

Maine Medical Association Bill Tracking List—129th Legislature, 2nd Session

<i>Bill #/Sponsor</i>	<i>Title/Summary</i>	<i>Status</i>
<u>LD 1855</u> <u>Rep. McCreight</u> MMA verbal NFNA with suggested amendments	<u><i>An Act to Include Student Absences for Mental Health or Behavioral Health Needs as Excusable Absences</i></u> Current law provides that a person's absence from school is excused when the absence is due to personal illness. This bill specifies that a person's absence is excused when the absence is due to reasons of personal health, including the person's mental and behavioral health.	12/23/19—Referred to ECA 01/15/20—Public Hearing 01/27/20—Work Session; Div Rpt 02/03/20—Reported Out; <u>OTP-A/ONTP</u> 02/06/20—HOU Engrossed <u>Amend-A</u>
<u>LD 1856</u> <u>Rep. Mastraccio</u>	<u><i>Resolve, To Support Individuals with Acute Mental Health Needs</i></u> This Resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule Chapter 101; MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 45.03 to provide reimbursement for patients discharged from Southern Maine Health Care's psychiatric inpatient unit in the amount of \$13,396.47 per distinct discharge; the amended rule must be submitted to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in time for the increased rate of reimbursement to apply beginning July 1, 2020.	12/23/19—Referred to HHS
<u>LD 1873</u> <u>Rep. Martin</u>	<u><i>An Act To Improve Response to Sudden Cardiac Arrest by Requiring Training in the Delivery of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Methods by Telecommunications Technology</i></u> This Bill defines "emergency services telecommunicator" and requires all emergency services telecommunicators that provide dispatch for calls involving emergency medical conditions to be trained in the delivery of cardiopulmonary resuscitation methods by telecommunications technology. The training must incorporate recognition protocols for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction and provide for continuing education. The bill requires the Department of Public Safety and the Emergency Services Communication Bureau within the Public Utilities Commission to establish a procedure to monitor compliance and allows the department to sanction noncompliance by adjusting funding.	12/24/19—Referred to CJPS
<u>LD 1883</u> <u>Rep. Hepler</u>	<u><i>An Act Regarding the Recommendations of the Federal Traumatic Brain Injury State Partnership Program Concerning the Membership of the Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Council</i></u> This Bill expands the membership of the Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Council who are persons with acquired brain injury or family caregivers to 50% of the voting membership of the council and adds representatives from the long-term care ombudsman program, an	12/24/19—Referred to HHS 01/22/20—Public Hearing 01/22/20—Work Session OTP 01/31/20—Reported Out OTP 02/04/20—Engrossed (Consent; 2 nd Rdg) 02/06/20—Engrossed (Consent; 2 nd Rdg)

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	aging and disability resource center and a center for independent living.	
LD 1888 Rep. Gramlich Karen D'Andrea support (Physicians Social Responsibility)	An Act To Protect Children from Toxic Chemicals This Bill bans the use of nonselective herbicides, including, but not limited to, glyphosate, within 75 feet of school grounds, public playgrounds and childcare centers.	12/24/19—Referred to ACF 02/06/20—Public Hearing 02/13/20—Work Session
LD 1900 Sen. Cyrway MaineHealth support NorthernLight support	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Motor Vehicle Child Restraint Systems to Allow Certain Exceptions This Bill amends the laws governing motor vehicle child restraint systems to provide exceptions for children who exceed a manufacturer's recommended height limit and for children who have a medical condition that necessitates a different child restraint system.	12/24/19—Referred to TRANS 01/21/20—Public Hearing 01/23/20—Work Session OTP-A 02/06/20—Reported Out OTP-A
