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LD	MMA Position	Title	Summary	Status
1196	SUPPORT MMA PRIORITY	An Act Regarding Targets for Health Plan Investments in Primary Care and Behavioral Health - Rep Zager	Bill focuses on increasing investments in primary care & behavioral health. Amendments offered to address behavioral health roadblocks concerning credentialing, payments, and definitions.	SIGNED INTO LAW 4/7/22 PL Ch 603
1423	SUPPORT MMA PRIORITY	An Act To Align Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Funding with Recommendations of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (formerly "An Act To Raising the Tax on Tobacco Products and To Provide Funding To Reduce Disparities in Health Outcomes Based on Certain Factors") - Rep McCreight	Amended 1/22/22 to remove cigarette & tobacco tax increases, retains future Tobacco Prevention & Control Program funding; funding may not be the lesser of 1.) revenue collected on sales taxes for all tobacco products plus available FHM funds OR 2.) amount of funding recommended for state tobacco control programs as determined by US CDC. (US CDC = \$15.9; ME = \$8.4m; ME revenue is \$188.5m; \$15.9m is 8% of \$188.5m)	ENACTED REMAINS ON APP TABLE
<u>1550</u>	SUPPORT MMA PRIORITY	An Act To End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products - Rep Meyer	Prohibits the sale and distribution of flavored tobacco products, including flavored cigars and electronic smoking devices.	REMAINS ON HOU TABLED
1867	SUPPORT (NFNA original bill)	An Act To Codify MaineCare Rate System Reform - Rep Meyer (DHHS)	Formalizes MaineCare rate system reform by enacting a stand-alone section of law that formally lays out a rate-setting system process	
1897	SUPPORT	An Act To Prevent the Use of the Long Creek Youth Development Center for the Detention or Confinement of Juveniles (OLD TITLE: An Act To Prevent the Use of Prone and Supine Restraints, Chemical Sprays and Electroshock Devices on Juveniles Held in Department of Corrections Facilities: Amended to set Long Creek Correctional closure date) - Rep. Lookner (supported original bill)	Minority report changes the title and replaces the bill. It amends the law governing the Long Creek to prohibit detention or confinement of juveniles beginning October 1, 2025. Requires DOC to submit a report by 1/15/24 with recommendations, including suggested legislation, necessary to ensure compliance with that restriction in the use of the facility. (OLD BILL: Prohibits the use of prone and supine restraints, chemical sprays and electroshock devices on juveniles detained at or committed to a correctional facility that is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections.	REMAINS ON HOU TABLED
372	SUPPORT	An Act To Provide Maine Children Access to Affordable Health Care Sen Carney	Raises the maximum eligibility level for family income under the Cub Care program from 200% of the federal poverty level to 300%. Provides coverage under the Cub Care program to persons 19	INCLUDED IN SUPP BUDGET FROM APP TABLE

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441	SUPPORT	An Act To Expand Adult Dental Health Insurance Coverage - Rep Brooks	Bill requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage for comprehensive dental services and applies to policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2022. Also requires the Maine Health Data Organization to develop and maintain a database of dentists providing dental care to MaineCare members, including children, and to post that information on a publicly accessible website	DEAD
<u>452</u>	SUPPORT	An Act To Require Certain Schools To Provide Menstrual Products - Rep Tepler	Directs the Department of Education to develop a process to provide reimbursement to school districts that serve students in grades 6 to 12 for the cost of making menstrual products available to students at no cost in all school bathrooms.	REMAINS ON APP TABLE
<u>696</u>	SUPPORT	An Act To Prohibit Solitary Confinement in Maine's Corrections System - Rep Lookner	Amended: •definition of solitary—more than 20 hours in a cell and banning it • Banning solitary of more than 17 hours for those with mental health conditions, those under 21 years or over 65, pregnant women and women who are two weeks postpartum • an ombudsman • A rep on the Administrative Review Board who is not under the aegis of MDOC • data gathering	DEAD
718	SUPPORT	An Act To Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Closing Coverage Gaps in the MaineCare Program and the Children's Health Insurance Program - Rep Talbot Ross	Bill provides MaineCare & CHIP for noncitizen residents who are ineligible for coverage under the federal Medicaid or CHIP due to their immigration status. As amended, the bill clarifies that the legislation applies to noncitizen residents of this State who are ineligible for coverage under the federal Medicaid program or Children's Health Insurance Program only due to their immigration status.	RECOMMIT TO HHS 6/30/21
