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Imminent Public Safety Health & Wellness Grant Funding

Unlike the publicly expected response to an emergency in need of public safety professionals, the wheels of state government operate at a grindingly slow pace, even for the needs of those same responders.

After a two-year battle in the previous Legislature, in August of last year MMA's Legislative Policy Committee platform bill, formerly known as LD 1857, was officially enacted. The amended version of the law established a one-time \$2 million grant program, with language detailing the program dropped into Governor Mills' FY 2024/2025 supplemental budget, which was formerly known as LD 2214.

Part T of the budget—on pages 167 and 168 for curious readers—directs the Department of Public Safety to establish a grant program that allows public safety agencies to apply for funding to cover specialized cardiac, metabolic, and cancer screening programs tailored to meet the well documented risks impacting all members of public safety, including police, fire, EMS, dispatch, and corrections. The grant can also be used to fund the programs that offer annual wellness checks providing access to visits with qualified mental health professionals who have experience with the cumulative impact of exposure to traumatic events and specialized knowledge of public safety psychology.

Most importantly, the grant funds programs are open to all employees and volunteers of those services, regardless of their employment status.

The task, handed to the Office of the Maine State Fire Marshal, was interrupted by a leadership change and interdepartmental concerns around the enacting language, leaving those waiting for the funds to feel the weight of the adage; "Ask nine lawyers a question and you will receive ten opinions." However, at long last it seems the funds will soon be online, and while a grant informational session was scheduled for next Wednesday, a failure to meet the requirement that notice be provided 7-days in advance of a public meeting means the information session has been cancelled and will need to be rescheduled.

What is important to know is that grant priorities will be weighed first to make sure that services in all regions have an opportunity to access funding through a per capita formula based on county populations. A second condition favored in the review will be for applications that seek to join other services in a broad "public safety-like" response approach. Everyone goes when needed, so bring everyone with you.

The approach utilized may vary in areas particularly where population centers overlap county boundaries. Or, when it makes more sense to use a larger catchment area to include enough volunteers

seeking a screening to meet the threshold necessary for some providers to bring diagnostics, lab technicians and scanning equipment to a central location for economies of scale. Political boundaries should be considered a filter and not a hard line for regional approaches.

First responders know what makes sense.

The overall goal is to capture a wide set of data across the state to provide more than anecdotal arguments for the continued funding need. In the meantime, agencies that have been able to fund such

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Place Names Worth Crying For

Mascots. Mountains. Islands and ledges. These are just a few examples of where offensive names once existed in Maine before being changed to a more appropriate moniker, yet surprisingly, there are 16 offensive place names still around today. The fact that these place names still exist within our borders is one of the driving factors behind the presentation of LD 247, *An Act Regarding Recommendations for Changing Place Names in the State*, sponsored by Sen. Talbot Ross (Cumberland County), but pales in comparison to Sen. Talbot Ross' personal investment in this bill.

The bill aims to create a board to address the remaining offensive place names in Maine, an effort that began with Sen. Talbot Ross' father, Gerald Talbot, Maine's first black state legislator. In 2020, Sen. Talbot Ross found that her father's bill had not been effectively enforced and further uncovered the remaining place names utilizing inappropriate slurs.

Though empowered by her father's efforts, the bill sponsor reported that due to an executive order from the current President of the United States, it will be difficult for Maine to move forward with this bill. As a result, Sen. Talbot Ross tearfully asked the committee to vote "ought not to pass" on the bill, however, she was adamant to point out that her request was in no way reflective of the merits of the bill, but because of the federal level conflicts that have arisen.

Rep. Greenwood (Wales) suggested that the committee suspend the joint rules to immediately go into work session and move an "ought not to pass" motion on LD 247. Rep. Rollins (Augusta) stated for the record he was in favor of an "ought to pass" vote and would rather see the initiative passed into law so that it would be on the books four years from now, when it could be enforced.