LD 1916 Sen. Libby	An Act To Increase High School Graduation Rates for Students Experiencing Homelessness or in Foster Care This Bill does the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It amends the process for applying for a Department of Education diploma by requiring that the responsible school apply on behalf of a student who has experiences one or more education disruptions on request. The student's parent or guardian or a student who is over 18 years of age may still apply directly to the Department of Education, and the school must assist the student in the application process. 2. It provides that the Commissioner of Education must award a Department of Education diploma to a student who has experienced homelessness or has been in foster care who meets certain criteria and may not require that student to provide additional information or be interviewed. 3. It provides that a secondary school must award a diploma to a student who has experienced homelessness or foster care placement if the student meets specified criteria. 4. It provides that the responsible school for a student whose education disruption is due to multiple transfers or homelessness or foster care placement must compile for the student partial and full credits received by the student to date, provide priority enrollment in classes in which the student has received partial credit and immediately enroll the student in classes or programs to close gaps between the compilation of credits by the student and the credits typically earned by the student's peers. 5. It requires the responsible school to provide an adult mentor to students who experience education disruption due to homelessness or foster care placement to 	12/24/19—Referred to ECA 01/22/20—Public Hearing 01/29/20—Work Session; TABLED

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	<p>facilitate transition into the school.</p> <p>6. It requires that if the responsible school determines that a student who experiences education disruption will not be able to graduate by the end of the student's 4th year of secondary school, the responsible school must provide the student information regarding a Department of Education diploma and apply on behalf of the student or assist the student in making the application.</p>	
<p>LD 1923 Rep. Fay</p>	<p><i>An Act To Define as a Hazardous Substance under Maine Law any Substance Defined under Federal Law as a Hazardous Substance, Pollutant or Contaminant</i></p> <p>This Bill amends the definition of "hazardous substance" in the laws governing uncontrolled hazardous substance sites by including substances defines as hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants under the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980.</p>	<p>01/06/20—Referred to ENR 01/24/20—Public Hearing 02/07/20—Work Session; Canceled (weather)</p>
<p>LD 1935 Rep. Roberts</p>	<p><i>An Act To Address the Needs of Pregnant Women Affected by Opioid Use Disorder</i></p> <p>This Bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to administer a program to provide grants for the treatment of pregnant women with Opioid Use Disorder. It establishes the Fund for the Treatment of Pregnant Women with Opioid Use Disorder and directs the State Controller to transfer \$1,000,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to that fund.</p>	<p>01/08/20—Referred to HHS 01/22/20—Public Hearing 02/05/20—Work Session; Canceled (weather) 02/12/20—Work Session</p>
<p>LD 1936 Rep. Riley</p>	<p><i>An Act To Allow Parents of Minors Who Qualify for In-home Personal Care under the MaineCare Program to be Employed as Caregivers for Those Minors</i></p>	<p>01/08/20—Referred to HHS 01/28/20—Public Hearing</p>
<p>LD 1937 Rep. Gramlich</p> <p>Deb Hagler (AAP) support</p>	<p><i>An Act To Provide Timely Access to Behavioral Health Services for Maine Children and to Address Trauma and the Impacts of the Opioid Crisis</i></p> <p>Provides funding to increase rates for adolescent rehabilitation facilities under Section 97, and HCT services under Section 65, behavioral health services and Chapter III, Section 97, reimbursement for Child Care Facilities by 30% no later than July 1, 2020.</p> <p>*Initial SGF Fiscal Note \$34m+; actual SGF approx. \$6m</p>	<p>01/08/20—Referred to HHS 01/30/20—Public Hearing 02/13/20—Work Session</p>
<p>LD 1938 Rep. Craven</p> <p>MaineHealth support</p>	<p><i>An Act Concerning MaineCare Coverage for Donor Breast Milk</i></p> <p>This Bill requires that the Department of Health and Human Services provide reimbursement under the MaineCare program for pasteurized donor breast milk provided to an infant if a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse signs an order stating that such milk id medically necessary and the infant is medically or physically unable to receive maternal breast milk or participate in breastfeeding or the infant's mother is medically or physically unable to produce maternal breast milk in quantities sufficient for the infant.</p>	<p>01/08/20—Referred to HHS 01/23/20—Public Hearing 02/12/20—Work Session</p>

