# The Maine Women's Lobby - Your Voice in the State House <br> Legislative Report <br> $126^{\text {th }}$ Legislature, First Regular Session 

## Civic Engagement

## LD 156, Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Concerning Early Voting by Absentee Ballot Sponsor Rep. Michael Shaw

This constitutional amendment would give towns the ability to institute a more organized, streamlined process of early voting, rather than by absentee ballots. It would give citizens who struggle to get to the polls on election day because of work, family obligations or mobility concerns a greater opportunity to vote.
MWL position: Support; Status: Carried over

House roll call: \#104 accept majority Ought to Pass report
Senate roll call: \#86 accept majority Ought to Pass report

## Economic Security

LD 611 An Act to Adjust Maine's Minimum Wage Annually Based on Cost-of-living Changes
Sponsor: Rep. Scott Hamman
LD 611 would raise Maine's minimum wage and index it to inflation so it would adjust automatically to keep pace with changing economic climates. Women are more likely than men to be working in minimum wage jobs, so this change would disproportionately impact women's economic well-being.
MWL position: Support; Status: Defeated
House roll call \#433 veto override
Senate roll call \#354 enactment

LD 1509, An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015
Sponsor: Rep. Kathleen Chase
While we were not especially enthusiastic about the choices made in the state budget, we were relieved that many of the worst proposals were rejected or modified. In the end, passing the compromise version of the state budget arrived at through extensive bipartisan negotiations was the only responsible choice.
MWL position: Support; Status: Enacted
House roll call \#398 veto override
Senate roll call \#345 veto override

## Health Care

LD 760, An Act Regarding Informed Consent to an Abortion Sponsor: Rep. Eleanor Espling
This bill would add scripted language requiring doctors to tell a patient seeking an abortion about options other than abortion as well detailed, coercive information about the fetus' development, public assistance, and the father's financial liability for carrying the pregnancy to term.
MWL position: Oppose; Status: Defeated
House roll call \#295 accept majority Ought Not to Pass report
Senate roll call \#270 accept majority Ought Not to Pass report

## LD 1066, An Act to Increase Access to Health Coverage and Qualify Maine for Federal Funding

 Sponsor: Rep. Linda SanbornLD 1066 would increase MaineC are coverage for 69,500 low-income Mainers whose income is below $138 \%$ of the poverty level and draw down federal funds set aside for this purpose.
MWL position: Support: Status: Defeated
House roll call \#390 veto override
Senate roll call \#166 accept majority Ought to Pass as Amended report

## LD 1181, An Act To Further Strengthen the Protection of Pregnant Women and Children from Toxic Chemicals Sponsor: Sen. Seth Goodall

This bill would give Mainers information about which products from the largest food manufacturers contain toxic chemicals in the packaging, giving power to the consumer to purchase toxin-free food, as well as encouraging the market to seek alternatives to toxic packaging.
MWL position: Support; Status: Defeated
House roll call \#370 accept majority Ought to Pass as Amended report
Senate roll call \#379 veto override

## LD 1193, An Act to Allow a Wrongful Death Cause of Action for the Death of an Unborn Child Sponsor: Rep. Amy Volk

This bill would grant a right to a wrongful death cause of action for a fetus, separate and apart from the woman who carries it. It includes a procedure to give the fetus heirs and estate to sue doctors, employers, and businesses, among others, on its behalf in a wrongful death suit.
MWL position: Oppose, Status: Defeated
House roll call \#294 accept majority Ought Not to Pass report
Senate roll call \#272 accept majority Ought Not to Pass report
LD 1230, An Act to Improve Access to Oral Health Care Sponsor: Speaker Mark Eves
This bill would create and license a new level of oral health care providers to provide basic preventative health services throughout the state. Maine struggles with access to dental health care and most of Maine goes under served by dental providers.
MWL position: Support; Status: Carried over
House roll call\#352 accept majority Ought to Pass as Amended report
Senate roll call \#332 accept majority Ought to Pass as Amended report

## LD 1339, An Act to Strengthen the Consent Laws for Abortions Performed on Minors and Incapacitated Persons Sponsor: Rep. Paul Davis

Despite Maine's high rate of parental involvement, this bill would further increase the restrictions on young women seeking an abortion without the involvement of a parent. The bill significantly limits which adult family members from whom a young woman may get permission, or requires the young woman to attest that her parents are abusive. It also significantly raises the standard for a judicial bypass, making it difficult for young women to safely obtain the health care they need.
MWL position: Oppose; Status: Defeated
House roll call \#296 accept majority Ought Not to Pass report
Senate roll call \#274 accept majority Ought Not to Pass report


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