## The Maine Women's Lobby — Your Voice in the State House Legislative Report from MWL Director of Public Policy, Danna Hayes 127th Legislature, Second Regular Session

If you have been reading the Maine Women's Lobby newsletter for a while, you may know that this is the time of year when we print the roll calls for some of our most important votes from the legislative session. You may also notice that we do not have as many roll calls to share as we did last year. That is for a few reasons. Maine's legislature operates on a two-year cycle. In the first year of each cycle, any legislator can submit any bill. There are no limits on the number or subject matter of the bills. In the second session, there are more limits on what types of bills will be allowed and the bills must be voted in by Legislative Council, which is made up of members of the House and Senate leadership of both parties. This is why some of the most controversial bills are initially let in during the first session, when members from one party or the other cannot block their introduction. As such, there are often fewer bills considered during the second session.

While a significant number of legislative votes were sharply divided, including some of our priorities for the session, there were a number of initiatives that represented truly bipartisan efforts. This resulted in several important legislative triumphs, but it also meant that the legislative procedure required no roll call. Two bills that were among the highlights of the session that don't appear among the roll call votes are LD 1477 and LD 1531.

LD 1477, An Act to Protect Victims of Sexual Assault, passed unanimously in the House and the Senate. This bill, sponsored by Senator Bill Diamond (D-Cumberland), gives survivors who choose to parent a child conceived as the result of a sexual assault better tools with which to petition a court to sever a rapist's parental rights. Previously, unless the rapist had been convicted, a survivor-parent could not successfully sever parental rights of a rapist. Unfortunately, far too often rapes go unreported, uncharged, and without a conviction. This law will make it possible to demonstrate that a court should terminate the parental rights of a rapist without a conviction.

MWL position: Supported; Final Status: Enacted

**LD 1531,** *An Act to Protect Victims of Human Trafficking*, sponsored by Senator Amy Volk (R-Cumberland) also passed unanimously in both the House and the Senate. This bill allows victims of sex trafficking to obtain an order of protection from abuse against a trafficker, giving law enforcement more tools to keep the trafficker from contacting the victim. It also makes misdemeanor trafficking probation-eligible, which allows law enforcement to continue to monitor and track a convicted trafficker's behavior after release from jail. This gives law enforcement insight into trafficking operations and the ability to stop an offender sooner if they return to such activity upon release.

MWL position: Supported; Final Status: Defeated

Roll calls for the following bills are included in this Legislative Report.

LD 633, An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Citizens and the Economy of Maine by Providing Affordable Market-based Coverage Options to Low-income Uninsured Citizens, sponsored by Senator Tom Saviello (R-Franklin) was yet another attempt at a compromise to take advantage of expanded Medicaid for low-income Mainers under the Affordable Care Act. While this bill encompassed components of other states' more conservative-leaning approaches, the bill still gained little traction with Republican leaders.

MWL position: Supported; Final Status: Defeated House roll call #615, Accept Minority Ought Not to Pass Report Senate roll call #665, Accept Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report **LD 690,** *An Act to Ensure the Safety of Home Birth*, sponsored by Senator Amy Volk (R-Cumberland) creates the framework to license and regulate midwives. MWL's former Director of Public Policy, Laura Harper, led the charge towards this exciting victory. As a result, midwives will be regulated like any other medical practice, ensuring that practitioners have appropriate educational and practical standards.

*MWL position:* Supported; *Final Status:* Enacted House roll call #675, Reconsideration - Veto Senate roll call #708, Veto Override

LD 1268, An Act to Reform Welfare by Establishing Bridges to Sustainable Employment, sponsored by Rep. Drew Gattine (D-Westbrook) would have created better supports to help Mainers struggling with poverty to sustainably achieve stability. The proposals in this bill focused on areas where our current system removes supports arbitrarily or inappropriately just as a participant gets closer to working their way out of poverty.