861	SUPPORT	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Contract for Assessments for Involuntary Hospitalizations - Rep Evans	Current law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to issue a request for proposals, or RFP, for technology-supported assessments of foreseeable harm for the purposes of involuntary hospitalization. The RFP has yet to be issued. This resolve directs the department to move forward with contracts for assessments.	SIGNED INTO LAW 4/18/22 Res Ch 160
906	SUPPORT	An Act To Provide Passamaquoddy Tribal Members Access to Clean Drinking Water - Rep Newall	Concept bill and emergency legislation, proposing to provide clean drinking water to the Passamaquoddy Reservation at Pleasant Point and to nearby municipalities. Sponsor amendment presented at the public hearing.	SIGNED INTO LAW 4/18/22 PL Ch 650
1357	SUPPORT	An Act To Require Private Insurance Coverage for Postpartum Care - Sen Carney	Requires insurers, in individual policies that cover maternity benefits, to provide coverage for postpartum care that meets the recommendations of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.	REMAINS ON APP TABLE

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SUPPORT	An Act To Maximize Health Care Coverage for the Uninsured through Easy Enrollment in the MaineCare Program or in a Qualified Health Plan in the Marketplace - Rep Evans	Establishes a process to identify individuals and families who are uninsured but potentially eligible for benefits under the MaineCare program or marketplace enrollment through state income forms. Amendment delays the implementation of the easy enrollment health insurance program established in the bill for one year until tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022.	REMAINS ON APP TABLE
SUPPORT	An Act To Protect Oral Health for Children in Maine - Rep Gramlich	Changes the legislative goal from ensuring that children on Medicaid receive the same level of services as children with dental insurance to ensuring that all children in the State with Medicaid receive at least one annual preventive dental visit. Also requires DHHS/CDC to provide preventive oral health services in all schools in the State.	INCLUDED IN SUPP BUDGET FROM APP TABLE
SUPPORT	An Act To Provide Access to Fertility Care - Rep Madigan	Requires carriers offering health plans in this State to provide coverage for fertility diagnostic care, for fertility treatment if the enrollee is a fertility patient and for fertility preservation services.	GOVERNOR'S DESK (5/6/22)
SUPPORT	An Act To Ensure Tribal Representation in the Public Health Infrastructure - Rep Newell	Amends the laws governing the coordination of public health infrastructure components to allow a tribal district's public liaisons to be either tribal employees or tribal district employees. It also changes the reporting requirement for the tribal district to reflect the creation of the office of population health equity within the Department of Health and Human Services.	SIGNED INTO LAW 2/17/22 PL 495
SUPPORT	Resolve, To Establish the Advisory Panel To Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State - Rep Zager	,	GOVERNOR'S DESK (5/6/22)
SUPPORT	An Act To Align Postpartum MaineCare Coverage with Federal Law - Sen Carney	Bill amended to allow postpartum MaineCare coverage for qualified women as long as federal law allows for it. New federal options for 12 months of postpartum coverage are currently set to expire on April 1, 2027.	SIGNED INTO LAW 3/29/22 PL Ch 519
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1787	SUPPORT	An Act To Improve the Quality and Affordability of Primary Health Care Provided by Federally Qualified Health Centers - Sen Claxton (EMERGENCY)	Rebases MaineCare payments to a federally qualified health centers. MaineCare payments to may not be lower than payment method in effect on June 30, 2021, adjusted for inflation. Rebasing of reimbursement rates must be based on a change in the scope of services provided by a federally qualified health center, actual costs incurred and other factors.	GOVERNOR'S DESK (5/6/22)
1861	SUPPORT	An Act To Establish the Safe Homes Program - Sen. Deschamb	Establishes an educational program, with materials, and grants (Safe Homes Program) within the Department of Public Safety support the safe storage of prescription drugs, firearms and dangerous weapons in homes.	SIGNED INTO LAW 4/7/22 PL Ch 575
