

To: MMA's Legislative Policy Committee
Justin Poirier, Chair

Fr: Kate Dufour, Director, Advocacy & Communications

Re: Agenda for the Tuesday, April 29 LPC Zoom Meeting

Date: April 24, 2025

Thank you to all LPC members who participated in either the April 22 Zoom meeting or the poll.

At the risk of pushing your “fear of missing out” buttons, the meeting was a blast. But don't you worry, we will be meeting again on **Tuesday, April 29, from noon to 1:30 p.m.** The meeting can be accessed here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85787017851?pwd=kpzYDerJ7Mscx1oySCbjNZUTCfQxna.1>

For members who cannot attend, we encourage you to instead respond to this email and let staff know what position (e.g., support, oppose, neither for nor against, track or no position) the association should take on the measures listed in the agenda below and any comments you would like to share. The bills are described in Attachment #3. **Positions on these bills are due by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29.**

The advocacy team hopes to see as many of you as possible on Tuesday.

Agenda

I. Welcome (12:00 p.m.)

II. Updates

- a. The next regular LPC meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 14 via Zoom (as a result, there will be no Tuesday, May 13 Zoom meeting).
- b. A list of all the positions established up to the April 16 regular LPC meeting and those established at the April 22 meeting, are posted in [Attachment #1](#) and [Attachment #2](#), respectively.
- c. Rebecca Graham will discuss the evolution of [LD 1226](#), *An Act to Protect Consumer by Licensing Residential Building Contractors*.
- d. There have been requests to share testimony with the LPC on [LD 1326](#), *An Act to Protect the Drinking Water for Consumers of Certain Water Systems by Establishing Maximum Contaminant Levels for Certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances*, which the LPC voted to support on April 16. Testimony in opposition from the Maine Water Utilities Association can be found [here](#), and from the Maine Centers for Disease Control, [here](#).

III. Proposed legislation. A summary description of each bill subject to LPC review is provided in MMA’s “2025 LD List” ([Attachment #3](#)). The bills are hyperlinked both on the LD List and below under each committee.

a. Rebecca Graham will provide information for full LPC consideration on the following legislative initiatives.

i. **Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry-related legislation.**

1. [LD 1762](#) *An Act to Protect Recreational Trails by Establishing the Trails for the Future Program*
2. [LD 1771](#) *An Act to Strengthen Oversight of Kennels by Changing the Licensing Authority from Municipalities to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

ii. **Criminal Justice & Public Safety-related legislation.**

1. [LD 1784](#) *An Act to Require Police Departments to Publish and Make Accessible Their Policies and Procedures and Require Training of Officers*

iii. **Health Coverage, Insurance & Financial Services-related legislation.**

1. [LD 1794](#) *An Act to Provide Protection from Unfair Parking Tickets on Lots Accessible to the Public*

iv. **Housing & Economic Development-related legislation.**

1. [LD 1751](#) *An Act to Improve the Growth Management Program Laws*
2. [LD 1765](#) *An Act to Ensure Affordability and Stability in Housing for Mobile Home Park Residents*
3. [LD 1775](#) *An Act to Authorize the Issuance of a Revenue Bond to Upgrade County Jails to Meet the Corrections Needs of Maine's Counties*

v. **Inland Fisheries & Wildlife-related legislation.**

1. [LD 1763](#) *An Act to Regulate Nonwater-dependent Floating Structures on Maine's Waters*

b. Rebecca Lambert will provide information for full LPC consideration on the following legislative initiatives.

i. **Judiciary-related legislation.**

1. [LD 1742](#) *An Act to Prohibit a State Social Media Platform Account from Restricting User Comments*
2. [LD 1788](#) *An Act to Strengthen the Freedom of Access Act by Categorizing Commercial Requesters*

3. [LD 1797](#) *An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee Concerning Denials of Public Records Requests*
- c. **Kate Dufour** will provide information for full LPC consideration on the following legislative initiatives.
- i. **Appropriations & Financial Affairs-related legislation.**
 1. [LD 1739](#) *An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Support Maine's Agricultural Sector, to Create an Agricultural Buildings Property Tax Exemption and to Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Study Barriers to Its Financial Assistance Programs and Study the Potential for a Common Application for Those Programs*
 - ii. **Environment & Natural Resources-related legislation.**
 1. [LD 1793](#) *An Act to Improve Management and Reduce the Volume of Solid Waste*
 - iii. **Health & Human Services-related legislation.**
 1. [LD 1738](#) *An Act to Establish the Biohazard Waste Disposal Grant Program to Support Public Health Efforts in the State*
 - iv. **Inland Fisheries & Wildlife-related legislation.**
 1. [LD 1737](#) *An Act to Ensure the Future of Maine's Sporting Camp Heritage*
 - v. **Tax-related legislation.**
 1. [LD 1732](#) *An Act to Allow a Municipality to Waive the Excise Tax on an Antique Automobile Owned by a Person 65 Years of Age or Older*
 2. [LD 1770](#) *An Act to Provide Immediate and Long-term Property Tax Relief to Maine Households*
 3. [LD 1783](#) *An Act to Clarify Municipal Affordable Housing Tax Increment Financing*
 4. [LD 1795](#) *An Act to Change the Calculation for Municipal Service Charges for Tax-exempt Organizations*
 5. [LD 1798](#) *An Act to Increase Revenue Sharing and to Control Property Taxes*

IV. Adjourn