

# Legislative Report

## 125th Legislature, First Regular Session

The Maine Women's Lobby tracked a record 450 bills, and prioritized more than 50 for action.  
*Below is a summary of our top legislative priorities.*

### Reproductive Privacy

#### **L.D. 31 – An Act to Protect the Safety of Maine Children by Requiring the Express Consent of a Legal Guardian to Dispense Prescription Medication to a Minor**

Maine law currently allows minors to confidentially access substance abuse counseling and treatment, mental health care, and family planning services. This bill would have prohibited healthcare professionals from dispensing prescription drugs to a minor without the express consent of the minor's parent or legal guardian, effectively eliminating minor's confidential access to birth control. **MWL Position: Oppose. Status: Defeated.**

#### **L.D. 116 – An Act to Require a 24-hour Waiting Period prior to an Abortion**

This bill would have required two in-person visits to an abortion provider: one to provide informed consent and another, 24-hours later, to have the procedure. **MWL Position: Oppose. Status: Defeated.**

#### **L.D. 924 – An Act to Educate Women on the Medical Risks Associated with Abortion**

This bill's requirements would have resulted in physicians reading a biased script to a patient at least 24-hours before she could obtain an abortion. The physician would have also had to provide the patient with an accompanying brochure from the Department of Health and Human Services. **MWL Position: Oppose. Status: Defeated.**

#### **L.D. 1457 – An Act to Strengthen the Consent Laws for Abortions Performed on Minors and Incapacitated Persons**

This bill would have repealed Maine's successful Adult Involvement Law and required a parent or legal guardian to give his or her notarized, written consent before a minor could access abortion services. **MWL Position: Oppose. Status: Defeated.**

#### **L.D. 1463 – An Act Regarding Offenses Against an Unborn Child**

This bill would have created a new class of crime for harm to a fetus and conveyed legal status to the fetus that is separate and distinct from the woman. Though the bill included language that pregnant women could not be prosecuted, similar laws in other states have been used to prosecute women who had accidents that endangered their pregnancy or who sought treatment for drug addiction. **MWL Position: Oppose. Status: Defeated.**

### Voting Rights

#### **L.D. 199 – Act to Strengthen Maine's Election Laws by Requiring Photograph Identification for the Purpose of Voting**

This bill requires that voters show a photo ID before they are allowed to cast a ballot. **MWL Position: Oppose. Status: Sent back to committee and carried over.**

#### **L.D. 1376 - An Act To Preserve the Integrity of the Voter Registration and Election Process**

This bill eliminates same-day voter registration and registration within two business days of the election. It also restricts early voting by prohibiting registrars from issuing absentee ballots three business days before an election. **MWL Position: Oppose. Status: Enacted; People's Veto effort in progress.**

### Civil Rights

#### **L.D. 1046 – An Act to Amend the Application of the Maine Human Rights Act Regarding Public Accommodations**

This bill would have allowed public or private entities to discriminate against transgender individuals by restricting access to rest room or shower facilities. **MWL Position: Oppose. Status: Defeated.**

## Economic Security

### **L.D. 207 – An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Tips Used in Payment of Service Employees**

Originally, this bill would have repealed an entire section of Maine law stating that tips are the sole property of the tipped employee and not the employer or the “house.” After intensive negotiations, the bill was rewritten to clarify and strengthen existing law for tipped employees. **MWL Position: Support.\* Status: Enacted.**

### **L.D. 309 – An Act to Make Voluntary Membership in a Public Employee Labor Organization in the State**

This bill jeopardizes the future of public-sector collective bargaining by preventing public-sector unions from collecting fees from non-union members who benefit from the union’s wage negotiations.

**MWL Position: Oppose. Status: Sent back to committee and carried over.**

### **L.D. 447 – An Act to Raise the Minimum Wage**

This bill would have increased the minimum wage from \$7.50 to \$7.75 per hour starting October 1, 2011 and \$8.00 per hour starting October 1, 2012. **MWL Position: Support. Status: Defeated.**

### **L.D. 516 - An Act to Amend Maine Law Regarding Employment Practices for Certain Minors**

This bill would have eliminated restrictions on teen work hours, including repealing limits on how late teens can work. After amendments, the final bill increased the number of hours teens can work from 20 to 24 hours per school week and from 4 to 6 hours on a school day. Teens can also now work until 10:15 p.m. on a school night (up from 10 p.m.). **MWL Position: Oppose. Status: Enacted.**

### **L.D. 695 - An Act To Reduce Taxes and Promote Employment**

This bill would have increased the state earned income tax credit (EITC) from 5% to 10% of the federal credit and would have made it refundable. **MWL Position: Support. Status: Defeated.**