1862	SUPPORT	An Act To Strengthen Maine's Good Samaritan Laws Concerning Drug-related Medical Assistance - Sen Maxmin	Extends the State's Good Samaritan laws by exempting from arrest or prosecution for a nonviolent offense or for a violation of probation or condition of release a person at the location of a drug-related overdose for which medical assistance was sought or naloxone was administered.	GOVERNOR'S DESK (5/6/22)
1868	SUPPORT	An Act To Restore Funding to the State's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program. <i>How does it related to LD 1423</i> - Rep Cloutier <b>(EMERGENCY)</b>	Provides ongoing allocations to the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program (\$10 million over two years) to restore the level of funding provided for the program in fiscal year 2020-21.	GOVERNOR'S DESK (5/6/22)
1909	SUPPORT	An Act To Remove Restrictions on Syringe Service Programs - Rep McDonald	Exchange programs may not limit the number of hypodermic apparatuses given or require the return of a used hypodermic apparatus as a condition for receiving a hypodermic apparatus	SIGNED INTO LAW 3/29/22 PL Ch 545
1910	SUPPORT	An Act To Improve Children's Mental Health by Requiring Insurance Coverage for Certain Mental Health Treatment - Rep Tepler	Requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage for mental health treatment services that use evidence-based practices that are recommended by a provider for a child 18 years of age or younger.  The bill defines "evidence-based practices" as clinically sound and scientifically based policies, practices and programs that reflect expert consensus on the prevention, treatment and recovery science published and disseminated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.  The bill's requirements apply to health plans with an effective date on or after January 1, 2023	SIGNED INTO LAW (Emergency) PL 595 4/14/22

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1988	SUPPORT	An Act To Establish That the Provision of Emergency Medical Services by an Ambulance Service Is an Essential Service and To Establish the Blue-Ribbon Commission To Study Emergency Medical Services in the State - Rep. Talbot Ross	Identifies emergency medical services provided by an ambulance service as essential services for the purposes of eligibility for federal funding. Also establishes the Blue-Ribbon Commission To Study Emergency Medical Services to examine and make recommendations on the support of and delivery of EMS reviewing all aspects of services, including but not limited to workforce development, training, compensation, retention, costs, reimbursement rates, organization, and local and state support.	GOVERNOR'S DESK
<u>1993</u>	SUPPORT	An Act To Establish a Progressive Treatment Program Monitor - 2/16 LC Progressive Treatment is a specialized psychiatric care plan for clients with persistent mental illness and a history of repeated hospital stays (state or non-state).	This bill establishes a progressive treatment program monitor position within the Department of Health and Human Services. Progressive Treatment is a specialized psychiatric care plan for clients with persistent mental illness and a history of repeated hospital stays (state or non-state).	REMAINS ON APP TABLE
2007	SUPPORT	An Act To Create the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Incidence Registry - Claxton (Gov)	Establishes statewide registry for surveillance for the disease in the state and requires health care practitioners to report diagnoses to the DHHS; also provides confidentiality and for the department to complete annual reports.	SIGNED INTO LAW 4/14/22 Resolve 613
<u>582</u>	OPPOSED	An Act To Support the Fidelity and Sustainability of Assertive Community Treatment - Rep Madigan	7-C. Psychiatric provider. "Psychiatric provider" means a licensed health care provider with psychiatric training or experience, including without limitation a psychiatrist, psychiatric nurse practitioner or physician assistant.	REMAINS ON APP TABLE
<u>1582</u>	OPPOSED	An Act To Enact the Maine Psilocybin Services Act - Sen Bailey	Enacts the Maine Psilocybin Services Act, which establishes a regulatory framework in order to provide psilocybin products to clients in Maine	DEAD
1747	OPPOSED	An Act To Require Screening for Cytomegalovirus in Certain Newborn Infants - Sen Breen	Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a cytomegalovirus screening program for newborn infants, reporting requirements for health care providers, and requires state to provide public educational resources to pregnant individuals and individuals who may become pregnant that include detailed information on cytomegalovirus.	GOVERNOR'S DESK