MWL position: Supported; Final Status: Defeated House roll call #598, Accept Majority Ought Not to Pass as Amended Report Senate roll call #679, Recede and Concur

LD 1514, An Act To Conform Maine Law to the Requirements of the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation, sponsored by Rep. Heather Sirocki (R-Scarborough) would have allowed mid-level dental providers, known as hygiene therapists, the ability to work collaboratively with their supervising dentist but outside their supervisor's physical presence. This would empower dental providers to reach underserved populations without sacrificing their existing practices, ultimately broadening access to dental care across the state.

*MWL position:* Supported; *Final Status:* Defeated House roll call #656, Reconsideration - Veto Senate roll call #715, Veto Override

LD 1689, An Act To Protect Children in the State from Possible Sexual, Physical and Emotional Abuse by Persons Who Have Been Convicted of Crimes, sponsored by Rep. Joyce Maker (R-Calais), directs the Department of Health and Human Services to promulgate rules to require childcare providers to conduct enhanced background checks on staff, covering national records rather than just those from Maine. Maine is one of only a few states that does not already require this critical safeguard, and the Administration's refusal to require providers to do so would have cost Maine precious dollars used for funding of early childhood programs.

MWL position: Supported; Final Status: Enacted House roll call #659, Reconsideration - Veto Senate roll call #718, Veto Override

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127th Legislature	LD 633	LD 690	LD 1268	LD 1514	LD 1689
MWL 2016 Senate Roll Calls	LD 033	LD 090	LD 1208	LD 1314	LD 1089
MWL Position: Justin Allond (D-Dist. 27)	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support
Cumberland	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	×	✓
.inda Baker (R-Dist. 23) Sagadahoc/Lincoln Eric Brakey (R-Dist. 20)	X	×	*	<b>✓</b>	<b>v</b>
Androscoggin/Cumberland Catherine Breen (D-Dist. 25) Cumberland David Burns (R-Dist. 6)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	× •	<b>,</b> ✓	
Washington/Hancock Ronald F. Collins (R-Dist. 34) York Andre E. Cushing, III (R-Dist. 10)	man	×	×	<b>X</b>	<b>√</b>
Penobscot Scott W. Cyrway (R-Dist. 16) Kennebec/Somerset Paul T. Davis, Sr. (R-Dist. 4)	×		×	×	<b>√</b>
Piscataquis/Penobscot/Somerset Busan Dechambault (D-Dist. 32) York Li. William Diamond (D-Dist. 26)		× /	×	×	√ ✓
Cumberland ames F. Dill (D-Dist. 5) Penobscot Peter Edgecomb (R-Dist. 1)	×	×		×	×
Aroostook stan Gerzotsky (D-Dist. 24) Eumberland Jeottrey M. Gratwick (D-Dist. 9)		<b>√</b>	×	×	~ 
Penobscot ames Hamper (R-Dist. 19) Oxford/Cumberland Anne M. Haskell (D-Dist. 28)	<b>×</b>	✓	<b>x</b>		\ \ \
Cumberland Dawn Hill (D-Dist. 35) York Lhristopher K. Johnson (D-Dist. 13) Lincoln/Knox/Kennebec	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>V</b>		
Intoin Know Kennebec Koger J. Katz (R-Dist. 15) Kennebec Brian D. Langley (R-Dist. 7) Hancock	×		# <b>X</b>		✓
rancock Nathan L. Libby (D-Dist. 21) Indroscoggin Jarrett Paul Mason (R-Dist. 22) Androscoggin/Kennebec	×	✓ Ellipsi	Tropicalat vilta security	x ×	×
carle L. McCormick (R-Dist. 14)  Knox  Rebecca J. Millett (D-Dist. 29)  Cumberland	- (Mg, <b>×</b> 1, 21, 31)	<b>★</b> 100 pt.	×	<b>×</b>	
David R, Miramant (D-Dist. 12) Knox Ohn L. Patrick (D-Dist. 14) Oxford/Androscoggin		<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>		
Gimberley C. Kosen (R-Dist. 8) Hancock/Penobscat Chomas B. Saviello (R-Dist. 17)	×	<b>√</b>	×	<b>x</b>	
Franklin/Kennebec Michael D. Thibodeau (R-Dist. 11) Waldo Linda M. Valentino (D-Dist. 31)	<b>*</b>	<b>✓</b>	×	Seleparan <b>X</b> in the selection of the	<b>√</b>
York Amy F. Volk (R-Dist. 30) Sumberland/York Odney L. Whittemore (R-Dist. 3)	<b>*</b>	×	×		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Somerset/Kennebec Michael James Willette (R-Dist. 2) Aroostook/Penobscot David C. Woodsome (K-Dist. 33) Cumberland	*	<b>*</b>	<b>x</b>	⊗ ×	, ⊗ √
Cumberiana  ✓ = Agreed	18	28	15	20	29
× = Disagreed		7	20	14	5
⊗ = Absent/Excused	0	0	0	1	1
Total	35	35	35	35	35