The sentiment was appreciated by Sen. Talbot Ross and committee members, but ultimately LD 247 was voted out of committee with an "ought not to pass" divided report.

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programs have clear evidence of catching lifesaving health problems when they can be fixed.

While the grant program will soon open, it's important to note that the timeline for the application process will be extremely brief to ensure that the slow wheels of state government don't cause funds to be swept back into the General Fund on June 30, because of the delay.

A set of similar circumstances previously allowed a \$1 million allocation for the Length of Service Award Program, which rewards volunteer firefighters and EMS

personnel for service to their communities with contributions to a retirement program, to be swept back into the state's general fund coffers because the administrative structure could not be built within budget timelines. While a bill may make it to the governor's desk in the coming months, unless passed with an emergency preamble, necessitating a two-thirds vote in both House and Senate chambers, most bills are not effective until 90 days after the adjournment of the legislature.

Officials are encouraged to turn up the heat with their legislative delegations to keep funds dedicated to their intended purpose

beyond the deadlines of state accountants. Municipalities should prompt their public safety leadership to attend the informational session when rescheduled and be ready to pivot quickly with applications and regional approaches in mind. The actual screenings are not required to occur under the same timeline.

At the time of publication, the new informational session date had not yet been scheduled. Keep checking the Office of the Maine State Fire Marshal's website (<https://www.maine.gov/dps/fmo/home>) for greater grant information but expect an email from staff as soon as it hits.

IN THE HOPPER

(The bill summaries are written by MMA staff and are not necessarily the bill's summary statement or an excerpt from that summary statement. During the course of the legislative session, many more bills of municipal interest will be printed than there is space in the Legislative Bulletin to describe. Our attempt is to provide a description of what would appear to be the bills of most significance to local government, but we would advise municipal officials to also review the comprehensive list of LDs of municipal interest that can be found on MMA's website, www.memun.org.)

Criminal Justice & Public Safety

LD 461 *An Act to Fund Rural Patrol Services in Washington County (Emergency)* (Sponsored by Sen. Moore of Washington Cty.)

This emergency bill provides funding for four Maine State Trooper positions to conduct rural patrols in Washington County.

LD 477 *An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Rural Counties by Providing State Police Patrol and Policing Services* (Sponsored by Rep. Ducharme of Madison)

This bill provides funding for 15 state trooper positions, and nine State Police Corporal positions to enhance public safety to support county sheriff department efforts in Androscoggin, Aroostook, Franklin and Somerset counties.

Education & Cultural Affairs

LD 34 *An Act to Increase the Minimum Salary for Teachers* (Sponsored by Sen. Pierce of Cumberland Cty.)

This bill increases the current \$40,000 minimum salary for certified teachers annually until the minimum salary is \$52,500 on June 30, 2029. For school years starting on or after 2030, the minimum salary for certified teachers and technical education techs must be adjusted annually for inflation. The bill also requires that additional state aid be allocated to fund the increases until July 1, 2028.

LD 71 *An Act Regarding Special Education Funding* (Sponsored by Rep. Mathieson of Kittery)

Beginning in fiscal year 2026, this bill requires the state to fund no less than 55% of special education costs under the essential programs and services school funding formula.

Environment & Natural Resources

LD 401 *An Act to Support Removal of Overboard Discharge Systems* (Sponsored by Rep. Hepler of Woolwich)

The bill amends the laws governing pollution control in the following ways: (1) requires the seller of residential real property to disclose the use of an overboard discharge system and provide a summary of the transfer requirements for such a system; (2) changes the cost of a municipal or quasi-municipal pollution abatement construction program for which the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) may pay up to 90% of the expense from \$100,000 to 250% of the median household income in the state; (3) changes the income limits for individual pollution abatement projects serving single-family dwellings, seasonal dwellings or commercial establishments for which the commissioner may pay a percentage of the cost; (4) changes the income limits used to determine the portion of an overboard discharge replacement project that is eligible for grant funding; and (5) requires that in order to be eligible for grant funding, the owner of an overboard discharge system and contractor must certify that the removal project has been completed, including proper abandonment of the overboard discharge system, and the local plumbing inspector must certify that an alternative disposal system has been installed.