### **L.D. 1043 – State Budget, FY 2012 -2013**

Governor LePage’s budget proposal would have eliminated or reduced access to healthcare and prescription drugs for 70,000 Mainers, severely cut General Assistance, reduced access to all state-funded benefits for legal immigrants, eliminated TANF benefits for children if parents failed to comply with program rules, and imposed a strict 5-year time limit on benefits. After much negotiation the final bill protected healthcare for nearly 70,000 people, mitigated the worst TANF restrictions, and protected programs that help Maine families struggling during this difficult economy. However, many legal immigrants will lose access to healthcare and struggling single moms will have a harder time meeting requirements of the TANF program, while the wealthiest Mainers get millions of dollars in tax cuts. **MWL Position: Supported.\* Status: Enacted**

### **L.D. 1207 – An Act to Amend the Labor Laws Relating to Certain Agricultural Employees**

This bill would have originally repealed rights to overtime pay and collective bargaining for agricultural workers employed at large egg farms, namely those affiliated with the infamous Jack DeCoster. It was amended in committee to repeal agricultural workers’ right to organize.

**MWL Position: Oppose. Status: Sent back to committee and carried over.**

## Environmental Health

### **L.D. 412 – Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 882: Designation of Bisphenol A as a Priority Chemical and Regulation of Bisphenol A in Children’s Products, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection**

This bill set limits on the use of Bisphenol A (BPA) in children’s products.

### **L.D. 1129 – An Act to Provide the Department of Environmental Protection with Regulatory Flexibility Regarding the Listing of Priority Chemicals**

This bill was initially introduced with far-reaching rollbacks to the Kids-Safe Products law (protections which were established to shield children from harmful chemicals). After successful negotiation, the final bill retained current protections, provided increased clarity for regulators, and strengthened the existing law.

**MWL Position: Support.\* Status: Enacted.**

\* Indicates that final position differs from position on original bill.

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M/W/L Position:	SheDecides Score (0-100)														
	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Support*	Support
Justin Alford (D-Dist. 8) Cumberland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Phil I. Bartlett II (D-Dist. 6) Cumberland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Larry Bliss (D-Dist. 7) Cumberland - resigned	⊖	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Joseph C. Brannigan (D-Dist. 9) Cumberland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	⊖
Ronald F. Collins (R-Dist. 2) York	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Jonathan T. E. Courtney (R-Dist. 3) York	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Margaret M. Caven (D-Dist. 16) Androscoggin	✓	⊖	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bill Diamond (D-Dist. 12) Cumberland/York	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gynthia A. Dill (D-Dist. 7) Cumberland (* = vote cast in House)	--	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓
Nicholas S. Farnham (R-Dist. 32) Penobscot	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Sian Gerzofsky (D-Dist. 10) Cumberland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Seth A. Goodall (D-Dist. 19) Lincoln/Sagadahoc	✓	✓	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
David R. Hastings III (R-Dist. 13) Cumberland/Oxford	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Dawn Hill (D-Dist. 1) York	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Barry J. Hobbins (D-Dist. 5) York	✓	✓	⊖	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Troy D. Jackson (D-Dist. 35) Aroostook	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Roger J. Katz (R-Dist. 24) Kennebec	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Brian D. Langley (R-Dist. 28) Hancock/Knox	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Thomas H. Martin, Jr. (R-Dist. 25) Kennebec/Somerset	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Garrett P. Mason (R-Dist. 17) Androscoggin	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Earle L. McCormick (R-Dist. 21) Kennebec	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
John T. Patrick (D-Dist. 14) Franklin/Oxford	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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MLW Position:	SheDecides Score (0-100)	Student Work Hour Extension RC # 52 L.D. # 516	Minimum Wage Increase RC # 103 L.D. # 447	Parental Consent for Prescription Meds RC # 179 L.D. # 31	Abortion: 24-hour Waiting Period RC # 193 L.D. # 116	Fetal Homicide RC # 173 L.D. # 1463	Abortion: 24-hour Waiting Period RC # 194 L.D. # 924	Informed Consent RC # 196 L.D. # 1457	Advanced Consent for Abortion RC # 203 L.D. # 1376	Photo ID Requirement for Voting RC # 257 L.D. 199	Attack on Public-Sector Collective Bargaining RC # 114 L.D. # 309	Public Accommodation Discrimination RC # 195 L.D. # 1046	Kids-Safe Products Rollback RC # 189 L.D. 1129	BPA Ban RC # 33 L.D. # 412	EITC Adjustment RC # 267 L.D. 695
Debra D. Plouffman (R-Dist. 33) Penobscot	14	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Kerin L. Raye (R-Dist. 29) Hancock/Penobscot/Washington	43	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
Christopher W. Rector (R-Dist. 22) Knox	71	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
Richard W. Kosen (R-Dist. 31) Hancock/Penobscot	64	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Thomas B. Sawello (R-Dist. 18) Franklin/Kennebec/Somerset	23	✗	✗	⊙	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
Elizabeth M. Schneider (D-Dist. 30) Penobscot	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Roger L. Sherman (R-Dist. 34) Aroostook	21	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
Lots A. Showne-Mello (R-Dist. 15) Androscoggin/Gumterland	21	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
Nancy B. Sullivan (D-Dist. 4) York	100	✓	✓	⊙	✓	⊙	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Michael D. Thibodeau (R-Dist. 23) Waldo	14	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
Douglas A. Thomas (R-Dist. 27) Penobscot/Piscataquis/Somerset	14	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
David Trehan (R-Dist. 20) Kennebec/Knox/Lincoln	50	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
Rodney L. Whittemore (R-Dist. 26) Somerset	14	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
Richard G. Woodbury (U-Dist. 11) Gumterland	86	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
	✓ = Agreed	13	12	25	21	18	24	24	17	19	16	23	34	35	11
	✗ = Disagreed	21	22	6	13	15	10	10	18	15	19	11	0	0	22
	⊙ = Absent/Excused	1	1	4	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	2
	Total	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
	Outcome	Passed	Failed	Failed	Failed	Failed	Failed	Failed	Passed	Sent back to Committee	Sent back to Committee	Failed	Passed	Passed	Failed











