

MMA's Legislative Policy Committee  
March 20, 2025  
**Supplemental Agenda**

- I. MMA platform bills printed since the distribution of the agenda.**
  - a. [LD 1112](#) *RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Requiring Not Less Than 90 Percent State Reimbursement for Residential Real Estate Property Tax Exemptions and to Establish a Minimum Homestead Exemption* (Sponsored by Rep. Matlack of St. George)
  
- II. Updated Consent Agenda.** One of the bills on the original consent agenda was moved off consent because the committee requested municipal feedback at the public hearing for LD 873, *An Act to Expand Municipal Authority over Utility Pole Permits*. The amended consent agenda is provided as [Attachment #S-1](#).
  
- III. State Budget Update.** The FY 2025 supplemental General Fund budget, LD 209, failed passage on March 11. Although LD 210, the FY 2026 – FY 2027 biennial General Fund budget, is still in play, movement is afoot to get a the baseline supplemental and biennial budget passed via enactment of an amended version of [LD 609](#), *An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government*. A memo with a comparison of the two budget bills is provided for your information as [Attachment #S-2](#).
  
- IV. Proposed legislation.** The following bills and amendments to bills of municipal interest have been moved into the hopper since the distribution of the agenda for Thursday's LPC meeting. Summary descriptions of these amendments have been provided in the LD List 2025 ([Attachment #S-3](#)).
  - A. Rebecca Graham** will provide information for full LPC consideration on the following legislative initiatives.
    - i. **Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry-related legislation.**
      1. [LD 1072](#) *An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Land for Maine's Future Program and to Authorize the Use of Options to Purchase at Agricultural Value*
  
    - ii. **Criminal Justice & Public Safety-related legislation.**
      1. [LD 1105](#) *An Act Concerning Displaced Civilian Federal Firefighters in Maine*

2. [LD 1135](#) *An Act to Permit the Use of Oral Fluid Testing in Determining the Intoxication of Drivers, Aircraft Operators and Hunters*
3. [LD 1187](#) *An Act to Require Certain Mental Health Data to Be Included in Uniform Crime Reports*
4. [LD 1215](#) *An Act Regarding Residency Restrictions for Sex Offenders*

**iii. Education & Cultural Affairs-related legislation.**

1. [LD 1076](#) *An Act to Hire School Security Officers to Protect Students and Make Schools Safer*

**iv. Health Coverage, Insurance & Financial services-related legislation.**

1. [LD 1192](#) *An Act to Increase the Commercial Insurance Reimbursement Rate for Ambulance Services*

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

1. [LD 1143](#) *An Act to Update Language on Setback Variances for Single-family Dwellings and Variances from Dimensional Standards*
2. [LD 1181](#) *An Act Regarding the Designation of Short-term Rental Units as Commercial or Residential in Use*
3. [LD 1184](#) *An Act to Require Municipal Reporting on Residential Building Permits, Dwelling Units Permitted and Demolished and Certificates of Occupancy Issued*
4. [LD 1190](#) *An Act to Increase State Funding for Emergency Shelters*

**vi. Judiciary-related legislation.**

1. [LD 1101](#) *An Act to Address the Limited Availability of Counsel in Courts to Represent Indigent Parties in Matters Affecting Their Fundamental Rights*

**vii. Transportation-related legislation.**

1. [LD 1138](#) *An Act to Reduce Pollution Associated with Transportation in Alignment with the State's Climate Action Plan*
2. [LD 1156](#) *An Act to Allow Military Surplus Vehicles to Be Collected and Used in Patriotic Exhibitions and Parades*
3. [LD 1209](#) *Resolve, to Create a Working Group to Study the Safety and Use of Small Lightweight Vehicles on Maine's Roads and Highways, the Systems and Laws Governing Antique Vehicles and the General Improvement of Road Safety*

**B. Amanda Campbell** will provide information for full LPC consideration on the following legislative initiatives.

**i. Health & Human Services-related legislation.**

1. [LD 1066](#) *An Act Regarding Limits on Municipal General Assistance Programs*
2. [LD 1078](#) *An Act to Support Maine's Public Health Objectives by Increasing Access to Hypodermic Apparatus Exchange Programs*
3. [LD 1081](#) *An Act to Support Access to General Assistance at Municipal General Assistance Offices and Designated Places*
4. [LD 1178](#) *An Act to Expedite the Process Involving Municipalities That Illegally Move a Person to Avoid Responsibility for General Assistance Support*

**ii. Labor-related legislation.**

1. [LD 1169](#) *An Act Regarding Employer Payments for the Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program*

**iii. Taxation-related legislation.**

1. [LD 1089](#) *An Act to Permanently Fund 55 Percent of the State's Share of Education by Establishing a Tax on Incomes of More than \$1,000,000*
2. [LD 1144](#) *An Act to Reinstate the Property Tax Stabilization Program*
3. [LD 1168](#) *An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Current Use Valuation of Certain Working Waterfront Land with Respect to Commercial Boat Yards*
4. [LD 1194](#) *An Act to Phase Out Vehicle Excise Taxes and Implement a Fee for Infrastructure Funding Based on a Vehicle's Annual Mileage*
5. [LD 1206](#) *An Act to Control Property Taxes by Increasing the Percentage of the Business Equipment Tax Exemption That Municipalities May Recover*

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

**i. Education & Cultural Affairs-related legislation.**

1. [LD 1087](#) *An Act to Increase the State's Share of Major Capital School Construction Costs*

**ii. Energy, Utilities & Technology-related legislation.**

1. [LD 1096](#) *An Act to Allow Municipalities That Have Financed Fiber-optic Broadband Infrastructure to Use Loans or Grants to Repay Associated Debt*

**iii. State & Local Government-related legislation.**

1. [LD 1090](#) *Resolve, to Form a Working Group to Address Vacancies in Municipal Government Management Positions*
2. [LD 1091](#) *An Act to Reinforce Free Speech at Town Meetings by Allowing Persons a Minimum Amount of Time in Which to Speak*
3. [LD 1131](#) *An Act to Reform the Process by Which a Person May Petition an Agency to Adopt or Modify Rules Under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act*

**iv. Veterans & Legal Affairs-related legislation.**

1. [LD 1148](#) *An Act to Improve Access to Absentee Ballots for Municipal Elections for Uniformed Service Voters and Overseas Voters*