

To: MMA's Legislative Policy Committee
Fr: Justin Poirier, Chair
Re: Notice and Agenda for the March 20, 2025 LPC Meeting
Date: March 13, 2025

The next meeting of the Legislative Policy Committee is scheduled for:

Thursday, March 20, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting
Maine Municipal Association

Zoom Option Available:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83651722260?pwd=f1ccxcYVpoDcMjLmIpbFwrjYvYgOFP.1>

It's time to gather to discuss several bills that have been printed since our last meeting, as well to validate the positions established via poll. As was the case in February, any LPC member is authorized to remove bills off the consent agenda for additional discussion.

Also, please let Laura (lellis@memun.org) know by **noon on Monday, March 17** if you will be participating via Zoom or in-person, so that staff can plan appropriately.

I look forward to guiding the committee through the following agenda.

Agenda

- I. Welcome (10:00 a.m.)**
- II. Proposed legislation.** A summary description of each bill subject to LPC review is provided in MMA's "2025 LD List" (**Attachment #1**). The bills are hyperlinked both on the LD List and below under each subcommittee, as opposed to sending the bills separately.
 - a. Amanda Campbell** will provide information for full LPC consideration on the following legislative initiatives.
 - i. Environment & Natural Resources-related legislation.**
 1. **LD 846** *An Act to Protect Natural Resources by Clarifying Hydropower Dam Removal Requirements*

2. [LD 1065](#) *An Act Regarding the Reduction and Recycling of Food Waste*
- ii. **Health & Human Services-related legislation.**
 1. [LD 978](#) *An Act to Increase General Assistance Reimbursement for Municipalities and Indian Tribes*
 2. [LD 1017](#) *An Act to Include Food Provided or Served at Emergency Shelters in General Assistance Reimbursement*
 3. [LD 1029](#) *An Act to Ensure General Assistance for Housing Does Not Reduce Assistance for Other Basic Necessities and to Increase Presumptive Eligibility and State Reimbursement for General Assistance*
 4. [LD 1046](#) *An Act to Establish a 180-day State Residency Requirement for Receiving Municipal General Assistance*
 - iii. **Marine Resources-related legislation.**
 1. [LD 1026](#) *An Act to Provide Mapping Services for Aquaculture Lease Siting*
 - iv. **Taxation-related legislation.**
 1. [LD 807](#) *An Act to Limit the Number of Free Motor Vehicle Registrations That May Be Provided to a Disabled Veteran and Reimburse Municipalities for the Loss of Excise Taxes*
 2. [LD 1044](#) *An Act to Clarify the Qualifying Use of Tax Increment Financing for Extension of a Development District*
 3. [LD 1045](#) *An Act to Expand the Use of Tax Increment Financing District Revenue by Adding Public Safety as an Authorized Project Cost*
- b. Rebecca Lambert** will provide information for full LPC consideration on the following legislative initiatives.
- i. **State & Local Government-related legislation.**
 1. [LD 984](#) *An Act to Require Every State and Municipal Building to Have at Least One Automated External Defibrillator*
 2. [LD 991](#) *An Act to Prevent Conflicts of Interest When Voting on Municipal Employee Compensation*
 3. [LD 1013](#) *An Act to Protect Taxpayers by Requiring Referenda on Significant Municipal Debt*
- c. Rebecca Graham** will provide information for full LPC consideration on the following legislative initiatives.

- i. **Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry-related legislation.**
 - 1. [LD 1057](#) *Resolve, to Aid Municipalities, Animal Control Officers and Other Parties in Complying with Electronic Dog Licensing Requirements*

- ii. **Criminal Justice & Public Safety-related legislation.**
 - 1. [LD 993](#) *An Act to Require First Responder Training for Mental Health Crisis and Critical Incident Stress Recognition*
 - 2. [LD 1005](#) *An Act to Allow Municipal Fire Departments with Trained Personnel to Conduct Sprinkler Plan Reviews*
 - 3. [LD 1024](#) *An Act to Expand the List of Crimes That Do Not Qualify for Immunity Under Maine's Good Samaritan Laws Concerning Drug-related Medical Assistance*
 - 4. [LD 1034](#) *An Act to Decriminalize Personal Possession of Therapeutic Amounts of Psilocybin for Adults*

- iii. **Health Coverage, Insurance & Financial Services-related legislation.**
 - 1. [LD 969](#) *An Act to Increase Emergency Medical Services Provider Training Opportunities*

- iv. **Health & Human Services-related legislation.**
 - 1. [LD 904](#) *An Act to Exempt from Fees Certain Services Performed by the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory for Criminal Investigations*

- v. **Housing & Economic Development-related legislation.**
 - 1. [LD 970](#) *An Act to Prioritize Affordable Housing by Expediting Reviews for Affordable Housing Projects Applying for Funding from the Maine State Housing Authority*
 - 2. [LD 997](#) *An Act to Allow Residential Use Development in Commercial Districts*
 - 3. [LD 1016](#) *An Act to Establish the Manufactured Housing Community and Mobile Home Park Preservation and Assistance Fund*

- vi. **Judiciary-related legislation.**
 - 1. [LD 882](#) *An Act to Protect Communication with Providers of Critical Incident Stress Management Peer Support*
 - 2. [LD 885](#) *An Act to Allow Certain Persons with a Permit to Carry Concealed Handguns to Possess or Discharge a Firearm on School Property*
 - 3. [LD 1032](#) *An Act Regarding Court Security*

- vii. **Transportation-related legislation.**
 - 1. [LD 928](#) *An Act to Maintain Public Access to Town Ways in Maine*
 - 2. [LD 1039](#) *An Act Regarding Municipal Authority over Heavy Vehicle Operation*

III. Consent Agenda. All bills voted by poll and Zoom since the January 30 meeting are on a consent agenda, found at [Attachment #2](#). LPC members will have the opportunity to pull any of the bills off the consent agenda for further discussion and voting. All bills left on the consent agenda will be recorded with the votes as shown.

IV. MMA platform bills printed & updates.

- a. [LD 852](#) *An Act to Reduce the Property Tax Burden by Adequately Funding County Jail Operations* (Sponsored by Rep. Ducharme of Madison)
- b. [LD 933](#) *An Act to Increase to 100 Percent the State Share of Funding for Special Education Costs of All School Administrative Units* (Sponsored by Rep. Dill of Old Town)

V. Housekeeping

- a. **Attendance**
- b. **Future 2025 meeting dates**
 - i. Wednesday, April 16
 - ii. Thursday, May 22

VI. Feedback Requested on Electric Transmission Line Development. Rebecca Lambert will discuss the memo requesting feedback from the LPC regarding which issues they would like to see addressed in webinars on electric transmission line development, which can be found at [Attachment #3](#).

- i. LPC Feedback on webinar topic suggestions for Renew Northeast

VII. Adjourn