

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

Fr: Kate Dufour, Director, Advocacy & Communications

Re: Agenda for the Tuesday, April 22 LPC Zoom Meeting

Date: April 18, 2025

As mentioned at Wednesday's LPC meeting, to keep up with the legislative pace staff will be hosting weekly Zoom meetings through the end of May to get feedback on recently printed bills. These meetings will take place on **Tuesdays from noon to 1:00 p.m.**, unless extra time is necessary. Earlier today, you should have received a Zoom invitation email, and if accepted the meetings will be embedded into your calendars. On the very likely chance I failed at the attempt, the meeting can be accessed here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85787017851?pwd=kpzYDerJ7Mscx1oySCbjNZUTCFqxna.1>

For members who cannot attend the weekly meeting, we encourage you to instead respond to these weekly emails by letting us know what position (e.g., support, oppose, neither for nor against, track or no position) the association should take on the measures listed in the agenda below and any comments you would like to share. **Positions on the bills described below are due by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22.**

Also, please remember that the May 22 meeting has been moved to May 14, which was originally scheduled to take place via Zoom only. However, since there seemed to be a level of disappointment about the announcement at the meeting, and because the conference room is now available, the LPC will be asked whether it would prefer to move forward with the Zoom only or a hybrid meeting.

Thank you for your patience and continued participation in meetings and polls. I cannot stress enough the importance of your feedback and its impact on our advocacy efforts.

I hope to see as many of you as possible on Tuesday.

Enjoy the long weekend.

### **Agenda**

- I. Welcome (12:00 p.m.)**
- II. May 14 Meeting.** As you will recall, the originally scheduled May 22 meeting has been moved to May 14. We have been made aware that the meeting space is available for a hybrid meeting. The question to the LPC is whether to move forward with the Zoom option only or to host a hybrid meeting.

**III. Reconsideration.** At the request of an LPC member, the committee is being asked to reconsider its position to support LD 1581, *An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption for Certain Veterans*, listed under the Transportation Committee-related bills below.

**IV. 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 committee.

**a. Rebecca Graham** will provide information for full LPC consideration on the following legislative initiatives.

**i. Criminal Justice & Public Safety-related legislation.**

1. [LD 1671](#) *An Act to Establish Disclosure Requirements Regarding Law Enforcement Officer Credibility Information*
2. [LD 1676](#) *Resolve, to Study Ways to Improve Recruitment and Retention of Rural Emergency Medical Services Personnel Through Access to Health Insurance*

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

1. [LD 1681](#) *An Act to Consider Municipal Shelter Facilities and Housing Projects Essential for Public Health, Welfare and Safety by Updating the Definition of "Public Service Infrastructure"*

**iii. Transportation-related legislation.**

1. [LD 1581](#) *An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption for Certain Veterans* (reconsideration)

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

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

1. [LD 1675](#) *An Act to Provide Just Compensation in Cases of Taking by Eminent Domain by Transmission and Distribution Utilities*

**ii. Judiciary-related legislation.**

1. [LD 1683](#) *An Act to Make a Freedom of Access Act Request Free of Charge upon Petition*

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

1. [LD 1669](#) *An Act to Establish the Cannabis Advisory Council*
2. [LD 1702](#) *An Act to Amend Election Polling Place Candidate Restrictions*

- c. **Kate Dufour** will provide information for full LPC consideration on the following legislative initiatives.
- i. **Health & Human Services-related legislation.**
    1. [LD 1459](#) *An Act to Make General Assistance Officers Mandated Reporters*
    2. [LD 1707](#) *An Act to Require a Person to Be a United States Citizen to Receive State or Local Financial Assistance and to Ensure Municipal Compliance with Federal Immigration Laws*
  - ii. **Taxation-related legislation.**
    1. [LD 1665](#) *An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief to Maine Families*