolve, a purchase and sale 29 agreement, or other contract for the purchase of the Bangor Mall has not been executed by 30 all necessary parties, the Maine State Housing Authority is required to exercise its right of 31 eminent domain to acquire the Bangor Mall. Within 6 months of acquiring the Bangor 32 Mall, the Maine State Housing Authority is required to submit a report to the joint standing 33 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters detailing the costs 34 of converting the Bangor Mall into affordable housing units and proposing legislation to 35 create the Bangor Mall Housing Authority. The area of operation of the Bangor Mall 36 Housing Authority must be limited to the area of property conveyed to or taken by the 37 Maine State Housing Authority under this resolve, and the area of operation of any 38 municipal housing authority in the City of Bangor excludes this area. The resolve 39 appropriates \$25,000,000 to the Maine State Housing Authority for the purchase and 40 improvement of the Bangor Mall. Public Hearing • Housing and Economic Development Mar 18, 2025 01:00pm Cross Building, Room 206	legislature, Mar 18, 2025: Public Hearing (Cross Building, Room 206)	Bill Text LD 901, SP 390
LD 916	Traci Gere	HP 581, An Act To Promote Investment In Housing This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to promote investment in the development of housing in this State by offering tax abatements to corporate entities that donate to community development financial institutions that support housing development in this State.	House, Mar 5, 2025: The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.	Bill Text LD 916, HP 581
LD 945	Melanie Sachs Amanda Collamore John Ducharme	HP 610, An Act To Amend The Laws Governing The Powers And Responsibilities Of The Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority This bill amends the laws governing the powers of the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority by providing the redevelopment authority with powers possessed by a corporation and changes its ability to acquire property by removing the requirement of needing an agreement with a public entity, changes its authority to enter into an agreement with a federal agency and allows it to enter into an agreement with a private party, which, if the	legislature, Mar 13, 2025: Public Hearing (Cross Building, Room 206)	Bill Text LD 945, HP 610

		agreement is for the acquisition of property, to have the consent of the municipality in which the property is located or, if the property is located in an unorganized or deorganized township of the State, the consent of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission. The bill also removes the requirement of the redevelopment authority to use the best practices adopted by the Development Ready Advisory Committee when providing assistance to entities in the State engaged in redevelopment activities.Statutes affected: Bill Text LD 945, HP 610: 30-A.5157, 30-A.5158 Work Session • Housing and Economic Development Mar 20, 2025 01:00pm Cross Building, Room 206		
LD 949	Cheryl Golek Amy Arata Richard Bennett	HP 614, An Act To Clarify Licensing Jurisdiction For Manufactured Housing Communities This bill requires a municipality to accept a license issued by the Manufactured Housing Board as evidence a manufactured housing community meets all requirements to operate. The bill provides that a municipality may not charge any additional fees for a manufactured housing community to operate. The bill also provides that a municipality may not charge a fee for any type of permit for manufactured housing if the manufactured housing or the installation thereof is governed by rules of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development or the Manufactured Housing Board.Statutes affected: Bill Text LD 949, HP 614: 10.9083, 10.9088, 30-A.4358 Public Hearing • Housing and Economic Development Mar 25, 2025 01:15pm Cross Building, Room 206	House, Mar 5, 2025: The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.	Bill Text LD 949, HP 614
LD 963	Collins Richard Bradstreet Gary Drinkwater	HP 622, An Act To Standardize Subsidized Housing Application Forms This bill requires the Maine State Housing Authority to develop a standard application form for subsidized housing applications. It requires municipal housing authorities and their contractors that administer subsidized housing programs to use the standard form to the extent practicable. Public Hearing • Housing and Economic Development Mar 18, 2025 01:00pm Cross Building, Room 206	legislature, Mar 18, 2025: Public Hearing (Cross Building, Room 206)	Bill Text LD 963, HP 622
LD 970	Marc Malon Richard Bennett Amanda Collamore	HP 630, An Act To Prioritize Affordable Housing By Expediting Reviews For Affordable Housing Projects Applying For Funding From The Maine State Housing Authority This bill provides time frames within which a municipal licensing authority and the Department of Environmental Protection must make decisions on permit applications	House, Mar 7, 2025: The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered	Bill Text LD 970, HP 630