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<p>LD 1943 Rep. Gramlich</p> <p>Syd Sewall (AAP) support</p>	<p><i>An Act To Protect Drinking Water for Low-income Maine Residents</i></p> <p>This Bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish and maintain a program through the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory offering free well water testing for low-income residents of the State. It also requires the department to review recent research regarding arsenic toxicity and levels suitable for consumption and to amend its rules to revise the maximum contaminant level for arsenic to be consistent with that research.</p>	<p>01/08/20—Referred to HHS 01/27/20—Public Hearing</p>
<p>LD 1946 Rep. McCreight</p> <p>Norma Dreyfus MMA support</p>	<p><i>An Act To Improve Access to Mental and Behavioral Health Care by Providing Care in Clinical Reproductive and Sexual Health Care Settings</i></p> <p>This Bill establishes a program within the Department of Health and Human Services to deliver mental health and behavioral health services in clinical reproductive and sexual health care settings and by enhancing patient screening and care coordination. It includes an appropriations and allocations section with a \$150,000 annual appropriation beginning in fiscal year 2020-21.</p>	<p>01/21/20—Referred to HHS 02/04/20—Public Hearing</p>
<p>LD 1948 Rep. Doudera</p> <p>Dan Morin MMA support Jay Naliboff MMA support Hannah Martin support</p>	<p><i>An Act To Prohibit, Except in Emergency Situations, the Performance without Consent of Pelvic Examinations on Unconscious or Anesthetized Patients</i></p> <p>Prior to administering or supervising a pelvic examination on an anesthetized or unconscious patient, a physician must obtain the patient's informed consent to the pelvic examination unless the examination is within the scope of the procedure or examination for which the patient has already consented, the pelvic examination of an unconscious patient is required for diagnostic purposes and is medically necessary or the pelvic examination is authorized pursuant to the implied consent provision in the Maine Health Security Act</p>	<p>01/08/20—Referred to HCIFS 01/28/20—Public Hearing 02/04/20—Work Session; OTP-A</p>
<p>LD 1950 Rep. Craven</p> <p>MaineHealth support St. Mary's/Palliative Care & Quality of Life Council support Pen Bay/Waldo NFNA HomeCare/Hospice testimony NFNA Hospice Council support</p>	<p><i>An Act To Advance Palliative Care Utilization in the State</i></p> <p>Directs DHHS to provide MaineCare reimbursement for palliative care. Adopt rules that support and standardize the delivery of palliative care in the State, including public educational documents for distribution by health care providers. Requires DHHS to consult with the Maine Hospice Council, the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council and other stakeholders when developing educational documents and rules related to palliative care.</p>	<p>01/08/20—Referred to HHS 01/27/20—Public Hearing</p>
<p>LD 1951 Rep. Madigan</p>	<p><i>An Act To Assist Persons with Disabilities Who are Subject to Pill Count Requirements</i></p> <p>This Bill requires that procedures established pursuant to opioid medication policies adopted by health care entities provide accommodations for patients with disabilities who are subject to pill count requirements</p>	<p>01/08/20—Referred to HHS 01/22/20—Public Hearing 02/11/20—Work Session</p>

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<p>LD 1955 Rep. Gattine</p>	<p><i>An Act To Promite Cost-effectiveness in the MaineCare Program and Improve the Oral Health of Maine Adults and Children</i> Adds comprehensive, medically necessary preventive, diagnostic and restorative dental services to the limited dental services currently available to MaineCare members 21 years of age and over, etc...</p>	<p>01/08/20—Referred to HHS 01/27/20—Public Hearing</p>
<p>LD 1957 Rep. Carney</p> <p>Connie Adler MMA support</p>	<p><i>An Act To Provide Women Access to Affordable Postpartum Care</i> This Bill extends from 60 days to 12 months the period of time following delivery of a baby that a woman may be eligible for services under MaineCare.</p>	<p>01/08/20—Referred to HHS 01/23/20—Public Hearing 02/12/20—Work Session</p>
<p>LD 1961 Rep. Keschl</p> <p>Dan Morin MMA-NFNA David Scaccia MOA Support MaineHealth NFNA DHHS information</p>	<p><i>An Act To Establish the Trust for a Healthy Maine</i> Establishes the Trust for a Healthy Maine to receive money paid to the State pursuant to the tobacco settlement and from other sources and to distribute that money to state agencies or designated agents of the State to fund tobacco use prevention and control, ensure adequate resources for other disease prevention efforts, promote public health, plan and deliver public health and prevention programs and services, support accreditation of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and support public health workforce development. The trust is governed by a board of trustees appointed by the Governor and legislative leaders.</p>	<p>01/08/20—Referred to HHS 01/22/20—Public Hearing</p>