<u>1776</u>	OPPOSED	An Act To Allow Pharmacists To Dispense an Emergency Supply of Chronic Maintenance Drugs - Rep Roeder	Allows pharmacists to dispense an emergency supply of a chronic maintenance drug without a prescription if the pharmacist cannot get authorization for a refill AND the pharmacist has a prescription record for the patient, including the amount or unit(s). Does not apply to controlled substances, including opioids. Also requires insurance companies to cover the emergency supply.	SIGNED INTO LAW 4/7/22 PL Ch 566

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1848	OPPOSED	An Act To Increase the Availability of Assertive Community Treatment Services - Rep Madigan	Replaces the term psychiatrist with "prescriber" and defines prescriber for assertive community treatment teams under state law. Adds the option for a licensed practical nurse to be included on an ACT team in lieu of a registered nurse if the prescriber is not a certified nurse practitioner.  Defines "Prescriber" as a licensed health care provider with authority to prescribe, including a licensed physician, certified nurse practitioner or licensed physician assistant who has training or experience in psychopharmacology.	SIGNED INTO LAW 3/29/22 PL Ch 540
<u>1973</u>	OPPOSED	An Act To Support Frontline Health Care Workers by Waiving Professional Licensing Fees - Sen. Jackson	Waives future and retroactive licensing fees for EMS workers, nurses, practical nurses, respiratory care practitioners, midwives, and "a person associated with the practices" in the bill.	DEAD
2008	NFNA / OPPOSED	An Act To Establish a Court Process for Involuntary Substance Use Disorder Treatment	Bill amended to form work group with charge to: 1.) review resources available for SUD 2.) Review involuntary commitment and high leverage options from other jurisdictions and results 3.) Review potential constitutional issues 4.) Recommendations for SUD treatment options including implementation plans. Membership: 13 members appointed by the Governor and legislative leaders. No specific requirement for physician involvement.	
1479	NFNA (Opposed to portion)	An Act To Make Certain Traffic Infractions Secondary Offenses - Rep Morales	Original bill changes certain traffic infractions from primary offenses to secondary offenses, including failing to wear a seat belt along with certain equipment and administrative violations.  Amended bill does not include moving seat belt violations from primary to secondary offenses was stripped from the bill.	DEAD
1693	NFNA as introduced	An Act To Advance Health Equity, Improve the Well-being of All Maine People and Create a Health Trust - Rep Talbot Ross	Amedned bill removes references to the "Trust for a Healthy Maine." Establishes the Office of Health Equity within DHHS; Requires the Department of Education to revise its nutrition, physical activity, screen time and sugary drink standards to increase obesity prevention in early care and education and to revise its school nutrition and physical activity; Prohibits the sale and distribution of flavored tobacco products, including flavored cigars and electronic smoking devices; Increases the tax on cigarettes and eliminates the provision that allows the sale of cigarette stamps to licensed distributors at a discount.	REMAINS ON SEN TABLED
<u>1523</u>	NFNA	An Act To Establish the Trust for a Healthy Maine - Rep R Millett	This bill creates the "Trust for a Healthy Maine does not replace the Fund for a Health Maine which shall be funded by contribution payments under the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. The trust is governed by a 15-member board of trustees composed of the Director of the Maine CDC and 14 members appointed by the Governor.	REMAINS ON APP TABLE

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1858	NFNA	An Act Regarding Delegating Authority for Services Performed by Emergency Medical Services Personnel in Health Care Facilities - Sen Farrin	Authorizes licensed emergency medical services persons to provide medical services in health care facility settings that are not hospital settings under delegated authority if an employee or a contracted agent of the health care facility	SIGNED INTO LAW (Emergency) PL 587 4/12/22
476	Monitor	An Act To Provide Licensed Assisted Living and Nursing Facilities Levels of Care for Incarcerated Persons - Rep Morales	Bill provides for assisted living and nursing facility levels of care in licensed units in correctional facilities of the Department of Corrections and in licensed facilities in the community for prisoners in the custody of the Department of Corrections. Provides for assessment of medical and social needs of prisoners using the Medicaid eligibility assessment.	DEAD
