

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

Fr: Kate Dufour, Director, Advocacy & Communications

Re: Weekly LD List Preview, Impromptu Zoom Meeting & Survey

Date: March 28, 2025

New Bills. Descriptions of the newly printed bills can be reviewed [here](#).

Zoom Meeting/Survey. Additionally, five bills of municipal interest have been scheduled for public hearings prior to the policy committee's April 16 meeting. For that reason, we invite all who are available to join the advocacy team on **Tuesday, April 1 at noon**—no joke— to provide staff guidance on these bills. You can join the meeting using this link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84079007797?pwd=NjXKvaSo3yehEyLlocPEbf7WRs31iN.1>

For members who cannot participate in the meeting, we urge you to share your feedback by completing the following survey. Your response **by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2** would be greatly appreciated.

Regardless of whether you elect to participate via Zoom or email, please do take a few minutes to share your thoughts. The information you share enables staff to provide feedback on issues of municipal interest in a timely manner.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the process and have a nice weekend.

March 28 Poll

[LD 949](#) *An Act to Clarify Licensing Jurisdiction for Manufactured Housing Communities*
(Sponsored by Rep. Golek of Harpswell)

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 also prohibits a municipality from assessing additional fees for a manufactured housing community to operate or from assessing a fee for any type of permit for manufactured housing if the manufactured housing or the installation is governed by rules of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development or the Manufactured Housing Board.

On LD 949, MMA should:

- Support the bill.
- Oppose the bill.
- Take a “neither for nor against” stand on the bill.
- Downgrade to a track position.

- Take no position on the bill.

Please provide the reasons why you support the selected position.

LD 1244 *An Act to Establish Requirements for Warming Shelters* (Sponsored by Rep. Milliken of Blue Hill)

Whenever the temperature is expected to drop below 40 degrees Fahrenheit, this bill requires counties and municipalities to make warming shelters available at an accessible and appropriate public venue and open outside normal operating hours.

On LD 1244, MMA should:

- Support the bill.
- Oppose the bill.
- Take a “neither for nor against” stand on the bill.
- Downgrade to a track position.
- Take no position on the bill.

Please provide the reasons why you support the selected position.

LD 1274 *An Act to Cap State General Assistance Reimbursement to Municipalities* (Sponsored by Rep. Faulkingham of Winter Harbor)

This bill prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from reimbursing a single municipality for general assistance in an amount greater than 50% of the total reimbursement to all municipalities in a fiscal year.

On LD 1274, MMA should:

- Support the bill.
- Oppose the bill.
- Take a “neither for nor against” stand on the bill.
- Downgrade to a track position.
- Take no position on the bill.

Please provide the reasons why you support the selected position.

LD 1295 *An Act to Waive Basic Law Enforcement Training Requirements for Full-time Law Enforcement Officers Who Have Successfully Completed Equivalent Courses in Other Jurisdictions* (Sponsored by Sen. Moore of Washington Cty.)

This bill requires the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to waive basic training requirements for newly employed law enforcement officers that have completed an equivalent basic law enforcement training course, which is currently a discretionary authority. The bill also directs the board to conduct a study and make suggestions for reducing unnecessary or burdensome requirements that prevent a law enforcement officer from qualifying for a basic training waiver.

On LD 1295, MMA should:

- Support the bill.
- Oppose the bill.
- Take a “neither for nor against” stand on the bill.
- Downgrade to a track position.
- Take no position on the bill.

Please provide the reasons why you support the selected position.

LD 1302 *An Act Regarding the Number of Voters of a Municipality Required to Petition for Consideration of Deorganization of That Municipality* (Sponsored by Sen. Baldacci of Penobscot Cty.)

This bill specifies that a petition for consideration of deorganization must be signed by a number of residents equal to at least 50% of the votes cast in the municipality during the last gubernatorial election.

On LD 1302, MMA should:

- Support the bill.
- Oppose the bill.
- Take a “neither for nor against” stand on the bill.
- Downgrade to a track position.
- Take no position on the bill.

Please provide the reasons why you support the selected position.