<p>LD 1972 Sen. Sanborn</p>	<p><i>An Act To Increase Access to and Reduce the Cost of Epinephrine Autoinjectors by Amending the Definition of "Epinephrine Autoinjector"</i> This Bill amends the definition of "epinephrine autoinjector" in different Titles of the Maine Revised Statutes to include devices approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration that deliver a specific dose of epinephrine by means other than automatic injection of epinephrine into the human body. This Bill changes references to epinephrine pen to epinephrine autoinjector.</p>	<p>01/08/20—Referred to HCIFS 01/21/20—Public Hearing 01/23/20—Work Session; OTP-A 02/03/20—Reported Out 02/06/20—SEN Engrossed</p>
<p>LD 1974 Sen. Gratwick</p> <p>Northern Light support</p>	<p><i>An Act To Promote Telehealth</i> Directs DHHS to amend its rules for Section 13, Targeted Case Management Services to provide for reimbursement of case management services delivered through telehealth to targeted populations.</p> <p>The bill clarifies that telehealth services reimbursable under a health plan or the MaineCare program include consultation between health professionals regarding a patient, whether the consultation occurs in real time or asynchronously.</p>	<p>01/08/20—Referred to HHS 01/22/20—Public Hearing</p>

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<p>LD 1975 Sen. Sanborn</p> <p>MOA support</p>	<p><u><i>An Act To Facilitate Dental Treatment for children</i></u> This Bill prohibits a health insurance carrier from imposing a waiting period for any dental or oral health service or treatment, except for orthodontic treatment, for an enrollee under 19 years of age.</p>	<p>01/08/20—Referred to HCIFS 01/21/20—Public Hearing 01/30/20—Work Session; Divided Report</p>
<p>LD 1990 Sen. Carpenter</p> <p>Attorney General support</p>	<p><u><i>An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Access to Prescription Monitoring Information</i></u> This Bill expands the list of persons that may access prescription monitoring information to include the United States Attorney for the District of Maine in specified instances and the Attorney General under the laws governing unfair trade practices.</p>	<p>01/08/20—Referred to JUD 01/29/20—Public Hearing 02/20/20—Work Session</p>
<p>LD 1991 Sen. Woodsome</p>	<p><u><i>An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Drug Paraphernalia That Encourage Drug Use by Young People</i></u> This Bill amends the laws governing drug paraphernalia to specifically include so-called stash cans as drug paraphernalia, the sale or advertising of which is prohibited.</p>	<p>01/08/20—Referred to CJPS 02/03/20—Public Hearing 02/03/20—Work Session; ONTP 02/05/20—Reported Out</p>
<p>LD 1996 Sen. Sanborn</p> <p>MMA verbal NFNA MHA verbal NFNA</p>	<p><u><i>An Act Concerning the Reporting of Health Care Information to the Emergency Medical Services' Board</i></u> Amends the laws governing the reporting of health care information to the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Medical Services' Board. The bill allows the board to collect or receive health care information or records, including information or records that identify a patient. The bill requires hospitals and physicians, upon request by the board for the purpose of evaluating follow-up assessment and treatment by physicians and hospitals and determining health outcomes, to provide health care information concerning individuals who have received emergency medical treatment.</p> <p>The bill also makes the reportable health care information confidential. Personally identifiable trauma information is already confidential.</p>	<p>01/08/20—Referred to HCIFS 01/21/20—Public Hearing 02/04/20—Work Session; OTP-A</p>
<p>LD 2007 Spk. Gideon</p> <p>Karen Saylor MMA support DHHS support</p>	<p><u><i>An Act To Enact the Made for Maine Health Coverage Act and Improve Health Choices in Maine</i></u> This Bill:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establishes the Made for Maine Health Coverage Act; 2. Establishes the Maine Health Insurance Marketplace Trust Fund; 3. Authorizes the State to enter into state–federal health coverage partnerships that support the availability of affordable health coverage; 4. Establishes a pooled market for individual health plans and small group health plans and changes reinsurance to be retrospective and applied to the pooled market; and 5. Creates clear choice design for cost sharing and requires coverage of certain 	<p>01/08/20—Referred to HCIFS 02/05/20—Public Hearing</p>

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	primary care and behavioral health visits without the application of any deductible.	