LD 465 *An Act to Update Waste Discharge License Fees* (Sponsored by Sen. Grohoski of Hancock Cty.)

Of municipal interest, this bill amends the state's waste discharge license fees by adding a license for general permit coverage for municipal separate storm sewer system and establishing an annual fee of \$1,306.

LD 502 *An Act to Promote Clean and Affordable Maine-sourced Bioenergy by Amending the Law Regarding Outdoor Wood Boilers and Outdoor Pellet Boilers* (Rep. Ardell of Monticello)

This bill amends the laws regulating outdoor wood boilers, including pellet boilers by: (1) allowing an outdoor wood boiler meeting a particulate matter emission limit of 0.32 pounds per million British Thermal Units heat output to be exempt from property setback requirements as long as it meets applicable stack height requirements under Department of Environmental Protection rules; and (2) prohibiting the adoption of department rules that ban the emission of a smoke plume from an outdoor wood boiler, regardless of whether emissions remain on the property of the owner of the outdoor wood boiler or crosses onto any adjacent land or buildings not owned by the owner.

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HEARING SCHEDULE

For the week of February 24, 2025

Note: You should check your newspapers for Legal Notices as there may be changes in the hearing schedule. Weekly schedules for hearings and work sessions can be found on the Legislature's website at: <http://legislature.maine.gov/calendar/#Weekly/>.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

**Appropriations & Financial Affairs
Room 228, State House, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-1635**

Governor's proposed biennial budget, with the Joint Standing Committee on Health & Human Services-related initiatives.

1:00 p.m.

Governor's proposed biennial budget, with the Joint Standing Committee on Health & Human Services regarding General Assistance reimbursement to municipalities, among other initiatives.

**Criminal Justice & Public Safety
Room 436, State House, 9:30 a.m.
Tel: 287-1122**

LD 461 - *An Act to Fund Rural Patrol Services in Washington County*

LD 477 - *An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Rural Counties by Providing State Police Patrol and Policing Services*

**Environment & Natural Resources
Room 216, Cross Building, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-4149**

LD 228 - *An Act to Allow Coastal Seawalls to Be Raised by up to 2 Feet in Order to Accommodate Predicted Sea Level Rise*

LD 488 - *An Act to Protect Coastal Property by Allowing Property Owners to Protect Their Existing Dwellings*

11:00 a.m.

LD 401 - *An Act to Support Removal of Overboard Discharge Systems*

LD 465 - *An Act to Update Waste Discharge License Fees*

LD 502 - *An Act to Promote Clean and Affordable Maine-sourced Bioenergy by Amending the Law Regarding Outdoor Wood Boilers and Outdoor Pellet Boilers*

**Judiciary
Room 438, State House, 10:15 a.m.
Tel: 287-1327**

LD 425 - *An Act to Establish a Conviction Integrity Unit in the Attorney General's Office*

1:00 p.m.

LD 418 - *An Act to Remand Individuals with Pending State Probation Violations to the Department of Corrections Following Initial Proceedings*

LD 449 - *An Act to Authorize a Court to Conditionally Discharge Certain Criminal Defendants*

**State & Local Government
Room 214, Cross Building, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-1330**

LD 286 - *An Act to Allow County Commissioners Greater Flexibility When Establishing a Payment Schedule for Municipalities to Pay County Tax Bills*

LD 358 - *An Act to Increase Fees Paid to Registers of Deeds*

LD 373 - *An Act to Provide Comparable Compensation and Benefits for Deputy and Assistant District Attorneys, Assistant Attorneys General and Public Defenders*

LD 490 - *An Act to Provide for a 5-year Automatic Repeal of Agency Rules*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

**Appropriations & Financial Affairs
Room 228, State House, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1635**

Governor's proposed biennial budget, with the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation regarding the Department of Public Safety and Secretary of State, Department of Motor Vehicles regarding the Municipal Excise Tax Reimbursement Fund, among other initiatives.

