

MMA's Legislative Policy Committee

April 16, 2025

Supplemental Agenda

- I. LPC Meeting for May.** Staff have decided that the May 22 meeting date would be too late for their purposes and have cancelled that meeting date in favor of a Zoom-only meeting earlier in the month, on Wednesday, May 14. There may also be the need for surveys and impromptu Zoom meetings between now and the end of the legislative session.
- II. Updated Items on original Notice & Agenda.** One of the bills on the original agenda under Housing & Economic Development, LD 1232, *An Act to Require Radon Testing for Certain Commercial and Residential Construction*, has been amended by the sponsor. The amendment can be found at [Attachment S-1](#). There has also been a review by MMA's Legal Services Department of another bill on the original agenda under Veterans & Legal Affairs, LD 1365, *An Act to Allow Consumption of Adult Use Cannabis in Locally Approved Hospitality Lounges*, which can be found at [Attachment S-2](#).
- III. Sponsor testimony.** As an FYI to the LPC, bill sponsor Rep. McIntyre (Lowell) has provided his testimony ([Attachment S-3](#)) on LD 1562, *An Act Regarding Municipal Road Standards*, which is on the supplemental agenda under Transportation.
- 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 Wednesday's LPC meeting. Summary descriptions of these amendments have been provided in the LD List 2025 ([Attachment #S-4](#)).
 - A. Rebecca Graham** will provide information for full LPC consideration on the following legislative initiatives.
 - i. Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry-related legislation.**
 1. [LD 1655](#) *An Act to Allow the Keeping of Chickens on Private Residential Property*
 - ii. Criminal Justice & Public Safety-related legislation.**
 1. [LD 1599](#) *An Act to Establish the Maine Emergency Medical Services Commission*

2. [LD 1600](#) *An Act to Provide Regional Support Funding for Municipal Police Departments to Support Special Response Teams*
3. [LD 1607](#) *An Act to Require Law Enforcement Agencies to Adopt Written Policies Regarding Compliance with Certain Constitutional Obligations Related to Disclosure of Evidence*

iii. Housing & Economic Development-related legislation.

1. [LD 1569](#) *Resolve, to Direct the Department of Economic and Community Development to Form a Stakeholder Group to Analyze and Improve Home Repair Funding Programs in the State*
2. [LD 1657](#) *An Act to Expand the Use of Tax Increment Revenue for Affordable Housing by Adding Authorized Project Costs*
3. [LD 1659](#) *An Act to Raise Revenue to Fund Firefighting Equipment Purchases and Training Related to Electric Vehicle Fires Through a Fee on Electric Vehicles*
4. [LD 1662](#) *An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Zoning and Land Use Restrictions to Limit Certain Requirements to Municipalities with Populations of More than 10,000*

iv. Judiciary-related legislation.

1. [LD 1656](#) *An Act to Facilitate Compliance with Federal Immigration Law by State and Local Government Entities*
2. [LD 1660](#) *An Act Creating a Private Right of Action Against a Government Employer*

v. Transportation-related legislation.

1. [LD 1562](#) *An Act Regarding Municipal Road Standards*
2. [LD 1568](#) *An Act to Allow the Use of a Siren in a Vehicle Used by a Harbor Master or Deputy Harbor Master*
3. [LD 1581](#) *An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption for Certain Veterans*
4. [LD 1632](#) *An Act to Provide Incentives and Amend Laws Regarding Access to Protect Rural Highway Capacity and Promote Long-term Economic Development*

B. Kate Dufour will provide information for full LPC consideration on the following legislative initiatives.

a. Appropriations & Financial Affairs

1. [LD 1636](#) *Resolve, to Study Changing the Start of the State Fiscal Year to October 1st*

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

i. Environment & Natural Resources

1. [LD 1604](#) *An Act to Protect Groundwater and Surface Waters from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances from Landfill Leachate*

ii. Marine Resources-related legislation.

1. [LD 1595](#) *An Act to Strengthen Working Waterfronts Against Nuisance Complaints Regarding Aquaculture*
2. [LD 1625](#) *An Act Regarding the Preservation of Working Waterfronts*

iii. Taxation-related legislation.

1. [LD 1541](#) *An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief for Senior Residents*
2. [LD 1591](#) *An Act to Grant a Municipality Authority to Tax Property According to Use*
3. [LD 1603](#) *An Act to Eliminate the Property Tax on Business Equipment With a Value of No More Than \$50,000*
4. [LD 1610](#) *RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Apportion Differentiated Tax Rates on Real Property According to Use*
5. [LD 1621](#) *An Act to Allow Municipalities to Use Tax Increment Financing Revenues to Support Lake Restoration and Protection Activities*
6. [LD 1630](#) *An Act to Amend the Open Space Tax Law*
7. [LD 1641](#) *An Act to Allow Municipalities to Implement a Local Option Sales Tax*

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

i. Education & Cultural Affairs-related legislation.

1. [LD 1579](#) *An Act to Abolish School Budget Referend*
2. [LD 1586](#) *An Act to Amend the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum Law*

ii. State & Local Government-related legislation.

1. [LD 849](#) (*amendment*) *An Act to Establish a Recall Process for Public School Board Members*
2. [LD 1560](#) *An Act to Address Conflicts of Interest with Municipal Contracts*

3. [LD 1593](#) *An Act to Require Certain Public Entities to Define Their Use of the Term "Equity"*
4. [LD 1628](#) *An Act to Allow Municipalities to Regulate Exterior Lights*
5. [LD 1635](#) *An Act to Streamline Municipal Referenda Recount Initiation*

iii. Veterans & Legal Affairs-related legislation.

1. [LD 1559](#) *An Act to Authorize Medical Cannabis Farmers' Markets*
2. [LD 1608](#) *An Act to Counter Unlawful Cannabis Cultivation*
3. [LD 1609](#) *An Act to Prevent the Participation of Individuals and Companies Linked to Federally Recognized Criminal Organizations in the Medical and Adult Use Cannabis Programs*