<p>LD 2015 Rep. Daughtry</p>	<p><i>An Act To Provide for Leave from Work for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking</i> Bill allows an employee to take reasonable leave from work, with or without pay, including by reducing the employee's usual number of hours per work day or workweek:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To seek legal or law enforcement assistance or remedies to ensure the health and safety of the employee or employee's family members including, but not limited to, preparing for, or participating in, any civil or criminal legal proceeding related to or derived from domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking; 2. To seek treatment by a health care provider for physical or mental injuries caused by domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking or to attend to health care treatment for a victim who is the employee's family member; 3. To obtain, or assist a family member in obtaining, services from a domestic violence shelter, rape crisis center or other social services program for relief from domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking; 4. To obtain, or assist a family member in obtaining, mental health counseling related to an incident of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking in which the employee or employee's family member was a victim; or 5. To participate in safety planning, temporarily or permanently relocate or take other actions to protect the employee or employee's family members from domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. 	<p>01/14/20—Referred to CLH 01/29/20—Public Hearing 01/29/20—Work Session; ONTP 02/05/20—Reported Out</p>
<p>LD 2025 Pres. Jackson</p> <p>Northern Light support</p>	<p><i>An Act To Authorize Emergency Medical Services Personnel to Provide Treatment Within Their Scope of Practice in a Hospital Setting with the Permission of the Hospital</i> This Bill allows a hospital to authorize an emergency medical services person to provide a patient of the hospital in a hospital setting treatment that is within the scope of practice of the emergency medical services person. The Bill repeals and replaces the definition of “emergency medical treatment” in the Maine Emergency Medical Services act of 1982 to allow that treatment to be provided by emergency medical services persons in a hospital setting if the hospital has authorized treatment in the hospital by emergency medical services persons.</p>	<p>01/14/20—Referred to HCIFS 01/28/20—Public Hearing 02/04/20—Work Session; OTP-A</p>
<p>LD 2046 Rep. Tipping</p>	<p><i>An Act Regarding Immunizations</i> Bill exempts children who are enrolled in or attend a virtual public charter school from the requirement that a child may not be enrolled in or attend school without evidence of immunization.</p>	<p>01/21/20—Referred to ECA</p>

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	<p>The bill also amends the law governing the Universal Childhood Immunization Program to include persons who are 18 years of age or younger and are enrolled in or have been offered enrollment in a private or public postsecondary educational institution in the State.</p> <p>The bill also corrects an error in Public Law 2019, chapter 154 by providing that the exemption from immunization requirements based on religious or philosophical beliefs for employees of health care facilities takes effect September 1, 2021. The correction is contingent on Public Law 2019, chapter 154 being ratified by a majority of voters and taking effect in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 17.</p>	
<p>LD 2050 Sen. Carpenter</p>	<p><i>An Act To Establish the Central Aroostook County Emergency Medical Services Authority</i> This Bill establishes the Central Aroostook County Emergency Medical Services Authority to facilitate the provision of emergency medical services to the citizens of Mars Hill, Bridgewater and Blaine. The Bill includes an emergency preamble and an emergency clause.</p>	<p>01/21/20—Referred to CJPS 02/10/20—Public Hearing 02/12/20—Work Session</p>
<p>LD 2052 Sen. Millett</p>	<p><i>An Act To Enact Restrictions on Electronic Smoking Devices and New Tobacco Products</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Generally prohibits selling, furnishing, giving away or offering to sell, furnish or give away electronic smoking devices and nicotine liquid; 2. Allows a registered dispensary under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act to continue to sell electronic smoking devices as part of its authorized activity as a dispensary; 3. Allows tobacco retailers to sell electronic smoking devices and nicotine liquid after the Department of Health and Human Services has adopted governing rules. These rules are permitted only after the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration approves the use of electronic smoking devices as an evidence-based tobacco cessation strategy and promulgates regulations relating to the manufacture, testing, sale and use of the devices and the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services issues an order authorizing the devices to be introduced or delivered for introduction into interstate commerce; 4. Allows marijuana stores to sell electronic smoking devices after the Department of Administrative and Financial Services adopts rules governing the sale of the devices by a marijuana store. The rules may be adopted only after the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services issues an order authorizing the devices to be introduced or delivered for introduction into interstate commerce; and 5. Prohibits the sale of other new tobacco products until the Department of Health and Human Services adopts rules governing their sale. The rules governing a new tobacco product may be adopted only after the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services issues an order authorizing the new product to be introduced or delivered for introduction 	<p>01/21/20—Referred to HHS 02/05/20—Public Hearing</p>

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	into interstate commerce.	