674	Monitor	An Act to Support Early Intervention and Treatment of Psychotic Disorders (HHS) - Sen Breen	Requires DHHS to establish a reimbursement rate for a coordinated specialty care model to treat individuals showing early signs of psychotic disorder. Services must be evidence based and treat both the individual and the family. Amended unanimously by the committee to change the date from June 30, 2021 to January 1, 2022 by which the state plan amendment or waiver for the coordinated specialty care model must be submitted to federal government. It also adds a contingent effective date to be only if the necessary approvals are received.	REMAINS ON APP TABLE
979	Monitor	An Act To Expand Maine's School-based Health Centers - Rep Sachs		REMAINS ON APP TABLE
1068	Monitor	An Act To Restrict Access to Weapons Pursuant to Court Order in Cases of Harassment - Sen Carney	Bill allows a court, in a protection from harassment order, to direct a defendant not to possess a firearm, muzzle-loading firearm, bow, crossbow or other dangerous weapon for the duration of the order.	DEAD
1446	Monitor	An Act To Aid Municipalities in the Issuance of Concealed Handgun Permits - Rep. Pluecker	Requires state Department of Public Safety, Chief of the State Police upon request to provide assistance in conducting a background check for a concealed handgun permit for a municipality that has not designated the Chief of the State Police as the issuing authority for concealed handgun permits.	NOT SIGNED 4/17/22 PL Ch 619
1552	Monitor	An Act To Provide Reentry Services to Persons Reentering the Community after Incarceration - Rep Talbot Ross	Establishes a Community-based Reentry program within the Department of Corrections to award grants to reentry service providers for case management; peer-to-peer mentoring; housing assistance; housing development; job training and placement services; medical and behavioral health assessment, treatment and support; parenting skills and family support services; development of a substance use disorder treatment program as an alternative to incarceration for primary caregivers; and organization of community and victim impact panels or educational classes.	REMAINS ON HOU TABLE
			Requires the department to adopt rules requiring an individual participating in a substance use disorder treatment program who does not successfully complete the program to serve an appropriate sentence of imprisonment with respect to the underlying crime and requiring that the individual be notified of this requirement before the individual begins the program	

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<u>1584</u>	Monitor	An Act To Make Donated Medicines Available to Maine Patients at an Affordable Cost - Sen Claxton	Bill establishes the Medicine Donation and Redispensing Program operated by the state from donations of unused medicines from health care providers, health care facilities and other sources and redispenses the medicines to qualified low-income persons.	REMAINS ON APP TABLE
1608	Monitor	An Act To Expand the MaineCare Program To Cover All Citizens of the State - Rep Sylvester	Establishes a single-payer health care program in the State and creates the MaineCare for All Implementation Task Force.	REMAINS ON HOU TABLE
<u>1636</u>	Monitor	An Act To Reduce Prescription Drug Costs by Using International Pricing - Sen. Claxton	Amended Bill - repeals previous language and instead adds a process for Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) to idetify top 100 most costly drugs in Maine along with top 100 most utilized drugs in Maine and ID the Average Wholesale Acquisition Cost. MHDO & Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board will jointly determine a reference rate for each drug. Bill outlines process for developing reference rate and directs MHDO to determine estimated savings.	SIGNED INTO LAW 4/14/22 PL Ch 606
<u>1701</u>	Monitor	An Act To Establish a Managed Care Program for MaineCare Services - Rep S. Millett	Establishes a managed care program for all covered MaineCare services. CHIP & TANF must be under managed care by 2 years from enactment. Within 4 years of implementation, all eligible MaineCare members must be enrolled in managed care.	DEAD
<u>1721</u>	Monitor	An Act Regarding Dignity for Women in Correctional Facilities - Rep. Talbot Ross	The bill requires that a correctional or detention facility ensure the presence of a female law enforcement officer during the transportation of a female prisoner to and from medical appointments.	NOT SIGNED 2/17/22 PL 620