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MWL Position:	Oppose	Support	Support	Support	Oppose
Robert W. Alley, Sr. (D-Beals)	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	✓
Susan M.W. Austin (R-Gray)	x	✓	×	✓	×
Christopher W. Babbidge (D-Kennebunk)	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dillon Bates (D-Westbrook)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kevin J. Battle (R-South Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Roberta B. Beavers (D-South Berwick)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Henry E. M. Beck (D-Waterville)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pinny Beebe-Center (D- Rockland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bruce A. Bickford (R-Auburn)	8	8	×	✓	×
Russell J. Black (R-Wilton)	✓	✓	×	✓	×
Lydia Blume (D-York)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Heidi E. Brooks (D-Lewiston)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mark E. Bryant (D-Windham)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×
Andrew Russell Buckland (R-Farmington)	×	✓	×	✓	×
Christine S. Burstein (D-Lincolnville)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
James J. Campbell, Sr. (I-Newfield)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Richard H. Campbell (R-Orrington)	x	×	×	✓	×
Paul Chace (R-Durham)	x	✓	×	✓	×
Ralph Chapman (D-Brooksville)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Justin M. Chenette (D-Saco)	✓	8	✓	✓	✓
Benjamin M. Chipman (I-Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Janice E. Cooper (D-Yarmouth)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Patrick W. Corey (R-Windham)	×	✓	×	✓	×
Dale J. Crafts (R-Lisbon)	×	×	×	✓	×
Matthea E. L. Daughtry (D-Brunswick)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
James E. Davitt (D-Hampden)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jennier DeChant (D-Bath)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Michael G. Devin (D-Newcastle)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kathleen R. J. Dillingham (R-Oxford)	×	✓	×	✓	✓
Mark N. Dion (D-Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Donna R. Doore (D-Augusta)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Robert S. Duchesne (D-Hudson)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Larry C. Dunphy (R-Embden)	×	✓	8	✓	×
Michelle Dunphy (D-Old Town)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Anthony J. Edgecomb (R-Fort Fairfield)	×	✓	×	×	×
Ellie Espling (R-New Gloucester)	x	✓	×	✓	×
Jeffrey Evangelos (U-Friendship)	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mark W. Eves (D-North Berwick)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Richard R. Farnsworth (D-Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bradlee Thomas Farrin (R-Norridgewock)	×	×	×	✓	×
Ryan M. Fecteau (D-Biddeford)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Robert A. Foley (R-Wells)	×	✓	×	✓	✓
Lori A. Fowle (D-Vassalboro)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kenneth Wade Fredette (R-Newport)	×	×	×	✓	×
Aaron M. Frey (D-Bangor)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Drew M. Gattine (D-Westbrook)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Karen A. Gerrish (R-Lebanon)	×	✓	×	✓	✓
Sara Gideon (D-Freeport)	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓
Paul E. Gilbert (D-Jay)	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓
James S. Gillway (R-Searsport)	x	✓	x	×	×
Phyllis A. Ginzler (R-Bridgton)	×	✓	×	✓	<b>√</b>
Jared F. Golden (D-Lewiston)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
Adam A. Goode (D-Bangor)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>