LD 2059 Rep. Hymanson MaineHealth NFNA	An Act To Clarify the Provision for Care of Infants after Birth This Bill makes the following changes to the laws governing the administration of prophylactic ophthalmic ointment and vitamin K injections to infants: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It specifies that the incidence of inflamed or reddened eyes in an infant be reports to the infant's primary care provider rather than to an unspecified physician; 2. It removes language specifying that the ophthalmic ointment is prescribed and provided without cost by the Department of Health and Human Services; and 3. It requires the department to develop a form to be used by a parent wishing to refuse the prophylactic ophthalmic ointment or vitamin K injection that is separate from the newborn blood spot screening refusal form. 	01/21/20—Referred to HHS 02/04/20—Public Hearing 02/04/20—Work Session; OTP-A
LD 2068 Rep. Hymanson	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 15: Death with Dignity Act Reporting Rule, a Major Substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention This Resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 15: Death with Dignity Act reporting Rule, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.	01/23/20—Referred to HHS 02/11/20—Public Hearing
LD 2076 Rep. Kornfield	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 40: Rule for Medication Administration in Maine Schools, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education This Resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 40: Rule for Medication Administration in Maine Schools, a major substantive rule of the Department of Education.	01/28/20—Referred to ECA 02/10/20—Public Hearing
LD 2078 Rep. Hymanson	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, a Major substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization This Resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement of Procedures, a major substantive rule of the Maine Health Data Organization.	01/28/20—Referred to HCIFS 02/11/20—Public Hearing 02/13/20—Work Session
LD 2080 Rep. Hymanson	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 104: Maine State Services Manual, Section 8, Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services This Resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 104: Maine State Services Manual, Section 8, Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services.	01/28/20—Referred to HCIFS 02/11/20—Public Hearing 02/13/20—Work Session
LD 2085 Rep. Talbot Ross	An Act To Ensure Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Care and Education in all Maine's Jails and State Correctional and Detention Facilities Requires the provision of comprehensive access to sexual and reproductive health care and education for a person who is a female or who has a uterus admitted to or detained or incarcerated in a jail or county correctional facility or a state detention or correctional facility. The bill establishes the Sexual and Reproductive Health Care Advisory Committee to	01/28/20—Referred to CJPS

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	review and develop adequate standards, policies and materials for the provision of sexual and reproductive health care and education for persons who are incarcerated and requires a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters by January 1, 2021.	