1758	Monitor	An Act Regarding Access to Telehealth Behavioral Health Services during Public Health Emergencies - Rep Madigan	Allows a licensed mental health facility or licensed substance use disorder treatment facility to obtain a client's consent verbally, electronically or in writing. Current law requires consent in writing only.	SIGNED INTO LAW 4/20/22 PL 637
<u>1799</u>	Monitor	An Act To Require Law Enforcement Agencies To Retain Serial Numbers of Stolen Firearms - Rep. Mason	Would require a law enforcement agency to make a record of the serial number of a stolen firearm if the owner of the firearm provides the serial number to the law enforcement agency and to maintain that record until the firearm is recovered or destroyed.	DEAD

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1822	Monitor	An Act To Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services by Limiting Cost Sharing by Insurers ( <b>OLD TITLE</b> : An Act To Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services by Prohibiting Cost Sharing by Insurers) - Rep Morales	Adds position to the Bureau of Insurance to evaluate consumer or provider complaints concerning mental health and substance abuse disorder coverage for federal parity violations, to facilitate new annual mental health and substance abuse disorder parity reporting requirements from insurers and to conduct market conduct examinations of carriers for compliance with federal parity law. (OLD BILL: Prohibits insurance carriers offering a health plan that provides or covers any benefits with respect to behavioral health services from applying a copayment, deductible, coinsurance or other cost-sharing requirement to those behavioral health services.	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR 4/20/22 PL Ch 638
1841	Monitor	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 283: Newborn Bloodspot Screening Rule, Section 14, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention	Maine DHHS/CDC adopted an emergency routine technical/major substantive rule change to add conditions to the newborn bloodspot screening (NBS) panel and to require providers to pay an increased fee to support the costs associated with screening for these additional conditions. The four conditions, Mucopolysaccharidosis Type 1 (MPS-1), Pompe, Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) and X linked Adrenoleukpdysrophy (X-ALD), were included in the subsequent routine technical rule change adopted by the Department.	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR 2/17/22 Resolve 124
<u>1855</u>	Monitor	An Act Regarding Point-of-dispensing Sites for Immunizations against COVID-19 - Sen Sanborn	Current law permits delegation of COVID-19 vaccine administration at point-of-dispensing vaccine sites only during the state of emergency declared by the Governor as of March 15, 2020 and the renewals of that declaration. This bill expands the applicability of that law so that it applies beyond a declared state of emergency. EMERGENCY	LAW
1860	Monitor	An Act To Address Maine's Suicide and Opioid Crises through the Construction of Affordable Recovery Facilities in Underserved Areas of the State - Sen Moore		DEAD

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1875	Monitor	An Act To Address Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution from State-owned Solid Waste Disposal Facilities - Rep Zeigler	Bill amended to a RESOLVE & EMERGENCY directing state to <u>conduct a study</u> of methods of treating leachate collected at the state-owned solid waste landfills in Old Town, and East Millinocket to reduce the concentration of PFAS in the leachate. Requires that on or before January 15, 2023, the state to submit to the legislative committee of jurisdiction over environment and natural resources a report containing its findings and recommendations, including any suggested legislation.	GOVERNOR'S DESK (5/6/22)
1877	Monitor	An Act To Prohibit Prior Authorization Requirements and Step Therapy Protocols for Medications Addressing Serious Mental Illness for MaineCare Recipients - Rep Madigan	Prohibits prior authorization requirements and step therapy protocols under the MaineCare program for prescription drugs used to assess or treat serious mental illness.	REMAINS ON APP TABLE
1894	Monitor	An Act To Support Municipal Broadband Infrastructure through Incentives and Competition - Sen Vitelli	Prohibits the use of prone and supine restraints, chemical sprays and electroshock devices on juveniles detained at or committed to a correctional facility that is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections.	SIGNED INTO LAW 4/15/22 PL 616