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RC # 139 L.D. # 1457  
Advanced Voter Registration  
RC # 123 L.D. # 1376  
Photo ID Requirement for Voting  
RC # 124 L.D. 199  
Attack on Public-Sector Collective Bargaining  
RC # 80 L.D. # 309  
Public Accommodation Discrimination  
RC # 140 L.D. # 1046  
Kids-Safe Products Rollback  
(Regulatory Flexibility)  
RC # 111 L.D. 1129  
BPA Ban  
RC # 17 L.D. # 412  
EITC Adjustment  
RC # 33 L.D. 695

MLW Position:	WASHINGTON		VERMONT		NEW HAMPSHIRE		MAINE		NEW ENGLAND		NORTH		SOUTH		TOTAL		Outcome:	
	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Support		
David C. Burns (R-Whiting)	15	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
Joyce A. Maker (R-Calais)	23	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
Howard E. McFadden (R-Dennysville)	15	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
Dianne C. Titton (R-Harrington)	38	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
<b>VERMONT</b>																		
Paulette G. Beaudoin (D-Biddford)	92	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	⊙
Robertia B. Bevers (D-South Berwick)	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Deryn M. Beliveau (D-Kittery)	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Paul Edward Bennett (R-Kennebunk)	31	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Andrea M. Roland (D-Sanford)	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
David R. Burns (R-Altred)	31	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Alan M. Casavant (D-Biddford)	92	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kathleen D. Chase (R-Wellis)	31	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Mark W. Eves (D-North Berwick)	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
George Hagan (D-Old Orchard Beach)	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Robert B. Hunt (D-Buxton)	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aaron F. Libby (R-Waterboro)	38	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Bradley S. Moulton (R-York)	55	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Joan M. Noss (R-Acton)	15	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Beth A. O'Connor (R-Berwick)	8	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Wayne R. Pary (R-Arumid)	38	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Donald E. Pilon (D-Saco)	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Megan M. Rochelo (D-Biddford)	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
John L. Tuttle, Jr. (D-Sanford)	67	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Linda M. Valentino (D-Saco)	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wendol C. Weaver (R-York)	15	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
<b>TRIP-TAL REPRESENTATIVES (from voting members)</b>																		
Wayne T. Mitchell (Penobscot Nation)	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Madonna M. Secomah (Passamaquoddy Tribe)	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>TOTAL</b>																		
✓ = Agreed	69	69	81	81	81	88	80	70	69	74	81	140	144	72				
✗ = Disagreed	78	77	63	66	57	63	74	66	75	74	61	0	3	76				
⊙ = Absent/Excused	3	4	6	3	5	7	6	6	6	2	8	10	3	2				
Total	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150				
Outcome:	Passed	Failed	Failed	Failed	Failed	Failed	Failed	Passed	Sent back to Committee	Sent back to Committee	Failed	Passed	Passed	Failed				