LD 2091 Sen. Luchini	<p><i>An Act To Amend the Marijuana Legalization Act and Make Other Implementing Changes</i></p> <p>In the Marijuana Legalization Act, it amends the definition of "inherently hazardous substance" to include ethanol and alcohol, amends the definition of "marijuana trim" to exclude from that definition stalks and roots of the marijuana plant, amends the definition of "seedling" to include larger plants and adds definitions of "marijuana establishment support entity" and "sample collector."</p> <p>In the Marijuana Legalization Act, it changes the requirements of the operating plan for cultivation facilities to require such facilities to obscure from public view by anyone under 21 years of age any marijuana or marijuana plants.</p> <p>In the Marijuana Legalization Act, it provides for sample collectors to collect samples of marijuana and marijuana products for mandatory testing by marijuana testing facilities and provides for the licensing of marijuana establishment support entities.</p> <p>It allows the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services to provide tax information directly to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office of marijuana policy for the purposes of determining applicant eligibility for licenses issued by the office.</p> <p>It amends the Freedom of Access Act to exclude from the definition of "public record" application materials provided to the office of marijuana policy regarding security, trade secrets and standard operating procedures.</p>	01/30/20—Referred to VLA 02/10/20—Public Hearing
LD 2095 Pres. Jackson	<p><i>An Act To Require Appropriate Coverage of and Cost-sharing for Generic Drugs and Biosimilars</i></p> <p>Requires the provision of comprehensive access to sexual and reproductive health care and education for a person who is a female or who has a uterus admitted to or detained or incarcerated in a jail or county correctional facility or a state detention or correctional facility. The bill establishes the Sexual and Reproductive Health Care Advisory Committee to review and develop adequate standards, policies and materials for the provision of sexual and reproductive health care and education for persons who are incarcerated and requires a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters by January 1, 2021.</p>	01/28/20—Referred to CJPS
LD 2096 Speaker Gideon	<p><i>An Act To Save Lives by Capping the Out-of-pocket Cost of Certain Medications</i></p> <p>This bill provides that a health insurance carrier that provides coverage for prescription insulin drugs may not impose a cost-sharing requirement on the enrollee that results in out-of-pocket costs to the enrollee in excess of \$100 per 30-day supply of insulin.</p>	02/06/20—Referred to HCIFS

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<p><u>LD 2099</u> <u>Sen. Gratwick</u></p>	<p><u>An Act To Amend Provisions of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act</u></p> <p>Makes the following changes to the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It adds definitions of "batch" and "batch number." It also adds to the definition of "inherently hazardous substance" alcohol and ethanol and amends the definition of "cultivation area" to require such an area to be obscured from public viewing by a person under 21 years of age. It changes the definitions of "seedling" and "immature marijuana plant." It changes the definition of "registered caregiver" to specify that it means a natural person who is a caregiver. 2. It aligns the labeling requirements of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act with the labeling requirements of the Marijuana Legalization Act and provides more specific guidance regarding required labeling. 3. It requires local authorization for caregiver retail stores, registered dispensaries, marijuana testing facilities and manufacturing facilities operating in towns, plantations and townships in the unorganized and deorganized areas, in addition to local authorization by municipalities already required by law. 4. It authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to impose upon registered caregivers, caregiver retail stores, dispensaries, manufacturing facilities and persons authorized to engage in marijuana extraction using inherently hazardous substances fines for violations of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act and rules adopted pursuant to the Act. It also establishes maximum allowable fines for minor and major registration violations, including major registration violations affecting public safety. 5. It requires all registered caregivers and assistants of registered caregivers and officers, directors and assistants of registered dispensaries, registered manufacturing facilities, persons authorized to engage in marijuana extraction using inherently hazardous substances and marijuana testing facilities to submit to an annual state and federal criminal history record check in order for the department to issue or renew a registry identification card. 6. It authorizes the department to assess a fee for caregivers registering with the department based upon plant canopy and amends the statutory fee schedule to clarify that caregivers may register based upon plant count or plant canopy. It requires a caregiver to obtain a registration certificate to operate a caregiver retail store and provides that the annual registration fee for a caregiver retail store may not be less than \$50 or more than 	<p>02/06/20—Referred to HHS</p>
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	\$500. It requires a caregiver to notify the department of the physical address of a caregiver retail store. It allows a caregiver to organize the caregiver's business activities as any type of legal business entity recognized under the laws of the State.	