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Gay M. Grant (D-Gardiner)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Randall Adam Greenwood (R-Wales)	x	✓	×	✓	×
Martin J. Grohman (D-Biddeford)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stacey K. Guerin (R-Glenburn)	×	×	×	✓	✓
Scott M. Hamann (D-South Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sheldon Mark Hanington (R-Lincoln)	x	✓	×	✓	✓
Jeffery P. Hanley (R-Pittston)	×	×	×	✓	×
Denise Patricia Harlow (D-Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Matthew Harrington (R-Sanford)	×	✓	×	✓	✓
Stephanie Hawke (R-Boothbay Harbor)	×	✓	×	✓	×
Frances M. Head (R-Bethel)	x	×	×	✓	×
Erin D. Herbig (D-Belfast)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lloyd C. Herrick (R-Paris)	×	8	×	✓	✓
Craig V. Hickman (D-Winthrop)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Norman E. Higgins (R-Dover-Foxcroft)	✓	8	×	✓	✓
Gary L. Hilliard (R-Belgrade)	×	<b>√</b>	×	<b>√</b>	×
Brian D. Hobart (R-Bowdoinham)	✓	✓	×	<b>√</b>	×
Barry J. Hobbins (D-Saco)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
George W. Hogan (D-Old Orchard Beach)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Brian L. Hubbell (D-Bar Harbor)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Patricia Hymanson (D-York)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓ •	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Erik C. Jorgensen (D-Portland)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	8	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Jonathan L. Kinney (R-Limington)	×	<b>√</b>	×	<b>√</b>	×
MaryAnne Kinney (R-Knox)	X	<b>√</b>	X	<b>√</b>	X
Victoria P. Kornfield (D-Bangor)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Chuck Kruger (D- Thomaston)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Walter A.Kumiega (D-Deer Isle)	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	<b>√</b>
Michael A. Lajoie (D-Lewiston)		√ •	ŕ		√ •
Lawrence E. Lockman (R-Amherst)	×	⊗ ⊗	X	⊗ ✓	⊗ ⊗
Ricky D. Long (R-Sherman)	×	×	×	<b>✓</b>	×
Thomas R. W. Longstaff (D-Waterville)	<b>V</b> ✓	<b>∨</b>	<b>V</b> ✓	<b>V</b>	<b>∨</b>
Louis J. Luchini (D-Ellsworth)	×	<b>√</b>	×	<b>✓</b>	×
Peter A. Lyford (R-Eddington)	×	<b>V</b> ✓	×	<b>V</b> ✓	<b>∼</b>
Joyce A. Maker (R-Calais)	×	<b>√</b>	×	<b>✓</b>	×
Richard S. Malaby (R-Hancock)	×	<b>√</b>	×	<b>✓</b>	~ ✓
Donald G. Marean (R-Hollis)	× √	<b>√</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>→</b>	<b>√</b>
John L. Martin (D-Eagle Lake)  Roland Danny Martin (D-Sinclair)	· ·	· ✓	· √	· ·	· ✓
Anne-Marie Mastraccio (D-Sanford)	·	<i>,</i> ✓	<i>√</i>	·	· ✓
Jeff M. McCabe (D-Skowhegan)	· ·	· ·	<i>'</i>	· ·	· ✓
Michael D. McClellan (R-Raymond)	x	✓	x	·	×
Joyce McCreight (D-Harpswell)	<b>✓</b>	√ ·	<b>√</b>	√ ·	<b>√</b>
Carol A. McElwee (R-Caribou)	x	<b>√</b>	×	<b>√</b>	×
Andrew J. McLean (D-Gorham)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Gina M. Melaragno (D-Auburn)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Kimberly J. Monaghan (D-Cape Elizabeth)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Matthew Moonen (D-Portland)	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Terry K. Morrison (D-South Portland)	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓
Catherine M. Nadeau (D-Winslow)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Robert W. Nutting (R-Oakland)	×	×	×	<b>√</b>	×
Beth A. O'Connor (R-Berwick)	x	×	×	✓	×
Lester Ordway (R-Standish)	×	✓	×	<b>√</b>	×
Wayne R. Parry (R-Arundel)	×	✓	×	×	×