		for the construction of affordable housing for which funding or credits from the Maine State Housing Authority are being sought. Under the bill, a municipal licensing authority must provide notice to an applicant as to the completeness of the application within 30 days after receipt. If no notice is provided to the applicant, the application is considered complete. Once the application is complete, the municipality must approve or disapprove the application within 120 days. Further, the bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection to approve or disapprove site location of development permits for such affordable housing construction within 30 days after receipt of the permit application. Statutes affected: Bill Text LD 970, HP 630: 30-A.4103 Public Hearing • Housing and Economic Development Mar 25, 2025 01:15pm Cross Building, Room 206		
LD 997	Marc Malon Ryan Fecteau Cheryl Golek	HP 644, An Act To Allow Residential Use Development In Commercial Districts This bill prohibits a municipality from disallowing a residential use on a lot solely because the lot is zoned for commercial use. Public Hearing • Housing and Economic Development Mar 25, 2025 01:15pm Cross Building, Room 206	Senate, Mar 11, 2025: The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT in concurrence	Bill Text LD 997, HP 644
LD 1005	Grayson Lookner Mark Blier Glenn Curry	HP 652, An Act To Allow Municipal Fire Departments With Trained Personnel To Conduct Sprinkler Plan Reviews This bill allows a municipal fire department to conduct a sprinkler plan review if the municipal employee conducting the review is certified as a plan reviewer by the National Fire Protection Association and the municipal fire department establishes a review process that includes a thorough evaluation of a plan to ensure compliance with all applicable codes and standards.	Senate, Mar 11, 2025: The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY in concurrence	Bill Text LD 1005, HP 652
LD 1016	Cameron Reny	SP 433, An Act To Establish The Manufactured Housing Community And Mobile Home Park Preservation And Assistance Fund This bill creates the Manufactured Housing Community and Mobile Home Park Preservation and Assistance Fund to be administered by the Maine State Housing Authority. The fund's purpose is to support ownership of manufactured housing communities and mobile home parks by owners of manufactured homes and mobile homes. To support the fund, the bill creates a fee to be paid by certain buyers of manufactured housing communities and mobile home parks equal to \$50,000 for each manufactured housing community lot or mobile home park lot in the community or park.	Senate, Mar 12, 2025: Received by the Secretary of the Senate on March 12, 2025 and REFERRED to the Committee on HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2	Bill Text LD 1016, SP 433

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LD 1036	Ambureen Rana Poppy Arford Joseph Baldacci	HP 665, An Act To Protect Recipients Of Public Assistance From Housing Discrimination This bill makes it unlawful to discriminate, in housing or public accommodation, against an individual because of the individual's receipt of public assistance in the same manner as it is unlawful to discriminate against other protected classes. The bill defines "status as a recipient of federal, state or local public assistance" as an individual's status as having federal, state or local public assistance as a source of income, including medical assistance and housing subsidies and the individual's having to meet any requirements for the individual to use the income.	House, Mar 12, 2025: The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.	Bill Text LD 1036, HP 665
LD 1041	Grayson Lookner Richard Campbell Deqa Dhalac	HP 670, An Act To Preserve Affordability In Publicly Assisted Housing Developments This bill amends the notice an owner of an affordable rental housing property is required to provide when the limitation of the rent amount an owner may charge or the income a person or family needs to qualify to rent in an affordable housing development is likely to end, whether due to sale or transfer of the property, termination of state or federal financial assistance or other action taken by the owner. The notice requirements for the end of the limitation due to the termination of federal and state financial assistance is set at 2 years prior to the end of the financial assistance, or November 30, 2025 if the financial assistance will end in less than 2 years from the effective date of this legislation. The notice requirement for any other termination of the limitation remains at 90 days. The bill makes other changes to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, subchapter 12 to adjust for the amended language. Public Hearing • Housing and Economic Development Mar 25, 2025 01:15pm Cross Building, Room 206	House, Mar 12, 2025: The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.	Bill Text LD 1041, HP 670

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