2:00 p.m.

Governor's proposed biennial budget, with the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry-related initiatives.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

**Appropriations & Financial Affairs
Room 228, State House, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-1635**

Governor's proposed biennial budget, with the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources-related initiatives.

11:00 a.m.

Governor's proposed biennial budget, with the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance & Financial Services-related initiatives.

1:00 p.m.

Governor's proposed biennial budget, with the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries & Wildlife-related initiatives.

**Education & Cultural Affairs
Room 208, Cross Building, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-3125**

LD 34 - *An Act to Increase the Minimum Salary for Teachers*

LD 71 - *An Act Regarding Special Education Funding*

LD 181 - *An Act to Modify the Calculation of Pupil Counts Used for Determination of School Administrative Unit Operating Costs*

LD 193 - *An Act to Fund Students in Maine Schools Who Are Experiencing Homelessness*

LD 501 - *An Act to Fairly Fund School Administrative Units for Economically Disadvantaged Students*

**Environment & Natural Resources
Room 216, Cross Building, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-4149**

LD 222 - *An Act to Establish a Take-back and Disposal Program for Firefighting and Fire-suppressing Foam to Which Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Have Been Added*

LD 400 - *Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to Compile a Statewide Inventory of Aqueous Film-forming Foam Concentrate*

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HEARING SCHEDULE (cont'd)

For the week of February 24, 2025

LD 407 - *An Act to Prohibit the Use of Aqueous Film-forming Foam at the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station*

Judiciary

Room 438, State House, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-1327

LD 549 - *An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Update Certain Requirements Regarding Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kits*

State & Local Government

Room 214, Cross Building, 10:00 a.m.

Tel: 287-1330

LD 119 - *An Act to Include the Declaration of an Emergency by the*

President of the United States as a Basis to Allow the Governor to Provide Disaster Relief to Local Government

1:00 p.m.

LD 387 - *An Act to Prohibit the Governor from Relocating Illegal Immigrants to This State*

LD 422 - *An Act to Require the State to Obtain Municipal Approval Before Placing Noncitizens in the Municipality*

Veterans & Legal Affairs

Room 437, State House, 9:30 a.m.

Tel: 287-1310

LD 494 - *An Act to Update and Clarify Certain Provisions of State Liquor and Lottery Laws*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

**Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry
Room 214, Cross Building, 1:00 p.m.**

Tel: 287-1312

LD 308 - *An Act to Update the Laws Governing the Administration of the Animal Welfare Advisory Council*

LD 491 - *Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Convey and Release the State's Interest in Certain Real Property Located in the Town of Richmond*

LD 498 - *Resolve, to Improve Standards for Animal Rescue Entities*

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Housing & Economic Development

LD 337 *An Act to Repeal the Sunday Amateur Sports Law, the Law Allowing Municipalities to Permit the Operation of Movie Theaters on Sundays and the Law Imposing a Fine or Imprisonment for Playing Games and Sports with Admission Charges on Memorial Day* (Sponsored by Rep. Morris of Turner)

This bill repeals the municipal authority to adopt ordinances prohibiting the engagement in outdoor recreational or competitive amateur sports between the hours of 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sundays, as well as the authority to adopt ordinances preventing theaters from showing movies between the hours 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on a Sunday. The bill also repeals a provision in statute that makes engaging in any public outdoor game or sport, where admission is charged, before 3:30 p.m. on Memorial Day punishable by a fine of not more than \$25 or by imprisonment for not more than 10 days, or both.

LD 413 *An Act Regarding Disclosure by Sellers of Residential Real Property of Notices of Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Violations* (Sponsored by Rep. Ducharme of Madison)

Current law requires the seller of residential real property to disclose information regarding an actual or alleged violation of a shoreland zoning ordinance. This bill amends the law to require disclosure only in cases of an actual violation.