1899	Monitor	An Act To Ensure Safe Entry and Access for People Seeking Health Care and Other Constitutional Rights - Rep McCreight	Requires a municipality to delineate a medical safety zone using paint or identifiable markers at a health care facility only upon the request of a health care provider. Defines the term "medical safety zone" and requires the demarcation of a medical safety zone around a building in which patients receive health services and prohibits a person from entering, remaining in or creating an obstruction in that medical safety zone during the hours in which health services may be provided. Violating the proposed law would be a Class E crime.	SIGNED INTO LAW 4/20/22 PL Ch 640
1915	Monitor	An Act To Improve Intensive Behavioral Health and Public Safety Case Management Services - Rep Berry	This bill provides funding for the recruitment and retention of all Intensive Case Manager positions in the State, including Dorothea Dix and Riverview via a \$5 per wage-hour stipend payment and a \$1 per wage-hour stipend payment for employees in those positions holding or obtaining a relevant master's degree.	REMAINS ON APP TABLE

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1928	Monitor	An Act To Update and Clarify the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act <b>(EMERGENCY)</b>	Bill replaced by amendment. Includes, amending requirements for medical providers providing written certification to qualifying patients who are minors, including by imposing a requirement for medical providers to be available after hours for questions about a minor patient's medical use of marijuana. Authorizes the use of telehealth services for medical providers to meet with patients seeking a written certification for the medical use of marijuana. Authorizes medical providers to provide a qualifying patient with a digital image of the patient's written certification for the medical use of marijuana, which may be used in place of a written certification document	1
1931	Monitor	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 40: Rule for Medication Administration in Maine Schools - Rep Brennan (DOE)	Rule provides direction and guidance for school nurses and training requirements for school staff from Maine DOE under state law for medication administration. The new provisional rule includes amendments covering prescribed medications or devices for the management of diabetes and direction for students to use sunscreen as well as provides guidelines for schools who intend to make naloxone available in the case of suspected opioid overdose.	SIGNED INTO LAW (Emergency) 3/31/22 Resolve 139
1948	Monitor	An Act To Enhance Access to, Education Regarding and Patient and Community Safety in Maine's Marijuana Programs - Sen. Claxton	Changes definition of "Medical provider" under the Program to include naturopaths and clarifies that nurse practitioners and physician assistants must be licensed in Maine.  Adds "Telehealth services" to the Program to include, "synchronous encounters, asynchronous encounters, store and forward transfers and telemonitoring."  Amends the requirements for medical providers providing written certification to qualifying patients who are minors including by imposing a requirement for medical providers to be available after hours for questions about a minor patient's use of medical marijuana.	DEAD
1954	Monitor	An Act To Ensure Access to Prescription Contraceptives - Sen. Jackson	Requires health insurance policies to cover all contraceptive drugs, devices and products approved by the FDA without any deductible, coinsurance, copayment or other cost-sharing. Insurers/HMOs not required to cover all therapeutically equivalent versions, as long as at least one is covered	

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1968	Monitor	An Act To Expand Access to Mental Health and Crisis Care for Individuals in Jails and Individuals Experiencing Homelessness - Rep. Talbot Ross	AMENDED BILL: Requires an appropriate placement in an institution for the care and treatment of persons with mental illness within 30 days from the time the court transmits an order to the State Forensic Service committing a defendant to the custody. Process for permanent supportive housing for individuals who are homeless and suffering from serious and persistent mental illness and who have regular interaction with law enforcement or hospitals. Requires DHHS to develop a comprehensive system of residential care for adults and children with high levels of behavioral health needs who are at risk of involvement with the criminal justice system. Requires DHHS to report biannually for 5 years to the Legislature on the number of licensed psychiatric inpatient beds and licensed residential treatment beds for adults with serious and persistent mental 27 illness, substance use disorder, developmental disabilities and autism and for children with behavioral health diagnoses.	