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Matthew J. Peterson (D-Rumford)	✓	✓	×	✓	✓
John Joseph Picchiotti (R-Fairfield)	×	×	x	✓	×
Richard A. Pickett (R-Dixfield)	×	✓	×	✓	×
Jeffrey K. Pierce (R-Dresden)	×	✓	×	✓	×
Teresa S. Pierce (D-Falmouth)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Matthew G. Pouliot (R-Augusta)	×	✓	×	✓	×
Christine B. Powers (D-Naples)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dwayne W. Prescott (R-Waterboro)	×	✓	x	x	✓
Roger E. Reed (R-Carmel)	×	×	×	✓	×
Margaret R. Rotundo (D-Lewiston)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diane M. Russell (D-Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dean Rykerson (D-Kittery)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Linda F. Sanborn (D-Gorham)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Deborah J. Sanderson (R-Chelsea)	×	×	×	8	×
Robert J. Saucier (D-Presque Isle)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
David P. Sawicki (R-Auburn)	×	×	8	✓	×
John C. Schneck (D-Bangor)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stedman H. Seavey (R-Kennebunkport)	×	✓	×	✓	✓
Roger L. Sherman (R-Hodgdon)	×	✓	x	✓	✓
Stanley Byron Short, Jr. (U-Pittsfield)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Heather W. Sirocki (R-Scarborough)	×	✓	x	✓	×
Thomas H. Skolfield (R-Weld)	×	8	×	8	8
Stephen S. Stanley (D-Medway)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Paul A. Stearns (R-Guilford)	×	✓	×	✓	✓
Joel R. Stetkis (R-Canaan)	×	×	x	✓	×
Peter C. Stuckey (D-Portland)	✓	8	✓	✓	✓
Gary E. Sukeforth (I-Appleton)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Denise A. Tepler (D-Topsham)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Timothy S. Theriault (R-China)	×	✓	x	✓	×
Jeffrey L. Timberlake (R-Turner)	×	✓	×	×	×
Michael J. Timmons (R-Cumberland)	×	✓	×	✓	×
Ryan Tipping-Spitz (D-Orono)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ralph L. Tucker (D-Brunswick)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
William R. Tuell (R-East Machias)	×	✓	×	<b>√</b>	✓
Beth P. Turner (R-Burlington)	×	×	×	<b>√</b>	×
Karen Vachon (R-Scarborough)	×	✓	x	✓	✓
Arthur C. Verow (D-Brewer)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nathan J. Wadsworth (R-Hiram)	×	✓	×	✓	×
Raymond A. Wallace (R-Dexter)	8	✓	×	<b>√</b>	✓
Karleton S. Ward (R- Dedham)	×	✓	×	✓	✓
Charlotte Warren (D-Hallowell)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	✓
Joan W. Welsh (D-Rockport)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dustin Michael White (R-Washburn)	×	<b>√</b>	×	×	×
Tom J. Winsor (R-Norway)	×	×	x	✓	×
Stephen J. Wood (R-Greene)	×	✓	×	×	×
✓ = Agreed	85	127	80	141	100
<b>≭</b> = Disagreed	64	17	68	7	49
⊗ = Absent/Excused	2	7	3	3	2
Total	151	151	151	151	151