Judiciary

LD 418 *An Act to Remand Individuals with Pending State Probation Violations to the Department of Corrections Following Initial Proceedings* (Sponsored by Rep. McIntyre of Lowell)

This bill provides when a violation of probation occurs, and the individual cannot make bail or if bail has not been set, the person must be remanded to the custody of the Department of Corrections until the court proceeding or final disposition.

LD 549 *An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Update Certain Requirements Regarding Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kits* (Emergency) (Sponsored by Sen. Bennett Oxford Cty.)

This emergency bill: (1) directs the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to establish, operate and maintain a sexual assault forensic examination kit tracking system; (2) requires law enforcement agencies that receive, maintain, store or preserve sexual assault forensic examination kits to complete an inventory of all kits in its possession and report its findings to DPS; (3) allows a victim who has not reported an alleged offense to a law enforcement agency to request that a completed kit be transported to the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory to be processed by signing a consent form, and the results of the analysis must be kept anonymous; and (4) requires that, beginning January 1, 2027, and every five years thereafter, all completed kits that identify an alleged victim and are being stored by a law enforcement agency be transported to the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory and processed on a rolling basis, beginning with kits most recently stored.

State & Local Government

LD 286 *An Act to Allow County Commissioners Greater Flexibility When Establishing a Payment Schedule for Municipalities to Pay County Tax Bills* (Sponsored by Rep. Bridgeo of Augusta)

This bill amends the law governing the date by which municipalities must pay county taxes by authorizing the county commissioners to establish quarterly, biannual or other due dates by which a specific portion of the total tax amount must be paid.

LD 358 *An Act to Increase Fees Paid to Registers of Deeds* (Sponsored by Sen. Bennett of Oxford Cty.)

This bill increases the fees paid to a county register of deeds by: (1)

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HEARING SCHEDULE (cont'd)

For the week of February 24, 2025

LD 510 - *An Act to Require the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to Maintain the Weld to Byron Road in Township 6 North of Weld*

**Appropriations & Financial Affairs
Room 228, State House, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1635**

Governor's proposed biennial budget, with the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans & Legal Affairs-related initiatives.

3:00 p.m.

Governor's proposed biennial budget, with the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities & Technology-related initiatives.

**Health Coverage, Insurance & Financial Services
Room 220, Cross Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1314**

LD 519 - *An Act to Remove the Requirement That Individual and Small Group Health Plans Be Offered Through a Pooled Market and to Eliminate the Provision of Law Establishing a Pooled Market for Those Plans*

LD 520 - *An Act to Ensure Choices in Health Insurance Markets by Modifying the Provisions of Law Governing Clear Choice Design Health Plans*

**Housing & Economic Development
Room 206, Cross Building, 10:30 a.m.
Tel: 287-4880**

LD 161 - *Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Convene a Stakeholder Group Tasked with a Comprehensive Overhaul and Modernization of the State Subdivision Laws*

LD 413 - *An Act Regarding Disclosure by Sellers of Residential Real Property of Notices of Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Violations*

1:00 p.m.

LD 1 - *An Act to Increase Storm Preparedness for Maine's*

Communities, Homes and Infrastructure

LD 337 - *An Act to Repeal the Sunday Amateur Sports Law, the Law Allowing Municipalities to Permit the Operation of Movie Theaters on Sundays and the Law Imposing a Fine or Imprisonment for Playing Games and Sports with Admission Charges on Memorial Day*

LD 445 - *An Act to Stimulate Housing Production by Increasing the Threshold Before Participation in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Is Mandatory*

**Taxation
Room 127, State House, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1552**

LD 283 - *An Act to Expand Local Revenues by Including Meals and Lodging Sales Tax Revenue Under the State-Municipal Revenue Sharing Program*

LD 288 - *An Act to Make Technical Changes to Maine's Tax Laws*

LD 326 - *An Act to Increase the Property Tax Exemption Provided to Individuals Who Are Legally Blind*