LD 2105 Spk. Gideon	<i>An Act To Protect Consumers from Surprise Emergency Medical Bills</i> This bill amends the law providing consumer protection for surprise medical bills to include surprise bills for emergency services. In the event of a dispute with respect to a surprise medical bill, the bill directs the Superintendent of Insurance to develop an independent dispute resolution process to determine a reasonable payment for health care services.	02/13/20—Referred to HCIFS
LD 2106 Sen. Gratwick	<i>An Act Regarding Prior Authorizations for Prescription Drugs</i> This bill makes the following changes. 1. It adds a definition of "prior authorization" and clarifies the definitions of "medically necessary health care" and "participating provider" used in the Maine Insurance Code, chapter 56-A. 2. It sets forth additional requirements for carriers to facilitate the processing of prior authorization requests for prescription drugs by providers.	02/13/20—Referred to HCIFS
LD 2107	<i>An Act To Amend the Nursing Facility Licensing Rules to Enhance Cost of Care Collection</i>	02/13/20 - Referred to HHS
LD 2110 Pres. Jackson	<i>An Act To Lower Health Care Costs</i> This bill establishes the Maine Commission on Affordable Health Care to monitor health care spending growth in the State and also set health care quality benchmarks. The bill also requires the commission to establish health care spending targets for public payors, including separate targets for prescription drugs.	02/18/20—Referred to HCIFS
LD 2111 Sen. Claxton	<i>An Act To Establish Patient Protections in Billing for Health Care</i> This bill makes the following changes. 1. The bill requires health care entities, which includes health care practitioners and facilities, to disclose the average cost in the State for the service for which a patient has been scheduled and the entities offering the service at the highest and lowest rates in the State if the patient has been scheduled or referred for one of the 25 highest cost services or procedures. 2. The bill requires health care entities to disclose that a health care facility use fee will be charged and identify that fee separately on any bill provided to a patient. 3. The bill prohibits a health care entity from charging a patient when a billing statement has not been provided within 6 months of the date the patient received the services. 4. The bill requires a health care entity to disclose to a federal Medicare patient who is on	02/18/20—Referred to HCIFS

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	<p>observation status that the patient's observation status may increase the patient's out-of-pocket costs associated with a stay at a health care entity and the estimated increase in the patient's out-of-pocket costs.</p> <p>5. The bill provides that a carrier must require a provider receiving a referral to disclose to the patient whether the provider is an out-of-network provider.</p> <p>6. The bill prohibits a health insurance carrier from charging any fee for the transfer of a patient between providers or for the transfer of patient records between providers unless the fee is disclosed and directly related to the costs associated with making that transfer of the patient or the patient's medical records.</p>	
<p>LD 2116 Rep. Craven</p>	<p><i>An Act To Improve Prescription Information Access</i> This bill requires a 2-dimensional machine-scannable barcode that allows a patient to digitally access prescription information to appear on the prescription label. It also makes a clarifying technical correction.</p>	02/25/20 - Referred to HCIFS
<p>LD 2117 Rep. Hymanson</p>	<p><i>An Act To Expand and Rename the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program</i> This bill amends the provisions of law governing the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program to require dispensers to report all prescription drugs dispensed intended for human consumption rather than controlled substances only, allowing the program database to be used for medication reconciliation and other patient safety activities. The enhanced program allows pharmacists and all prescribers to obtain a complete record of all medication prescribed to a patient, identifying the prescriber for each drug and listing the dates on which each prescription was filled. This information gives health care providers additional means to ensure that patients do not have adverse reactions due to incompatible drug interactions or overprescribing of medications from multiple prescribers. The program name is changed to the Prescription Monitoring Program to reflect its wider scope. The bill also directs the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for federal funds and seek other funding sources to develop the improvements to the program.</p>	02/25/20 - Referred to HHS
<p>LD 2119 Sen. Gratwick</p>	<p><i>An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maternal, Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Panel</i> This bill amends the laws governing the maternal, fetal and infant mortality review panel to require the review of maternal deaths that occur within one year of giving birth. Current law requires the panel to review maternal deaths that occur within 42 days of giving birth.</p>	02/25/20 - Referred to HHS