LD 440 - *Resolve, to Study the Economic Effects of Instituting a Seasonal Sales Tax*

**Transportation
Room 126, State House, 9:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-4148**

LD 2 - *An Act to Allow Military Vehicles Purchased for Civilian Use to Be Registered and Operated on Maine Roads*

LD 37 - *Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Old Orchard Beach the Captain Christopher S. Cash Memorial Bridge*

LD 79 - *Resolve, to Rename the Bridge on Main Street Between Biddeford and Saco the General Wallace H. Nutting Memorial Bridge*

LD 159 - *An Act to Require Vehicle Registrations to Include the Next of Kin of the Vehicle Owner*

LD 162 - *Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Carmel the Kevin M. Howell Memorial Bridge*

LD 200 - *Resolve, to Rename the Sebago Lake Road Crossing Bridge in the Town of Standish*

LD 232 - *An Act to Impose a Vehicle Weight Limit on Route 46 in the Town of Eddington*

LD 289 - *Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Bingham the Barry A. DeLong Bridge*

LD 345 - *Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Roque Bluffs the Hope Bridge*

LD 478 - *An Act to Reduce Maximum Speeds on Roads Close to Residences*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

**Appropriations & Financial Affairs
Room 228, State House, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-1635**

Governor's proposed biennial budget, with the Joint Standing Committee on State & Local Government-related initiatives.

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implementing a flat fee of \$45 for receiving, recording and indexing instruments that do not already have a specific fee; (2) increasing to \$45 the fee for recording, indexing and preserving plans; (3) adjusting from \$5 to \$10 per page the rate for paper copies of plans; and (3) repealing the \$13 fee for requests for more than one previously recorded instrument. The bill reduces from 500 to 100 the number of images or electronic abstracts per calendar year a user can receive at no cost. The bill also makes subject to a committee request, rather than an annual requirement, the submission of a report from the register of deeds in each county to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters regarding the amount surcharge funds raised and expended and the use of those funds.

LD 422 An Act to Require the State to Obtain Municipal Approval Before Placing Noncitizens in the Municipality (Sponsored by Rep. Swallow of Houlton)

This bill prohibits the state from placing a noncitizen, defined as a person who is not a U.S. citizen, in a municipality without receiving prior authorization from the municipality and further authorizes municipalities to limit the number of noncitizens placed in the community.

LD 490 An Act to Provide for a 5-year Automatic Repeal of Agency Rules (Sponsored by Rep. Smith of Palermo)

This bill amends the Maine Administrative Procedure Act to provide that any agency rule that is finally adopted or amended after January 1, 2026, is automatically repealed five years from the date of final adoption. An agency that has adopted or has jurisdiction over a rule subject to automatic

repeal may submit to the legislature a request for renewal, which protects the rule from repeal for an additional five year period. Eighteen months before the automatic repeal of a rule, the bill also directs the Secretary of State to inform the state agency with oversight responsibility notice that the rule will be repealed.

LD 494 An Act to Update and Clarify Certain Provisions of State Liquor and Lottery Laws (Sponsored by Rep. Supica of Bangor)

Part D of this state agency bill repeals the laws governing liquor signs, with the exception for wholesalers, by limiting signage to no more than five located on the outside of a licensed premises, building, or grounds under that person's control and contiguous or adjacent to the licensed premises that advertises: (1) a liquor is on sale; (2) the price of the liquor, or (3) any other advertising that includes more than the name and logo of the premises or an image appearing on a patio umbrella in an outside seating area.

Transportation

LD 478 An Act to Reduce Maximum Speeds on Roads Close to Residences (Sponsored by Rep. Henderson of Rumford)

Except when conditions or other regulations require a lower speed, this bill sets the maximum rates of speed for a public way where at least one residence is located within 15 feet, as: (1) 25 miles per hour for a snowplow and equipment used by the Department of Transportation exclusively for the removal of snow on the public way; (2) 25 miles per hour for a vehicle with at least five axles; and (3) 35 miles per hour for all other vehicles.